.....JANUARY 8, 1884 TUESDAY

THE DECADENCE OF THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

Amp the changes and vicissitudes of latter day politics nothing will living or dead, and dishes and wine ibly or bring more pain to the true chairs, the same as if they were presacy into which the senate of the United States has fallen. This body, which, from its place in our govern-passed around the table and quaffed ment, from the method of selecting its members, and from the evident intention of the framers of the constitution, should be the embodiment of the highest wisdom and the clearest the last man, surrounded by the overstates manship of the country, no flowing plates, the full glasses and longer numbers among its members the leaders of thought and politics. halls, and the pigmies there sport in solemn mimicry of the grandeur that is gone. The bray of the ass is heard where the lion's voice once echoed its tones of thunder. The very spirits of Webster, Clay and Benton have passed from the portals of the capitol, and their memory alone re-mains to ballow the halls in which their triumphs were won. Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Not the least among the causes of the state of affairs on which the Post-Intelligencer comments is the prevalence of committee government. Everything is now done in committees, and the speaker of the house is the most potential man in the nation. He can dictate through his committees all foreign and domestic policy of the government for two years.

The system is gradually crystalliz ing into unpleasant shape. Probably the best way out is to change the constitution and have a cabinet government. Place the members of the president's cabinet in congress, let them take part in debate and as their policy prevails let them continue in office or resign. Signs point that way, and in that direction lies the only adequate remedy.

THE SOUDAN,

ALL that part of Africa south of the Sahara, extending about 4,000 miles east and west between Senegambia and the Nile, and from 10 to 15 degrees in width, is called the Sondan. It is a very populous region. Besides the 10,000,000 inhabitants of the British and Portuguese possessions in Western Soudan, there are according to Behm and Warner, 38,000,000 dwelling within the 531,000 square miles of Central Soudan, and 36,807,-000 occupying the 658,000 square miles of the remainder. South of this is an equatorial belt of about 1,522,000 square miles, with a population of 43,000,000. The Soudan and equatorial provinces, conquered and occupied by Egypt for the purpose of suppressing the slave trade, have a population estimated at about 50,000,-000. Such immense masses of the people living in barbaric indolence and ease, indicate a very fruitful land, which might, under civilizing ans pices, become the seat of a mighty commerce. At present it is governed by Arab chiefs and other Mohamme dan slave traders, who maintain armies and govern by terror, compelling their black subjects to profess the Mohammedan religion, but otherwise caring for them no further than the exigencies of the slave trade may require. El Mahdi's force is probably nothing but a confederation of these slave-trading chiefs. Their resources and their relation to the vast population of the Soudan are not such as to warrant the belief that they can mobilize armies capable of carrying on an aggressive war north of the Nubian frontier.

JOHN MORRISSEY'S REQUEST.

Speaker Carlisle's agony over the arrangment of congressional committees has recalled a story of Schuy-Jer Colfax and John Morrissey, when the former was speaker and the latter had just abandoned pugilism for statesmanship. Morrissey entered the speaker's room one day, when Mr. Colfax was working busily at the formation of committees, and, placing a box on the table said: "Mr. Speaker, here is a box of the best brand of eigars sold, and I hope you will accept it as a present from me."

Colfax thanked him, and then Morrissey continued: "And now, Mr. Speaker. I want you to do me a favor."

Colfax at once put himself on guard. "What I want," added the other, "is for you to put me on the committee which has the least work and holds the fewest meetings."

with pleasure!" exclaimed the delighted speaker, sure, now, of satisfy ing at least one man; and he put Morrissey at the tail end of the Commit-

tee on Revolutionary Pensions. A CHICAGO edito: who publishes a journal in the interests of mining expresses his opinion that "mining, with the great enduring wealth of the nations of the future hidden in her bosom, stands silent like a mighty

mountain range in the grandeur of her mighty power, while the shadow of the wings of a polluting vulture crosses the sunshine of a glory that stretches across a continent."

Mr. BILLINGS, the new Northern Pacific president, owns 15,000 shares of preferred stock of that company, and 24,000 shares of the common. He also owns \$1,000,000 of the first mortgage and \$250,000 of the second mortgage bonds.

A NOVEL banquet took place at the Hotel Bellevue, in Philadelphia. It was the third annual dinner of the Last Man's Club, formed three years ago. It has seventeen members. Each member must attend the dinner annually. Death, serious illness or separation by great distance alone excuses. At every dinner a place is kept for each absent member, whether strike the keen observer more forc- are served opposite their empty ent. A curious and elegant tankard Carl Adler's Old Store passed around the table and quaffed by each one present until emptied. As each member dies his name will be the empty chairs, will drink to their The giants have departed from its memory alone. Then the dinners will cease and the tankard will be come the last man's property.

A New York paper says: "Death has been busy in high places this year." This is an elegant way of referring to the many executions which took place in '83.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

THERE WHA BE A STOCKHOLDERS' meeting of the Point Adams Packing Co. at their office, at Upper Astoria, on Thursday, January 17th, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order of the Board of Directors, W. T. CHUTTER, 3-twk Segretary.

Annual Meeting.

A NNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-liphders of the British America Packing Company will be held at the residence of G. Hoimes, in Upper Astoria, January 18th, By order of the board of directors, B. YOUNG, President.

Annual Meeting.

A NNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-holders of the British America Packing Company, Skeena, will be held at the resi-dence of G. Holmes, in Upper Astoria, Janmay 20th, 1884.

By order of the board of directors,

GUST HOLMES,

President,

Notice.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of the Astoria Social Club at the rooms of Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, Tuesday evening, January 8th, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

By order of M. C. CROSBY, C. W. STONE, President. By order of C, W, STONE,

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOTICE IS HEREBY OF A prointed the assignee of L.J. Arvold, and all persons having claims against said L.J. Arvold are notified to present the same duly verified to me at my office in Astoria, Oregon, within three months from this date, January 5th.

C. H. PAGE. Assignee of L. J. Arvold.

NOTICE TO PILOTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL whom it may concern that there will be a meeting of the Washington Territory Board of Pilot Commissioners for Columbia River and Bar, held at Ilwaco, W. T., on the 15th day of January. A. D. 1884, at 16 o'clock

Done by order of the Board, C. A. REED, dit-wit December 25th, 1885.

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A. W. BERRY,
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Assignee per Wheeler & Robb, Astoria, Dec. 20th, 1883. d-tf

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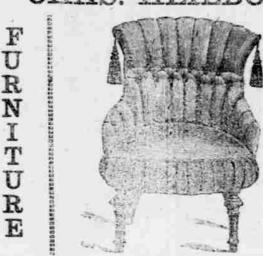
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