

Another six months will bring us to the regular biennial election of the State, and the arguments of newspapers and preparation of politicians already begun. Two years ago we have already seen the chances of Republican success almost hopeless, but the contest was faithfully fought and the defeat was as small as to be discarded.

In reviewing the circumstances which are to have weight in the coming contest, we find that Democracy labors under the stigma of defeat in every Northern State, having lost California where they have had, since 1876, the workings of Tammany had heretofore made Democracy omnipotent.

These successive defeats show that the party has no money, and the feelings of the people, and wherever it has had power it has used it so corruptly that the people have risen in the majesty of their power to put it down. Instance of this has notably appeared at the Fall election in California, where legislation of the most corrupt nature has disgraced the State.

To offset the logic of these events the party in our State is circulating industriously the reports of corruption in the national administration, which does not exist. Grant is painted as blacker than night and all his officials are corrupt and unworthy. This clamor has availed nothing elsewhere, for all the proof the opposition has of dishonesty in the government is furnished by the administration itself, which offenders it is to punish and make the offenders known to the people.

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The Indian Policy.

The Indian policy of the President is the subject of much comment. The necessity of civilizing the wild and hostile tribes is apparent; the way to do it is not so apparent. The Arizona Apaches have been the greatest terror of any Indians ever known upon the continent, and the settlement and improvement of that Territory and New Mexico has been retarded by their implacable hostility and ferocity.

Those persons who favor either policy exclusively are doubtless at fault. Part of the Indians have had enough of predatory warfare and have gone upon reservations realising the good things they have in the United States. Government rations, blankets and clothing. No doubt it is cheaper to keep them so than to carry on campaigns against them, and no one can dispute the policy of keeping these peaceful and attempting to civilize them.

It is true that the Indians have been greatly imposed on by white men, and Government promises have not been faithfully kept, and in many instances agents have defrauded the very Indians they were appointed to protect. The Apaches seem to much resemble the Snakes of Eastern Oregon, who were lately hostile, but were subjugated by Gen. Crook. These bands were thievish and numerous always. Their lands were out of the way of travel, but they waylaid the emigrant train to commit the most dreadful atrocities and plunder trains. This state of things existed until Gen. Crook took the field and subdued them, and now the most of them are on the reservations and the country they have occupied is for the first time safe for white men to traverse.

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The City and County.

INNOCEENT.—Mr. A. H. Burrows, Sage Agent from Eugene, informs us that in relation to the lady who said "patterns," one of her yesterday was incorrect, for though she went on same stage to California with the shoe merchant, she did not go to her home in Stockton, Cal., to a friend in Eugene. The lady bears a good character and we are glad to hear she is well.

AT THE DEPOT.—The down freight train left the depot yesterday afternoon, with eight cars of wheat, five of four, one of merchandise. The same train brought one car of fax and one of merchandise, which were left at this place.

Mrs. MINNIE MYRTLE MILLER.—This lady makes her first appearance at a public lecture this evening at Portland. Mrs. Miller has won great notoriety as a writer, and doubtless will receive general encouragement as a lecturer.

CHURCH FESTIVAL.—Though the evening was not the most pleasant, yet the attendance at the Opera House last night was quite large, and the festival was quite a success. The Baptist ladies evidently knew how to get up a supper, as the well served table seemed to be the most attractive feature of the evening. What the receipts were, we are not informed. The season of socials has really begun, so let us have more of them. Social intercourse is profitable as well as pleasant.

HEARD FROM.—We stated, a few months ago, that a young man named Patrick Walsh had left the city some six weeks ago, and from the fact of his leaving his trunk behind, and not having been heard of since, many were led to believe that a calamity of some kind had befallen him. Yesterday we were informed that Patrick Walsh was at work on the West Side Railroad, a few miles from Portland. We make this statement for the benefit of those here who are in any way interested in his welfare.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The Mercery office broke out in a new spot Sunday, and so pungent was its influence that the whole side of the building it occupied, and all the surrounding buildings, were so completely enveloped in flames that it was a matter of time before the building would be reduced to a mass of smoking ruins. The fire broke out in a new spot Sunday, and so pungent was its influence that the whole side of the building it occupied, and all the surrounding buildings, were so completely enveloped in flames that it was a matter of time before the building would be reduced to a mass of smoking ruins.

Great Court Proceedings.

Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Marion, met at one o'clock P. M. yesterday. Present: Judge Waterman, Thos. Moisan, Wm. Spangling, F. N. Woodworth, D. Stratton and A. M. Shelby were excused from serving at this term of court.

Following list of Grand Jury was drawn to serve during this term of court: James C. P. Stratton, Foreman. Jacob Wolf admitted to citizenship. State of Oregon vs. Charles Parker. Cause continued for service.

AMY FARROT vs. Lewis P. Parrot. Eugene. Motion appointed Referee to take testimony, and report to the Court. Samuel Penner vs. Thos. Penner. Leave granted to amend verification. M. J. Sheppard vs. Uralah Sheppard. Cause continued for publication. James G. Wyal vs. Julia A. Wyal. Major Lord appointed referee.

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How to be a Spiritualist.

Many persons are anxiously inquiring for some explanation of the wonderful spiritual phenomena which they have witnessed, and of which they have heard so much during the past few years. The following item may assist them in a little in this work.

A contribution to the literature of Spiritualism is made every week in a published letter from Mr. Faulkner, philosophical instrument maker, No. 40 Endless street, London. Mr. Faulkner writes that for many years he has had a large sale for spirit-rapping magnets and batteries expressly made for rapping. He has also made a number of spirit-rapping boards, under tables, and even for the interior of the centre support of large round tables. He has also made a number of spirit-rapping boards, under tables, and even for the interior of the centre support of large round tables.

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Miscellaneous.

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