Judge Williams Attorney General.

It affords us great pleasure to record the appointment of Hon. George H. Williams, of our State, to succeed Hop. Mr. Akerman to the position of Attorney General in t'ie I resident's Cabinet. It is the first time in the history of the country that such a distinguished honor Las been conferred upon any one residing on the Pacific slope, and Oregon may well be proud that that honer has been conferred upon one of her ablest sons. In the position of United States Senator, Judge Williams made for himself a national reputation for wisdom and integrity, so strong and pure, that the breath of calumny l.as never, we believe, been raised against it. Even his bitterest political enemies have never attempted to east an aspersion upon his fair name. The reputation he gained in the Senate designated him as one in whose patriotic hands the welfare and honor of his country could be safely entrusted; and hence he was entrusted with the high commission of serving in the Board of Joint High Commissioners, to settle the disputed claims between this country and Great Britain. Here he performed his work in a most wise and equitable manner. A man of powerful intellect, strong convictions, extensive scientific and legal knowledge, broad and liberal views which are progressive, with a moral character above suspicion, and a determined energy, he will, in the performance of those duties which devolve upon him as Attorney General, reap that reward and success which are always inseparable from real merit. The following remarks made by him on the evening following his confirmation in the Senate, to a delegation of friends who called upon him to offer their congratulations, were worthy of the man and the occasion:

"I promise all whom it may concern that when I am placed at the head of the Department of Justice in this Government, so far as the jurisdiction of that Department may go, its mandates will be dispensed without fcar or favor, with equal vigor and respect for all classes and conditions of men. I know not what there may be in the clamor now made about official delinquencies in Federal offices, but so far as exposure and prosecution of such delinquencies devolves upon the Department of Justice, no partisan consideration will have weight, and no pains will be spared to bring the guilty to speedy, condign punishment. I deeply regret that in some portions of the country a spirit of lawlessness seems to prevail. I will favor every consideration of kindness to induce obedience to law; but if no other means will answer, then I am for using the whole power of the country in the most vigorous and effective manner to crush out conspiracy against the peace of society and the safety of unoffending citizens. Governments were primarily established to protect the weak against the strong, and if this Government fails to perform its functions in that respect it has a poor claim on the support and loy-alty of its citizens. No one in sight of recent events in New York or elsewhere can take office now and escape the vigilant eye of the people, and nothing but a complete and upright devotion to duty will give general satisfaction. I shall struggle to meet the popular de-mands as well as to meet the expectations of my friends, with how much success time and events will determine. I have the honor to be the first Cabinet officer taken from the Pacific coast-California, Nevada, Oregon, and the territories of the far West may now consider themselves recognized and represented in every branch of the Government. I do not affect indifference to party matters, because I have been elected to office. I belong to the Republican party. I believe in its principles and politics, and I have a profound conviction that its ascendency for some time to come is necessary to the preservalaw. Subordinate to my official obligations, everything that I can, reasonably and honorbly, I shall

earnestly do to secure its triumph in

the next Presidential election.

The Secretary of the Navy has rethe rolls of six cadets of the An- ment Bill. He declares his determination to which was referred. which calls for the action of that ton Treaty. ervices while they are eadets, rath- not exceed in cost \$400,000. active duties of the Navy.

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Crushing Out FreeGom.

Democratic journals charge Pres-

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chusetts, is in favor of the "passive band's money with her. policy" of the Missouri Republican. A man who has been beaten four times for Governor of Massachu-

train ran off the track about a mile same to Nevada. from town, going at the rate of about seven miles an hour, resulting in the death of Mr. S. Booth, boss of a Chinese core of hands, who lived but a few minutes. The cars were crowded at the time, but no one else was injured in the least.

The incident of the young lady on horseback, who so narrowly escaped being run over by the cars on the O. & C. Railroad in one of the narrow cuts, has been elaborately pictured out in one of the New York illustrated papers.

On last Thursday night a drunken man fell into the river at Portland and was rescued by a couple of gentlemen who happened to see him fall in. He went off sobered without as much as saying thank

Mrs. A. J. Duniway and Mrs. M. M. Miller, announced to lecture in Salem last, Thursday evening failed to make their appearance, on account of the weather.

Thomas Harris, Recorder of Sacramento, Cal., District, was strangled to death by the burning of giant powder in the mine near the old Rochester works.

