

An Honorable Soldier.

The letter which announced the resignation by Marshal MacMahon of the presidency of France is the letter of an honorable soldier. We can understand why republican France could not permit her immense army to be led by generals of Imperial habits of thought, and how the soldier president, who has been their companion in arms, could not become the agent of their dismissal. In point of fact, we do not know that the Republic had any cause of complaint against these generals. They are known as more or less in sympathy with the Imperialists, and in consequence the republican leaders deemed the Republic imperilled by retaining them in command of important posts in the army. The Marshal did not share this apprehension. An Imperialist at heart himself, yet in his own view true to his trust as the president of the Republic, he would see no danger in retaining men of similar political views in command of the army. But while the manliness of the Marshal's letter will be admitted, the necessity under which the republican leaders acted is none the less apparent. The army must be in sympathy with the nation. It is not a question of parties under a republican form of government, as with us, but of friends and opponents of the prevailing form of government. In this country we do not ask whether an officer is a republican or a democrat, but we require him to be loyal to the Union. The republican leaders demand the same in France. They are determined that the army shall be loyal to the Republic. Marshal MacMahon's sympathies as a soldier, and his views as a politician, combined to render the necessary removals by his own hand inconsistent with his self-respect. He resigns, and is more respected in France and America than if he submitted to a policy, wise and just in itself, but in conflict with views he was known to entertain.

Fraactical Retrenchment.

Mobile finds herself so hopelessly in debt, that, following the example of Memphis, the city proposes to surrender its charter, and effect a complete re-organization of municipal affairs. For this purpose a bill has been prepared and presented to the legislature of Alabama, creating a board of commissioners of eight, to hold office provisionally until the affairs of the city can be organized upon a permanent basis. The Register says:

If this plan is adopted, taxation for city purposes during the next two years will not exceed 6-10 of one per cent. and the administration of the city affairs will be conducted upon a basis of \$100,000 per annum. This settlement of the debt is based upon the plan adopted by the state of Alabama, which appointed three commissioners to make an adjustment of its debts on the basis of its resources, which adjustment, when made, with the consent of the state creditors, was ratified by the legislature.

The same paper announces that Mobile has no intention of cheating her creditors, but is only anxious to arrange her debts on some naturally satisfactory basis.

The course of the government in dealing with Sitting Bull will be to require him and his people to surrender as prisoners of war, or else go back to Canada.

Insurance Failures.

Stupendous conflagrations and dishonest management have played havoc among the New York insurance companies. Superintendent Smyth, of the Insurance department of that state, has reported to the legislature that in a period of ten years there have been thirty-four failures of fire and twenty-one of life insurance companies. The condition of these companies is particularized. At this time there are twenty acting receivers, and thirteen receivers have completed their duties. Seventeen receivers of fire insurance companies are now acting, and four have finished the work. There was one failure of a fire insurance company in 1869; twenty-one in 1871, the year of the Chicago fire; five in 1872, the year of the Boston fire; one in 1876, two in 1877, and three in 1878. Of life companies, there was one failure in 1870, three in 1878, four in 1872, six in 1873, two in 1875, two in 1876, and two in 1877.

A Chance to Prove the Adage.

"The word of an honest man is as good as his bond," is an old saying, and it might be added, that it is sometimes a great deal better than an official bond, which, in these times, when forfeited, is but seldom paid. It is discovered that the state treasurer of Missouri is serving without bond, and it remains to be seen, after the affairs of the treasury have been examined into, whether his duties have been honestly discharged, despite that requirement. The bond of the state treasurer of Missouri is very heavy. We cannot state the precise figure, but the St. Louis Republican thinks it ought to be reduced to \$750,000 or \$500,000. The man must have friends that repose great confidence in his integrity, who will go on a bond for either of these large sums.

The Condition of Oregon.

Oregon does not rapidly increase in population. The want of railroad connection is the cause. Her great future has yet to come. Fifty years hence she will be among the richest and greatest states of the Union. But, notwithstanding all the difficulties against which she has to contend, Oregon is growing and prospering as no other state in the whole Union is. In that commonwealth of vast area, magnificent scenery, singularly fertile soil, healthful climate, unending harvests of the best staples of the world, the growth at present is more in absolute wealth than in spread of ostentation. Statistics, recently published, show how the state is improving. Her product of wheat, oats, and hardy fruits; her great herds of cattle and of sheep; her wool and manufacturing interests, and her unequalled facilities for manufactories, cause riches at home, and attract notice abroad. Also are there the salmon fisheries, the lumber trade, and the mines for which Oregon is celebrated. The products of all these interests amount yearly to many millions of dollars. There are 150,000 people, all told, in the state. Hence with this constantly increasing wealth, earned by and distributed among so small a population, and there is a better showing of average comfort and plenty than can be found in any other portion of the Union. Pauperism is almost unknown, crime is infrequent because detection is generally swift, and punishment is sure and severe; and in all the conditions of life, the people of that state are favored. San Francisco will, in coming years, reap richer trade than ever from Oregon.

A wide-spread anti-Chinese excitement is prevailing in Australia, which was rendered more intense at last accounts by the fact that 800 coolies were daily expected at Sydney. Wherever the Chinese intrude they are detested.

A New York special gives the following as the reason why Senator Christiancy accepted the Peruvian mission: "Christiancy has two grown sons, who have caused him great trouble, through their dissipated habits. Mrs. Christiancy has refused to go back to Lansing and live in his house, where these boys are allowed to come. Life at Washington and the malaria of the capitol have combined with domestic troubles to undermine the Senator's health. He thinks that by going out of the country entirely he will escape his domestic annoyances, and at the same time find a change of climate that will do him good." Poor old man.

