

Government of Alaska.

A BILL introduced by Sherman in the senate says a Washington dispatch providing for a government for Alaska sets up a judicial district in the territory and establishes there a district court, with the jurisdiction, civil and criminal, which is given by law to district courts of the United States and such other jurisdiction as may be conferred by the laws of Washington territory. A judge is to be appointed by the president with a salary of three thousand dollars. The bill also provides for the appointment of an attorney and marshal for the district, whose fees and salaries shall be the same as those officers in Washington territory. A clerk is also to be appointed, and two terms in each year are provided for, one at Sitka and the other at Wrangel, with special sessions when necessary. The general laws of Washington territory are extended over Alaska. Three justices of the peace are to be appointed, to hold court at Sitka, one at Wrangel and the other on the deck of the revenue marine steamer in port along the coast. Appeals from justice court must be taken to the district court and fines received by justices are to be paid to the collector of customs. There are also to be three constables, one of whom is to be jailer. Justices are to have jurisdiction in all testamentary and probate matters and their courts are to be courts of record. They are also to be ex-officio U. S. court commissioners and have power to grant writs of habeas corpus. The bill requires the attorney general to compile and print in pamphlet form in the English and Russian languages the general criminal laws of Washington Territory and law and practice there relating to testimony and probate proceedings, and to place in the hands of the officers above named, these laws which are to be distributed in Alaska.

"Devilish Depravity."

In the Guiteau trial last Friday District Attorney Corkhill hit the mark when he said, "We present this testimony because we want to show that what defense calls insanity is nothing more than devilish depravity." In conversation on the assumption of insanity, an actor of life long experience is reported as saying: "Guiteau is not insane, but is a very good actor. To be sure, he had the advantage of realistic surroundings and is acting for his life, but still he deserves credit for his cleverness. He has not, perhaps, brains enough to be insane, but certainly sufficient to be very dangerously eccentric. One strong evidence against the idea of insanity is the fact that he grows weary at times and rests himself just as a man acting on the stage. Now fatigue is something utterly unknown to a man insane. The brain of an insane man is never wearied. This fellow Guiteau nurses himself up to the acting point, either by pretending to write, or hiding himself behind newspapers which he pretends to read. It is much easier to act where everything is real than where everything is advertised and is artificial as on the stage and in a play. There is no instance where one in the most perfect sobriety could stagger into a bar room and act the drunken man so offensively and effectually, that he would be hustled out by the proprietor. He might do the same act with double realistic force on the stage and not impress the audience at all. Thus it is with Guiteau."

Jno. W. Forney died at his residence in Philadelphia last Friday morning.

The clever correspondents and sensationalists who are forever springing upon the country some wonderful discovery of some abnormal transaction, have now something less wonderful than usual, and yet sufficiently sensational to excite the comment they crave. The latest hobgoblin is an alleged scheme to obtain possession of the northern Mexican states during Grant's second term; the particulars of which—according to the reports of the press—have just come to light. The plot was to create fraudulent claims against our sister republic founded on cattle stealing and unwarranted incursions by Mexicans upon American soil. Upon this claims were to be formulated, which, being approved by Congress, demand was to be made upon the Mexican government, and that government refusing, war was to be declared, with Mexico as the aggressive party. The object was seizure and confiscation of the border territory, for the purpose of parceling out said territory among those of Grant's adherents who, by reason of such largess, would lead their aid to his third-term scheme. And the best of it all is that a good many Eastern papers believe it, and write long-winded editorials about the danger that existed and how happily all this terrible disaster was averted.

