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MR. EDITOR: If you were seated
just where I am, listening to the merry
twitter of a canary bird, while gazing
into a lovely garden, you might, per-
haps, think you were in paradise; until
you were rather suddenly called to this
mundane sphere by a sharp prick from
a hungry mosquito, and what a fuss the
mosquito would make; while with me he ex-
claims, "La feir ne vaut pas la chan-
delle."
Everything looks spring like, and the
air feels balmy, which delights resi-
dents here, as wood commands the enor-
mous price of eight and ten dollars
per cord. Coal is much cheaper, but so
much dirtier to handle and to cook
with. Potatoes are a dollar and a half
per cental. My hostess and I walked
to the Hotel Vendome to make a
call last Wednesday, and each time I
see it and the lovely grounds surround-
ing it, I think it ought to be well patron-
ized, but I am informed it does not
pay. There are a fine tennis court,
croquet grounds, and swings, for the
amusement of the guests, and the elec-
tric cars pass the gates every few min-
utes. San Jose possesses three haunted
houses. One of them is almost opposite
this residence. It is a nice, large build-
ing, with a fine garden, but it is unoc-
cupied, and just now the papers are
saying considerable about the others.
Another of the old pioneers passed
away Wednesday night, and the re-
mains will be interred to-morrow even-
ing. High mass will be performed at
the Roman Catholic church for the re-
pose of his soul, which will cost one
hundred dollars, and I doubt very
much if any benefit will be derived
from it. The Steen-Wongren Com-
munion Company have been drawing
large crowds at the People's Theater
this week. Popular prices are ten,
twenty, and thirty cents admission,
and for that small amount one can
have heaps of fun watching their
"high jinks" performance. I learned
that since I came here, he always
great interest in all that concerns our
literary society, as I think it is of great
assistance to both young and old in
many ways, and hope the duets and
quartets I sent Rev. D. V. Poling
have been received, and will be sung at
your entertainments, as most of them
are very beautiful. La grippe is still
prevalent here, but people are too apt
to neglect the first symptoms, and suf-
fer greatly in consequence. Wishing
all my old friends and new comers
great success, I remain
Very truly yours,
MARIAN K. LA RANIERUE.

Monmouth Notes.
During the past week three new
houses have been put in course of
construction here. Before next fall Mon-
mouth will present a scene of great in-
dustry in the building line.
The Northwest Progress continues to
add names to its subscription list. Al-
though the prohibitionists, as a politi-
cal party, may not accomplish much,
yet let us hope that the Progress may
have a tendency to suppress vice and
immorality where it most abounds.
F. K. Powell was in town this week.
He looked supremely happy. The
beautiful day seemed to make him re-
joice that he lived in such a land of
peace and plenty as Oregon.
Billy Mulkey says he does not like to
sell groceries and provisions, but he de-
lights in exchanging those for the
shining coin.
The exercises at the public school on
the 23d of February, the anniversary of
Washington's birthday, were exceed-
ingly interesting. Singing, recitations,
and declamations, were the order of
the day. All seemed to impress on the
minds of the scholars the deeds and pa-
triotic efforts of Washington in behalf
of our country in the time of its direst
need. Hon. N. L. Butler made a few
remarks which were well calculated to
inspire the hearts of all present with
patriotic fervor and with devotion to
the "father of his country." Quite a
large number of ladies were present.
These exercises were the most impres-
sive and interesting we witnessed. Let
the teachers of our public schools im-
press upon the minds of the pupils the
name and fame of Washington.

We met this week Le Roy Riggs, of
Falls City, and Mrs. George Hubbard,
of Yaginta. They had been on a visit
to J. E. Hubbard and family, of In-
dependence. They are grandchildren of
J. B. Riggs, who came with the writer
to Oregon in 1845, and was at one time
a prominent man in social and politi-
cal circles in Polk county, and at the
present time he has many friends and
relatives in the county who remember
him with the highest regard.

During the months of January and
February Will Ireland has plowed 180
acres of summer-fallow land, besides
putting in thirty acres of wheat in the
same time. By his hard-worked peo-
ple east of the Rockies, come and spy
out our loved land.

Some disgruntled crank may take
exceptions to your reporter's continued
eulogy of Oregon, yet, after a residence
of forty-seven years here, he always
has and always will maintain the su-
periority of Oregon over any land in-
habited by man.

