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EDITORIAL NOTES.

General J. Gonzales has been elected President of the Republic of San Domingo. The first move of the new administration will probably be to annul the Samana lease.

Speaking of the gold product of the future in California, the *Alta* contends that, instead of the mines being "played out," mining interests have hardly commenced. The gravel beds of that State alone, although as yet but little is known as regards their extent, it is estimated, are capable of yielding from $12,000,000 to $100,000,000 per annum for five or six hundred years to come. Velly good.

Sheriff Brannan, of New York, and his deputy, Shields, have got themselves into trouble through ignoring an order of the Court to confine one Genet in the Tombs until sentence was pronounced. The order was not obeyed, and Genet escaped. Brennan and Gibbs can now condole oneanother.

It is announced that Gen. Sickles has resigned, and that his resignation has been accepted.

Says the telegrams, a lengthy written opinion, sent by Attorney-General Williams to the Secretary of State, asserts that the *Virginius*, at the time of her capture, had no right to carry the American flag, and that her registration was in fraud of the United States.

On the 22d the wife of Alex. Agassiz, son of the late professor, died of pneumonia, superinduced by fatigue caused by waiting upon her father-in-law during his illness.

On the 2d the Pope of Rome delivered an allocution and appointed twelve Cardinals.

On the 17th the fog overhanging New York city was so dense that several ferries had to discontinue running, the danger of colliding being so great. Many accidents occurred, as the fog was impenetrable.

Complete official returns make the majority for the adoption of the new Constitution of Pennsylvania, 145,150.

Advices from Washington in regard to Judge Williams' confirmation as Chief Justice, are somewhat contradictory. One is to the effect that the President has stated emphatically that his nomination would not be withdrawn, and that he never contemplated such a thing. On the other hand it is said that Williams will request the President, after the holidays, to withdraw his nomination, fearing defeat. While we know that every means known to hoodlum tactics will be resorted to to defeat Judge Williams, we still hope that all their false swearing, misrepresentation and downright lying will only recoil on the heads of the authors, and that he may soon don the robes of an office he is so well qualified to fill with honor and distinguished credit to himself and country—the Chief Justiceship.

Senator Mitchell, thus early in the session of Congress, has given evidence of the manner in which his time is to be employed, and the way he intends fulfilling his promises to the people of Oregon. He has already introduced in the Senate several bills of the greatest importance to the interests of Oregon. Among them we may mention one to construct canal and locks at the Cascades and Dalles of the Columbia—a work of the utmost importance to Eastern Oregon, opening up free navigation on that river—harbor of refuge at Port Orford; an act to enforce payment of Indian spoliation claims; an act to improve the Willamette and Yamhill rivers—another important matter, in the success of which the entire State is interested—an act to open Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations to settlement; an act providing for the erection of an assay office at Portland; an act [illegible] the preemption rights on timbered lands, etc. In spite of the fact that he has been hounded ever since his election, with a spite and malignity hitherto supposed to belong only to fiends incarnate, he has gone to work in earnest to procure such legislation as the State stands most in need of, and as will realize the largest returns to the general good. As an indication that Senator Mitchells' abilities are duly recognized in Washington, we see that he occupies positions on three of the most important Senate committees. With Mitchell to represent us in the Senate, Oregon may expect every aid from the General Government that ability, zeal and hard work can obtain. But while Mitchell is exerting every energy to advance the interests of Oregon and the welfare of her people, a ring of soreheads in Portland are doing all that blackhearted malignity, without scruple or conscience, can invent to injure his influence in the Senate, and to create a feeling of distrust among the people of this State. This persecution, which has been prosecuted in season and out of season, emanated and is kept up entirely by a clique in Portland, at the head of which is Judge Deady. Outside of this ring there is no feeling against Mitchell in the State. The *Oregonian*, in imitation of the policy adopted by Bush years ago in this State, is fast succeeding in convincing the people that it is not controlled by principle, but simply by its hates; that it is not, nor has not been for months past, a Republican paper, but is laboring with might and main to defeat and utterly destroy Republicanism and build up Democracy, using every and all means to that end. Can such a traitorous sheet have influence with honest men?

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS.—The Indianapolis *Journal* says of George H. Williams, in an article on his nomination for the Chief Justiceship:

Thus far he has proved himself equal to the requirements of every position to which he has been called, and there is no reason to believe that he will be found unequal to the demands of the place to which he is now assigned. His judgment is excellent. He rarely makes mistakes. He is self-reliant, without being arrogant—self-asserting, without rendering himself obnoxious to those with whom he is brought into contact. His integrity has never been questioned.

POLYGAMY.—The nineteenth wife of Brigham Young has given two lectures in Denver, both fully reported in the Denver papers. The *News* closes its report of the second lecture as follows:

The lecture was listened to by the audience with bated breath, the words sinking deep into every heart and evidently leaving a lasting impression regarding the infamies of the horrible system under which it was her misfortune to be raised. Mrs. Young tells facts that have come under her personal observation, and her story is one which illustrates the condition of thousands of plural wives in the land of polygamy.

After the lecture a large number of ladies and gentlemen crowded about the lecturess, complimenting her on her success in her undertaking and mission. All were highly charmed with her personal appearance, her quiet demeanor and unassuming manner winning her many friends. She received all kindly and cordially, and, although a novice in the matter of receptions and public handshakings, passed the ordeal very creditably.

TWEED AS AN AUTHOR.—Tweed is writing a history of his life. He intends to publish it. He has told his friends that his purpose is to give an inner history of his memorable reign in the politics of New York. He has been treated shabbily by his old confederates. They have abandoned and denounced him as a thief. They go about, as the *Times* says, repudiating all connection with him. But there is a flutter among them as they learn that Tweed is resolved to write and publish. He will tell, it is said, all about the manner in which Tammany's business was done; how Legislatures were bought; how Judges were handled; how the public revenues were stolen and who were the principals, agents and instruments in the work. It is stated that Tweed, just before going to prison, wrote a number of letters to his old associates, warning them that if he was to remain in the place to which he was going "he would soon have company there." These ominous words, the *Times* says, were not misunderstood by those to whom they were sent. And that paper adds that they by no means convey an idle threat.

Emperor William, of Germany, has had a slight attack of apoplexy.

Notice.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Linn County Agricultural Association: There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Linn County Agricultural Association at the Pacific Opera House, in Albany, Linn county, Oregon, on **Thursday, January 1st, 1874, at 1 o'clock P. M.,** for the purpose of electing Seven Directors to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

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