

The Policy of the Opposition.

The opposition is in a most desperate situation. A fair, open and manly contest is not to be thought of by them for a moment, for then all of their inconsistencies, contradictions and departures would have to come to light. It would then have to be confessed that while they have the name Democrat, they have but little else which unites the faith of the party together—nothing substantial upon which the individual members of the organization can plant their feet and feel that they are one in principle. They would have to make a frank confession of their disorganized condition, and their utter inability to get up a magnet, in the shape of a platform, or code of principles, sufficiently strong in its attracting properties to bring the widely-diverging elements of the party into unification. There seems to be but one course for them to pursue which holds out any hope of success, and that is for them to keep their own deformities in the back ground, hid out of sight so far as possible under weighty charges, real or imaginary, brought against the Republican party. If they can only succeed in occupying the position of the aggressive party all the time, and thus compel the Republican party to fight on the defensive, so far as position is concerned, they will fight at an advantage. They are now making a strenuous effort to secure this vantage ground. The Tammany exposures no sooner began, than Democratic journals commenced making a great outcry about Republican stealings. Their zeal and anxiety, however, caused them to go, in their imaginary allegations, beyond the limits of prudence, and nobody held up his hands in horror, from the simple fact, that the charges were not believed by anyone, as most of them were pure inventions. That this was the main hold of the opposition, however—this spirit of aggressive misrepresentation—has recently been illustrated in the United States Senate in a debate upon the civil service abuses. The opposition endeavored to convey the impression to the country there, that a regular system of corruption and stealing now exists in the civil service, which the Republican party are endeavoring to shield from investigation. Such an allegation is false, because the Republican party are willing to assist in the most searching investigation which can be made. As Senator Wilson of Massachusetts said, "neither the Administration nor the Republican party had anything to conceal. Everything was open to the full light of day. Any investigation which any Senator might call for should be made. It was not honorable nor just, however, to try to produce the impression that theft, robbery and corruption were everywhere the rule and honesty the exception. The Administration was vigilant in detecting and punishing crime, and concealed no case of embezzlement from the country. Of the immense sums disbursed by Republican officials, but few comparatively had been lost. During the administration of Van Buren, ninety-two out of ninety-eight receivers of public money were defaulters. Nothing approaching it is now the case.

The New York Post says that Gov. Hoffman renounces his long cherished adherence to the Democratic party. He is for a new party, and is ready to act with the "What I know about farming" man, or any other of that stripe.

John Quincy Adams, who says he regards the administration of President Grant as a national calamity, left the Republican party because of his admiration for Andrew Johnson.

Connolly of New York has procured bail at last.

Come to the Fountain Head.

The combination made up of Democrats and disaffected Republicans for the purpose of defeating Gen. Grant, does not seem to be prospering just at this time. Democracy has always boasted of her individuality, and it must be quite humiliating to her now, to see a large class of her demoralized children so willing to operate under the prompting eye of a class of men, whose influence, in maintaining Republican measures, has assisted in bringing her to her present imbecil condition. These same renegade Republicans, who are now skylarking around, in a cautious, timid way, for the purpose of doing, they cannot determine what, as they cannot trust, or harmonize among themselves, were formerly the most inveterate enemies of the Democracy; and to see so many Democrats dodging from one to the other of these fellows, and trying to sneeze when they wrinkle their noses, and caper when they smile, is perfectly astounding to us, and only shows to what a plane of degradation they have descended. What used to be "old hickory's," and "unterrified," and "unadulterated," are now "limber-jacks," and "shaky-legs," and "india-rubber-men," ready to assume any shape, however deceptive or contradictory, to deceive the people. Now Democrats, these renegade Republicans will not advocate your measures, for they are Republicans in principle, their disaffection being to General Grant, and not to the cardinal principles of the party. If they can use you to promote selfish purposes, they will do so; but the moment you attempt to use them to advance the claims of your leaders, or to maintain your principles, for which you tried to break up the Government, they will drop you like a hot potato. If you are in a mood to take in Republican nourishment at all, as seems to be indicated by your trotting around after these men, why not come to the Republican fountain where the waters are pure and wholesome?

A machine has recently been perfected in London with which a writer, using a pen in the usual manner, can at the same time produce a duplicate so small as to be invisible to the naked eye, yet so distinct that a microscope will reveal every line and dot. A useful application it will be for the prevention of forgery, as private marks can be made which no imitator could see or even suspect the presence of.

