

Merry Christmas.

Again we are on the eve of another celebration of the "day of all days" dear to the hearts of Christians. Varied are the scenes brought to mind, as we roll back the tide of nineteen centuries and bring anew to our vision the genesis of that "grand plan" which was to free the people from the thralldom of sin, and open up to them an avenue by which they might escape the horrors which had hitherto threatened them.

TOO TRANSPARENT.

Much has been said by the Democratic papers of the State concerning the defalcation of the Woods-May administration. Before the last election, charges of a serious nature were made against the Republican officers of State, and the people were assured that if the Democratic party was successful that these frauds would all be searched out, and the guilty parties brought to justice.

The most ridiculous thing connected with this whole matter, however, is that the managers of this affair should take the pains to get an indictment against an officer charged with high crimes and misdemeanors, and before the accused is arrested publish the indictment to the world, and like the boy who was going to butt the bull off the bridge, take their laugh before hand, for fear they miss it entirely.

should be punished to the full extent of the law. We are of the opinion, however, that this is gotten up for political purposes. Our reasons for this are:

1st. If the crimes had been committed, the Democrats would have been anxious to have investigated the affair at the commencement of their administration, so that Woods and May, or any other parties who might be guilty of crimes would be brought to justice before they had an opportunity to escape.

2d. The fact of the parties all being in town together for months after the change of administration, and no steps being taken to bring the guilty ones, if such there were, to justice, proves that there was no crime committed; or, that the party in power was negligent of duty and to that extent were accessory thereto.

3d. If the party in power have been derelict in duty, they have lain themselves liable to a charge of malfeasance in office, and their bringing out these indictments at this late date would convict them, even if they are sustained.

4th. The publishing of the indictments before any arrests were made, contrary to all common practices, shows conclusively that the calculation on the part of the present officials was, to allow the parties charged ample time to escape, and thus give them a heavy lever to be used in the coming campaign.

These, and other reasons which might be given, prove conclusively that the party in power have grossly neglected their duty, in allowing persons guilty of crime to escape unpunished, and thereby incurred heavy guilt upon themselves,—that they were cognizant of the crimes committed, were accessory thereto and shared the plunder, or, the whole thing is a fabrication from beginning to end, concocted for political effect.

WHAT A CHANGE!

A few years ago every paper published north of Mason and Dixon's line was filled with advertisements commencing with the picture of a forlorn looking negro woman in a tow shirt, with a bandanna tied round her head, a stick and bundle in her hand, and running like a rebel before Grant, followed by such words as: "Run away from my plantation on Sunday last, Susan, a likely young wench, nearly white, good looking, very intelligent, medium size, about eighteen years old, and a good field hand, the property of the undersigned. Any one who will capture and return said slave to my possession shall be handsomely rewarded."

In the last eight years the Democracy have wept and cursed, and cursed and wept again, over the loss of "Susan," because the good looking field hand is no longer the "property of the undersigned." And they have gnashed their teeth and bewailed the loss of those pretty pictures, (?) and the disappearance of their favorite literature from the columns of the newspapers. The world rolls on; and the husband and father and brother of the "property of the undersigned" is a citizen and a voter—"Susan" rejoices to know that she is a human being.

And the editor of the Salem Mercury of the 19th inst. says that "the colored people are generally industrious, law-abiding citizens," feels inclined to encourage them, wishes them a happy time and a prosperous future, and admits that "prejudices against these people are gradually giving way before the march of an enlightened philanthropy!"

Notwithstanding all this, would not the editor rejoice if the Democracy could find someone who could beat Grant in the next campaign? Someone pledged to the "time honored principles of Democracy," who would for a fair remuneration return "Susan" to the "undersigned," and the "pretty pictures," and the "cherished literature" of the olden time? We pause for a reply.

The Japanese make a paper cloth which can be washed without injury.

EX-SENATOR WILLIAMS IN THE CABINET.

