

The law of Maine, says the Oregonian, requires the secretary of state to send out blank poll books and tally lists to the various counties to be used in the elections.

The St. Gothard tunnel is reported to be within 300 meters (about 300 yards) of being completed, so that the contractors can probably complete their work as promised in 1880.

It is believed that a large number of tenant farmers of England, who have acquired some wealth, but see nothing in the agricultural outlook to induce them to remain in their own country, will come to this country next season in search of homes.

Jay Gould now controls the following railroads, and he wants more: Union Pacific, Kansas Pacific, Wabash, St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern, Missouri Pacific, St. Joseph and Denver, Colorado Central, Utah Southern, Utah Northern, St. Louis and San Francisco, Paris and Danville, Chicago and Paducah, Chicago and St. Paul, Denver and South Park, Denver and Rio Grande, Hannibal and St. Joseph, Denver Pacific, Detroit and Eel River, and a few minor roads.

The New Albany Ledger-Standard, the most influential democratic journal in Indiana, is out in favor of the incorporation into Indiana of 20,000 Kentucky democrats to be placed upon farms and employed as laborers or skilled artisans.

The two most widely circulated democratic newspapers in the west—the Republican at Cincinnati and the Republican at St. Louis—are agreed touching the folly of Senator Bayard. The former says Bayard has "damned himself needlessly as a presidential candidate," and the latter thinks the Delaware senator "has cooked his goose" as a candidate for the nomination in 1880.

The Indians to the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, have killed about 300 people during the past two months, and the government is offering \$100 for each Indian scalp brought to him. The insurgents, who have been fighting the government for some time, now find better picking among the red skins.

William H. Vanderbilt has sold \$20,000,000 of New York Central Railroad stock to a syndicate composed of Russell Sage, Jay Gould and others. It is intimated that Vanderbilt's object is to employ the proceeds in the construction of a new talked-of through line between New York City and San Francisco. The transfer is beyond doubt the largest stock transaction on record.

The cholera epidemic which created such havoc through Japan this past year, originated from opening the graves of soldiers who died of cholera two years ago, in order to celebrate religious rites for the safety of their souls. Comment is unnecessary.

Ben Hill says the bloody shirt is a "political flag," and that the Republicans "political pirates." That is because they were guilty of the "treason" of whipping the South with muskets a few years ago and are going to whip them again with ballots in 1880.—Platitudes.

If Grant should be taken up by the solid south he would be abandoned by the north, which deserted Greely, the founder of the republican party, so soon as he proposed to shake hands over the bloody chasm.—Memphis Appeal (Dem.)

The House of Representatives has passed a bill authorizing a Government allowance for loss of spirits. Melancholy readers should be calm, however, for the spirits lost must be alcoholic in character.

The streets of Madrid which a few weeks ago were filled with crowds joining in the wedding festivities of their King are now the scenes of riotous demonstrations against the King's advisers.

On the 29th ult., telegrams announced that the weather was getting milder on the continent. At Paris, France, it was thawing after 32 days of frost, during which the thermometer recorded 8 deg. below zero—the coldest weather on record there.

A Sunday two murderers, Sam Woodruff and Joe Seminoe, the latter a half breed Indian, were taken from the Golden, Colorado, jail, and lynched. The murder was a peculiarly atrocious one.

At daylight on the 28th ult., the thermometer fell to 35 deg. below zero at Oxford, N. S., the coldest ever before experienced in that region.

Plays founded on Bible subjects don't succeed in Chicago. The people there want something that they take some interest in and can understand.

A correspondence has recently been discovered proving an alliance between the German socialists and Russian nihilists.

Cynthia Hodgson, producing an abortion, was sentenced on the 29th ult., in the fourth district court of San Francisco, to 10 years in San Quentin.

