

The grand jury is doing a large amount of business this week.

W. W. Dudley seems to have controlled the republican purse of the late campaign.

The corrected or official popular vote for president is as follows: Cleveland, 5,334,245; Harrison, 5,236,565; Fisk, 245,284; Cleveland's plurality, 97,680.

The senate passed the bill on Tuesday granting permission to build a railway bridge across Young's bay, in Clatsop county. This is the permission asked for by the Astoria and South Coast railroad company.

The N. Y. World has taken a sufficient interest in the result of the late election to inquire of the several thousand democrats in that state why they voted against President Cleveland. To this inquiry a great many men have replied and their answers will be printed in a few days. It will then be known what caused the result.

It is now settled by some of the New York journals that Blaine has been tendered a cabinet position. Mr. Harrison has not made any such fact public yet, but we believe he will in due time. It is the opinion of the most sagacious politicians that the appointment of Mr. Blaine to the state secretaryship would be a grave error on the part of the next president.

The suggestion is made that President Cleveland should imitate John Quincy Adams' example and take a seat in the house of representatives. The suggestion is well enough so far as it goes. But where is he going to find a district to be elected from and the people to elect him?—Salem Journal. That would be the least objection to his so doing. He received a handsome plurality in the whole United States, and a single congressional district would be a small matter for Mr. Cleveland to carry.

Probably the most useful and influential person in the next administration will be Mr. Russell Harrison, the son of the president-elect. He is a vigorous and very self-assured young gentleman, with an evident liking for practical politics. He was here during the campaign, collecting money for election purposes, and now he pays us another visit to look after cabinet matters. It is said that everybody who has a consuming desire for public duty and a salary is anxious to make the acquaintance of the coming prince of the White house. It is thought that Russell will carry the key to the private pantry.—World.

What grand resources Oregon has, with her fertile fields and never failing crops, her salubrious climate and absence of thunder, lightning, cyclones, blizzards and sunstrokes, her magnificent water power, sufficient to turn the wheels of thousands of factories, her illimitable wealth of timber, her wide expanse of grazing territory to give the great wealth of herds of cattle and flocks of sheep, her yet unknown but great mineral resources. And this land, in its infancy, with undeveloped resources, throws wide her arms to welcome the sturdy sons of toil to make their homes among her fertile valleys and vine-clad and rock-ribbed hills.—Umpqua Herald.

Mr. Ingalls has written a letter to defend himself against the charge of circulating slanders about the president's treatment of his wife. He praises Mrs. Cleveland very highly indeed, but takes all the grace out of the praise by the use of innuendo against her husband. He says, in effect, that for Mr. Cleveland to be charged with offense is to be guilty of it. He illustrates by saying that a doubtful egg is a bad egg, and if the president is innocent, he is unfortunate in having to be defended. But that rule won't do. Under it what would become of Mr. Blaine? Indeed, what would become of most of the great lights of the republican party? Why, Mr. Ingalls comes under the rule himself, for in the very letter he is defending himself from the base charge of slandering a man behind his back; a charge that the letter succeeds admirably in proving the truth of, though in deed, for the opposite effect.—Benton Leader.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 1888.

Senator Blackburn, owing to the wide advertisement of his recent misunderstanding with Judge Rucker has been the center of attraction to visitors in the senate gallery this week. He positively refuses to talk about the matter, but his friends regard it as ended—at least that is what they say.

Senator Harris, by a motion to lay the senate tariff bill on the table, brought out the fact that the republican senators will vote solidly in favor of that measure, notwithstanding the fact that several of them are known to be bitterly opposed to certain sections of the bill. Several explanations are given for this action by parties who profess to know. One is that Harrison has stated that he wants the bill passed at this session, and that those republicans that are opposed to it are afraid to vote against it, lest they thereby lose their share of patronage under the new administration; another is that they know the bill will not pass the house and only vote for it to keep up an appearance of harmony in the republican ranks until after Harrison is inaugurated, leaving the quarrel that is believed by many people to be inevitable over the tariff until the next session, when they will control both house and senate.

The president's message was an able statement of the position of the democratic party on the tariff and other matters of importance; the ideas expressed therein could not have been improved. Statements like the following from the message are ponderous with statesmanlike wisdom: "He mocks the people who propose that the government should protect the rich, and that they in turn will care for the laboring poor. Any intermediary between the people and their government or the least delegation of the care and protection the government owes to the humblest citizen in the land, makes the boast of free institutions a glittering delusion and the pretended bond of American citizenship a shameless imposition. It cannot be denied that the selfish and private interests which are so persistently heard when efforts are made to deal in a just and comprehensive manner with our tariff laws, are related, if they are not largely responsible for, the sentiment largely prevailing among the people, that the general government is the fountain of private and individual aid; that it may be expected to relieve with paternal care the distress of citizens and communities, and that from the fullness of its treasury it should upon the slightest possible pretext of promoting the general good, apply public funds to the benefit of localities and individuals. Nor can it be denied that there is a growing assumption that as against the government and in favor of private claims and interests, the usual rules and limitations of business principles and just dealings should be waived. These ideas have been unwholly encouraged by legislative acquiescence. Relief from contracts made with the government is too easily accorded in favor of the citizen; the failure to support claims against the government by proof is often supplied by no better consideration than the wealth of the government and the poverty of the claimant; gratuities in the form of pensions are granted upon no other real ground than the needy condition of the applicant, or for reasons less valid; and large sums are expended for public buildings and other improvements upon representations scarcely claimed to be related to public needs and necessities. Extravagant appropriations of public money with all their demoralizing consequences should not be tolerated, either as a means of relieving the treasury of its present surplus, or as furnishing pretext for resisting a proper reduction in tariff rates."

