

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

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then you may hope to administer the Government of the United States by excluding politicians. A Government not administered by politicians must not be an autocrat. He must make it the business of his life.

was important, indelibly for the past, and have so adjusted the difficult question between neutrality and belligerency as to establish our perpetual position as a neutral power by the law of nations.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.
A CONFLAGRATION IN PORTLAND, OREGON.
PORTLAND, OREGON, Dec. 23.—A disastrous conflagration in this city today broke out in a Chinese wash-house on the east side of Front-st., between Alder and Morrison-sts., and burned the whole block, and nearly the whole block on the west side of the same street.

HOME NEWS.
TERMINATED, YESTERDAY, AT ROCKYHURST, IN PARK.
PROMINENT ARRIVALS.
Actor House—Gen. W. P. Sherman, U. S. A., and Gen. Henry W. Halleck, with their families, arrived at the Actor House, 100 West 42d-st., yesterday.

THE WEATHER.
WAR DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—11 A. M.
Forecast for the past (week) from the North-Westward over the Middle and New-England States, with falling temperature, northerly to westerly winds, and generally clear weather.

FOREIGN NEWS.
PORTLAND, OREGON.
NEW-YORK CITY.
The Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange has decided to close the Exchange at 3 P. M. on the 24th and 25th inst.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE CATLIN.
The art circles of America and Europe have lost one of their oldest and most esteemed members. George Catlin, the artist, died at his residence, 100 West 42d-st., New York, on the 23rd inst.

PERSONAL.

THE MARCHIONESS OF WATERFORD follows the example of her wife, and joins the Roman Catholic Church.
The Hon. Andrew G. Curdin is lecturing on Russia.
A negro in Georgia—whose name is not given—risked his life to lay a rail on one of the railroads.

LEGAL.

PROBABLE INNOCENCE OF A CONVICT.
It seems likely that John McMillan, who was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment for alleged robbing and kidnapping of James Hume of No. 127 Clinton-place, on the night before Thanksgiving, is innocent.

NEW-YORK CITY.

LONG ISLAND CITY.—The Queens County Court-House Commissioners met yesterday, and decided to ask Messrs. Olmstead, Bryant & Rogers, Hathorn, King, Peterson & Kilbin, and Pierson, architects, to present plans for the proposed court-house and jail, each to be paid \$50 for his plan.

DEPARTURE OF FOREIGN MAILS.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—The Western and all Domestic Mails close at 10 P. M.
Mails for Europe, via Queenstown and Liverpool, per steamship Manhattan, close at 10 P. M.
Mails for Europe, via Southampton, per steamship Atlantic, close at 10 P. M.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF NEW-YORK.—Dec. 23.
Steamship Ontario, from New-York, to U. S. and Brazil Steamship Co.
Steamship Elizabeth, from New-York, to U. S. and Brazil Steamship Co.
Steamship John Bull, from New-York, to U. S. and Brazil Steamship Co.

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