

The Closing Year.

Before we shall have visited our readers again, the present year will have expired; you will have heard his death knell rung out on the solemn midnight air; 1871 will have been numbered among the things that were, and the year 1872 will have entered upon its career of passage along the path of time.

It Makes Them Squirm.

The Radical papers continue to be terribly exercised over the damaging report made by the Multnomah County Grand Jury, and are devoting almost their entire time and space to break the effects which that document has had on the tax-payers of that county.

More Evidence.

The following is an extract from the Report of the Multnomah County Grand Jury, made at the December term of the Circuit Court. The Jury which made this report was composed of five Radicals and two Democrats.

Woman suffrage appears to be making but little progress just now. Its advocates have pointed triumphantly to the experiment in Wyoming Territory as a bright example of the system's benefits, and a complete and rounded argument in favor of woman's enfranchisement all over the country; but just as people began to think that experiment a success, it has been pronounced a failure by the verdict of a Legislature chosen by the whole body of male and female voters.

The "Salem Clique."

By our Radical exchanges we are informed that there exists a terrible clique at Salem which is committing all kinds of depredations upon the rights of the people. The origin of this "clique" business dates back many years, and at one time was so unpopular in the eyes of the people that it was only necessary, in order to "kill off" a man, to say that he belonged to the "Salem Clique."

We extract the following paragraph from an article in the New York World on the often-heard expression that the Democratic party of that State is dead: "There is a class of persons who delight in wild assertions of the death of the Democratic party, owing to the recent elections. That in a majority of cases the wish is father to the assertion will soon be pretty conclusively shown.

Recognized as Joe Thomas.—A gentleman named Davis, says the Bulletin, arrived from St. Louis, Mo., by the Orléans, who recognizes "Wrestling Joe" as the original Joe Thomas. Mr. Davis is a respectable citizen of St. Louis, where he follows the occupation of a brick mason, and states that he knew the old man twenty years ago, when he was keeping an eating house near the old market.

Drugs and geese have been very plentiful around Corvallis, lately, and the Gazette tells this story of one of its Nimrods: "One of our townsmen better skilled in the use of 'goose and chisel' than fowling, preceded, concluded a few evenings since, to try his hand at duck hunting. Having an old fashioned musket in the house, he carefully took it down, cleaned it up, and poured a quantity of powder and shot down the capacious muzzle and sallied forth in quest of ducks.

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The Territories.

Yakima Valley is rapidly settling up. The weather has been very severe at Olympia. Col. Barry, lately stationed at Fort Lapwai, has gone to Arizona.

ROLL OF HONOR.—Prof. Rogers informs the Salem Statesman that the "Temperance Pledge" has been signed by more than eight hundred of the youth of Oregon, and that others are enrolling their names almost daily.

GENUINE CONSISTENCY.—Speaking of the New York election, the Huntington Democrat very properly remarks: "The Democratic party, having shown the country that its motives are pure, and that it will not compound with wrong-doing in its own party, may with proper grace and genuine consistency arraign the Republican party before the country and demand that it shall do likewise."

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Owyhee Mining Items.

The Red Mountain is yielding about \$45 ore. The stage time from Silver City to Winnemucca is 48 hours. The mining prospect of Owyhee is brighter than ever before.

THE DIFFICULTY.—Western whisky is now raised to proof with oil of vitriol, to account for the growing looseness of the Western palate. The difficulty experienced by the distillers is that when the liquor is made sufficiently strong for their customers' throats, it burns all the staves out of the barrels.

OREGON CITY PRICES CURRENT. The following are the prices paid for produce, and the prices at which other articles are selling, in this market: WHEAT—White, per bushel, \$1.25. OATS—per bushel, 75 cts. POTATOES—per bushel, \$1.00 cts.

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