

FALSE STANDARDS.

Recent events upon the other side of the Atlantic have brought into especial prominence the class prejudices and titled distinctions of our British neighbors...

The most universally acknowledged of these is the worship of wealth. Money is a distinct means of classifying its possessor.

They are a motley group who hold this talisman of admittance, with no distinguishing class characteristics, and no community of interests save those of Wall street and the markets of produce and exchange.

The report of the exploring expedition sent out from London in H. M. S. Challenger has lately been published. Nearly four years were given to the examination of the currents and floors of the four great oceans of the world.

But the most pernicious, because the most anti-republican, and retrogressive tendency of the times is the worship of ancestry. The study of genealogy is a growing passion in American society.

There is a public misfortune attending this habitual tolerance of these forms of class-distinction; a deterioration of the moral sense of society is involved in the recognition of any circumstances of fortune as a passport to special favor.

Work in all our navy yards is to be suspended on account of the exhaustion of the appropriation for construction and repairs.

John B. Govan declared in a recent lecture that the press is "the mainstay of sin." Where would John have been if the press had not braced him up with puffs?

AUSTRALASIA.

THERE are strong symptoms of a union of all the British colonies about Australia. They had a conference recently, to secure that part of New Guinea not occupied by the Dutch...

A LARGE number of United States senators who recently voted themselves private secretaries at an expense to the government of six dollars a day have, it appears, given these nice positions to their wives or daughters.

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THE Berlin papers are still insisting that Mr. Sargent must go, but he has not budged an inch.

Rev. M. J. SAVAGE recently preached a sermon on newspapers. "People often hold," he said, "that the world is more wicked now than ever it was before."

It is not creditable to congress that the coffin in which the second martyr president rests has not yet been paid for. The bill has just been sent to that body, and the chances are that there will be a squabble over the amount before it is ordered paid.

THERE is now in the United States an aggregate organized military force of 88,000 including officers and men, and a reserve force of unorganized militia-men liable to military duty if necessary.

Interests on Deposits. THE UNDER-IGNED WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Astoria and vicinity that he will pay interest on daily deposits and balances, from this date until further notice.

THE latest suggestion to deplete the surplus comes from Ohio. Congressman Hill of that state has conceived the splendid idea of giving every town in the country with second or third-class post offices a nice, new post office building.

PHILADELPHIA, that staid and sober Quaker city, is excited. The cause of so unusual a feeling is the discovery that negroes are regularly employed on the Times and Press, two daily papers published in that city.

REPRESENTATIVE BREWER has been directed to report favorably his bill to impose a fine of \$100 or punishment by imprisonment in jail for three months on any person interfering in any way with a commercial traveler selling goods by sample.

THERE is such a thing as spiritual bloodshed. A changed light of suffering flows out over the countenance of one who has been stabbed by words, as distinctly and with an effect as terrible as that of the scarlet lifeline which gushes from a physical wound.

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VILLARD is reported well, and on Wall street. It would be poetic justice in a new phase if he could, get a new deal, and tip over the apple cart of Jay Gould.

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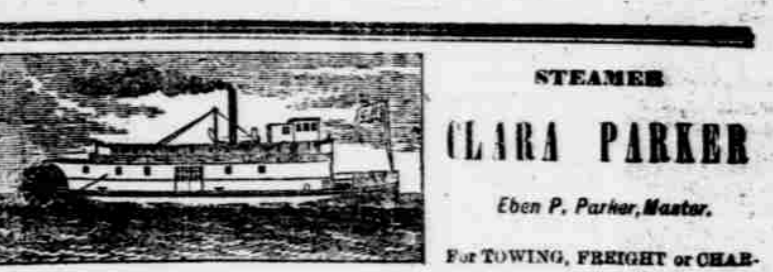
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