

A FREE BALLOT. In Sunday's Oregonian was published the telegraphic columns an address by the state executive Republican committee of Mississippi.

As Republicans of Mississippi we are compelled to withdraw our state ticket. We know that our votes would be stolen and we hoped that in the larger towns and cities at least the semblance of free speech might still remain to us, but our candidates are not safely allowed to discuss or protest.

Our laws stand substantially as they were in 1875. When the armed revolution of 1875 wrested the state from us, Mississippi was the only Southern state unburdened with a state debt.

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Since the rebel privateers drove our commerce from the high seas the merchant marine of the United States has not been very large. A good portion of our products has been carried in foreign bottoms, and the grain fleets which leave our shores annually have been principally composed of English ships.

The Inter-Ocean claims that Chicago is again on trial in the Cronin murder as it was in the anarchist's Haymarket plot. It may be true that the police system of this great city has been put to a severe test in these two cases; but it can no more reflect on the city in general than the Whitechapel murders do on London.

One of our exchanges has suggested that the assessors of Oregon hold a meeting, and that some uniform plan of assessment be adopted for the state. This is timely, as there is no question which is entitled to more just criticism than the un-uniform plan of assessing property in different counties.

may rest assured that the interests of this country will be carefully watched. The future looks bright for the republicans on the western hemisphere, and with a uniformity of interests they may work in harmony for selfish ends.

TURKISH BARBARITIES. The Russians have been busy at work recently in discovering persecutions of Christians by the Turks in Armenia, and they claim to have unearthed a system of barbarity never equalled in modern history.

From our territorial exchanges it seems that every town in Washington is increasing in wealth and prosperity, and we are sorry we cannot say the same of the cities of Oregon. There are four cities in Washington with more population than any city in Oregon, except Portland, which, a few years ago, were only small towns.

The Democrats have had glory enough in the resignation of Tanner as Commissioner of Penitents, and now see something delightful in the wordy warfare between him and Secretary Noble. Perhaps Corporal Tanner was too much influenced in his official duties by friendliness towards his old comrades, but this is more easily excused than apathy towards them.

We have several times called the attention of the readers of THE MOUNTAINEER to the fact that mines of gold, silver and coal could be made accessible to this city, and by the exercise of proper business enterprise they could be made a factor of development to this city.

The growth of the west is nowhere more apparent than in the four new states which will soon be admitted into the union. New York, with her 36 electoral votes, has always been considered the pivotal state of the union, and during elections a common saying is, "As goes New York so goes the nation."

Senator Dolph is right when he says the standard gauge theory for overcoming the obstructions between The Dalles and Celilo is a "political hobby of Gov. Penneyer and ridden to death."

The Northern Pacific is "carrying the war into Africa" by building a line through Canada. Instead of being worsted in the transportation business by the Dominion transcontinental line it is determined to fight that road on its own ground. This is plucky, and may win success.

President Eliot having joined the Democracy emphasizes the fact that that party suits his notions on a national economic policy better than the Republicans. He is a pronounced free-trader, and undoubtedly desires to associate politically with those who think as he does.

TELEGRAPHIC. GREAT STORMS AT SEA. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The steamer Cosmopolis, which arrived in port to-day from Gray's harbor, met with rough weather on her way down. Captain Deitmers reports that when off Cape Blanco the steamer's shaft was bent and three blades of her propeller were broken off by heavy seas.

North Dakota is suffering much worse from drouth than Eastern Oregon or Eastern Washington. Many families there are on the point of starvation, and relief must be speedy or there will be intense suffering from cold and lack of food.

Our minister to Central America has settled the difficulty between Costa Rica and Nicaragua over canal waters, and the American company can prosecute their work without hindrance. When the American flag floats over the commerce from the Atlantic to the Pacific, via the Nicaragua canal, the United States, and especially the Pacific coast, will reap great benefit therefrom.

There is a rumor afloat that Chief Arthur is on trial for the engineers' convention in Denver. Very probably there are some radical men in the Brotherhood who do not agree with the conservative views of Mr. Arthur; but the larger class of engineers endorse his course while in charge of the organization, and will willingly defend his actions before the convention.

In a few years the United States will have as good a navy as any maritime nation on the continent, and with proper coast defenses she need not fear collision with European monarchies. This country, when properly equipped, can take charge of her own affairs and warn other nations "hands off" the little republics in the western hemisphere.

The representatives of the different countries on the continent now visiting the United States to take part in the Pan-American congress were elegantly entertained in Chicago yesterday. The city exerted herself to do her best on the occasion, and as usual the Queen City eclipsed the effort of any municipality in this country.

Dewey has made a prediction that New York will have the world's fair in 1892, and that Harrison and Cleveland will head the national tickets the same year. Chicago may have something to say regarding the first part of this proposition, and whatever she says will be said loudly.

President Eliot has been canonized by the Democratic press of the country since he joined the party. We never saw his name mentioned before in Democratic prints, and perhaps never would if it had not been for the fact that free-trade and Democracy are very closely related.

THE JAPAN FLOODS. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—The steamer Belgic arrived tonight from Hong Kong and Yokohama. The Japanese papers state that complete returns from the peninsula of Korea show that 655 people were drowned and 121 injured during the floods of September 11, and that over 1000 houses were swept away, and thousands of acres of crops destroyed.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 22.—The bitterness of feeling between the two parties is increasing daily, and the fight between them is being waged in a more bitter and ferocious manner. The Republicans hold the Democrats responsible for the delay in the admission of the territory, and the Democrats hold the Republicans responsible for the delay in the admission of the territory.

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