The new M. E. Church lately erected at Jefferson, will be dedicated to-morrow. Rev. G. W. Izer, sermon, and Rev. L. T. Woodward, two sick Indians. P. E., and Rev. I. D. Driver will be present to assist in the dedication

The Trustees of "The Home" in Portland ask the citizens for \$3,000 to build an edifice to be known as the "Home." It is intended to furnish shelter to the poor and unfortunate stranger.

Virginia is the most in debt and Oregon the least of all the States. land is about \$9,000,000.

On the 25th inst., the Senate were cently ordered the dropping from in caucas on Trumbull's Retrench-

in proportion to their guilt, documents at the public expense,

reform, the country will be vastly States Court, Pension and Internal privateers. the gainer to dispense with their Revenue officers. The site must

er than to have them carry that spirit | Congress is hereafter to be com- the unconditional surrender of Salof brutality and defiance into the peool of two hundred and eighty- tillo to the Revolutionists. Jurez three members, as follows: Maine, 5; New Hampshire, 2; Vermont, sition. 2; Massachusetts, 11; Rhode Is-The public debt has decreased land, 1; Connecticut, 4; New York. ince March last, \$72,457,478 07. 32; New Jersey, 7; Pennsylvania, The total debt of the country is now 26; Delaware, 1; Maryland, 6; Vir-\$2,354,631,512 45. The cash in ginia, 9; North Carolina, 9; South the vaults of the Treasury up to Carolina, 9; Georgia, 9; Alabama, December amounted to \$106,308,- 7; Mississippi, 6; Louisiana, 5; 144 60. Our debt bearing interest | Ohio, 20; Kentucky, 10; Tennessee, in coin amounts to \$1,854,489,850. 9; Indiana, 12; Illinois, 19; Mis-In lawful money (greenbacks) \$38,- souri, 13; Arkansas, 4; Michigan, 168,000. Debt bearing no interest 9; Florida, 1; Texas, 6; Iowa, 9; Wisconsin, 8; California, 4; Minnesoia, 3; Oregon, 1. Total, 283.

From the Dallas Republican we dent Grant with having "crushed read that the wife of Mr. Savage, out freedom." The only kind of living near Sheridan, Yamhill counfreedom that he has ever molested, ty, recently deserted her family of s that kind which has used the seven children, one a babe only a scourge and the bullet and the hal- few months old, and with the avowter for the purpose of preventing ed intention of going to meet her American citizens from voting the husband, who had requested her to Republican ticket, as did the Ku meet him east of the mountains, started with a young man, who had lived in the family during her husband's absence, for the South. It is John Quiney Adams, of Massa- thought that she took much of hus-

A certain portion of the people of North Idaho are laboring for the setts, ought to begin to feel a little re-formation of the Territorial lines, whereby that section is to be dissevered form South Idaho. Others We learn from the Kalama Bea- again, are laboring to seggregate a ing platform cars of a construction the Owyhee mines, and annex the

> The California press is unanimous in its condemnation of the action of the Chronicle in publishing Booth's Message before it was delivered, says the Marysville Ap-

It is said to be unsafe for women to pass certain corners in New York city in the day time. In one locality some five women have been recently assailed by thieves, two of them losing their money.

The Portland Oregonian says there have been quite a number of the Democratic leaders buzzing about Portland recently, and thinks it indicates something in the wind. Maybe they are "possuming."

The Yreka Journal says that John Arnold, of Scott Valley, Cal., killed eleven deer and one bear in one week, recently, two deer being by a single shot.

The woman suffragists of Olympia have engaged a number of lecturers for this season—they are pushing things.

The Salem Mercury is charged by the Statesman with copying items from it without giving proper

A Piute medicine man, named Indian Joe, was lately stoned to of Portland, will peach the morning death by his tribe for failing to care

> neat paper issued by the students of Willamette University.

> The new Garfielde paper, to be issued at Olympia, will be called the Commercial Age.

There has been one death from small pox at Cakland lately.

