

The Daily Astorian.

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Merry Christmas. USHERED in by trailing showers and brilliant sunshine, Christmas comes, bringing happiness to all who allow its attributes to affect their existence.

The day itself falls this year on Sunday, and in every pulpit in the United States there will be a service of special remembrance. If only the tongues that speak could be touched with the holy fire!

A Governor's Opinion.

In his annual message to the Virginia General Assembly, Gov. Halliday thus refers to the "reputationalists": "Virginia has been accused of attempting the mean crime of repudiation. It has been charged—the facts here, too, have gone into history and will show—that the Federal Government, or the party directing its destinies, has used its patronage, power, and money to hurry her along that rugged and disreputable way."

Thus, there is no justification or excuse for Virginia to repudiate or "eliminate" by force all or any portion of her debt, in the futile effort, by such means, to "re-establish her credit" under modes presented in the bill of the last session.

to which the foregoing balance would be applicable, would by that bill be "eliminated." What will be done with the \$700,000 thus "eliminated" annually from the just creditors?

THE St. Louis G. D. says that the Mississippi river commission wants \$200,000 of this Congress to carry on its appropriations with. This is independent of the prospective appropriations for the detailed work of improving the navigation of the stream.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 16, 1881. Congress has organized and spent its first week waiting for the House committees. The only dramatic scene thus far, occurred on the opening day when Mr. Moore, the fresh young Republican from the Memphis district of Tennessee, bounded up the aisle from his seat, waving his arms wildly in the air, and objected to swearing in Mr. Chalmers, of Mississippi, in a stream of turgid rhetoric poured forth in stentorian tones.

Among the new members who stood up to be sworn in for the present Congress, comes one from the far off Pacific coast of California, General W. S. Rosecrans, the old commander of the Army of the Cumberland, who impressed new life into it at Murfreesboro and led it into glory and triumph from Stone river to Chattanooga. When I used to see him dodging about the army at Murfreesboro, and when I last saw him at Bridgeport, Alabama, where he and "Fighting Joe Hooker" met General Grant, General Rosecrans was flashing with brunette vigor.

In the determination of the Speakership contest we had another illustration of the magic of the Cameron touch in Pennsylvania politics. The delegation from that State was substantially solid for Hiseock until Don, the son of his illustrious father, took them in hand and won them away from their positive pledges.

usually difficult and laborious task in the arrangement of the committees, and an intimate, confidential friend of his said recently that it is likely to be two weeks before they are announced. There never has been more of a struggle on the part of members to get on favorite and important committees, and not a little ill-feeling has already been created by the conflicting claims of those who want the same places.

Gallery visitors at the Capitol in looking down on the green-carpeted House, where the frisky solons disport themselves, crane their necks to get a good look at old Aleck Stephens. He looks like a grasshopper and wheels himself about constantly in the area in front of the Speaker's perch—backwards and forward like a crab.

MARRIED.

At Upper Astoria, Friday, Dec. 23, 1881, Mary Stone to Jacob Stone, by Rev. Jno. Parsons.

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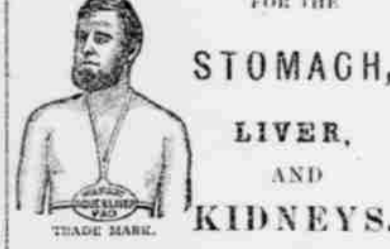
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