The appointment of the Hon. Geo. H. Williams to the position of Attorney General is an acknowledgment of that gentleman's ability, as understood by the heads of the Government, and will, we feel assured, meet the approval of his constituents here. From the time Mr. Williams entered the Senate to the present, he has steadily risen in the estimation of the people; and his acknowledged ability, added to his consistent course, has won for him the laurels which he now enjoys. On the morning of the 15th inst, a large number of gentlemen from the Pacific Coast, including members of Congress, etc., waited upon him to tender congratulations. In reply to them Mr. Williams spoke as follows:

"I promise all whom it may concern that when I am at the head of the Department of Justice in this Government, so far as the jurisdiction of that Department may go, its mandates will be dispensed without fear or favor, with equal vigor and respect for all classes and conditions of men. I know not what there may be in the clamor now made about official delinquencies in Federal offices, but so far as exposure and prosecution of such delinquencies devolve upon the Department of Justice, no partisan consideration will have weight, and no pains will be spared to bring the guilty to speedy, condign punishment. I deeply regret that in some portions of the country a spirit of lawlessness seemed to prevail. I will favor every consideration of kindness to induce obedience to law; but if no other means will answer, then I am for using the whole power of the country in the most vigorous and effective manner to crush out conspiracy against the peace of society and the safety of unoffending citizens. Governments are primarily established to protect the weak against the strong, and if this Government fails to perform its functions in that respect, it has a poor claim to the support and loyalty of its citizens. No one in sight of recent events in New York or elsewhere can take office now and escape the vigilant eye of the people, and nothing but a complete and upright devotion to duty will give general satisfaction. I shall struggle to meet the popular demands as well as to meet the expectation of my friends; with how much success time and events will determine. I have the honor to be the first Cabinet Officer taken from the Pacific Coast—California, Nevada, Oregon and the Territories of the far West may now consider themselves recognized and represented in every branch of the Government. I do not effect indifference to party matters, because I have been elected to office. I belong to the Republican party. I believe in its principles and politics, and I have a profound conviction that its ascendancy for some time to come is necessary to the preservation of peace and enforcement of law. Subordinate to my official obligations, everything that I can reasonably and honorably, I shall earnestly do to secure its triumph in the next Presidential election."

WHAT NEXT?—Death and destruction seem to be holding high carnival all over the land. Conflagrations have ruined some of the finest portions of our country, as well as one of the largest and richest cities of the Union. Cholera and other contagious disorders have swept their thousands, and now comes the news of drifting storms of sand in lower California, which covered and destroyed large amounts of property and some lives. The town of San Diego is said to have been visited by one of these storms, recently, which was described as terrific. Surely, life and property is uncertain, and as we contemplate the various destructive agencies which have been at work, we wonder what next will come in the capacity of destroyer.

THE LAST SENSATION.—The last sensation in political circles, is the project of impeaching President Grant, by the Democrats. On what grounds we have not yet learned. The very idea sets us all of a quiver, and we are feign to exclaim, in the classic parlance of the school-boy—"What'll you take to don't?"

A man's religion, like his dialect, betrays itself in his every word and action. He can no more hide the one, than he can conceal the other. No matter what his profession, his every-day course will be the standard by which he will be measured by his fellows.

The Treasurer of Benton County has paid into the State Treasury \$9,103 96, being the amount due the State from that county.

State Items.

[Gleanings from State Exchanger.] Three vessels arrived at Gardner last week.

Albany is indulging in the luxury of street lamps.

The water tank at the depot at Salem holds 38,000 gallons.

Good sleighing is reported in different parts of the State.

The suit of Clarke vs. Watkins, has been changed from Marion to Linn County.

R. H. Sullivan was convicted of forgery, and sent to the Penitentiary from Douglas County last week.

Grading on the O. & C. Railroad has reached a point sixty miles south of Eugene—so says the Guard.

The surveying party of the West Side Railroad reached Junction City the 13th inst.

The Statesman speaks in high terms of Mr. William Parrott, of Salem, and styles him a "native artist."

A number of sea gulls have been rusticated about Salem for a few days.

The West Side Railroad is to be permanently located through Polk and Benton Counties in a few days.

