## OREGOI SEMTINEL．

## Saturday，December 2， 1882.

## The right to criticise，is one of the most highly prized privileges of our most highly prized privileges of our Amerrienn freedom．It is one too，

 Whioh we do not hesitate to improve， Politics，is particularly productive of criticisms of all kinds，and in every de－gree．It is here，especially，that crit icien too often loses its real character and degenerates into personal abuse．
The real purpose of all proper criti－ cism is，to induce improvement．To wenkness or inefficiency of measures，is to assist in correcting and improving
them．The friction of opposing opin－ iona which finde expression in mutual adverne criticism sharpens，the intellect and improves the methods of the age．
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| Thurlow Weed died last week at his residence in New York in the 86th year of his age．Mr．Weed，was at the time of his death，one of the oldest，and in his time had been，one of the greatest journalists this country has produced．He did as much as any one man，to mould the form，and shape the course，of the Republican party，in the dark days of its birth and early existence．He was a political leader in fact，as well as in name，and was in every way worthy to accupy that posi－ tion．He lead，not by accident or the favor of the machine，but because he was best able to lead．Though fore－ mest in many bitter political conflicts， and has given and received many very hard blows，yet no one ever questioned his motives，or doubted his sincerity． He died at！a good olli age，full of years， and rich in the consciousness of having done much good in his day and gen－ eration and respected，honored and be－ loved by all． <br> The report of the commistioner of The generaf iand effice shows the during the year ending June 30th 1882 |
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 then the objections are showered upon cal animus．This is what is oflled owe upon hy many party leaders，as shrew side dig a grave，and then purh it into practical politics，but it is not patriot－ ism．Every public mesurure shouldfully and freely discussed before adopted．It is not the husiness parties or party leaders to make politi
cal capital，but to contribute to the ex tent of their abilities to the better gov－
ernment of a common country．Here． Cofore，it has been the policy of the frain from the discussion of a mensu proposed by the Republicans，untilafter could not be corrected．If a law wis enacted by Republicans no，substantin objection would be made until the la
had been passed and then，what shoul have been adverse criticism was turne into abuse．It is to be hoped that the
Republicans will lift themselves sufi eiently sbove that narrow party selfisi ess，to pursue the welfare and good expense of a sacrifice of campaign eap．
ital．And we believe they will．We bolieve in the days of a partial Demo－ ontic supremacy soon to come，Repab．
licans will be found nniting in every measure which promises the reatest good to the greatest numb method and measure without referen to campaign capital or mere party suc．
ceas． Governor Moody has appointed
Julius A．Stratoo，Superintendent of the Oregon Peniteotiary vice Hon．A． Bush，resigned．The appointment is highly commended by those－who are is a－responsible office and one which in in not easy to fill；but the Governor in this appointment．

The labor Congress which has， land has framed on act ployers liable for accidents to persons is to be preented to the Legilasure of all the States and the influence of the labor league is pledged to work for
its pasaga．Indiana now has a law similar to this．


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