

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

To all our friends, far and near, we send greeting: A Merry Christmas to all.

Washington Territory has, by a large vote, decided to call a State Convention to make preparations for entering the sisterhood of States.

A Western editor, in a long editorial, gets red-hot over the fact that "our glorious leader, Tilden," carried New York, the most "thieving" city in the country!

Grover takes up over five columns in the Oregonian of Wednesday, in explaining how Cronin, with nearly eleven hundred less votes than Dr. Watts, was entitled to the certificate as an elector!

The Times' Tallahassee dispatch says at the rate of progress the committee is making it will get through all counties of the State some time after the inauguration of Hayes.

Tilden has this advantage in being a bachelor: When he goes home at night his wife does not remind him that he has made an old fool of himself by spending barrels of money and not getting elected afterward!

The unions so freely (?) advanced by the Carolina Bank to keep Wade Hampton's Legislature running, it now turns out, came from Tilden!!! This rump Hampton-Tilden Legislature has agreed to adjourn sine die to-day.

It is asserted by the Bee that the (so-called) Grover's opinion in regard to the Electoral College rascality, was written in the East, and forwarded to Grover, and that is the reason he did not start at once for Washington—he was compelled to remain and "sign" the opinion written for him! Tilden has got his fellows under complete subjection!

Hewitt and other Democratic members are opposed to compelling the Western Union Telegraph Co. to hand over all telegrams sent over their wires to the House Investigating Committee under Bill Morrison.

The New York Times administers a sharp rebuke to the Republicans of Missouri, for trying to claim a vote in that State on account of the ineligibility of Frost. It says:

It, as we have always contended, the disqualification of an officer chosen by a majority of votes, can not be used to insure the election of the choice of the minority, then the claim of the Republican elector in Missouri has as little foundation as the claim of the Democratic elector in Oregon.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWEDDLEDUM AND TWEDDLEDEE!

Frost, a Democratic Elector of Missouri, was ineligible, as was Dr. Watts held to be in this State. The Republicans demanded that certificate should issue to the Republican candidate for elector who received the highest vote.

The Democratic Electors met, and, as did the Oregon Republican Electors, declared a vacancy, and proceeded to fill it. The difference between these two Governors seems to be this. The Governor of the State of Missouri, a Democrat, refuses to give a certificate to a minority candidate, because he is a Republican; and the Governor of Oregon, a Democrat, gives a certificate, contrary to law and in direct opposition to the will of the people, to a minority candidate, because he is a Democrat. It is the old thing, you know—everything is legal and right if it favors Democracy; it isn't, if it's unconstitutional and wrong!

WASHINGTON TERRITORY ELECTION.

The official canvass in Washington Territory shows the following result: FOR CONGRESS.

Orange Jacobs, Republican, 5,073; J. P. Judson, Democrat, 4,831; Jacobs majority, 242.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. For convention, 5,698; against convention, 1,530; majority for convention, 4,168.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. First judicial district—T. J. Andrews, Republican, 1,580; C. Lancaster, Democrat, 1,483; Bloomfield's majority, 97.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following is a list of members of the next legislative assembly:

- COUNCIL. Walla Walla—Dan Stewart. Columbia, Whitman and Stevens—Elisha Ping. Clark, Skamania, Klickitat and Yakima—M. R. Hathaway.

- HOUSE. Stevens—Henry Wellington. Whitman—L. M. Ringer. Walla Walla—W. T. Burns, Wm. Martin, A. J. Gregory, N. Van Syele, Yakima—Edw. Whitson, Cowlitz—J. B. La Due, Clatsop and Walkicum—Nathan Davis, Clarke—Wm. B. Daniels, C. T. Stiles.

- CLERKS. Columbia—R. G. Newland, Ed. Clarke, Skamania and Klickitat—N. Whitney, Lewis—J. H. Long, Thurston—J. C. Horr, Sam. G. Ward, John Chipman, Pierce and Chehalis—Thomas Warman, Pierce—Wm. B. Kelley, Pierce and Mason—John McTeavey, Kings—G. Tibbets, Joe Foster, Suionish—O. B. Iverson, Kitsap—A. S. Miller, Kitsap and Jefferson—William Korner, Jefferson—John M. E. Atkinson, Clallam and San Juan—Tie, no election.

