

The Vice Presidency, Judge Williams.

It is generally expected by the Republican party throughout the country, we believe, that President U. S. Grant will be placed in nomination by the Republican National Convention as a candidate for the office of President of the United States for the next term.

No one in particular, however, has as yet been designated for the position of Vice President. Since Vice President Colfax has positively declined permitting his name to be used in that connection, various journals throughout the country, at different times, have indicated their preference.

The East has suggested the name of Hamlin; the West of Palmer; and latterly, the Pacific slope has suggested the name of Newton Booth. If locality cuts any figure in this selection, we think the honor naturally belongs to the Pacific slope, though Newton Booth is not our first choice.

In 1860, Hannibal Hamlin was elected to that position from Maine. In 1864 Andrew Johnson was elected from Tennessee. In 1868 Schuyler Colfax was taken from Indiana. So that every section—the East, South and West—has been represented in the Vice Presidency, and it only remains to nominate a candidate from the Pacific slope to complete the circuit.

Newton Booth, we said, was not our first choice. He is comparatively unknown outside of his own State. He is not the most available man on the coast. We have a man whose reputation for wisdom, sterling integrity and superior statesmanship, has reached every portion of our broad commonwealth.

His name is linked with some of the most important measures of reconstruction. His coolness of judgment, eminent legal ability and patriotism secured to him the high distinction of being selected to guard the interest and honor of his country in arbitrating the Alabama disputes to a successful issue.

His abilities have been further recognized by securing to him a position in the President's cabinet. The Hon. George H. Williams, Attorney General of the United States, is the most available man on the Pacific slope for the position of Vice President on the Republican ticket. In fact, we do not believe there is any man in the country that would command a more hearty support from the party at large for the position, than he.

We have never heard it intimated from him or his friends whether a use of his name in this connection would be agreeable; we only indicate our preference, and would be pleased to hear from other Republican journals.

A young man in California, named Loren Powell, son of Mr. Ransom Powell, of Russian River, recently hired Jimmy Dunn, an employee of his father, to take the old gentleman's life. Dunn was furnished with a pistol and was to receive \$300 for the assassination. When the time arrived for the performance of the deed, Dunn relented and exposed the plan. The young villain was furnished with \$500 in coin by his father, and shipped by way of Sacramento to the East. His object was to obtain his portion of his father's property.

Population of Russia.

The Slavonic race of Russia, including the Poles, numbers 58,400,000; the other races number 18,020,000, and are composed of Finns, Tartars, Lithuanians, Jews, Germans, Georgians, Mongols, Romanians and Crimeans. The Slavonic population forms the nation proper, and is classified as follows: Nobles (both sexes), 974,000; clergy, 611,000 (including 316,000 women); merchants and artisans (bourgeois), 726,000; peasants, 49,500,000; military, 1,200,000, of which 830,000 are active soldiers, and 1,500,000 the families of retired soldiers.

Freaks of Nature.

The Olympia Tribune says that Mr. Joe Lammon of that place has recently seen in Oregon (don't say where,) a handsome healthy calf, two weeks old, with a pair of wings, one on each shoulder, as large as those of a goose, natural in shape, but unfeathered. Oregon is some on freaks of nature. Last week we mentioned the horse-cow-ass-mule, now we have a winged calf. What next?

Truthful Prediction.

A telegram to Washington from Sacramento, Dec. 14th, conveying the news of the inauguration of Gov. Booth, was answered by a dispatch back, stating that a rain storm would begin throughout the Pacific coast within three days. This was good news! but the Democrats said it was a Republican lie, and the rain would not come off. But it did come off, and a most plentiful rain was the result.

A dispatch from Walla Walla, dated Dec. 30th, says: "During the past week we have experienced the coldest weather we have known for years. From all parts of the valley we hear of the loss of stock. On the Lower Walla Walla a number of head have died, not so much from starvation as from exposure." Up to that date the loss of cattle was computed at 500; of sheep, 1,400. Many farmers have feed, but the animals are frozen to death.

Wm. B. Fish, aged 60 years, was kicked by a horse while getting out of a wagon at his farm near Walla Walla on the 23d. It was late at night, and he was so injured by the kick that he could not get to the house nor make himself heard. He lay all night in the bitter cold, and when found in the morning was insensible, and died in a few moments after being discovered.

John Wesley Harper, eldest son of John Harper, of the firm of Harper Brothers, has built and furnished entirely, at his own expense, a Methodist Church at Port Washington, Long Island. The edifice was dedicated on the 19th ult.