A London telegram gives an account of the giving way of the bridge over the Tay by which the night train, consisting of four third class, one first class, one second class and the brakeman's van, was precipitated a distance of 88 feet into the river, which averages from 40 to 45 feet in depth. A furious gale prevailed, and eleven girders of the long central spans of the bridge, each 245 feet, and one span of 145 feet in length, gave way, causing the accident. Of all on board the train, passengers and employees of the road, not a soul was saved—all perished. It is believed that 50 people were thus hurried into eternity. A thorough investigation will be made into the causes of so terrible a disaster.

The conduct of the Maine democrats excites more open admiration in the south than it does anywhere else. Most now herd papers of any conservative pretensions, denounce it as shameful. But in the south it is considered by democratic organs as one of the masterpieces of democracy which has been achieved in the north for a long time. The Richmond Dispatch remarks commendably that "Maine is not without true blue democrats," which is just about the way the republicans understand it. The style of proceeding in Maine is indeed "true blue democratic." So were the Texas shooting and the Colorado massacre. The country is very rapidly acquiring an accurate conception of the true blue democratic creed.—Oregonian.

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The President of Peru was at Panama on the 28th ult., en route for the United States.

"Whisky is steady," says the market report. Not so are its imbibers as a rule. Men are going to the Skagit mines from British Columbia almost daily.

Edward McGarratt has been appointed local inspector for Whitcomb county. W. T. Williams, John Smith, Bentswick, first duke of Poland, is dead.

Eight years ago there were 93 prisoners confined in the penitentiary. Now there are 202.

A robber went into Lynch's grocery store at Eugene on Christmas eve and got two dollars for his trouble.

Guard: A few nights since, dogs killed 75 sheep belonging to Mr. Isaac Stevens, who lives on the McKenzie.

The Statesman publishes the names of 60 bachelors who offer themselves after the first of next month.

Tom Denham, of Salem, went out hunting, handling his gun recklessly, and now has but 4 toes on one of his feet.

A. C. Cox, city marshal of Roseburg, was married Wednesday, to Miss Fannie Hall, of Wilbur.

We are in receipt of the Stillacoon Express, resuscitated by S. L. Maxwell. It presents a good appearance, and looks as though it will be a success under his management.

The new and elegant steamer George E. Scarr, which is being built at Seattle, is nearly completed. She belongs to Capt. L. M. Starr, formerly of this city, and it is said that she will be one of the fastest, strongest and most elegant boats on this coast.

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The funeral of our late brother W. A. Hill, was largely attended.

Dr. Churchill, of Michigan, called upon us Tuesday. The Dr. is looking for a location, and may be induced to remain with us.

Duncan Rankin and Ed Zeiss, of this city, on Tuesday started for a ten days' hunt in the mountains.

A number of the boys have a match hunt on Thursday, Jan. 1st.

We understand that the male boarders in one of our up-town boarding houses have agreed to have a match hunt soon after the holidays.

Owing to sickness of employees as well as family and other reasons, we are reluctantly compelled to issue but half a sheet this week.

Miss Nettie Powell, of Portland, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. Piper, son and daughter, of Independence, are visiting in the city.

Prof. Powell and wife have gone to Portland on a visit.

The last chance to get bargains in toys, vases, etc., at J. Joseph's to-day.

You want to get some of those choice steaks and roasts, especially for the holidays, at Central Market—the nicest to be had anywhere.

Goals marked down lower than ever at Mesdames Blevins & Powell's. The latest in millinery, hats and bonnets at lowest figures.

High winds prevailed yesterday. The lunch given by the Ladies' Brass Band on Wednesday was well attended.

Some cases of fever and sore throat reported in the city.

We issue on Wednesday this week. With the new year turn over a new leaf; pay the printer back dues and in advance for the coming year, and you will be sure to be greatly prospered.

Don't forget the New Year's Dinner on Thursday.

The Golden gate has moved into the Revere House, having bought out Pfister Bro's saloon.

The Redfield Bros. are no more as a firm, John Irving and Frank Redfield having formed a partnership and consolidated. The firm-name is now Irving & Redfield, grocers, doing business in the brick west of S. E. Young.

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