Condensed Lightning.

The Senate will not have a quorum during holidays. It is reported that L. Q. C. Lamar will throw his strength for Hayes.

An old man, Ingalls, and his wife, were smothered in their bedroom by a fire burning in the room.

E. A. Condit, a broker of New York, has been arrested for falsely announcing Vanderbilt's death.

A meek took place on a New Orleans steambot, among the mate and deck hands, resulting disastrously to about twenty negroes.

A bill in the House proposes to appropriate \$250,000, the interest on which shall be used in printing books, etc., for the blind throughout the country.

The joint committee are about to agree upon a manner of counting the electoral vote. No action can be taken in the matter, according to the proposed rule, without the concurrence of both houses.

There is a great law suit in Philadelphia about the disposition of a balance of \$2,000,000 now in the hands of the Centennial subscription committee. They do not want to keep it, but they do not know to whom to give it.

Chaffee's bill, now before the Senate Public Lands committee, proposes to authorize all bona fide residents of Colorado, Nevada, Washington, Dakota, New Mexico and Arizona to fill and remove for building, agricultural, mining or domestic purposes any tracts growing on public lands of the State or Territory in which they reside.

Mitchell's bill for the preservation of Columbia river salmon fisheries prohibits fishing for salmon by any means whatever except during May, June and July, and then only by seines with meshes not less than eight and a half inches diagonally from one corner to the other, when extended. Violations of the provisions are to be punished with fines of from \$500 to \$1,000 for the first offense and subsequently by both fine and imprisonment.

The New York Sun has been indicted in Washington City for libel of Gov. Shepherd, in charging him, October 7th with keeping a widow named Mrs. R. F. Mosel as his mistress, and that with the aid of the President he had her appointed in the Treasury Department, though she had never rendered a day's service there. The President, Bristow,

and Mrs. Mosel, who is a very handsome woman, will be necessarily among the witnesses.

The Russian government has begun to issue notes with forced circulation. The Russians are forming a vast fortified camp at Bender, and work is going on night and day. Stores in great quantities are accumulating there.

A special to the Daily News says Grand Duke Nicholas has asked for a reserved force of 100,000 men, and their mobilization has already commenced at St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A Vienna correspondent of the Times reports that at the Wednesday sitting of the conference the question of the cession of Spiezza to Montenegro was brought forward, but the proposition met opposition from several sides.

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The Jacksonville Times says: We learn that Col. W. S. Stone, superintendent of the Oregon and California Stage Co., and Wm. Carll, division agent, had a narrow escape from being robbed the other night. It seems that the robbers, who were aware of their coming, had blockaded the road near Grave creek; but, fortunately, Messrs. Stone and Carll got wind of it, and stopped at Grant's Pass that night, thus spoiling this little game.

The Polk county Tribune says: There has been more wheat sown the past fall than has been for several years past, we are informed. The weather has been unusually good for fall and winter sowing, and a very large acreage has been seeded. The grain sown early in the fall is up and looks well, while the grain put in the ground in the early part of December is also up. The farmers are very busy plowing their lands now, and have been for sometime. From present appearances the yield of grain in Polk county next harvest will be very large.

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We are informed that the writ commanding the appearance of John Parker at Washington City, has been countermanded. President Hayes is preparing his inaugural message. We predict that it will be one of the best ever delivered.

TELEGRAPHIC.

TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 18.—The Congressional committee has been at work today. The Senate committee will not go to Jackson county, but will await witnesses here. Senator Sargent was called on, but the reporters and public were denied admission, the sergeant-at-arms saying he had orders to admit no one. The cards to the chairman were returned with the statement that the session would be secret. The day was consumed in examining the Republican members of the canvassing board. Judge Cookie is summoned to appear before the committee.