A NOVEL enterprise is reported from Ontario, where the editor of the Woodstock Sentinel issues a circular stating his project for the emigration of the surplus female population from Ontario to Manitoba. It is stated that he has already obtained the address of thousands of young women in the province, and is collecting others. To all those the circular above referred to is sent, as well as a blank which candidates are expected to fill up. The information sought for in the blank is more or less of a formal character, calling for information regarding age, color of hair, eyes, religion, kind of temper, county wherein residing, kind of husband desired, widower or young man. These bills when filled up, will be forwarded to the editor, who will go through them all and classify. They are expected to be in before the New Year, and the work of classification will then be begun and finished before March 1, when the list will be printed in classified form and great numbers of them sent up to the Northwest for distribution among the wifeless men. On the 1st of April the premier train-load of the ladies will start for Winnipeg under the personal charge of the editor, assisted by a corps of matron ladies from all parts of Ontario.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is disappointing all hands. The men who indorsed petitions for office by writing "One of the gallant 306," are disappointed to find that they can't use him; the men who feared that he would carry his last summer's quarrel into the White House, are now agreeably disappointed to find that the lesson of July 2d is not lost, and that "His Accidency" seems to be determined to be President of the Nation rather than leader of a faction of the Republican party. Claim is made that the election of Keifer as speaker was due to an Arthur-Cameron-Conkling-Grant combination, but that is simply charging him with that which his aspersers were desirous of having him do that they might weaken the Administration.

By the burning of the Ring theatre at the Austrian capital last Thursday night four hundred persons lost their lives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of stockholders of the Scandinavian Packing Co. will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at 9 A. M., at the office of said company, for the purpose of electing a board of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

H. PLATH, Secretary, Upper Astoria, Nov. 22, 1881. BILL HEAD PAPER, OF EVERY GRADE AND COLOR, PRINTED or plain, at lowest rates, at THE ASTORIAN OFFICE

NEW TO-DAY. Special Clearance Auction Sale.

Tuesday Dec. 13, at 11 A. M. In order to make room for an extensive consignment of First Class Holiday Goods, which will arrive on next steamer day, Wednesday, Dec. 14th, I will sell at Public Auction on Tuesday next all the Second Hand Furniture, Bedding, and Sundries Now in store, consisting of Bedsteads, Cane Bottom Chairs, Spring Beds, Washstands, Bureaus, Tables, Cane Arm Chairs, and Lounges. And a variety of other goods.

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A Sure Cure Found at Last! No One Need Suffer! A sure Cure for Piles, Hemorrhoids, Itching and Bleeding. Dr. Williams' Indian Remedy, called Dr. Williams' Indian Ointment. A single box has cured the worst chronic cases of 25 or 30 years standing. No one need suffer five minutes after applying this wonderful ointment. Lesions, instruments and other quackies do more harm than good. Williams' Ointment also cures the tumors, ulcers, the intense itching, particularly at night after getting warm in bed, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief, and is prepared only for Piles, itching of the private parts, and for nothing else. Head what the Hon. J. M. Godefrey of Cleveland, says about Dr. Williams' Indian Ointment: "I have used several of the Piles, and it affords me pleasure to say that I have never found anything which gave such immediate and permanent relief as Dr. Williams' Indian Ointment." For sale by all druggists. Price, 25 cents per box. HENRY A. CO. DRUGGISTS, Astoria, Ore., Dec. 8, 1881.

NOTICE. THE FINEST LINEN MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES. The firm of J. & W. M. Montgomery, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. John A. Montgomery will collect and settle all accounts due to the firm.

NOTICE. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fisheries Packing Company will be held at their office, in Upper Astoria, on the 24th day of December, 1881, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may come before the meeting.

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MISCELLANEOUS. Page & Allen

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Notice. THE SHIP "MERWANJEE FRAMGER" is now discharging cargo at Brown & Co's wharf. Parties owning said merchandise are hereby notified to take their goods away immediately or the goods will be stored at their risk and expense.

Notice to Cannerymen. FOR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS date I will contract to make fish boxes of satisfactory quality in any quantity at the following prices: boxes in the shell 12 1/2 cents each; nailed boxes 14 1/2 cents each, delivered at the West Shore Mills.

City Treasurers Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT all city warrants endorsed prior to May 21, 1880 will be paid on presentation at the City Treasurers office, and that interest on such warrants, not heretofore advertised, ceases from this date, December 9, 1881.

MISCELLANEOUS. Geo. W. Hume

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