

SWIFT CHARITY

The Christmas tide dawns upon the people of the country this year under no very auspicious circumstances, and it will be a marked event in the history of the present century that the greatest distress was felt during the present winter and the poor suffered more intensely than during any previous season.

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This is some more secession doctrine from the editorial columns of the Albany Democrat: "States' rights' pure and simple is the doctrine that all the powers of legislation and administration that are not delegated to the United States are reserved to the states."

Our Savior said, when his disciples spoke of the apparent waste committed by one of his dearest followers, that the woman was anointing him to his funeral, and the poor was with him always.

In accordance with the joint resolution of congress President Cleveland has sent his message on the Hawaiian question to that body.

The expression of Senator Hoar, in which he denominated Mr. Cleveland a "Democratic usurper," may not be literally correct, but that he has acted arbitrarily, trampled under foot the constitution, and assumed dictatorial powers no one will deny.

Yesterday, in the U. S. court in Portland James A. Lotan, Whitney Boise and Thomas Jordan testified in their own behalf, and emphatically the stories that Nat Blum has given as evidence.

The Portland Oregonian has said nothing editorially regarding the frauds that have been brought to light with respect to smuggling opium and the illegal landing of Chinese in that city.

The Salem Independent, several days ago, published an item stating that the board had long ago decided upon Pendleton as the site for the location of the insane asylum, and that the visit of the board of physicians was simply a junketing party.

THE BRANCH ASYLUM.

During the last session of the legislature a bill was passed providing that a site for a branch insane asylum, to be known as "the Eastern Oregon insane asylum," should be located within sixty days after the act became a law, and the emergency clause provided that this should take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

London, Dec. 19.—In the house of commons yesterday, Thomas Sexton, anti-Parellite member for North Kerry, questioned the government regarding the statement as to discrimination being made on religious grounds in the selection of jurors in Ireland.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The annual report of Secretary of the Treasury Cullum was sent to congress today. It shows that during the first five months of the present fiscal year the expenditures of the government exceeded the receipts \$29,918,095.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Governor Penney, referring to the resolutions of the Salem grange, demanding that the governor should receive only his constitutional salary, said today: "The governor now receives only \$19,123.389, for the same reason, his constitutional duties, if the law imposes upon him additional duties and provides for such compensation."

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Winnipeg, Pa., Dec. 21.—There was a deplorable accident near two women at Cork Lane, near here, Tuesday night. During the Lehigh valley strike the woman of Cork Lane caused the company a great deal of trouble, and during the last week detectives disguised as railroad men and miners have been endeavoring to collect sufficient evidence to arrest some of them.

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