The House committee had before it 18 negroes whose names are on the poll list at Richardson's precinct, in Leon county, as having voted there, who swore that they did not vote there and were not at the precinct all day. There were votes in the ballot-box to accord with these names. The committee will summon other witnesses to-morrow. The introduction of colored witnesses to-day and their testimony created a sensation.

The supreme court continued its session to-day for hearing the argument in the mandamus case. The argument will be concluded to-morrow, and the decision probably announced Wednesday. Gen. Lew Wallace arrives to-night.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Times' Tallahassee special says the counsel for the board of canvassers filed to-day their amended answer to the alternate writ of mandamus, and the matter has been the subject of argument before the Supreme Court during the entire day. The amended answer sets forth the grounds upon which the board rejected, or added votes, or otherwise went aside from the face of the returns. The counsel for the Democrats demurred to the answer, with which demurrer Judge Emmons joined issue. The Democrats concluded their argument in support of their demurrer to-day, and the counsel for canvassers will occupy the attention of the court to-morrow.

The Tilden Congressional committee is still at work, but simple trifling away its time for it has accomplished nothing. It will find it difficult to make out a case for Tilden in the light of the proceedings of the past week. The fact is that frauds have all been confined to the Democratic party, and the committee by this time cannot but be aware of this state of affairs. The committee will leave for Jacksonville Wednesday morning.

The Senate committee commenced work this morning in the office of the adjutant general, which had been placed at their disposal. The secretary of state has been called upon by it for all testimony which was produced before the canvassing board, and a corps of clerks is at work copying it. The committee sat with closed doors to-day. The State canvassers were before it.

Senator Conover, of Florida, believes the returning board of Florida will obey the mandate of the court and make a new canvass. The returns on their face will elect the Democratic State ticket, but will not affect the electoral ticket, as the court has no authority to go back of the action of the board, so far as the electoral count is concerned.

Columbia, Dec. 18.—Democrats on the committee abandoned all attempts to change the electoral vote of the State, and are now going hunting for those mythical persons known as intimidators of Democratic negroes. Democrats here have told them that down in Beaulieu there were several negroes who were dying to vote the Democratic ticket, but their wives would not let them, and the committee are on the war path for these intolerant spouses.

The committee are bound to do something, and if they can not show that Tilden carried South Carolina, they hope to prove that he would have got at least a few colored votes, had the Democratic negroes like their candidate remained bachelors.

The committee to-day took testimony introduced by Republicans showing why no regular returns were made from Robbins' precinct, Barwell county, which polled 130 majority, and which was not counted by the State canvassing board. It was proved that the building where the polls was held was fired into by Democrats, and the voting broken up. One of the bullets grazed the head of one of the managers. It was shown why no polls was held at Canaan Fair precinct in Hale county. One of the managers, David Nixon, on going to Block Hill to get the ballot-box, found the following anonymous letter:

To Mr. David Nixon—You had better not go to the voting precinct of Canaan Fair, as we have heard there would be no soldiers there, and we intend to carry that box, or kill you and the other man; so as a friend, I warn you to stay away from there. Take heed to what I say. Your friend, JUDAS.

A similar condition of things was proved to exist at Willow precinct. Managers state that the leaders engaged in intimidation and violence in that precinct were from Georgia.

The following correspondence passed between Hampton and Gov. Chamberlain: ROOMS EXECUTIVE DEPT. COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18th.

To D. H. CHAMBERLAIN, ESQ.—Sir: Having been legally elected and duly inaugurated governor of South Carolina, I call upon you to deliver forthwith into my possession the great seal of the State, State-house, offices, appointments, etc. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, WADE HAMPTON, Governor of South Carolina.

ROOMS EXECUTIVE DEPT. COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18th. To WADE HAMPTON, ESQ.—Dear Sir: Your note demanding the seal of the State, offices, appointments, etc., received. Being legally elected and duly qualified governor of this State, I see no reason why your demand should be complied with.