H. H. Gilfrey, private secretary to the Governor, has gone East on a visit.

The Willamette Transportation Co are running boats regularly between Salem and Portland.

East Portland is reported to be rapidly increasing in population, and improving in general appearance.

The West Side Railroad is completed to Cornelius, twenty-three miles from Portland.

There is eight inches of snow in Salem, and stock men are looking very blue.

The wolves in Oshoco Valley are so large and savage that they actually kill grown cattle.

William Sherwood has been adjudged insane by the authorities of Coos County.

The Bulletin is complaining that the reign of blue beef is again inaugurated in Portland.

Lively times are reported on the Willamette between Portland and Oregon City, caused by the steamboat opposition.

DALLAS.—The large and splendid engine lately put upon the track of the Oregon Central Railroad is called Dallas.

The water pipes at Salem are frozen up, and many of the citizens are compelled to drink whisky, which is a great hardship.

The body of Robert Heuchin, who was mentioned as having been drowned some weeks ago in Curry County, has been found.

A gravel train on the O. & C. Railroad ran off the track near Harrisburg one day last week, killing two Chinamen, and injuring several others.

Mr. Woodruff, formerly of Chicago, has purchased property in Albany, and is going to start a large carriage factory there.

We learn from the Plaindealer that four of the family of Mr. Cannutt, living near Oakland, are sick with the small pox. Precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

A RUSSIAN PAPER.—Somebody has been kind enough to send us a copy of the Alaska Herald, a paper published partly in the Russian language. It hangs Banagher the way the consorts are hustled together. There is no man on earth but a Russian or Welshman that can handle such a mouthful of consonants, and use them intelligently, without dislocating his jaws. The letters seem to be English characters turned up-side down, turned over, back to front, and back to place, then crossed with lines to indicate their individuality. As a specimen of how they write the language of the Russian bear, we give the following, as near as we can define the letters: "Pyekar ghoiotekr, mbi hmbemb hnteto."—Herald.

From the Portland dailies we call as follows: Miss Eva A. Ford, the young lady who received the first premium for penmanship at the State Fair, has been engaged by Taylor & Smith as an assistant teacher at the Portland Academy.—John M. Beck, City Assessor, has completed his labors and returned to the auditor the assessment rolls. The amount of taxable property will foot up in the neighborhood of \$9,000,000.—Parties from the Dalles report the weather as being intensely cold, and that the Columbia is full of floating ice. Dispatches received on Sunday night from Umattilla and Wallula are to the same effect. It is hardly probable that the boat will be able to make the connection above the Cascades this morning. It is feared that the ice will jam at Crate's Point, a few miles below the Dalles, in which event, navigation on the Columbia will be suspended for the present.—The presence in our city during the past few days of so many of the leaders of the Democratic party, would indicate that something was up.

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A HOUSE AND LOT IN CENTRAL Salem, near the two Central School Houses. The House contains Eight Rooms, all Plastered, with Hard Finish, Barn, Wood House, and all conveniences to make it desirable.

A FINE MILL SITE IN SOUTH SALEM, on Willamette Slough. A block of Six Lots, enclosed with Board Fence, good House, Barn, &c.

A GOOD STOCK FARM, CONTAINING 480 Acres, good House, two Barns, Orchard, &c., situated on Upper Salt Creek, 7 miles from Dallas.

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THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES of land, 200 acres under fence, 25 acres cultivated, good log barn, with lumber for house, good orchard, living water near all the year round. 3 miles south-west of Simpson's Bridge, Big Luckiamute.

A FIRST-CLASS FARM, SITUATED AT Pleasant Hill, about two miles from Sheridan, in Polk County, containing 450 acres, all under fence, 200 acres in cultivation, good Barn, Orchard, and a comfortable farm House. For sale at the low price of fifteen dollars per acre.

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[AT THE OLD CORNER.] HOLMAN BLOCK, COMMERCIAL STREET, SALEM.

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All kinds of Produce taken in Exchange. We cannot be undersold. Please give us a call. No trouble to show goods. Everybody call. 37-4f J. B. & M. HIRSCH.

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