

The Democrat. The celebrated star Algot has a diameter of 1,160,000 miles, or 250,000 times greater than our sun.

It has been demonstrated that many, and probably most, of the stars are, greater by far than our sun as givers of both light and heat.

The waves to be found are of the Cape of Good Hope, where, at times there are not over half a dozen swells to the mile, but they are not at all dangerous compared with those of other waters.

Bulls surgeons extracted recently from the nose of a girl, seven years of age, a button which had been lodged in that part for three and one-half years.

There were over 8,000,000 legs of mules produced last year in the United States, of which one half were cut steel, less than one fourth cut iron and more than one-fourth wire.

Dr. Leonard J. Condon, president of the Jersey City Board of Health, has made a suggestion that all telegraph poles on which electric wires are strung be painted red, that the public eye be able to distinguish them.

Although valuable now as a storm sign, sometimes eighty and even ninety feet high, the threat to so small that the animal could swallow a bite as large as a tea biscuit. This applies to the common whale, the sperm whale has a mouth large enough to swallow a man.

The correspondent who furnishes political news from Montana to the Oregonian ascribes a crown of being the most bigoted, narrow-minded partisan that ever put pen to paper. He has nothing but abuse for the democrats and senators that abuse with an ample supply of falsehood. He is a model burlesque.

One thing is sure. The Farmers Alliance can never win on the treasury scheme. It is contrary to the established legislation and that principle of equality before the law which is the only sure foundation for the permanency of a republican government.

It is not only in New Hampshire and Connecticut that the republicans, left in a minority at the recent election, are trying to wrest from democracy the fruits of victory. In Illinois, the legislature being close, they threaten to oust four democratic members of the senate, which body is controlled by them. This is for the purpose of re-electing Senator Fawell, the constant promoter of the long and bitter. In Montana, also, there is likely to be a legislative dead-lock, as a result of the crookedness last year.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SALEM, Jan. 6, 1899.

Members of the legislature are coming slowly. By the last of the week they will be in session. Every thing is being done in good order at the capital for the reception of members. Mr. Mitchell will be re-elected without hindrance, and the usual introduction of bills will follow. At the present time, however, if any more bills are to be introduced, they will be confined to a political code, taxation, etc. There will be an effort to repeal our usury and mortgage laws, and as there are strong arguments pro and con concerning these acts, the debates will be edifying. There will be legislation asked to favor the building of railroads. As a consideration of the state's use of the roads, in conveying prisoners, insane etc., the roads shall be exempt from taxation for five years after completion and while in building. As this is intended to favor roads projected to open up our coast line, the richest part of western Oregon in natural resources, there should be no opposition to the measure. The O. P. R. was made exempt from taxation for twenty years. The present request is for five years. This exemption will add very much in the rapid completion of these needed roads. And a railroad once built will increase property values all along its line and bring to the state revenue largely in advance of the tax that it exacts under this proposition. The state would be greatly benefited by this plan for opening up her avenues, property and population would increase rapidly, and thus each new location for homes of the thousands that will come to Oregon yearly for the unlimited future.

PAID UP.

THE FORCE BILL.

The Force bill is practically defeated. Yesterday in the senate when the bill came up, George, of Mississippi, was proceeding to make a speech against it when Stewart of Nevada, (republican) moved that it be displaced by the financial bill. The motion carried by a vote of 34 to 20. The following republican senators, Jones and Stewart of Nevada, McConnell and Shoup of Idaho, Teller and Wallcut of Colorado, Stanford of California and Washburn of Minnesota.

The result was a great surprise to the republicans and the democrats were correspondingly jubilant. The speech which Grandmotherly, Hawley, Sherman and Edmunds saw their little pet Sherman ruthlessly driven from the august presence of grave senators must have been a deeply affecting one. The Bourbonistic spirit which, of late years, has come with such overwhelming influence over our political demerits has not as yet assumed a material form as it saw the last hope of another bloody shirt campaign fast fading out of sight.

The financial bill was then taken up. Stewart offered his free coinage amendment. This Sherman in true Bourbonistic style announced as revolutionary. It is to be hoped that the beginning of the end of the infamous Force bill has been reached.

THAT GREAT SPEECH.

Last week we supplied our readers with Veeber's great speech from the reports we learn that it met with a most hearty reception from our readers. There has been quite a demand for them. We have a limited supply left which may be had by those who would like to distribute them. Call at this office or send stamps at the rate of two cents a copy.

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Buckley's Armita Selve. The best horse in the world for sale, Buckle, Bay, 17 hands, 17 years, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 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