

A Salem girl has an admirer who always brings her chewing gum. She calls him Gumbeau.

The net income of the King of Samoa is about \$240 a year. Working the royalty racket on a salary of \$20 a month has its drawbacks, but, nevertheless, happy is the kingdom where barefooted Jeffersonian simplicity reigns supreme and where no wicked surplus ever piles up to vex the souls of statesmen!

Conkling is dead, but his skeleton is still in Blaine's closet. In Oneida county, N. Y., the Republicans are enraged at the prospect that Conkling's bitter enemy will rule the Administration, and say they would never have voted for Harrison if they had known it.

When nominations begin to be awarded with the expectation or understanding that big contributions to the party treasury are to follow from the men thus honored, the spread of dry-rot is invited and sure to come. The evil is not stationary but progressive.

The public debt was reduced during January \$12,216,245, and now only the trifling balance of \$1,685,308,059 remains. With the cash available in the treasury this small amount is reduced to the insignificant sum of \$1,100,782,915.

According to the latest estimates the population of the territories is as follows: Dakota, 600,000; Utah, 210,000; New Mexico, 175,000; Washington, 307,981; Montana, 149,000; Idaho, 100,000; Wyoming, 85,000; Alaska, 49,850; Arizona, 92,680.

The preachers are still keeping up their racket over the Inaugural Ball. Mr. Harrison may appoint Wanamaker to the Cabinet as a reward for his campaign contribution and accede to the men who are pushing Dudley, the author of the "floaters-in blocks-of-five" letter, for the office of Commissioner of Pensions without incurring a word of rebuke from these pious men, but let him not on his peril attend the wicked ball.

Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, has been indicted for criminal libel. Three years ago Chester Turnley, a boy, was sentenced to seventeen years in the penitentiary for petit larceny. Mrs. Turnley endeavored to secure her son's pardon. Gov. Larrabee issued a pamphlet giving his reasons for refusing the pardon, and in the pamphlet he published an extract from a newspaper in which it was charged that Mrs. Turnley had two husbands. On this statement the present indictment is grounded.

Already rumors of Mr. Blaine's Jingoistic policy as the next Secretary of State fill the air. Congressman Milliken, of Maine, says Blaine is in favor of the acquisition of Cuba in order that the United States Government may stamp out yellow fever. For the same reason, of course, "the Uncrowned King" would have to seize Hayti, and Mexico and Central America might be deemed essential to the full success of his sanitary crusade. Then Samoa and Canada would have to be captured in order to kill the germs of discontent in those localities.

Among the rest of the poppycock in connection with the inauguration of Gen. Harrison it is announced that he is to wear a suit of clothes made from American cloth contributed for this purpose by one of the beneficiaries of the war tariff, a rich manufacturer. To complete the object lesson, the President-elect should wear labels on all his wardrobe bearing appropriate legends: Hat taxed 50 per cent, shirt taxed 40 per cent, necktie taxed 50 per cent, clothing enhanced in price (if protection protects) 68 per cent, flannels taxed 70 per cent, shoes taxed 30 per cent, stockings taxed 64 per cent. Bulletined in this manner Gen. Harrison would contribute powerfully to the "campaign of education."

Nothing contributes more to make the South solid than the practice among republican papers of holding all the white people of that section responsible for all the crimes committed there. Lately John M. Clayton, republican candidate for Congress from one of the Arkansas districts last fall, and who was contesting the seat of his democratic opponent, was assassinated by some one who shot through a window. It was a diabolical murder and condemned universally by the whole state of Arkansas. The Governor, a democrat, offered as large a reward as the law permits for the arrest of the murderer. The legislature, nine-tenths of whose members are democrats, immediately authorized the Governor to offer a reward of \$5000. And yet the republican papers attempt to hold the South as a section responsible. This conduct is about as diabolical as the attitude of these papers could well be.

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What a wonderful city is Seoul! Its 300,000 people are made up of strange characters, and my eyes have been bobbing about like the rays in a kaleidoscope in my efforts to appreciate it all. Everything is new, and everything new is strange. The big wall which surrounds the city is a wonder, and its three great gates are more wonderful still. They are closed every night at sunset with iron plated doors, and after this time none outside the city can get in, nor can any inside the city get out. As the sun falls behind the mountains which surround the capital a band of soldiers playing music, which sound for all the world like a Scotsman's bag pipe, goes from gate to gate and bars them shut. At the same time watch fires spring up upon the hills in every direction, and from these the king knows that all is well. These watch fires are signals, and they form a part of a continuous line of fires which are built upon the hills in all parts of Korea. They tell by their different flames and their intensity whether all is well along the coasts of the east and west and in the mountains to the north and south. They are, it seemed to me, royalty's farewell word from the day, and they really meant that the country was quiet and the capital might sleep in peace.—Frank G. Carpenter.

Baby carriagee at Stewart & Sox's.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING—Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school District No. 5, Linn county, Oregon, that the regular annual school meeting of said school district will be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1889, at the hour of 7 o'clock, p. m., of said day, at the Court House in the city of Albany, Or., for the purpose of hearing the reports of the directors and clerk, and to levy a tax for the support of the school for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of levying a tax for the purpose of paying interest on the bonds of said school district, and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

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