The assessable property of Port-

A dispatch from London, Dec. 11th, says that a tremendous excitement prevailed in Madrid on the napolis Academy for practicing the In the House, Mr. Snapp offered receipt of President Grant's Mesgame of hazing. He also administ a resolution for the abolition of the sage relating to the Cuban difficulty. tered lighter punishments on others printing and transporting of public | The Spanish Government has determined to maintain a firm attitude, and will send 4,000 additional purify the academy of this disgrace- The House passed the Appropria- troops, two additional Generals and ful practice and the defiant spirit tion bill to carry out the Washing- four iron-clads immediately to reinforce Cuba. It is thought that Department, "by dismissal, if nees. Mr. Garfield, from the Committhe course taken by the United sary, of every cadet, to the very last, tee on Appropriations, reported a States towards Cuba and Spain, is who refuses the fullest obedience to bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for likely to effect the Alabama claims the regulations on this subject," the purpose of building a fire-proof in the Geneva Conference, by furn-That is just the way to put it; and structure in Chiengo for the accom- ishing a precedent in favor of the if those cadets who are so degraded modation of the Custom House, Eritish Government in the cases of

> patch on the 11th inst, announces seems to be offering but little oppo-

> Olympia is happy over a second crop of apples, which has just been gathered at Swantown.

The Dominion Government will begin to erect Government buildings at Victoria next spring.

The University at Salem began s second term with one hundred nd fifty pupils.

The State Land Office is now flooded with applications to purchase State Lands.

There is a steam sausaga factory Portland.

It is said that one life per day is ost from the carless use of kerosene.

The price by boat from Portland Corvallis is \$3 50.

The Republican papers of Maine

to solid for Grant. Benton county comes in first to

pay its State tax. It has stormed a great deal in

California this week. The weather continues extremely cold in Utah.

The last of the sleigh riders in Salem drove his cutter against a crosswalk, and while his horse discon that the tender and two follow- portion of the Territory, embracing appeared in the distance, the sleigh emained sticking in the mud.-Statesman.

> A gentleman was introduced to a young lady recently, and addressed her as follows: "Where do you live when you are at home?" She promptly replied, "When I am at home I live there."

> A man in indianapolis sued a neighbor to recover the value of five oints of milk. The Justice heard the lengthy cause with ponderous gravity, and then announced that in a decision so momentous as this he must consult authorities, and accordingly reserved his opinion.

An editor in Illinois having engaged a new reporter, received the ollowing as his first effort: "We are informed that the gentleman hoo stood on his head under a pile-driver for the purpose of having a tight pair of butes druy on, shortly afterward found himself in Chiny, perfectly naked, and without a cent n his pocket."

VERY PROPER.—General Sherman says he is going to Europe as a private gentleman; that he draws no pay while abroad; that he goes on the Wabash by the courtesy of its commander, and that his course of travel while on the vessel will be regulated entirely by the orders under which it sails. Lieutenant Grant accompanies him, because his father thinks it a good opportunity. father thinks it a good opportunit; for him to visit foreign countries. Both gentlemen are to pay their own way, and both are subject to an order to Teturn at any moment from the Secretary of War.

ganization in the Republic of Mexico. One native Mexican is studying for the ministry.

Ex-Secretary May.

The Oregonian has heard that the ate Grand Jury of this county found one or more indictments against ex-Secretary S. E. May, and that Gov. Grover has sent a requisition for him, Mr. Foudray, of Jackson county, having been dispatched for that pur-

It was generally reported here dur-ing Court term, that the Grand Jury was considering this subject and that indictments were found against the late Secretary. It seems a little remarkable that they were not found be-fore he left, or at least sooner than they have been, if the State Officers have had the proof of his default, as is now claimed. He had bondsmen and the ware abundantly responsible for any deficiency in his accounts, yet we have not heard that suit has ever been commenced against them. We have no excuse to make for defalcation on the part of Mr. May, should such be proved against him, but we object to the and ruffianly in their tastes, do not Sub-Treasury, Post Office, United the Hornet, Florida and other the matter up in hopes of making election ering capital out of it. It is a matter that concerns the people at From Matamoras, Mexico, a dis- large, Republicans as well as Democrats, and we trust sufficiently to the good faith of all parties to believe that they will not countenance any attempt by our party to shield a public officer from merited blame, or by the other to use any official misconduct or dis-

ho. esty as mere party capital.

