

Latest News.

The children of John Slidell have brought suit to recover their father's estate, confiscated in New Orleans during the war.

Hon. R. S. Greene, Assistant Justice of Washington Territory, preaches regularly at Olympia, on Sunday.

Henry Brown, for murdering a Chinaman at Seattle last fall, goes to the Penitentiary for twenty years.

The telegraphic cable across the straits of Victoria is still disabled. Stock is dying on many parts of Vancouver Island, also on the mainland.

The funeral of Mrs. W. B. Astor took place on the 19th, at Grace Church, New York.

At the suggestion of Archbishop McClosky, several Catholic clergymen of New York are trying to induce the Irish Societies not to parade on St. Patrick's day.

Charles Hale was confirmed Assistant Secretary of State on the 19th, by the New York Senate.

Seth Johnson, the embezzling clerk of New York, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$40,000, on the 19th.

Solomon M. Towne, author of "Towne's Speller," died in Charlestown, Mass., last Saturday, aged 92.

Thomas A. Watts was shot, in Boston on the 19th, probably fatally, by Charles Kimball, aged 19 years. A young lady was the cause.

Charges are being brought against Judges Barnard, Cordozo and McCune for abuses, by the New York Bar Association.

In the Senate, Scott presented the majority report of the Ku Klux Committee on the 19th. It was accompanied by a bill which proposes to extend the operation of the law to May 7th, and authorizes the suspension of the habeas corpus act until the end of the next session of Congress. The report also recommends the passage of a general but not universal amnesty bill.

A bill to suspend the duty on coffee passed by a vote of 153 to 38.

Cole introduced a bill in the Senate on the 19th, directing the Postmaster General to provide immediately by contract or otherwise for transportation of the California mails around the blockade portions of the Pacific Railroad.

A bill was introduced in the House to refund the cotton tax collected from 1865 to 1868.

A conspiracy has been discovered in France in which three Generals under the late Emperor are leaders.

Mr. Brower, one of the blockaded passengers from New York, died at the Lick House, San Francisco, on the 19th, from the effects of exposure and fatigue during the blockade.

Over one hundred thousand letters were received at San Francisco from the East on the opening of the blockade.

The New York World is responsible for saying that Gladstone denies the utterance of the offensive passages reported in his recent speeches in the House of Commons.

Chaffle, of Colorado, is represented as working busily to gain support for his plan of consolidating Territories into States, or with States already existing. He proposes to unite Colorado with Wyoming, Dakota with Nebraska, Utah with Nevada, Washington with Oregon, and Arizona with California. He proposes to leave New Mexico as a Territory and Alaska as a Province.

A fire at Washington, Indiana, on the 19th, destroyed eleven business houses on Main street, though most of the goods were saved, Loss \$40,000.

Alexis left New Orleans on the 19th to join the Russian fleet.

It is now reported that J. W. Forsey will be appointed Postmaster General in place of Creswell.

The revolutionists were reported

as moving on San Luis Potosi, twelve thousand strong, under Trevins, commander, on the 20th.

Four cases of small pox have appeared in San Francisco.

The Empress of Germany recently offered Alfred Tennyson a situation as her private secretary.

Deer Lodge, Montana, has just lost eighteen buildings by fire. Loss \$70,000.

The Pacific Railroad was represented clear, east and west, on the 20th inst.

At the Rrepublican primary meetings held in St. Louis on the 19th, resolutions were adopted opposing any or all movements or measures hostile to Republican principles, or the National Republican party, and pledging support to the nominees of the National Convention.

The South Salem saw mills lost a boom of logs in the flood on Monday night.

Ochoco valley has lost but very little stock.

During 1871 Canyon City Post-office issued \$17,243 in money orders.

