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JAMES PARTON, the eminent historian and literary light, is dead, aged 70 years.

EASTERN elections one week from next Tuesday. Republican prospects are hopeful.

THE Philadelphia Enquirer says Blaine is in the hands of his friends, and that he and Harrison were never on better terms.

MRS. ALLEN G. THURMAN died Saturday, at Columbus, Ohio, at the ripe age of 80 years. She has twice been married, the first time to Mr Tompkins, of Louisville, Kentucky.

THE chartered car idea from Corvallis to the World's Columbian Exposition has been dispensed with, from present silence on the subject. Why don't you talk about it?

How about the canny question? It is a matter of vital importance, and should receive more than passing attention. A canny in Corvallis will mean marvels.

CORVALLIS is becoming progressive. To enlarge on this progressive we must do something to invite the attention of moneyed men in this direction. Capital and industry are especially essential.

GEN. MILES, in his annual report, recommends that the national guard of the country be mobilized or assembled at the World's Columbian Exposition in '93, and that congress make an appropriation to pay the cost of transportation.

TWENTY years ago on Friday night last, Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lamp which set fire to Chicago, which burned up the city and which caused it to be rebuilt in its present solid manner. It is not often that a great fire brings forth such good results.

LIEUTENANT SCHWATKA's report of his Alaska tour confirms other reports made by preceding explorers. The country has magnificent forests and vast mineral wealth, but the rivers are unnavigable, and it will require the building of railroads before the country can be developed.

GROVER CLEVELAND, in a speech the other night before the New York Democratic Club, remarked: "I am a sort of Cassandra in political matters." Out here the Democrats, considering the campaign of 1888, look upon him not only as a Cassandra, but as a hoodoo.

SAYS the Salem Journal: Insane in old age is a hopeless condition, but it is suspected many such are sent to the state asylum by relatives and county courts to unload the expense of keeping them upon the state. I. S. Skains, of Blodgett, Benton county, aged 79, was the latest of this character to arrive.

THE dispatches announce the capture of Constantinople by the Russians, whose strategic advance upon that city has startled the crown-heads of all Europe. With 12,000 Cossacks and 22,000 infantry, they seized the railroad along the coast from Constantinople to Inada, immediately crossed the Coast range and took another railroad leading from Constantinople to Sofia.

ACCORDING to the Boston poll list the whole number of women who have qualified themselves to vote this year in the whole city is only 1589, as against 134,089 men. Last year there was a flurry over the question of sectarianism in the public schools, and the number of women on the polling list run up to 8292; but four-fifths of these 8292 do not feel interest enough in the matter of good school management to qualify themselves for voting when this temporary excitement has passed.

THE EASTERN ELECTIONS.

The progress of the campaign in Ohio does materially change the outlook for party prospects. There is nothing certain so far as the outcome is concerned, but the chances are decidedly in favor of McKinley's election by a decisive majority. If Ohio goes Democratic this fall there will not be much chance for a Republican president in 1892. If McKinley's majority is unusually small, this will still be an indication of Republican weakness, and the Democrats will unquestionably have very favorable prospects. Should McKinley get 30,000 majority, which is the regular Republican vote, it will show that Ohio is still true to party principles and party creed, and that she is by no means a doubtful state in a year of vital issues. If McKinley's majority reaches 40,000, it will look like a veritable landslide, and will lend hope to and increase encouragement in party circles. We predict an unusual majority for Major McKinley.

New York will probably go Democratic this fall. The bulk of the party, and the rank and file of its leadership, are a unit in favor of the state ticket. Ex-President Cleveland's presence and active interest in campaign movements, combined with the Hill clique, are sufficient to harmonize the Democratic factions, and Democratic harmony in New York always means Democratic success. The prohibition plank in the Iowa Republican platform does not give much promise for the success of the party this year, but that state will prove true in 1892. Massachusetts figures largely this year as important to national issues. The state, being strongly manufacturing, wants free raw materials, and it has had democratic tendencies the past four years. Heretofore, on National issues, Massachusetts has been largely republican. Should Russell, Democrat, for governor, carry the state next month, it may be put in the doubtful column for 1892, and the Democrats will have a fighting chance. If Allen is elected by a decisive majority, it will be safe to count on that state as usual, for a big Republican majority.

