

The Daily Astorian. ASTORIA, OREGON. FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1882. J. F. HALLORAN, Editor.

State Elections. THOUGH the present is an "off year" in politics, yet sufficient political events will occur before its close to give it considerable prominence in the eyes of politicians. There will be twenty-three state elections this year. The first to lead off is Rhode Island where a governor, state officers, and a legislature will be elected next month. Oregon comes next; the candidates will be before the people to-day, on both sides, and the state is so evenly divided that but slight defection from either side would threaten defeat. Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama elect in August. The enterprising Tennesseans nominated their candidates last February, and are having a six months' campaign. In September Maine holds a general election. It used to be "as goes Maine so goes the Union." The proverb is now like a last year's almanac. Iowa and Ohio elect in October, as also Colorado and West Virginia. In November comes the gubernatorial election. New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Nebraska, Texas, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Nevada, Massachusetts, Kansas, Connecticut, and Delaware. Illinois elects a legislature the same month. The result of the elections in two-thirds of the Union will go far toward determining the relative strength of the great parties in '84.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11, 1882. The President's veto of the Chinese emigration bill is well received except among the Pacific coast Republicans, who think they are ruined by it. Gen. Rosecrans and the other Democrats from that section believe that their party will reap a great advantage, but that it is by no means assured if the Democrats in Congress refuse to support a bill with a ten years limit. Among the Republicans the belief is strong that the country will sustain the President's view of the case, and even some Democrats characterize the veto as a sharp move. Said Senator Maxey: "Arthur plays his hand and never gets excited. I like to see a man play out his hand." Said a prominent Republican Senator: "You may depend upon it, the country will endorse the veto. The message is a fair, straightforward statement of the question, without extravagance, and will go a long way to relieve the apprehensions that many thoughtful people have felt at the passage of so extreme a measure. It looked as though the time might come soon when race prejudice might be strong enough to push through any legislation. The Republican party has always claimed to act according to certain principles of right and honesty between man and man, regardless of race or color. If we are now to permit a law to be enacted without protest, simply because we can, in obedience to the hatred of one race for another, we stultify the foundation principles on which we have stood from the beginning. This bill is a bad precedent to set, and our foreigners, of all classes, should reflect a long time before they demand the prohibition of Chinese emigration, for policy alone, if not on principle."

The long-expected Cabinet nominations were made this week, together with several other rather important appointments. The nomination of Secretary Hunt for minister to Russia is not, it is understood, very acceptable to him, but he will take the place in lieu of something better. He preferred to stay where he is and next to have some good thing here, but the president thought he ought to

be satisfied to take what he could get. The difficulty of providing for him has delayed the sending in of the nominations. Mr. Lincoln is now the only one of President Garfield's cabinet left, and it is generally understood that he is to remain. The nomination of Mr. Chandler as Secretary of the Navy was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, of which Don Cameron is chairman, and through whose efforts Mr. Chandler, when nominated last spring, by President Garfield for Solicitor General, was rejected. But Don was not disposed to make any particular effort against Mr. Chandler especially now, as it would antagonize him with the Administration. His opposition last spring was mainly to oblige his brother-in-law, Wayne McVeagh, then Attorney-General. There has been considerable opposition to Chandler's confirmation for this position, but the Democrats were not solidly against him as before, though most of them entertain a strong dislike to him politically. It has been rumored here for some time that Mr. Chandler and Mr. Blaine, who were for a long time the warmest of friends, had fallen out, but those who saw Mr. Chandler enter Mr. Blaine's house about dark on the day his nomination was sent in think there must be some mistake about the rumors. Mr. Chandler is a very shrewd politician, and he will work the navy department for all it is worth for his party.

The Senate recently passed a resolution to pay Mr. Ingalls \$8,195 for alleged expenses incurred by him in refuting the charges of bribery of members of the Kansas Legislature to secure his election to the Senate. This is following the inexcusable precedent recently set by the Senate in allowing the alleged expenses of Mr. Butler, of South Carolina, and Mr. Kellogg, of Louisiana, in defending their right to the seats occupied by them. The Senate of the United States has long been known as the most expensive legislative body in the world, and many of its items of expenditure are gross and outrageous frauds upon the public treasury. It has in its employ three times as many clerks as are necessary for the proper dispatch of public business, and the principal occupation of many of its members seems to be the devising of means and methods to increase their own comfort and convenience and add to their own emoluments at the expense of the people. Useless committees are constantly being created, for the avowed purpose of giving some Senator a room for his private use, and a clerk to transact his private business, and to be paid out of the treasury. There is not a Senator and there is not a clerk of the Senate who does not know perfectly well that the expenses of that body are twice or three times as much as they ought to be, and yet expenses are piled up year by year with a coolness and indifference to public opinion which is refreshing. For ten years the House of Representatives, whose expenses are ever so much less in proportion, has undertaken in the appropriation bill to cut down the inordinate and excessive expenses of the Senate, but in vain. This new raid is about the most inexcusable of all, and nobody can tell where it will end, for as Senators are simply no more and no less than average politicians, \$8,000 in a lump is enough to tempt many of them up to jobs to have their seats contested. Spot.

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