

Judge Williams Attorney General.

It affords us great pleasure to record the appointment of Hon. George H. Williams, of our State, to succeed Hon. Mr. Akerman to the position of Attorney General in the President's Cabinet.

"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 fear or favor, with equal vigor and respect for all classes and conditions of men."

Annapolis Cadets.

The Secretary of the Navy has recently ordered the dropping from the rolls of six cadets of the Annapolis Academy for practicing the game of lazing.

Public Debt.

The public debt has decreased since March last, \$72,457,478 07. The total debt of the country is now \$2,354,631,512 45.

Crushing Out Freedom.

Democratic journals charge President Grant with having "crushed out freedom." The only kind of freedom that he has ever molested, is that kind which has used the scourge and the bullet and the halter for the purpose of preventing American citizens from voting the Republican ticket, as did the Ku Klux.

Ought to Be.

John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, is in favor of the "passive policy" of the Missouri Republican. A man who has been beaten four times for Governor of Massachusetts, ought to begin to feel a little "passive."

We learn from the Kalama Beacon that the tender and two following platform cars of a construction train ran off the track about a mile from town, going at the rate of about seven miles an hour, resulting in the death of Mr. S. Booth, boss of a Chinese crew of hands, who lived but a few minutes.

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 you sir.

Mrs. A. J. Dunaway 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, of Portland, will preach the morning sermon, and Rev. L. T. Woodward, P. E., and Rev. I. D. Driver will be present to assist in the dedication services.

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.

Congress.

On the 25th inst., the Senate were in caucus on Trumbull's Retrenchment Bill.

In the House, Mr. Snapp offered a resolution for the abolition of the printing and transporting of public documents at the public expense, which was referred.

The House passed the Appropriation bill to carry out the Washington Treaty.

Mr. Garfield, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for the purpose of building a fire-proof structure in Chicago for the accommodation of the Custom House, Sub-Treasury, Post Office, United States Court, Pension and Internal Revenue officers.

Congress is hereafter to be composed of two hundred and eighty-three members, as follows: Maine, 5; New Hampshire, 2; Vermont, 2; Massachusetts, 11; Rhode Island, 1; Connecticut, 4; New York, 32; New Jersey, 7; Pennsylvania, 26; Delaware, 1; Maryland, 6; Virginia, 9; North Carolina, 9; South Carolina, 9; Georgia, 9; Alabama, 7; Mississippi, 6; Louisiana, 5; Ohio, 20; Kentucky, 10; Tennessee, 9; Indiana, 12; Illinois, 19; Missouri, 13; Arkansas, 4; Michigan, 9; Florida, 1; Texas, 6; Iowa, 9; Wisconsin, 8; California, 4; Minnesota, 3; Oregon, 1. Total, 283.

From the Dallas Republican we read that the wife of Mr. Savage, living near Sheridan, Yamhill county, recently deserted her family of seven children, one a babe only a few months old, and with the avowed intention of going to meet her husband, who had requested her to 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 thought that she took much of her husband's money with her.

A certain portion of the people of North Idaho are laboring for the re-formation of the Territorial lines, whereby that section is to be dis-severed from South Idaho. Others again, are laboring to segregate a portion of the Territory, embracing the Owyhee mines, and annex the same to Nevada.

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 Appeal.

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 credit.

A Piute medicine man, named Indian Joe, was lately stoned to death by his tribe for failing to cure two sick Indians.

College Dial is the name of a neat paper issued by the students of Willamette University.

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

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

The assessable property of Portland is about \$9,000,000.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A dispatch from London, Dec. 11th, says that a tremendous excitement prevailed in Madrid on the receipt of President Grant's Message relating to the Cuban difficulty. The Spanish Government has determined to maintain a firm attitude, and will send 4,000 additional troops, two additional Generals and four iron-clads immediately to reinforce Cuba.

From Matamoros, Mexico, a dispatch on the 11th inst. announces the unconditional surrender of Saltillo to the Revolutionists. Juarez seems to be offering but little opposition.

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Ex-Secretary May.

The Oregonian has heard that the late 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.

It was generally reported here during 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 before 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.

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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 mountains, but throughout the Willamette valley, as it is reported there is a great scarcity of feed.

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.

BRAZILIAN TURTLES.—The size of Brazilian 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. 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.

TO SEE UNDER WATER.—A correspondent of the Scientific American writes:

I once had occasion to examine the bottom of a mill pond, for which I constructed a float of iron plank sufficient to buoy me up; through the centre of this float I cut a hole; and placed a blanket over it, when I was enabled to clearly discover objects on the bottom, and several lost tools were discovered and picked up. I am satisfied that where water is sufficiently clear and shallow, a float could be successfully used for discovering lost nodules and articles.

A LOVE TALE.—Eloping couple at hotel detected by youth's false whiskers. Detective takes him aside and bears a painful tale: "They loved. The lady has stern parents. Benjamin was forbidden the house. Grief gripped 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 Cincinnati. 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 whiskers."

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.—The clothing of children should be adapted, on principles of common sense, to protect their health, and not made scanty for the gratification of a parent's vanity. The neck and arms of a child are indeed, exquisitely soft and beautiful; yet the delicate skin, which fond mothers are so anxious to display uncovered, 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 exposes parts of the person which are protected in adults. A little more common sense, mothers, more sleeves, and socks, 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, capricious, disagreeable, execrable, grating, fierce, gross, hasty, malicious, nefarious, obstreperous, peevish, restless, savage, tart, unpleasant, violent, warplish, worrying, acrimonious, blustering, careless, discontented, fretful, growling, hateful, inattentive, malignant, noisy, odious, perverse, 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 advantage of a run on a savings bank to observe 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 census shows that for one person who dies in Tennessee or Florida, of consumption, thirteen die in Massachusetts, and two in Minnesota.