The editor of the Oregon City Enterprise says somebody is entirely too familiar with his wood shed, and adds: If you hear of somebody's stove being blown up with a charge of powder, you may consider it is our wood in somebody else's stove.

The steamer Fauny Patton, on her way from Oregon City to Salem last week, burst a steam pipe at Rock Island and had to return. An Ohio man offered the Government \$50,000 for the privilege of advertising on the backs of postage stamps one year. "Hello! —, how's your seal?" is now the daily salutation about Oakland. Vaccinations are fashionable.

Plans have been devised for paying off the indebtedness of the M. E. Church at McMinnville. The Nevada Enterprise thinks Gov. Newton Booth, of California, a suitable candidate for the Vice Presidency on the Republican ticket. \$275 were raised, expended in gifts, and distributed among the poor from a Christmas tree at Jacksonville.

Adulterations.

Liquors are not the only article which are extensively adulterated. There exists a tendency to adulterate everything from a plate of soup to a Jeffersonian Democrat. A German journal offers to sell the secret of a process by which wool in the yarn or fabric, can be made to weigh from 10 to 25 per cent. more than originally, according to the color, and without injury to the fiber, or affecting the physical character of the article in the slightest degree. Another German in Hamburg offers to sell several tons of sand suitable for mixture with clover seed, the grains of which resemble the seed so closely that it is almost impossible to distinguish them by the eye. Two colors are offered, one for red clover and one for white. The so-called Jeffersonian Democracy is now adulterating extensively with anything which promises to be a Grant "killer."

Oil from Birds.

The oil from various kinds of birds is recognized as an article of trade in various parts of the world. The oil obtained from penguins, petrels, mutton-birds, frigate-birds, Mother Cary's chickens and others, is used in London almost exclusively in carrying leather. Ostrich fat is used in Africa as a remedy for the rheumatism. The Emu, or Australian ostrich, is used for a like purpose, and a single bird will produce six or seven quarts of a beautiful, bright yellow oil. Goose-grease is considered a good emollient in this country, though it can never hope to rival possum fat, since the Democracy have begun to "possum."

The Salt Lake Review, alluding to the arrest of the murderers of Dr. Robinson, says: The dark and bloody days of Utah's history have passed, never to return, save as incidents of that period are brought to mind by the arrest and conviction of members of that bloody band of miscreants who, acting under orders of spurious prophets of God, committed the most abominable crimes in the name of religion.

A man was discovered in a pool of water recently by a Baltimore citizen and fished out with a long pole. Without stopping to thank his savior, he rushed to a barber shop, and seizing a razor, cut his throat from ear to ear. He was knocked down and the weapon taken from him, and he still lives to relate the little incident to his grandchildren.

There are about two hundred thousand impetuous young gentlemen in the East who cannot pay their board bills because their mothers were "burned out in Chicago."

Last Tuesday night an earth slide occurred upon the railroad two or three miles this side of Portland, sufficient to detain the trains until Thursday. Gen. Grant's income, outside of his salary, is less than \$6,000 a year. This is shown by the New York Times, in an article in which the accusations of a number of his defamers are repelled.

Prof. Polander, Superintendent of Public Instruction in California, is opposed to the project of having the State supply the pupils in the common schools with text books. Much anxiety is felt for the safety of live stock on Vancouver's Island. The snow has been deep, the weather cold and feed scarce.

There are one hundred and fifteen males and forty-four females in the Insane Asylum at East Portland. The cranberry crop of the United States is estimated at one million bushels. One-third is produced in New Jersey. Senator Wilson says that Grant cannot be beaten for President. Portlanders employ Chinese as chambermaids.

The Storm in California.

The rain storm beginning in California on the 18th inst., is pronounced by journals of that State as most remarkable. Mountain streams rushed with mad impetuosity down into the rivers upon the plains, overflowing the banks of the rivers, causing them to sweep away bridges, rendering the roads impassable, stopping the ferries, damaging the railroads, and even crushing down telegraph poles. High winds prevailed, which blew down houses, fences, carried away the roofs of buildings, overtopped chimneys, and did much other damage, especially among the live stock. In Marin county, the drought had caused cattle to become exceedingly lean in flesh, and many of them were destroyed. The benefits of the plentiful rain, however, far overbalance the damage done, and universal rejoicing exists among the farmers.

Death of Bishop Baker.

The death of Bishop O. C. Baker, of the M. E. Church, at Concord, N. H., on the 21st of December, will elicit a feeling of universal sorrow and regret from the members of that denomination throughout the country. He was an eminent scholar, an able divine and a most estimable Bishop and devoted Christian.