To AMOURE.—A resolution passed the U. S. Senate the other day to adjourn Congress sine die on the third Monday in May. Whether the House will concur is another question—most likely not.

A bill is about to be reported in Congress for the naturalization of Indians. It proposes to give to all their proportion of reservation lands and annuities, and, after living two years a civilized life, to make them voters.

An uncle of George Francis Train has made oath that Francis is a lunatic, and has asked to be appointed guardian over him.

The revolution is advancing into the State of Tamaulipas. Insurgent forces appeared before General Cortinas' troops and fell back on Comargo. It is supposed they will entrench and fight.

A steam wagon exploded in Glasgow, Scotland, recently, killing five children, and wounding seven, who were following.

The Russian steamship Kunit foundered in the Caspian Sea last month, and all on board perished. She had a million rubles on board.

The ship Edward foundered off Falmouth, England, Dec. 29th, and all on board were lost.

A conflagration was put out in a room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Portland, last Tuesday.

General Sickles is preparing for a vigorous assault upon the Erie Management, in both the Courts and the Legislature.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

They are considering the propriety of offering a reward for wolf scalps at Dallas.

Prof. Oglesby, of Dallas, had his left arm shattered by the kick of a horse, recently, says the Republican.

The hams of a deer killed by some Dallas hunters weighed fifty-seven pounds.

James M. Campbell, of Dallas, in cutting off limbs, let the knife slip, and came near cutting off the leaders of three fingers.

Frazier River, B. C., is still frozen over.

Victoria is troubled over a report that several ship loads of Fenians are on their way from San Francisco to capture Vancouver Island. It is reported that the city is under martial law, business suspended, troops parading the streets, and great excitement prevailing.

Mr. Jacob Kandle fell from the roof of a house at Olympia last week, but still keeps his "light burning."

The Kalama Beacon says: On Saturday night 31st ult., a Swedish boatman, named Harold Jensen, was drowned in the river between the wharf and Emily Island, by a skiff filling with water in which himself and a companion were, at the time. Search for his body has been continued ever since, but so far without any trace as to where it may be found.

A large railroad depot is to be built at Kalama, occupying a whole block. The rails have been laid for the first twenty-five miles. About two hundred men are employed on the next ten miles, clearing and grubbing.

A few days ago the Oregonian contained an account of what was called the largest steel works in the world, located in Germany, and covering a square mile of ground. A correspondent writes to correct this story. He says that everybody ought to know that the largest steel works in the world were located in the city of New York, and covered many square miles.

A deuzen of East Portland fell off of one of the city bridges and broke the handle of his face.

A young man named Kent was followed by a couple of men and knocked down and robbed in Portland, on Friday of last week. Several houses were robbed the same night, says the Oregonian.

The two Good Templar lodges in Portland are flourishing in a most gratifying degree. Within sixty days, sixty-five persons have been initiated.

A State Temperance Convention is to be held at Salem on the 22d of February next.

Portland was visited with a very severe rain storm last Saturday.

Oregon merchants have a "good name" and plenty of credit at San Francisco, says an exchange.

Mrs. Helling, of Portland, is in distress about her daughter Lizzie, thirteen years of age, who ran away from home last Saturday. Desires information of her whereabouts.

The Baptist denomination at Seattle are preparing to build the largest church edifice in Washington Territory.

The Olympia land office disposed of 14,608 acres of land during last December.

Olympia has two daily and five weekly papers, and another is projected. Her population is about twelve hundred.

One hundred and thirteen couples were "jined" in Marion county during last year.

Sam. May is released from "durance vile" on a bond signed by S. B. Knox, J. L. Parrish, J. Conser and P. D. Palmer.

The Salem Mercury says it was Geo. W. Johnson who sold Sol. Durbin the bale of sheep skins for coon skins, and Tom. Richmond sold them to him. Was, hey!

The Roseburg Plaindealer tells of a lad, named Hugh Barr, bursting an old gun barrel by attempting to fire a squib from it last New

Year—only three fingers and a half were amputated from the lad's hand.

It is stated that Kalama whisky is a good "take off"—one drink and then a funeral.

Mr. Hayden of Eola has invented a pair of pruning shears and applied for a patent.

Dominick Gerry, a member of Co. E., Twenty-third Infantry, committed suicide on Wednesday evening of last week by shooting himself through the head, says the Vancouver Register.