The San Francisco Bulletin has the following:

There is a sling used by the boys in this city which is not only a source of annoyance, but there is a great deal of danger attached to its use. It is made of wire and india rubber, and throws a pea, with which it is usually charged, with force sufficient to drive it through a pane of glass from a distance of several yards. In an experiment at the establishment where it is made it drove a buck-shot through a half-inch plank. Armed with this weapon the school boys are a source of dread to both pedestrians and those who ride, and in several instances have drawn blood with their shots from those they hit. Something should be done to prohibit or limit the use of this dangerous plaything or some serious accident will happen.

SWAMP LAND CLAIMS.—In response to an inquiry made by a subscriber in Coos county, we yesterday visited the Swamp Land Department and were introduced by the Swamp Land clerk to the mysteries thereof. After satisfying our proper inquiry we made other inquiries and got hold of certain humorous features of life under the Swamp Land Act. The most comprehensive claim yet filed was presented by the ex-Senator over in Folk, who commenced "three marine leagues at sea" and described the State boundaries and laid claim to all the Swamp Lands located therein. It is safe to call this a joke but there it is regularly on file and an undoubted satire it is upon the Swamp Land Act from high Democratic authority. There is a rough joke current in this connection that being asked if he had filed on all the lakes, the jokist replied that his claim didn't include the lake of fire and brimstone which he left to be taken by Hen O—, of Lane county, and as that gentleman has quite lately filed on a million acres variously located, may be he has concluded to lap over on to the remaining lake. There is a story, also, that Ben. Hayden et al., filed a description of certain 2,000 acres over on the Kickreel and claimed, some as swamp lands. The description tallied with the ex-Senatorial farm, and when the clever gentleman who acts as Land Agent, carefully read over the allegations of those alligators to the statesman whose swine feed on the swamps of the Kickreel, he consigned Ben. Hayden et al., to the lake of fire and brimstone aforesaid, and declared that he intended to file on Ben's underwear as school lands. This was another joke, of course, but that gentleman's jokes are apt to verge on satire, and this one is just as good as if it was of record. These little incidents show that the Swamp Land Act, discreditable as it is, serves to point a moral and adorn a tale.—Statesman.

A good story is told of a teacher who was talking to her scholars regarding the order of the higher beings. It was a very profitable subject, and one in which the children took an uncommon interest. She told them that the angels came first in perfection, and when she asked them who came next, and when she readily answered by one boy "Man," she felt encouraged to ask:

"What comes next to man?"

And here a little shaver, who was evidently smarting under a defeat in the preceding question, immediately distanced all competitors, by promptly shouting:

"His undershirt, ma'am!"

A woman traveling on the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, had a ticket on which was printed "Good only for this train and the day received. Not good to stop over." But she did stop over, and when she attempted to resume her journey, she was put off the cars. For this the railroad company has paid \$1,000 and costs.

An Irishman who was recently run over by a train of cars, got up and asked for his cap, and said he "would not run another such a risk as that for tin dollars."

Closeted papers omit an issue on account of "the inclemency of the weather."

An English woman, lately deceased, had lived over 100 years without a sick day.

The editor of Harper's Weekly puts a great deal in a few words, as follows:

"A party which, while defending and extending human slavery, called itself Democratic, and while actively in one part of the country, and passively in the other, trying to overthrow the Government, called itself Conservative, may also when foiled in the attempt to destroy the Constitution, solemnly call itself Constitutional. The motley host called the Democratic party is quite as unconstitutional as it is democratic, and as conservative as it is constitutional."

The Evening Post, of New York, itself an anti-Grant paper, rebukes the scurrilous course of a portion of the press toward Gen. Grant. It says: "The friends of the President are not the only persons who will be heartily glad to learn that there is not a word of evidence which tends to implicate Mr. Grant in any of the scoundrelous transactions with which he has been charged by partisan opponents in connection with the custom house."

The evidence affords no excuse for assailing his personal integrity, and journals which have indulged their temper in aspersions of this kind would act wisely to retract them at once."