One thing is certain: The result of the fall elections this year will settle presidential possibilities, so far as party creeds are concerned, in 1892, and if the Democratic party meets with reverses, it will lose all hope for future success. If, on the contrary, the Republican party does not gain materially from last year's reverses, it will be an evident indication of decided weakness. The Republicans can lose considerable ground and still be successful next year, while the Democrats will have to come out with extreme gains to have a fighting chance in the next presidential election. Wait till the votes come in.

AN agent for some sort of "farmers' and merchants' alliance" with headquarters in Portland, is "working" this section, says the Statesman. The scheme is to charge a membership fee, which entitles members to purchase goods "cheaper" than from home merchants. Of course the "suckers" are not all dead yet, and this agent will harvest a part of the crop; but people with ordinary horse sense will dismiss him very suddenly. The local business men of Oregon's towns charge no membership fee for purchases made of them at prices lower and more satisfactory than can be guaranteed by some "alliance," baited for "suckers."

ABOUT three years ago a Michigan man disappeared, and soon afterwards the body of a man who had been murdered was found and identified as that of the missing man. The family buried it. Some time ago they received a letter from an Indiana hospital for the insane, saying that the missing man had been admitted to that institution. He soon recovered his reason, and recently returned to his people. His mind is a blank regarding his life up to the time he was taken to the hospital.

ABOUT BRAZIL.

The Bureau of American Republics, has just issued Bulletin No. 7, entitled "Brazil." It is a very well gotten up volume of 236 pages, well printed and illustrated. Its contents embrace a historical sketch of Brazil, with information in compact form as to its area, population and political divisions; colonization and immigration; forestry and mineral resources; agricultural products; railway and steamship communication, finances, taxation and educational system; commercial advantages and methods; reciprocity arrangements with the United States; commercial statistics; the constitution of the republic; a commercial directory, and the tariff duties of Brazil.

From the constitution we find that Brazil is in advance of the United States in that she provides an educational limitation to citizenship. That instrument requires that persons ignorant of the alphabet shall vote at either federal or state elections. It also excludes from voting all beggars, and all members of communities of any religious denominations who are subject to vows of obedience, etc., which imply the surrender of individual liberty. This prohibition includes all soldiers on pay. The Brazilians are determined that none but free men shall vote, and that they shall be moderately intelligent at least.

For several years past the Dominican republic has been maintaining in its tariff a free list of articles for the special encouragement of its agricultural industries. By the terms of its recent reciprocity arrangement with the United States the free list was to be abolished for all countries except the United States when the reciprocity treaty went into effect. In accordance with this agreement the president of San Domingo, under date of August 8, has published a decree abolishing this free list, and restoring all articles named in it to the rate of duties fixed in the general tariff, which is an average of 60 per cent. ad valorem. By this action the reciprocity treaty is greatly increased in value for the United States. The articles on this free list embraced among others all classes of machinery, tools and implements for the development of agricultural and industrial establishments, tallow and oil for machinery, guano and manures, zinc and galvanized iron, cooperage, sacks of sugar, railroad material and equipment, barbed wire and coal. In addition there was a list of articles admitted at a duty of 10 per cent. ad valorem, which has also been raised to the full tariff rates, embracing wood and lumber of all kinds, shingles, files slate, and all other materials for roofing; bricks, flagstones, cement, iron, steel and copper, in sheets or bars, nails and screws, tubing of iron, copper or lead, cordage, wagons, carts, wheelbarrows, boats and lighters.

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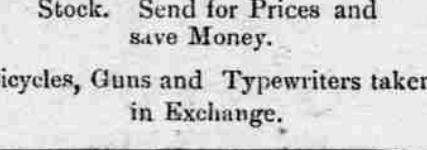
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