Four men recently crossed the Columbia at Vancouver on the ice.

The Portland Bulletin office has moved into a two story brick on the corner of First and Ash streets. The Oregonian says the building is better fitted for a newspaper office than perhaps any other in the State. Good for the Bulletin.

The next State Fair is to be held Oct. 7th, 1872.

The Statesman says that Bill Watkins is lord over all of the Salem Mercury.

A load of fine timothy hay was sold in Salem last Tuesday at \$25 per ton.

Gen. Beauregard likes the new Departure, and prefers General Hancock for the Presidential candidate.

A little girl named Hanly, in Portland, had her foot crushed by a wagon wheel passing over it, recently.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A report is current that Sir Samuel Baker and his men, who were exploring Central Africa, on the head waters of the Nile, have died of starvation. One report says that the men mutinied and shot Baker; another states that only Baker and his wife are left of the expedition.

The German expedition to Venezuela will be commissioned to enforce the national claims against the Governments of the South American Republics.

His Majesty, the Emperor William of Germany, will visit the Czar of Russia, in St. Petersburg, during the coming spring.

The members of the Right Centre in the French Assembly having made an overture to the Legitimists for coalition, the latter, in their reply, say they will coalesce, but, at the same time, will preserve their independence. They also announce their disapproval of the Orleans Princes as leaders.

The Emperor of Austria, in his speech to Parliament, declares that Austria is weary of international conflict and desires peace and order. The times were never so prosperous.

General Rosecrans is perfecting a plan for the promotion of commerce and amity between the United States and Mexico, by encouraging the citizens of the United States to aid Mexico in the development of her resources.

A Quebec dispatch says that a trunk mystery case has arisen there which has created much excitement. A box was found the other day at the Grand Trunk Railway depot, containing the mutilated body of a female in a partially decomposed condition. The limbs had been cut off, and the flesh chopped off in large pieces. The box was left by a stranger, whose name is unknown. Foul play is suspected, and an investigation is pending.

It is reported on good authority that all the British troops, except a few artillery, will be withdrawn in the spring from Halifax, which is now the only garrisoned city in the dominion.

Valmaceda has issued a proclamation, in which he says that the offer of pardon to the Cuban insurgents cannot last forever. He now proclaims that every insurgent captured after January 15th will be shot, and those surrendering after that date will be sentenced to perpetual imprisonment.

The Committee of the Assembly on the reorganization of the French army propose to make terms of military service five years on active duty; four years in the reserve; six years in the secondary service.

Alarmed at Gladstone's Republican tendencies, the conservative section, led by the Duke of Somerset and Viscount Halifax, are seeking to form a coalition with the Tories, for the purpose of electing Beverie Speaker of the House of Commons instead of Brand, and to compel the retirement of Gladstone.

London papers of the 29th publish a letter from Her Majesty Queen Victoria, in which she says that she desires to express her deep sense of the touching sympathy exhibited for her family by the whole nation, and for her dear son. The feeling, says the Queen, shown by her people during the painful and terrible days of the Prince's illness, their sympathy with herself and beloved daughter the Princess of Wales, and the joy manifested at the improved health of the Prince has made a deep and ineffable impression upon her heart. The manifestations of the people are nothing new to her, for she met with the same sympathy ten years ago, when a similar illness from that under which her son is suffering removed from life the best, wisest and kindest husband that ever lived. Her Majesty says she also wishes to express the heartfelt gratitude of the Princess of Wales, and concludes her letter with a hope that her faithful subjects will continue to pray for the complete recovery of the Prince.

The conscription for the Russian army for the year 1872 is six men to every thousand.

Thiers delivered a powerful speech in the National Assembly, of France, on the 25th ult., in opposition to levying an income tax.

General Sherman and Lieutenant Grant were expected to arrive in Paris on the 28th of last month.

The Germans have seized prominent citizens of the town of Revin in the Department of the Ardennes, because of troubles between the Bavarian troops quartered there and the French people.

It is understood that the Germans are making a census of the private fortunes of wealthier citizens of the invaded Departments.

Admiral Pauls de Barnabi is the aquatic warrior who is to represent Spain at Washington. Senor Roberts will retire.

It is rumored that the President of Siberia is in jail, charged with appropriating some £40,000 of the public money to his own use.

