

OREGON SENTINEL.

JACKSONVILLE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1883.

The story is told of Senator "Zeb Vance, of North Carolina, that soon after his second marriage he remarked to his bride: "My dear, I'm a stubborn fellow, and you may anticipate trouble. Now, in the beginning, while I am submissive, I want to give you one piece of advice. If you follow it we'll get on mighty well. It is this: Make me do just as I darned please."

Postmaster-General Gresham recommends in his report the passage of an act providing that every newspaper which contains an advertisement of a lottery, or any agency thereof, shall be excluded from the mails, and rendering the person who deposits it for sending by mail liable to the penalties which, under the existing laws, he incurs for so depositing a letter or circular concerning lotteries.

The republicans of New York are making earnest preparations for a vigorous campaign next year. The party organization, especially in the metropolis, is to be renovated and strengthened. All divisions of the grand republican army are full of fight and enthusiasm, and the prospects are very bright for painting the empire state democracy a beautiful black and blue in the presidential battle.

A correspondent of the New York "Times" has made careful investigation of the trouble between the whites and blacks on the eve of the late election in Virginia, and says "that whether the shooting was premeditated, or inspired by the presence of a somewhat larger number of negroes than usual in an exciting election period, is left in some doubt, but it is indisputable that the shooting did not take place without any adequate provocation, that the whites did the shooting, and that the negroes were the ones shot at."

The comet which was first discovered some months ago is fast approaching the earth, and astronomers say that on the 25th of January, it will only be about 60,000,000 miles from the earth. It has been decided beyond a doubt that it is the same comet that appeared in 1812, and which an astronomer then predicted would appear again in 71 years—pretty close calculation. It is encouraging to learn that it will be visible in the early evening, and many editors who failed to see the comet of 1882 will have an opportunity to take a squint at it now.

The National Republican Committee has elected Senator Sabin chairman, and fixed June 3 as the date for holding the convention. Sabin, on taking the chair, said: "While deeply sensible of the distinguished courtesy you have conferred, I am doubtless as much surprised as the country at large will be at the announcement of your choice. But, being pressed by all parties, and in the interest of peace and harmony, I cheerfully accept the position. I trust, however, the work of this committee will be characterized with the same unanimity with which I have been elected, and that the next election a Republican President will be chosen with the same unanimous vote of the country." Chicago was selected as the place for holding the convention.

The recent election of Mr. Robinson as Governor of Massachusetts would under ordinary circumstances have made a vacancy in the present delegation from that State in Congress, as Mr. Robinson is a member of the Bay State delegation. The presence of General Butler in the seat of power, whose special prerogative it would be to appoint Mr. Robinson's successor, probably accounts for his delay in resigning his position as Congressman. If a vacancy exists prior to the first Monday in January it would be Governor Butler's duty to fill it by the appointment of a representative to serve until the next regular election. By holding the position until the day of his inauguration as Governor, Mr. Robinson will not only prevent Butler from filling the vacancy, but will secure to himself the privilege of naming his own successor. There is no objection to such a course on the part of Mr. Robinson and under ordinary circumstances the matter would not attract special attention. The bitterness of feeling between Butler and the Republican party of Massachusetts would prevent their leaving a loop hole for any favors to Butler, even though the addition of one more Democrat to the already large majority that party now has in Congress would not materially affect results, but under the present existing facts the privilege of appointing a Congressman for an unexpired term could not consistently be given to Governor Butler.

The recent elections have cleared the sky sufficiently to warrant a few observations for 1884. The whole number of electoral votes is 401, of which a majority is 201. The aggregate electoral votes of the sixteen Southern states is 153. This is 48 short of the needed 201. The Republicans are sure of 177 electoral votes leaving the following states to be classed as doubtful:

Table with 3 columns: State, Votes, Total. Rows: New York (36), California (8), Indiana (15), Nevada (3), New Jersey (9), Total (71).

By the above it will be seen that the Republicans only need 24 electoral votes to elect their candidate, which can be accomplished by the vote of Indiana and New Jersey or the vote of New York alone, while the Democrats must get New York and some of the other states classed as doubtful before they can reach the much-coveted prize. Taken altogether the situation looks more than encouraging to the Republicans and the Democrats will have to wait four years more. So note it be.

It is understood that Gov. Moody will appoint L. R. Webster as circuit judge, vice Hon. H. K. Hanna, resigned. B. F. Dowell (the senior Republican lawyer in the district and entitled to the position) would no doubt like to don the judicial ermine; but unfortunately for him, he is not in accord with the managers of the Republican machine here, and they lost no time in nipping his boom in the bud. Mr. Webster, although but recently admitted to the bar, is possessed of a good legal mind, and being industrious, and ambitious, will probably make a satisfactory judge. His appointment lasts until next July.—"Times."

The "Times" this week has an article to the effect that L. R. Webster would be appointed circuit Judge of this district and that B. F. Dowell desired the honor, but the Republicans opposed him. Now Governor Moody will no doubt appoint L. R. Webster, but it is utterly false that B. F. Dowell desired the appointment. It is an honor no doubt he would like to enjoy; but his practice is upwards of three thousand dollars a year and he cannot afford to accept the Judgeship which is only worth two thousand dollars a year, and he told his friends from the beginning, who desired him to take the position, he could not afford to accept it. If he had desired the position we have no doubt he could have obtained a large majority of the Republicans of this circuit.

Upon the question of polygamy the president is employed in the interest of anti-polygamy measures. He says: I am convinced, however, that polygamy has become strongly entrenched in the territory of Utah, and that it is profitable to attack it with any but the stoutest weapons which constitutional legislation can make. I favor, therefore, the repeal of the act upon which the existing government depends, and the resumption by the national legislature of the entire political control of the territory, and the establishment of a commission, with such power and duties as should be delegated to it by law.

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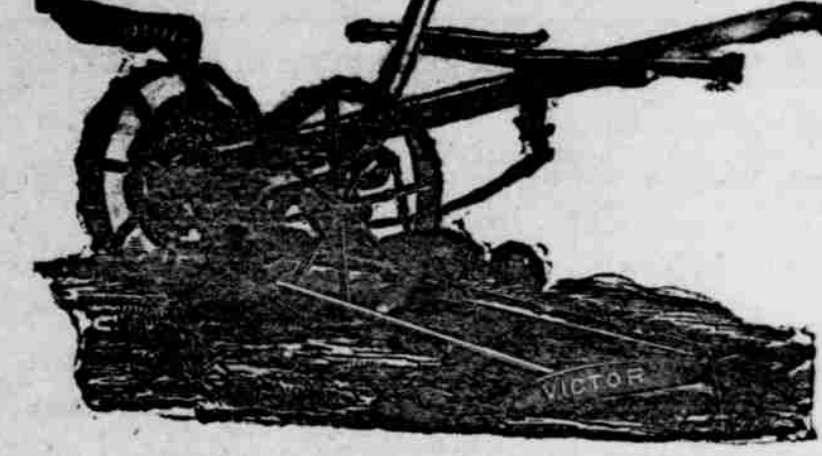
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