D. H. CHAMBERLAIN, Governor of South Carolina. The Herald's Columbia special says

that Hampton is proceeding to establish his government. He is determined that it shall not end in a fizzle, as did McRory in Louisiana. He has ample assurances from the property holders in the State and from the banks that all the funds he requires to carry on the government will be forthcoming, and he hereafter paid when the legal legislature passes the tax bill. The significant fact as to the stability of Hampton's government is found in the receipt of letters here from Northern bondholders of the State who are anxious that Hampton should be recognized as governor, when they would be sure of interest on the bonds while they are satisfied of the inability of the Chamberlain government to collect taxes, and consequently their bonds would become worthless. The anticipated first clash in the conflict between the two governments will probably originate with the county officials appointed by the respective governors. Chamberlain has already attempted to remove certain trial justices and appointed others in their places, but the incumbents persistently refuse to acknowledge their pretended successors. In this way a clash is possible any moment.

The "Salt river" boats were never so long getting ready for a start.

The biggest thing in striped stockings this winter is the legs!

The Upper Columbia is closed by ice.

A motto for young lovers—So-fa and no-fa-ther.

Husking bees are now buzzing and young men and maidens are coming across the lid ruby corn.

Peter Cooper says, "Try it again—that's the only way. All but the three highest ruled off the track."

Patrick, lamenting his better half, said: "Och she was a jewel of a wife. She always struck me with the saft end of the mop."

New To-Day: W. G. PIPER, F. M. MILLER, Notary Public.

PIPER & MILLER, Attorneys at Law, Albany, Oregon. Office in Parrott, Beila's first door on the right upstairs.

WILL PRACTICE in the different courts of the State. Special attention given to the collection of all claims related to our city, and prompt returns made. Exam investigation of all contracts, and all legal matters carefully and promptly attended to.

THE Adjustable Spring Bed. BARTLETT'S PATENT, June 21, 1870.

A Luxurious Bed! With Only a Single Mattress! For Durability, Cleanliness and Adjustment, it has no equal.

It is Economical and Noiseless. We challenge comparison with any and every other bed.

TAKE AN Adjustable Spring Bed on trial, if desired, at the manufacturer's risk, to be returned in one week if not entirely satisfactory.

Full size..... \$7.00 Two-thirds..... \$6.00 Single..... 5.00

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F. S. DENNING, Agent at Albany. Sewing Machines Required. COUNTRY PEOPLE will please leave their machines at the Exchange Hotel.

Machines for \$25.00. I sell second-hand machines of every popular make, thoroughly repaired and almost as good as new. Try one. Will remain in Albany one month. ST. MARK ST. ST. FRANCISCO, Cal.

ATTENTION, FRENCH! AT the regular meeting of the Board of Deputies of Albany Free Benevolent Association, held on Thursday, the 4th day of January, 1877, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of electing seven Directors for said Association for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any and all other business that may come before and meet the same.

W. H. QUACKENBUSH, President, doth. FAY! THE term of Montgomery & McCallay, Lebanon, Ind., dissolved in November last. All orders in favor of said firm up to that date are in possession of R. McCallay for collection, who requests immediate payment of the same. Those interested will please take notice and act accordingly. R. MCCALLEY, Lebanon, Or., Dec. 15, 1876-1877.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. NOTICE is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Lin County Agricultural Association at the Court House in the city of Albany, Lin county, Oregon, on Thursday, the 4th day of January, 1877, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of electing seven Directors for said Association for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any and all other business that may come before and meet the same.

W. H. QUACKENBUSH, President, doth. NORTH PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION, Portland, Oregon.

Capital, \$100,000. Gold Coin Basis. Incorporated 1874.

F. WASSERMAN, President. R. QUACKENBUSH, Vice Pres. D. W. WAKEFIELD, Secretary. W. H. LADD, Treasurer. W. H. EFFINGER, Attorney. J. L. QUACKENBUSH, Gen. Agt.

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TAXES! TAXES! Parties who have not paid their city taxes for 1876, are hereby notified that payment must be made immediately, and save cost. Longer time cannot be given. F. M. WESTER, City Marshal.

ALBANY Collegiate Institute, ALBANY, OREGON.