Sassafras Oil.

There is a firm of colored men in Richmond, Virginia, which has been engaged in manufacturing sassafras oil on a large scale for over two years. They pay at the rate of 30 cents per hundred pounds for the root, and 40,000 pounds are used per week, producing 800 pounds of unrefined oil per week. The oil is used for scenting toilet soaps, flavoring tobacco, etc.

The English journals, while expressing no opinion on the merits of the case, regret the difficulty into which Minister Schenck has fallen, and cite as precedents the case of other Ambassadors, notably that of the Duke of Saldanha, who, while Minister of Portugal to a foreign power, was permitted to engage in private speculations.

A dispatch from Madrid, 19th ult., says: The Malcampo Ministry has resigned. Sagosta is entrusted with the formation of a new Ministry, but was not successful up to noon. He offered four portfolios to Zorilla and his supporters, but they were refused. The crisis continues. The President made the following nominations to the Senate on the 20th ultimo: T. B. Odious, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon; Sinol, Indian Agent for Grande Ronde, Oregon; Postmaster, J. D. Great, Elko, Nevada.

At Amity, a drunken man named Baker called upon a shoemaker named Lenton to borrow a pistol. The latter refused. The former then went for the latter with a shoe-knife, and received a pistol ball through his neck for his pains. Didn't kill him, as he went off next morning with the ball in his neck, says the Statesman.

The Salem Statesman says that the story about Gen. Palmer coming so near drowning, and the drowning of the seven Indians, was incorrect. No accident happened as was reported. The Commercial Hotel at Salem has changed hands, and is now under the management of Messrs. Williams & Son, late of Portland. Potatoes are \$1 80 per bushel in Corvallis, and hay \$30 per ton, and little to be had.

L. H. Foote has been appointed Major General of the California militia. Jesse Ward, aged 76, died at his home near Salem on Wednesday of last week. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. \$5 is the price for throwing glass into the street at Portland.

Efforts are now being made by the Indian Department to remove the Flatheads and Pen d'Oreilles from their location in Bitter Root Valley, Montana, to the general reservation at Jocko Lake.

William M. Whitney, of Colorado, lost his way in a terrible snow storm, and his feet becoming frozen, he put an end to his sufferings by shooting himself in the head. His body was found about eighty rods from a place of safety.

The Jacksonville Sentinel says that John Robertson, living in the northern part of that county, is taking out ore at the rate of one dollar to the pan, from an old channel on Cayota creek.

We think the experience of this winter should teach the farmers of Oregon to be more frugal, and to exercise more forethought in the future, in raising and stowing away provender to keep their cattle from starving.

Prof. Agassiz, who is now on his way around the continent southward, succeeded in raising twelve thousand dollars for his scientific expenses, and has the promise of enough more to insure the success of his plan.

John D. Ashmore, one of the South Carolina Congressmen who, in 1860, withdrew with the Secessionists, shot himself dead recently at Sardis, Miss.

Ex-Senator Ross, of Kansas, is about starting a weekly paper at Coffeyville, in that State, to be called Ross' Paper.

The Boston Advertiser says Horace Greeley delivers the dry, matter-of-fact composition of his lecture, in a monotonous, sing-song tone.

J. M. Leach, member of Congress from North Carolina, is to be arrested on a charge of being a Ku-Klux.

George Allen, a jail bird, appropriated an overcoat at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Portland, and went to jail for four months.

The "handsomest" reporter of the Portland Bulletin is in jail for getting drunk on New Years.

The Territory of Montana has an Indian War claim of \$513,000 which is being passed at Washington.

In the Belknap settlement in Lane county, five persons in one family have died of the typhoid fever.

They have formed a league in England for reforming funerals—to render them less expensive. A cattle drover named Henry, perished a short time ago in a snow storm near Cheyenne.

A daily mail has been established between Corinne, Utah, and Deer Lodge, Montana. Expensive funerals are the grievance now. People don't want to die until they can afford it.

Puget Sound is said to have more snow now than for the last ten years. The Bellingham Bay coal mine is again on fire and will have to be flooded.

A man in Portland wears a boot 16 1/2 inches long—three such feet would make an awful long yard. Eugene owes over \$451 22 cents. Awful! A comb factory has been started in Portland. Corvallis has turned out nine graduates in all. A locomotive headlight started the cry of fire in Salem recently. The telegraph line has been erected to Hillsboro. The Jacksonville Times wants a new court house built. From Peoria to Chicago, a distance of 180 miles, is now made by skaters.

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