Leo XIII is said to be the most liberal and progressive of modern Popes, and there is no likelihood that the opposition being fomented against him will prove of the slightest permanent importance.

Politicians who have been making personal capital by the bounty bill, are somewhat startled by the necessity of increasing taxation to make the bill operative. Tea, coffee and income taxes have been discussed.

A tribe of friendly natives in New Caledonia recently captured, roasted and devoured fifteen native rebels. This touching instance of their fidelity to the Colonial government is marred by the suspicion that perhaps they were only hungry.

Ben Butler, according to the Philadelphia Times, wears a red, red rose in his coat lappel, and a winsome wink in his win'ard eye.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AUCTION SALE

HOLDEN'S AUCTION ROOMS. Real Estate and Furniture. On SATURDAY, Feb. 8, 1879. At 2 o'clock P. M. I will sell to the highest bidder a lot of second-hand Furniture. Also: 28 yards good Brussels Carpet, one Howes Sewing Machine, two dozen Fishermen's Woolen Shirts, Clocks and Pictures; also: a lot of second-hand Books, and a variety of other goods. After which I am instructed to dispose by PUBLIC AUCTION of the following described valuable REAL ESTATE, all situated in Shilvels Astoria: Lot 5 in block 37; Lot 5 in block 49; Lots 4 and 10 in block 76; Lots 9 and 2 in block 91. Titles guaranteed. Deeds at purchasers expense. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

Ordinance No. 311. AN ORDINANCE to provide for special counsel for the city in the matter of the last will of Cyrus Olney, deceased.

AN ORDINANCE to provide for special counsel for the city in the matter of the last will of Cyrus Olney, deceased. Whereas, It is asserted that Cyrus Olney, late of Astoria, deceased, left a will under which it is claimed the city has large pecuniary interests, and it is asserted on the other hand that said supposed will is invalid and that no rights accrued to the city thereunder, and it is desirable to have more certain advice about the matter.

SEAMING GLASSES, All sizes and shapes from Plate or 26 oz. DOORS, WINDOWS, AND WINDOW GLASS. Sash, Weights, Etc. Address all orders CLIFFORD COGGINS, (Successor to Jason, Springer & Co.) PORTLAND, OREGON.

SPECIAL NOTICE. ALL PERSONS KNOWING themselves indebted to me will please settle their accounts, as all accounts paid by February 1st will be placed in attorneys hands to enforce collection. We mean it. B. HAMBURGER. Astoria, Jan. 29, 1879.

BUSINESS CARDS.

R. F. DENNISON, F. J. TAYLOR. DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. ASTORIA, OREGON. OFFICE—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets.

O. F. BELL, A. MEACHEN. BELL & MEACHEN, Attorneys at Law and Notaries Public. Commissioner of Deeds for California and Washington Territory. Astoria, Oregon. OFFICE—Corner of Squemoque and Cass streets, up stairs, over E. S. Larsen's store.

J. W. ROBB, C. W. FULTON. ROBB & FULTON, Attorneys-at-Law, Collecting and Real Estate Agents. Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Dr. Welch's new building, Squemoque street, Astoria.

F. D. WINTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office in City Hall Building. ASTORIA, OREGON.

DR. I. M. SEVERN. Graduate University of Pennsylvania. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. EXAMINING SURGEON OF PENSIONS. Office—Larsen's building. Office Hours—8 A. M. to 10 A. M. and 6 P. M. to 8 P. M. At night can be found at Turpin House. ASTORIA, OREGON.

DR. F. CRANG, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, ASTORIA, OREGON. Office—Room no. 7 over C. L. Parker's store, Opposite Dement's drug store.

DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. Having permanently located in Astoria, tenders his services to the citizens of this place. OFFICE—For the present at his residence in Col. Taylor's house, Cedar street.

OTTO DUFNER, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER. HAS REMOVED TO Main street, Parker's building, ASTORIA, OREGON.

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S. GRAY, Manufacturer of HARNESS, SADDLES, BRIDLES, WHIPS, ETC. Oars leathered, and leather for sale.

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ALL SHIP AND ENGINE WORK A SPECIALTY. E. S. MERRILL & CO., Blacksmiths and Machinists. Capt. ROGERS' OLD STAND Near Express Office, ASTORIA, OREGON. All work in our line, heavy or light, done with neatness and dispatch.

Horseshoeing, Waggon and Farm WORK A SPECIALTY. HAVING SECURED THE SERVICES OF Mr. S. A. Gaines of Ky., an experienced Farrier of 25 years in the business, and well known to Astoria horsemen, we are prepared to do shoeing in a manner to cure lameness or prevent it in horses entrusted to our care. All work warranted and at reasonable rates.

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E. C. HOLDEN, Notary Public for the State of Oregon. Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer. Agent for the FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY of San Francisco. COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER. Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made. Regular sales day. SATURDAYS at 2 P. M. N. B. Parties having real estate, furniture or any other goods to dispose of either at auction or private sale should notify me as soon as convenient before the day of sale. No storage charged on goods sold at Auction. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

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HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

A. J. MEGLER, C. S. WRIGHT. OCCIDENT HOTEL. MEGLER & WRIGHT, Proprietors. Astoria, Oregon. THE PROPRIETORS ARE HAPPY TO announce that the above hotel has been repaired and refurnished, adding greatly to the comfort of its guests and is now the best hotel north of San Francisco.

PARKER HOUSE, ASTORIA, OREGON. H. B. PARKER, Proprietor. THIS HOTEL is the largest, most comfortable and best kept hotel in the city. It is supplied with the best of spring water, hot and cold baths, barber shop, and a first-class saloon with best of liquors and cigars, and fine billiard table. Free coach to and from the house; charges reasonable, \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day, according to room occupied. Astoria, July 15, 1878.

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