

THE FOOTLIGHTS.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," Clara Morris and J. R. Grismer.

A new version of Uncle Tom's Cabin is to be at Garrison Opera house Saturday night by the Ewing dramatic company. Considerable liberty has been taken with the original text, but the play is improved in consequence. The new scenery, well painted, well conceived, adds much to the representation. The colored quartet is "way up," the Marks very clever and not coarse, the Legree sufficiently repulsive; Topsy is equal to the best we have seen and Phineas Fletcher leaves nothing to be desired. Uncle Tom is wanting somewhat in the pathetic, but he does well. The bloodhounds and the donkey play their parts to the satisfaction of all concerned. By all means go.

The papa system of government is being run in the ground in the east. In Pennsylvania the legislature has passed a law to prevent any merchant from "carrying more than one line of goods" in his business. It will last just long enough for a judge that has some sense to declare it invalid.

One of the steel cruisers for the navy being built in San Francisco, has been named Charleston. Citizens of San Francisco think that as the cruiser is the first to be built on the Pacific coast it should be named after their own city. A delegation of Californians recently waited on S. Whitney and made him a convert to their views. He went with them to Mr. Cleveland, who persistently refused to grant their request, and the cruiser will remain the Charleston. Under that name it is hoped that she will be able to produce an occasional earthquake.

When the OCR is completed things will assume a new shape, for our Front street merchants will have to go to the wall. Wide awake drummers from San Francisco, will invade southern Oregon and the Central Willamette valley, and the stolid wealth of Portland will have to bestir itself or sink in the mud of the flats.—Welcome.

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