While the Yale professors are agitating the establishment of a school for training editors, the Cornell faculty have decided on this department of instruction. The course in letters, as the new department is called, will extend through four years. The prominent studies will be those relating to social and political science, literature, history, and modern languages. Facilities will be afforded for learning the printer's trade, in connection with the University printing office.

One shipment of two tons and another of six tons of chickens and turkeys were sent from Davenport, Iowa, recently. The order was made by the heaviest commission firm in Nevada, who had the contract for supplying fowls for Christmas dinners of several societies belonging to the Miner's Association.

Congress will be urged to pass at the present session a bill requiring postmasters to fulfill the duties of pension agents. The plan has been advocated for years, but has always been stubbornly resisted by an influential lobby.

A mob attempted to lynch a negro named Howard, who had raped a young girl in Rochester on the 2d of January. The police and militia finally dispersed the crowd, but not before several were killed and wounded.

Mrs. Grant's reception on New Year's Day is pronounced the most brilliant ever held in Washington. She was assisted in receiving distinguished persons by Mrs. Colfax, Mrs. Boutwell, Mrs. Williams of Oregon, and Mrs. Cresswell.

In Louisville, Ky., on the 30th of December, Mrs. Weisert, while temporarily insane, killed her mother by chopping out her brains with a hatchet.

There are 130 cases of small pox in Jersey City.

Letter from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23, 1871.

EDITOR REGISTER.—If I ever go back to Oregon, as I certainly expect to do, and hear any Oregonian say a word about the eternal drouths of California, I am resolved to treat him. That idea will be a living joke in my mind for years to come. Californians have mentioned to me here, that from what they could learn, Oregon would be an exceedingly pleasant place, if it were not for the rainy winters. The thing has sounded so absurd that I have several times got cursed for laughing in their faces. A man kicked me off the side walk for it yesterday, and nearly broke my back, but it did not do the least bit of good. The next man I met was a prominent lawyer, who asked me if it was very rainy this winter up the coast, when in spite of every effort at restraint I broke out in such guffaws that I could not speak a word. He made some remark about idioicy, and passed on.

But seriously, I never have seen such a storm as we have been having all over this State. The rain surpasses our worst "spells of weather" in Oregon, and the wind blows a hurricane most of the time. Here at San Francisco, the wind is not felt so much; but I visited Sacramento a few days since, and I assure you the scene was terrible. Sometimes it was difficult to walk the streets, the wind was so strong. Some small houses were blown down. Locust and popular trees planted for shade, and other ornamental trees, were torn out by the roots; and the rain was driven into every possible crack and crevice in the houses, so that almost every building, it is said, was wet through and through. The streets were flooded so that wherever one would go he must wade water. And yet this water was not from the river, for that did not rise above the levees—it was simply the water falling on the streets faster than it could run off. After all, this great storm is the salvation of the State. Everybody feels hopeful, whereas before there was much discouragement and some actual distress. I rejoice with them—but positively, all the disagreeableness of five Oregon winters, if it could be concentrated into two weeks, would not surpass the last two weeks of this glorious California—"Italy of the Occident." And still it comes, and there appears a good show for its continuance another week at least. The barometer is at foulweather point yet.

There is a good deal of arguing here about Oregon. People here seem very generally to be desirous of learning all the facts about our State. The uncertainty of the crops in California is beginning to tell in the way of producing discontent among her producing classes. The prospect of a favorable season this year, may allay this feeling for a time, but eventually Oregon will receive large accessions to its population, from here.

The Sacramento valley is a magnificent country; there is not as fine a body of land anywhere. But at least one third of the time, farmers tell me, the crops are total or partial failures from the drouth. This must prevent its ever being a first rate agricultural country. More before I leave, unless I am swallowed up by an earthquake.

COSMOPOLITE.

The New York World correspondent writing from Havana under date of December 23d, states that the Captain General of Cuba has decreed the practical enslavement of the whole Chinese population of the Island, numbering 34,000 souls. The decree orders the 15,000 field Chinese to immediately enroll themselves under the tutelage of the Government and work in the Government works at the rate of \$4 per week. Considering that all Chinese who are now working under contract shall be reintegrated at the expiration of their terms or be sent to jail, this may be considered a fair (?) proposition on the part of the Captain General.

General Sherman and Lieutenant Grant arrived in Paris on New Year's Day.

The New York World is down on the "passive policy."

Fi h again offers to resign.