

Those who mourn the decadence of the "Oregon style" of journalism that kept things warm in the days of Bush and Dreyer, should read the mutually complimentary screeds of such social, literary and political lights as Theodore Roosevelt, in the *New York Sun*, and Frank Hatton, in the *Washington Post*. True, these be degenerate times, but we are occasionally encouraged by flashes like these of the old vigor of journalism.

A mistake must have been made by the Washington club which refused to entertain Pugilist Sullivan on the ground that he is not a gentleman. We now have Mr. Sullivan's own word for it that he is a gentleman, and this is a statement from the highest authority, though not couched in diplomatic language. He has paid his fine in Mississippi, refuses to fight the "nigger," and says he is going on the stage. Just what he will do there is not perfectly clear, since mechanical appliances have rendered the scenery easily handled by smaller men.

Portland has a custom sanctioned by long neglect to enforce the ordinance prohibiting it, that ought to be relegated to the place where her other village peculiarities have gone. It is absurd to say it is impracticable to hitch horses when they are left unattended in the streets. Other cities of ten times the size of Portland enforce this ordinance, and it can be done here just as easily. In those places the police drive every unsecured horse to the station, where the owner must go and pay for its redemption. It would take but a few weeks of this kind of treatment to create a change of opinion as to the comparative practicability of tying a horse or paying five dollars for not doing so. When Portland was a little village, horses could run down the streets and do but little damage, save to frighten chickens and furnish a sadly-needed item for the local paper; but now that she is no longer a village she should put village customs behind her and emulate the example of some of the larger and more progressive communities.

PORTLAND'S COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

PRESIDENT Harrison has appointed Hon. R. P. Earhart, of Portland, to the position of collector of customs for this port. In doing this he has selected one of the most popular, able and experienced gentlemen among the leaders of the republican party in Oregon. Mr. Earhart has served his party and state faithfully in several capacities, and enjoys the respect of all honorable men of both parties. Mr. Earhart is a native of Franklin, Ohio, where he was born June 23, 1837, and came to Oregon in 1855. From 1866 to 1889 he has been continuously

in the public service in some capacity, the most important of which were special U. S. Indian agent at the Warm Springs reservation, in 1866-7; representative of Marion county in the legislature, in 1870; in the U. S. surveying service from 1874 to 1878; secretary of state of Oregon eight years; adjutant general from 1885 to 1887; and representative from Multnomah county in the legislature of 1889. Mr. Earhart is at present manager of the Northwest Fire & Marine Insurance Co.



HON. R. P. EARHART.

The purchase of the Fairhaven & Southern by the Great Northern company, settles a matter that has been in perplexing doubt. The excellence of Bellingham bay as a harbor, and the lowness of the pass across the mountains have long been deemed as certain to induce some great transcontinental line to select that harbor for a terminal point, which this great Manitoba system has now done. The growth and development of Bellingham bay will now be much more rapid than it has ever been.

Wanamaker & Brown's new government guernseys did not suit the aesthetic taste of the life-saving crew at Cleveland, Ohio, and they refused to wear them. This disrespect to the clothing and postal department of the government was promptly punished by the dismissal of the offenders, and the administration has again been vindicated.