Wint we need is honestadministration of anyernment in all departments,
State and National. The people as a mass are honest and they deserve to have honest ser anots. If the late Republican administration connived at publican administration connived at or executed dishones! acts, let them be exposed and let the party be held responsible for them. If any Republican Legislature has ever passed acts in the interests of speculators and land grabbers, to the public detriment. Shen hold the party responsible; and if any Republican Governor ever kept a ruifian in his party to assault an inde-pendent journalist and shoot him if he couldn't cowhide him, and afterwards prostituted Courts to have his dirty villian go free, then let the party be held accountable for that.

We do not hesitate to assert that it Gen. Palmer had been elected Governor and the rest of the Republican State candidates had been elected. there would have been quite as spee ly work made in relation to this same matter, and any defalcation secured to the State before this time. And we further say that should the ex-Secretary be really brought for trial he can be safely and equitably tried here in this strong Republican county, and the State need not ask for a "change of venue" to secure justice. This county knows no politics in criminal matters, late events to the contrray, notwithstanding. We have confidence that the people of Oregon, both in re-lation to this reported matter of official defalcation as well as in relation to other watters, are capable of acting fairly, wisely, and honestly, in pun ishing crime without being influenced

Run Him Out.

by the trickery of political dema-

gogues .- Statesman.

The moral to the following, told by the sufferer, is too apparent to meution. Young ladies will hereafter run their brothers out when the gentle-

'I'm certain that I wished somebody would spank the young rascal. We talked of hills, mountains, vales and cataracts—I believe I said waterfalls, when the boy spoke up and said:
"Why, sister's got a trunk full of

em up stairs; pap says they are made This revelation struck terror into me and blushes into the cheek of my fair

It began to be very apparent to me that I must be very guarded in what I said, lest said boy might slip in Lis remarks at uncalled for places. 1 turned my conversation to him ara told him he ought to go home with me, and see what nice chickens we had in the country. Unluckily, I mentioned a yoke of talves my brother owned. The word calves ruined all. The little or clebel and and said. tle othe looked up and said:
"Sister's got a dozen of them, but

she don't wear 'em only when she goes up in town of windy days." "Leave the room, you unmannerly little wretch!" exclaimed Emily, "leave immediately."

"I know what you want me to leave the room for," replied he, "you can't fool me, you want to set in that man's lap and kiss him like you did Bill Simmons the other day; you can't fool me, I jest tell you. Gim me some candy, like he did, and I'll go. You think because you've got the Grecian bend that you're smart. Guess I know a thing or too. I'm mad at you any-how, because pap would a bought me a top yesterday, if it hadn't been for you gettin them curls, dog gone yer! You needn't turn so red in the face,

RAT WONDER.—The Los Angles Star of the 6th, is responsible for the following: A gentleman at the Aliso Mills, says he has seen a living curiosity that will eclipse anything that the renowned Barnum ever had to exhibit. This astonishing subject is a two headed but It comes from its hole every do Conference, M. E. Church, has organized a society of native Mexicans consisting of eleven members in a densely settled corresponding to the Coloration of the Coloration and are strongly settled corresponding to the Coloration of the Coloration College Dial is the name of a a densely settled community, about at paper issued by the students of illamette University. with his extra head and double amount of brains, too smart to be caught.

It would be better for Christians not to apologize for Christianity, since it needs not the excuses of any man; nor contradict Darwin and other scient fic skeptics, since, let alone, they will soon contradict themselves.

The New York Herald says: The latest thing out is the anti-Grant Presidential programme of Mrs. Cady Stanton, of a fusion party against General Grant, without a platform, and with a seperate Presidential candidate for each of the States. This would make thirty-seven opposition candidates if they can't be at Grant he can't be beater at all.

ROUGH ON CATTLE.—The unusual and heavy fall of snow the first of the week, followed by sleet and cold rains, will doubtless prove disastrous not only to the stock interests east of the mouritains, but throughout the Willamette valley, as it is reported there is a great searcity of feed. Should this character of weather prevail for any great length of time, large numbers of stock mut perish from cold and hunger.

SCALDED .- Hot water was carried from Jack Alphin's saloon to thaw out the engine on the night of the fire. One poor fellow who was running with a bucketful of boiling water. fell down and spilled the water all over him. He has laid up for repairs.