THE FALL TERM of this institution will begin on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1876, with the following:

Faculty of Instruction: Hon. H. W. SEARSON, A. M., President, and Professor of Moral and Social Science. Rev. L. J. POWELL, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Natural Science.

H. H. HEWITT, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages. Miss MARIA HYVINE, Teacher of Primary Department. Miss R. A. BRYMAN, Teacher of Instrumental Music. Dr. R. M. D., Lecturer on Physiology and Hygiene.

Calendar: First Term begins September 1, 1876. Second Term begins November 1, 1876. Third Term begins January 22, 1877. Fourth Term begins April 9, 1877. Year closed on week during the holidays. Closing exercises of the school year, June 15, 1877.

Terms of Tuition: PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, per term..... \$5.00 COMMON BRANCH, per term..... 8.00 HIGHER BRANCHES, including Preparation Latin and Greek..... 11.00 COLLEGE COURSE, including Tuition, 13.00 Greek, Advanced Mathematics, and Moral Science, per term..... 13.00 French and German, each, extra..... 3.00 Board and room, per term..... 6.00 Books, Printing, and Stationery..... 3.00 Tuition, all expenses, per term..... 50.00

Punctual attendance, neatness, promptness and gentleness will be required. No student will be expelled from all who are members of the school. L. J. POWELL.

We Have IT. TODD'S PRESSED YERBA SANTA; OR, Mountain Balm, THE BEST REMEDY IN THE KNOWN WORLD FOR COUGHS, BRONCHITIS, THE THROAT AND LUNGS, AND FOR ASTHMA AND RHEUMATISM.

Selected and gathered on the spurs of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The best found in the hotter climates, when dry, contains fifty per cent. of resin or gold colored gum, the properties of which are stimulating and healing, and especially adapted to the wants of the system in case of Lung disease and Rheumatism.

The high estimate which the Spanish placed upon it, accounts for its medicinal qualities in medicine from the same they gave to it, many years ago—Yerba Santa, or "Herb of the Saints." The natives of Southern Oregon and Northern California have used it immemorially as a Rheumatic remedy. The white population in the region where it grows have used and prized it as a cure for Lung trouble. For a time they called it Lung Weed; but give valuable testimonials as to its virtues in curing Rheumatism.

When you purchase one of our packages, keep it excluded from the air as much as possible. I have used it in my family for four or five years, and it has cured the best family medicine we ever used. A fracture is manufactured from it to Cincinnati, and sold at 75 cents per ounce. A single one of our packages makes 16 ounces of tincture, which is worth \$5. The shrub from which this valuable medicine is gathered, is only found in a narrow belt of country in Southern Oregon, and along the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and is supposed to have been gathered from Mount Gilboa thousands of years ago, and the gum extracted with alcohol, and in fire before the times of Solomon.

Testimonials: Dr. Nicklin, of Eugene, City, says: "Your Balm is one of the best preserved herbs I ever saw, and is worthy of a higher price than you put upon it."

Rev. S. K. Raymond, of Oakland, Oregon, says: "I went to California to recover from Consumption. The Doctors there gave me up, and told me if I had any friends I wished to see I had better go and see them. I could have had a little while longer. On my way to Oregon, I commenced using Mountain Balm; it helped me; I continued its use until I cured me of the disease."

Mr. W. T. Osborne, of Eugene, City, says: "I know a young man who appeared to be in the last stages of consumption, and by using Mountain Balm or Yerba Santa, he became a healthy young man."

Joseph P. Moore, Esq., of Millville, Cal., says: "I have been acquainted with the shrub known as Yerba Santa, for 20 years, and have used it as a very valuable medicine, both for the Lungs and Rheumatism."

Mr. Kimball, of Kimball & Welton, Red Bluff, Cal., says: "I have been acquainted with the shrub known as Yerba Santa, for many years, and know it to be a great Lung medicine."

"I left Missouri with the consumption, Reached Rock Point, Jackson county, Or., and in the last stages of consumption, and by using Mountain Balm, and the leaf more or less, and in four or five days it cleared out my lungs handsomely, and I recovered my health, and now I feel as well as several months, my lungs still seem well."

A. B. C.