Here are a few extracts from Brick Pomeroy's Democrat:

The Democratic party to-day is but a chain of political rings hanging from the watch-fob of a most insidious, corrupt and cowardly aristocracy.

The Chairman of the National Democratic Committee, August Belmont, is a nice man in his way; but no more fit for the position he holds than the infernal fungus for a powder-house. There is not in all his veins one drop of pure Democratic blood; not a wish in his heart in sympathy with the people, except that kind of sympathy a stage-driver has for his horses, which he can drive so many miles in so many minutes, earning so many dollars by the time.

In Washington, as elsewhere, the policy Democrats of the land are pipe-laying, wire-pulling, scheming, hobnobbing, sitting politically check-by-jowl, looking for a candidate who never has offended anyone, who has plenty of money, either of his own or through his friends, to spend for electioneering purposes, that they, the wine-bibbling, would-be managers of the party may be made rich.

Here is what the Mobile Register says of Greeley's paper: The New York Tribune is a singular specimen of political inconsistency just now—a machine blowing hot and cold out of the same hole. On one page we find an abuse of Grant and a ventilation in favor of the One-term party, while on another is a defense of Schenck as a speculator in mining stocks, and a rearing up of Schurz for plotting against the Administration. In all our life we never before saw a more complete case of subtle juggling across the fence.

We don't know exactly why, but the New York Sun reminds us strikingly of the smutty little bootblack around the corner, who "shines for all."—Chicago Post.

Miscellaneous.

The first newspaper published in Chicago was the Chicago Democrat, issued by John Calhoun, November 25, 1833.

While a woman with a sick child in her arms was being tried in an English police court, a short time since, the child died.

A Cincinnati paper says that the location of the Union Pacific depot grounds at Omaha, G. F. Train's property, will make him worth over \$100,000,000.

There is a young girl in Virginia who wears bullets in the form of a Maltese cross, which were extracted from the bodies of her father and brother, who were killed in the siege of Richmond.

Pulverized alum and common salt put on a piece of cotton into a hollow tooth will stop its aching in a very few minutes.

The pulse of our domestic animals as given by Vatel in his Veterinary Pathology, is as follows: Horse from 32 to 38 pulsations a minute; ox or cow 25 to 32; ass 48 to 54; sheep 70 to 75; dog 90 to 100; cat 110 to 120; rabbit 120; guinea pig 140; duck 135; hen 140.

The Chicago Post says: Mrs. Potter Palmer, at her New Year's reception, wore a \$2,000 dress, \$25,000 finger rings and a \$15,000 necklace. The dress was a handsome brown brocade, trimmed with rows of pheasant breasts, and looped with scarlet fuschias. Her husband is the gentleman who is reported to have exclaimed in tragic accents, the day after the fire: "I'm a beggar! I'm a beggar!" We'd like to be a beggar.

"Wish you a happy New Year!" came twice to James Fisk, Jr., five days before he was shot. With one of these greetings came a painting of himself seated in a carriage behind his six-in-hand, which was presented him by Henry Harly at a cost of \$25,000; with the other came an opera glass upon which five hundred little diamonds twinkled, costing \$5,000 to the thirty friends who gave it.

The Houston, Texas, Union says: The rapid extension of the railroad—Central, the Western Branch, the Great Northern, the International, the Missouri-Kansas, the Texas Pacific and others—have had such an awakening effect upon the minds and material interests of the people that a man who opposes or quibbles about them is voted a fogy and a bore, and will not be listened to. On with the railroads is the cry everywhere all over Texas. And they are going on and winning support and confidence of the people of the State Railroads alone can develop Texas into a rich and prosperous State.

Dr. Guthrie, in a recent address told a very suggestive story, to this effect: A friend of his questioned a little boy, said: "When your father and mother forsake you, Johnny, do you know who will take you up?" "Yes, sir," said he. "And who?" said the friend. "The Police," was Johnny's answer.

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