BRAZILLIAN TURTLES .- The size of Brazillian turtles may be imagined from the fact that the flippers and feet of one, in crawling over the sand leaves a track of two irregular grooves three or four feet apart, as though a great wagon with cog wheels had been driven over the ground. It is an easy matter to find a turtle's nest by this track. track. She comes out of the sea and travels far up in the sand, digging a hole a foot and a half or two feet deep for the nest. Professor Hartt, who was in Brazil with Prof. Agassiz, says that he saw a turtle deposit one linidred and forty-three eggs in one of these nests. The eggs are all laid at one sitting, then covered up closely with the sand and left to hatch. The eggs are larger than hen's eggs, round, and covered with a tough, white skin-The Brazillians eat the eggs, and also the flesh of the turtle. The creature is captured in a curious way. Two persons go behind it, and taking hold of the shell, turn the animal on its back, in which position it is at the mercy of its captors, as it is impossitle for it to turn over on its feet again. The hunters are obliged to creep up behind it cautiously, for as soon as it is alarmed it thrusts its forepuddles into the sand and throws it behind, so that if the pursuers do not quickly close their eyes they are likely to be

TO SEE UNDER WATER .- A correspondent of the Scientific American

I once had occasion to examine the bottom of a mill pond, for which I constructed a float out of inch plank sufficient to buoy me up; through the centre of this float I cut a hole: and placed a blanket over it, when I waenabled to clearly discover capects on the bottom, and several lost tools were discovered and picked up. I am satisfied that where water if sufficiently clear, and latter plan could be successfully used for discovering lost bodies and articles. I would now suggest that this experiment be tried on the sea, for I am satisfied that with a craft like the Great Eastern, where are observatory could be placed at the bottom, with sufficient darkness, by the aid of glasses, we could gaze down into the depths of the sea, the same as we can survey the starry heavens at midnight.

A LOVE TALE.—Eloping couple at hotel detected by youth's false whiskers.
Detective takes him aside and hears a painful tale: "They loved. The lay has stern parents. Benjamin was forbidden the house. Grief grief! love laughs at stern parents. An elopement is 'sot up.' He assumes a disguise—a clean shirt and false whiskers. He goes to Newark. Is she true? She is. Oh, joy and things! She joins him on the train. Rapture beneath decorum, like the fast rushing brook covered with ice. They are bound to Cincinnatti. There he is to stop, while she proceeds to St. Louis, where they have friends, and where he will soon join her, and they will be made 'each others.' She his'n and he her'n! Some more joy!" They were allowed to proceed, minus the whisksrs. forbidden the house. Grief grief! love

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.—The clothing of children should be adapted, on principles of common sense, to protect their health, and not made scant, for the gratification of a parent's vanity. The neck and arms of a child are indeed, exquisitly soft and beautiful; yet the delicate skin, which fond mothers are so anxious to display uncovored, is sensitive in the extreme to the action of cold, and hardly any practice can be worse than to allow bare necks and limbs. Many a child. is thus killed by the folly which ex-poses parts of the person which are protected in adults. A little more common sense, mothers, more sleeves, and sacks, and high dresses, and less vanity and fashion, and you will have fewer little graves to weep over.

THE SCOLD'S VOCABULARY.—The copiousness of the English language, perhaps, was never more apparent than in the following character, by a

lady of her husband:
"He is," she says, "an abhorred,
barbarous, capricious, detestable, envious, hard-hearted, illiberal, ill-natured, jealous, keen, loathsome, malevolent, nauseous, obstinate, passionate, quarrelsome, vexatious, abominable, bitter, captious, disagreeable, execrable, grating, flerce, gross, hasty malicious, nefarious, obstreperous, peevish, restless savage tut pupplement ish, restless, savage, tart, unpleasant, violent, warpish, worrying, acrimonious, blustering, careless, discontented, fretful, growling, hateful, inattentive ed, fretful, growling, hateful, inattentive, malignant, noisy, odious, preverse, rigid, severe, teasing, unsuitable, boisterous, angry, choleric, disgusting, offensive, sneaking, awkward, boorish, brutal, crabbed, churlish, outrageous, stupid, sulky, sullen, treacherous, tyrannical, virulent, yelping dog in a manger."

A Sacramento Assessor took advan-tage of a run on a savings bank to ob-serve those who withdrew deposits, and caught several lugging away a few thousands apiece who had sworn a few days before that they did not own a cent.

The National course shows that for one person who dies in Tenuessee or Florida, of consumption, thirteen die in Massachusetts, and two in Minnes-