

When human nature shall have attained perfection, we may look for a political party without faults. The best organizations ever devised by man have their weak points. Even the church, an organization where purity and holiness should be found, has its shadows which, at times, darken the light of its teachings. Yet no one can abandon the church because a few of its members prove unworthy of its name, and become stumbling-blocks in the paths of religious truths. The ignorant and vicious may sneer at the church because its robes sometimes cover a hypocrite and rascal; but the intelligent and virtuous look not to one who disgraces himself by falling short of his profession, but to the great number who add to its glory by living upright and Christian lives. What we are apt to call the faults of the church are simply the shortcomings of a few of its members. The church is no more responsible for them than the sun is accountable for the clouds that occasionally darken the earth. Its teachings tend to elevate, purify and transform a world of wickedness into a garden of love, peace and benevolence. But, in view of human depravity, we must accept things as we find them. We must bear with the faults of our neighbor, remembering our own. We must do the best we can. Perfection is beyond our reach; improvement is within. As it is with the church and all other moral organizations, so it is with political parties. We must judge them, in the aggregate, by the results they produce on the community, state and nation. It is possible for bad men to creep into power in a good party. There is no rule known by which one can be kept out or the other prevented from staying in. To judge the republican party by the character of a few rascals whom it has developed in the course of twenty-two years' administration, would be about as wise as to disbelieve in the holiness of the Creator because some of his creatures have gone astray.

THE AMENDED HOMESTEAD LAW.

The house committee on public lands has agreed upon a bill to repeal the pre-emption and timber culture acts, and to amend the homestead laws. The amendment as determined upon provides that every homestead applicant shall make final proof by two creditable witnesses of continuous residence upon and cultivation or permanent improvement of his claim for four consecutive years next succeeding its entry. The proof shall be in duplicate, one set to be filed in the local land office and the other to be forwarded to the general land office. If within one year after the presentation of such proof no contest be filed, and no notice given supported by affidavit made before some officer authorized to administer oaths, charging and specifying fraud, either in the original entry or proofs, the secretary of the interior shall cause patents to be issued on the entry. But if a contest be filed or affidavits made, or if there be from any cause reasonable ground to suspect fraud in the case, the secretary shall direct the commissioners of the general land office to institute an investigation thereof. The act of March 3, 1879, requiring the publication of intention to make final proof six weeks in advance of the event, is repealed.

A singular stroke of irony has settled the fate of the little town of Sedan. It ranked high in the list of French fortified places. The late emperor took refuge within its walls as a stronghold that had the reputation of being impregnable. A short time ago the minister of war issued a list of all the fortresses and strongholds of the country, and from this catalogue Sedan was absent. The town was judged as being of no military importance whatsoever. It was not even worth while to retain the defenses it possessed. The great keep, with its lofty walls and subterranean passages, is in process of demolition, and such fortifications as remain are spared merely because they are not worth destruction.

There is an effort now making to get up a "boom" for Reagan, of Texas, for vice-president. Reagan used to be a member of Jeff Davis' cabinet in years gone by, but as any reference to those things is in bad taste, probably it is as well to allow Mr. Reagan's boom to go on till it bursts.

PAPERS found on the body of an insurgent officer at Badajos, Spain, reveal the existence of a deep, well plotted and extensive conspiracy against the Spanish monarchy. Officers of the Spanish army in all of Spain's dependencies are implicated in the plot.

A HUNDRED Maine republicans or more will accompany the delegates from that state to the Chicago national convention to "whop her up for Blaine."

SITTING BULL succumbs at last to the influence of civilization. The ex-king has "signed" to travel with a show company for the paltry sum of \$50 a week.

It is proposed in Washington Territory that Gov. Newell call a special session of the legislature to memorialize congress concerning the railroad grant and the necessity of its forfeiture.

The garrison at Fort Washington on the Potomac consists of one soldier. When the fort was built, in 1808, it was called the Gibraltar of America.

ARTESIAN wells in New York show that the East river underflows the island. In the deep wells lately sunk the water ebbs and flows with the tide.

The Dakota newspapers say that Dakota will raise about 40,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, against 18,000,000 last year.

