

Happy New Year.

Before another number of the ENTERPRISE shall reach our patrons the year 1872 will be numbered with its predecessors. The joys and sorrows which have been created during its passage will be things of the past.

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The Senate Backsliding on the Question of Revenue Reform.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, under date of the 12th inst., says "The Senate, after having devoted three days to the consideration of the bills on its calendar, laid it aside this afternoon to resume the internal revenue office-holders, who rendered such good service in the recent Presidential campaign.

It does not reduce the number of collection districts; it does not disperse with the services of a single collector; and although it provides for the discharge of the Assessors, it authorizes the appointment of twenty-five new revenue agents, which places will be given to the most active politicians among the present assessors.

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Losses by the Portland Fire.

The following is a list of the persons who lost by the fire at Portland, last Sunday, with the amount each lost: which we take from the Herald of last Tuesday:

Parish, Wainwright & Cornell, \$50; no insurance. G. L. Traver, sewing machines, \$1,200; no insurance. E. W. Egan, Justice of the Peace, \$1,000; no insurance.

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State Items.

Snow fell to the depth of six inches at the Dalles on last Friday. The whole number of pupils in the public school at Salem is 468.

The National College, burned out Sunday, will reopen in Gilman's Block. Their loss is about \$1000 in furniture.

The town of Union, in Union county, claims to have a majority of all the votes cast in the election for Governor.

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Telegraphic News.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—Thomas L. Bond, a prisoner in the county jail, under conviction for assault with intent to kill Rev. J. Thompson, met his throat with a pen-knife this morning. It is thought he cannot recover.

TOLEDO, Dec. 20.—The theft of a body from a grave yard by students of the Charity Hospital Medical College for dissection, some weeks ago, has been discovered. The corpse was that of a victim of small pox, though this was not known until the body had been conveyed to the dissecting room, which is a large block in the heart of the city, occupied in the lower part for stores and offices, and above for lodging rooms and the Medical College. The contagion was not only disseminated through the building and taken by the unacquainted occupants, but was carried by the students to their boarding places, and has been widely spread through the city.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—In the matter of the Supreme Court and the Louisiana delegation it was subsequently ascertained that the delegation in question is not to be sent to New Orleans for the purpose stated. The Louisiana committee, at a meeting this afternoon, agreed to issue an address to the people of the United States, setting forth the law and facts in the case now disturbing that State and petition Congress to take immediate action in the matter. The committee adjourned to meet in New Orleans on Monday next, having been invited by prominent men of all parties to visit New Orleans and lay the matter before the people.

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