

# The Democrat.

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## PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of the State of Oregon.

Through a sense of gratitude for the many benefits and blessings enjoyed by the people of this State during the past year, and in compliance with a venerated custom, I hereby appoint Thursday, the 28th day of the present month, as a day of Thanksgiving.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the city of Salem, this the 6th day of November, A. D., 1878.

W. W. THAYER,  
Governor of Oregon.

By the Governor:  
R. P. EARHART,  
Secretary of State.

## STILL HARBING.

The Oregonian still continues to harp on the matter of State Printing. If that paper will refer to Mr. Hick's report

(the sworn expert in 1874), it will discover that Mr. Carter, the present State Printer, while acting as expert for Mr. Pittock (proprietor of the Oregonian), is about the only man censured for over-allegiance on paper. Again,

Mr. Ansel Bush, at one time State Printer, received just twice the amount of compensation allowed to Mr. Brown, as State Printer, and the journals printed show most extravagant expansion in paragraphing and quad lines, and yet the virtuous Oregonian has no fault to find with Messrs. Pittock or Bush!

There should be a limit to even the shamelessness of a common journalist prostitute.

The Oregonian must stick to the record or go to the wall.

## TIMELY INCOME-TAX.

The New York Sun thus clearly states the facts in relation to the income-tax case of Mr. Tilden, out of which the Radicals are endeavoring to make political capital at his expense. The law provided that if any citizen did not make a return of his income, the taxing officers of the Government should themselves assess the amount of that income, adding thereto fifty per cent. of that amount as a penalty for the failure to make said return; and that this tax should be collected. Being himself unable, as we understand, through the uncertainties and the unsettled nature of a large business, to ascertain with sufficient accuracy to swear to it, what his income really was, Mr. Tilden made no return. The assessment was therefore made; the fine was added, and the tax duly paid. The case was thus fully settled upon the Government's own terms. And yet, twelve or fifteen years afterward, because Mr. Tilden is the Democratic candidate for President, the Republican Administration brings a suit against him! This, we say, is a political persecution, indecent in its nature and discreditable to those by whom it is urged and promoted. In a popular government the use of judicial process as a means of a partisan warfare and official oppression in the natural resort of men, who, if they had the power, would be tyrants; but we have never known a more atrocious instance of this abuse than that in the case in point.

## INDIAN COUSIN RANT.

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## PEN AND SCISSORS.

Jeff. Davis, Jr., son of Hon. Jeff. Davis, died near Memphis, a few days ago, of yellow fever. He was 21 years of age.

The public debt of France is about \$4,500,000,000. The debt is held at home mostly, at a low rate of interest, the population of France is 38,000,000. France was forced to pay Germany \$1,100,000,000 in round numbers.

GREENBACKISM reached its flood tide in Ohio last year, since which it has been on the decline. In Hamilton county where the party polled 9,000 votes in 1877, it polled 800 this year, and in the whole State it polled but 29,000.

THERE are \$130,000,000 invested in gas stocks in Great Britain, and the fear that Mr. Edison's new application of the electric light will render gas useless has caused something like a panic among those whose wealth is invested in these securities.

TOTAL vote of Iowa, 1877, 245,766. Total vote of Iowa, 1878, 253,377. Republican plurality, 1877, 42,193. Republican plurality, 1878, 8,182. Republican loss in one year, 32,011. And when Iowa shrinks this way, the "oldest Republican" must conclude that the foundation of things are breaking up.

The population of Paris is one-eighth of that of France, and pays nearly as much as all the rest of France put together in local taxes. Paris is taxed \$20 per head of its population.

Cook Bay is swarming with salmon this year, and the Nees wants to know why they are not caught and canned.

The Eugene Guard says there has been more fall wheat sown in Lane county this year than ever before.

Mexican dollars bought in San Francisco for 89 cents, are passed on the people of Coos Bay for 100 cents each this season. Ten of them fill a wheat sack.

A party by the name of Johnson's has just left Jacksonville, a horse and \$30 ahead of a toe confiding acquaintance.

Goldsdale has been settled upon by the voters of Klickitat county for their county seat.

THAT FAT PERSON CANNOT BE FOUND.

Not even Edison, with all his inventive genius and mechanical skill, can find a person who will not eat. A fat person will not reduce at the rate of from two to five pounds per week. Those having undesired trials to undergo, will find a fat person to be a "home-bark" and a "home-bone," may be skeptical, but a fat trial will convince them that Alton's "fat person" is not a person, but a fat specimen.

There are 2,000,000 feet of logs now in boom near the mouth of the Skagit river, awaiting a favorable opportunity to be towed to market.

Rev. H. Lyman, of Pacific university, has returned from Walla Walla and is in very feeble health. His son, W. D. Lyman, is teaching in his place.

Clark Smith, U. S. deputy surveyor, left Cornelius Nov. 3d, 1878, with a crew of men, for his surveying contract on the Yaquina, in Western Oregon.

DISPATCHES from the South tell us that physicians have reported 1,500 cases of yellow fever treated by them during the epidemic in New Orleans and not heretofore reported. Maj. H. W. Branham, of the Howard Association, who is now assisting in making a report of the work of the Howards in 1878, expresses the opinion that there have been, during the past four months, 10,000 cases of fever in New Orleans and vicinity. The Howard Association physician did not report a case against him! This, we say, is a political persecution, indecent in its nature and discreditable to those by whom it is urged and promoted. In a popular government the use of judicial process as a means of a partisan warfare and official oppression in the natural resort of men, who, if they had the power, would be tyrants; but we have never known a more atrocious instance of this abuse than that in the case in point.

EX-GOVERNOR Horatio Seymour discourses thus: There must grow out of the industry which produces and the commerce which exchanges, what we make for what we want. We must not let the currency question throw into the shade other vital things. We must answer this eager question of men in trouble. They wish to know, when they will get relief, and how? They will get this when we have enough to sell and when we can sell it. This gives relief at once, even if we had no currency to make more easy the work of buying and selling.

A ROCHESTER (N. Y.) newspaper man being called upon to tell how he obtained certain information published in his paper bearing on a trial now pending, declined to answer, on the grounds that disclosure by him of his informant or informants would seriously injure him in his business as a newspaper man; that the information had been imparted to him under the pledge of secrecy, and that all communications to a newspaper man should be privileged, the same as communications between lawyer and clients—and the court sustained him.

PROVE TOO MUCH.

The cipher districts, if admitted to all that is claimed, prove too much for the Republicans; unless, suggests the Baltimore Sun, we assume that Returning Boards and Electors, known to be corrupt and willing to sell out to Democrats, were incorruptible by Republicans, we must admit not only that these cattle were bought wholesale by the Republican managers, but that they were bought at higher prices than were willing to sell out to the Democrats. For they only asked the Republicans, we must admit to make their people and endeavor to make them good, honest and industrious Christian men and women. Mr. Monteith may conclude to take them on to Washington before he returns, as he received the necessary authority from the Government. The Nez Perces prisoners, part of White Bird's band, under the leadership of Chief Talshoo, guarded by an army officer and six men also accompany them to join Joseph's band. They departed last Tuesday on the steamer for San Francisco. The Nez Perces now on the reservation number 1,162 persons, and the scattering bands of the same tribe will perhaps reach 500 more, a total of 1,662.

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