VILLARD doesn't feel as lonesome as he did. Fisk, Hatch, Keene and Grant are his companions in financial distress.

NEW TO-DAY Regular Auction Sale Saturday, May 24, 10:30 a. m. AT HOLDEN'S AUCTION ROOMS.

New and Second-hand Furniture, CONSISTING OF 1 Ash Bedroom Set, complete. Bedsteads, Chairs, Spring Mattresses, Kitchen Cupboards, Tables, Crockery, Stoves, Etc.

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Net Lost. ON THE NIGHT OF MAY FOURTEENTH, above Fort Stevens, in South channel, about 60 fathoms of net; 40 fathoms of 15 ply 45-mesh deep, 3-inch mesh; 20 fathoms of 15 ply 45-mesh deep, 3-inch mesh, all in old lines, Corke's brand E. P. C. Fisher will return to T. W. Francis, E. P. C.'s station, Clatsop.

County Treasurer's Notice. THERE IS MONEY IN THE COUNTY Treasury to pay all county orders presented prior to July 1st, 1884. All such orders will cease to draw interest after this date.

Lost. ABOUT 250 FATHOMS, 45-MESH NET branded on the cork and lead, I. X. L. The finder will be liberally rewarded by calling at the I. X. L. Cannery.

Picked Up. ON THE 12TH, NEAR DESDEMONA sands, about 140 fathoms 45-mesh net; cork marked A. H. Owner apply to Wm. Corke, Heister & Co.'s boat #2, at Ilwaco, prove property and pay charges.

For Gray's Harbor THE STEAMER A. B. FIELD, Chartered by the Astoria and Coast Transportation Co., Will sail for GRAY'S HARBOR on SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1884.

Rooms to Rent. ROOMS 9, 10, 13, AND 14, IN ODD Fellows Building, for rent. Inquire at Cass's Bank, or of A. J. MEGLER, Occident Hotel.

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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.



FOR CONGRESS, BINGER HERMAN, of Douglas Co. FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, JUDGE L. FLINN, of Linn Co.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, D. P. THOMPSON, of Multnomah. J. C. LEASURE, of Umatilla. WARREN TRUITT, of Polk.

FOR JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DIST. F. J. TAYLOR, of Clatsop. FOR PROS. ATT'Y, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, T. A. McBRIDE, of Clackamas.

Clatsop Co. Republican Ticket. FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE, (From Clatsop and Tillamook Counties) J. H. D. GRAY.

FOR SHERIFF, GEO. P. WHEELER. FOR COUNTY CLERK, J. O. SPENCE. FOR COUNTY TREASURER, A. W. BERRY.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, D. K. WARKER, H. B. PARKER. FOR ASSESSOR, J. F. WARREN. FOR SURVEYOR, GEO. F. PARKER.

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, H. SLOOF. FOR CORONER, J. C. ROSS. Astoria Precinct.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, N. C. GOODELL. FOR CONSTABLE, J. B. CHRISTIE. Shively Precinct.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, J. W. WELCH. FOR CONSTABLE, O. NELSON.

REGULAR Democratic Ticket

FOR CONGRESS, JOHN MYERS, of Clackamas. JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, W. W. THAYER, of Multnomah.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS, L. B. ISON, of Baker. W. D. FENTON, of Yamhill. A. C. JONES, of Douglas.

FOR JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, A. S. BENNETT, of Wasco. FOR PROS. ATT'Y FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, W. B. DILLARD.

Clatsop County Democratic Ticket. FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE, (From Clatsop and Tillamook.) C. LEINENWEBER.

FOR SHERIFF, W. G. ROSS. FOR COUNTY CLERK, C. J. TRENCHARD.

FOR TREASURER, ISAAC BERGMAN. FOR ASSESSOR, C. W. SHIVELY. FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, JOHN HOBSON, F. BARTHOLES.

FOR SURVEYOR, N. D. RAYMOND. FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, J. E. HIGGINS.

FOR CORONER, B. B. FRANKLIN. Astoria Precinct. FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, A. A. CLEVELAND. Shively Precinct.

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