The house yesterday by unanimous consent took up the direct tax bill, which caused the long deadlock last spring. It is expected that it will be passed, but hopes are expressed by its opponents that Mr. Cleveland will veto it.

Mr. Harrison's backbone is likely to suffer a severe strain between now and the 4th of March. The republican leaders here have determined upon having an extra session of the fifty-first congress called to meet late in March or early in April. There is not the slightest necessity of an extra session; the republicans acknowledge that their only object in having it called is to gain the six senators and as many representatives as South Dakota, Montana and Washington, when admitted as states, shall be entitled to.

They have decided that owing to their very narrow margin in both houses, this action is necessary in order to enable the new senators to organize and send their representatives in time for the beginning of the regular December session. It remains for Mr. Harrison to decide if he will allow his party leaders to compel him to call a needless session for the sake of a few more votes.

## BALLOT REFORM.

The most important legislative achievement of the year has been the enactment of a complete ballot law in Massachusetts. This measure, while modeled primarily upon the bill which the New York legislature passed, but which Governor Hill vetoed, differs from it in many respects. It contains an especially valuable provision for preventing the forgery of official ballots, and is, taken all in all, probably the most intelligent and comprehensive application of the English and Australian systems to American needs which has been made. It places the entire printing and distributing of the ballots in the hands of the state, to be paid for at the public expense. It provides, also, for independent nominations by a specified number of voters, and requires the printing of the residence, street and number of each candidate after his name upon the ballot. The Massachusetts law ought to be carefully studied by the framers of the new bill which is to be presented to the New York legislature this winter. It is likely to become the model for bills which are to be presented in other states, as indeed it ought to be; for, aside from its great merits, it would be most desirable to have our different state laws, upon this subject as nearly homogeneous as possible. We speak with entire confidence of the possibility of the different states having such laws in the near future. This is one of the reforms which must come, for without it our system of popular government cannot be maintained. Every election, especially in our large cities, shows that until this reform is secured, all other reforms are impossible of accomplishment. The control of the election machinery, of the printing and distributing of the ballots, must be taken from the hands of the politicians and put into the hands of the state. That is, we must take the power to control our elections away from the men who have no responsibility and no interest in government, save extravagance and corruption, and put it into the hands of officials who are sworn to do their duty. Of what use is it to try to get honest men nominated for office when we leave in the hands of political workers the power to defeat them at the polls by distributing fraudulent or defective ballots, or by making "deals" and "dickers" which cheat the people of their will? We have talked for years about reforming the primaries and the nominating conventions, but not one particle of progress has been made. Under the Massachusetts law any 400 voters, in case of a candidate for a state office, and any 100 voters in case of a candidate for a lesser office, by uniting in a petition in behalf of a candidate of their choice, can have his name printed upon the official ballots and have those ballots distributed at the polls at the public expense. What more certain way of reforming the primaries could be devised than this? If there were such a law in New York city there would be an end to the astonishing spectacle which is there so often presented of a "boss" setting up a candidate of his own for office in spite of all protests, and frequently electing him in spite of all opposition. Under such a law both "bosses" and primaries would, in a very short time, lose their present dominance in our politics. In fact, there is scarcely a form of iniquity known to our election methods which a good ballot law would not eradicate. We should be rid, at one stroke, of the assessment upon candidates, of the bribing and bulldozing of voters, of the nomination of notoriously unfit candidates, of "deals" and "dickers" and "trades" at the polls. All these would disappear, for the simple reason that the machinery of elections would be taken out of the hands of irresponsible and often dishonest men. Such an obvious and imperative reform as this can not be long delayed.—Century.

Mr. M. C. Crosby, one of the directors, and Mr. Henry B. Thielson, chief engineer, of the Astoria and South Coast Railway company, went down to Clatsop plains last Tuesday morning and returned yesterday. This special mission, says the Astorian, was to interview all the parties owning property through which the survey line of the road has been located who had not as yet granted the right of way. They report having met with gratifying success. With but few exceptions, reasonable and satisfactory terms were agreed upon with all the parties interviewed, and there seemed to be no disposition on the part of any one, wilfully and purposely, to hinder the construction of the road.

Lord Sackville is said to be venting his spite against this beautiful country in the dining-rooms of Paris. We can forgive him, for there never was a diplomatist who fell so flat or so hard as Sackville. But he ought to be mad at himself instead of the American republic, for there is nobody here responsible for his being a fool.—N. Y. World.

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Wheatland, Wednesday, December 26, 1888.  
Dayton, Thursday, December 27, 1888.  
Dundee, Friday, December 28, 1888.  
East Chehalis, Saturday, December 29, 1888.  
West Chehalis, Monday, December 31, 1888.  
Carlton, Wednesday, January 2, 1889.  
Bellevue, Thursday, January 3, 1889.  
Willamina, Friday, January 4, 1889.  
Cheridan, Saturday, January 5, 1889.  
Amity, Monday, January 7, 1889.  
Lafayette, Tuesday, January 8, 1889.  
R. and McMinville, January 9 & 10, 1889.  
North Yamhill, Friday, January 11, 1889.  
All persons are notified to be present at said payments and settle their taxes, or pay the same to me at my office within 30 days from the dates above mentioned. If not paid after the expiration of 30 days costs will be added, as specified by section 2735, R. v. d. Statute.  
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