Let us say right here that we are for
Cleveland now and ever. Submit it to-
day to the Democracy of the United
States, and the loud acclaim would be,
"Give us Cleveland!"
Alvin Ireland to-day said: "The first
work I ever did in Oregon was for S.
Staats, when I was penniless and hun-
gry. He gave me five dollars for two
or three days work, and it looked to me
as big as a cart wheel." He don't hire
out much now.

We called on Will Dalton Friday.
He was some better. There is another
piece of loose bone in his side, which,
when extracted, he thinks he will have
a speedy recovery. He has now been
confined to his bed almost six months,
but is full of grit and spirit. He don't
intend to give up, and is planning for
the future. Dr. Stanley, of Dallas, is
his attending physician, and is in the
pay of the S. P. R. Co.

Spring is coming, and so are the
book-peddlers. The up your dogs.
Mr. David Parker, eighty-two years
of age, walked two miles to visit Will
Dalton. He experienced no inconve-
nience from the walk. Mr. Parker,
we are told, has raised fifteen children.

We hope Bro. Bell will take no ex-
ceptions to the list of subscribers we
send him this week.
The first 100 acres of land lying south-
west of Independence, and which was
at the disposal of the Willamette Real
Estate Company, has all been sold in
small tracts, and its recent purchase of
140 acres adjoining, is selling rapidly,
three ten-acre tracts having already
been disposed of. This tract of land
will soon be one blooming fruit orchard,
and will be a pleasant place of resort for
the people of Independence, where they
can pluck fruit and take an exten-
sive view of the surrounding country.

The little boy of Selby Ireland, who
had his leg broken two weeks ago, is
doing remarkably well.
We had a pleasant chat Friday with
William Booths, who is from Drain,
Douglas county. He seems a very
kind and affable gentleman, and will
be a most welcome addition to Mon-
mouth's business and social circles.

Death of the Oldest Printer.
Jose de la Rosa died at Ventura De-
cember 25, 1891. He was nearly 104
years old. He was born in Old Mexico,
January 6, 1788, and was educated for the
priesthood, but failed to enter upon the
duties of the calling. In early life he
became a printer and was sent by Pres-
ident Santa Anna in 1834 to Monterey
with a printing outfit, the first brought
to this state. Here he printed public
documents. For many years he has
been a resident of Ventura. He was a
devout Catholic and had the love and
esteem of all who knew him.

Oldest Mason in the United States.
MAMPAHS, Tenn., Jan. 14.—Hon
Robert J. Chester, the oldest Mason in
the world, died at Jackson, Tenn., this
morning, aged 99 years. Mr. Chester
served under the staff of Andrew Jack-
son, his kinsman, at the battle of New
Orleans. Masons from all parts of the
country will attend the funeral.

His business house, now in course
of construction, will add much to the
attractiveness of the town. He is build-
ing no flimsy structure, but a large and
substantial frame building, adjoining
the Waterhouse property. In moving
to our city, may his brightest anticipa-
tions be realized.

Many buildings are in course of
construction here in the minds of the
people, and when spring fairly opens,
that mental construction will resolve
itself into manual labor, and new
buildings will spring up as if by magic.

In talking with the postmaster at
Monmouth, the name of Uncle Elijah
Davidson was called to mind. He was
one of the early settlers of Monmouth.
He was a man of Herculean frame and
stentorian voice. He was an honored
member of the Christian church, and
although not a regularly-ordained
minister, he was one of the most ear-
nest and effective exhorters we ever
heard speak to a congregated people.
He has many friends and relatives
still living in the county.

The Democrats of Monmouth are in
good spirit; the Republicans are under
the command of General Dorr.
Messrs. Neil & Fream have a nice,
clean, and well-arranged new butcher
shop. They are determined that the
citizens of Monmouth shall have the
best meats that can be procured from
far and near. Go look at their shop
even if you are not in present want of
fine beef and mutton.

Antine, the furniture dealer here,
contemplates keeping on hand a se-
lection of undertakers' articles. This,
in connection with the "hearse" re-
cently purchased by Mr. Beckly, will
be a convenience to the people when
such things must be necessarily used.
We hope there will not be much ne-
cessity for their use.

We were much pleased to meet with
our old friend, O. M. Pringle, last Fri-
day. He is from Prineville, Crook
county. He is in the lecture field, is a
pleasant speaker, and we have no
doubt that he will please all who may
attend his lectures.

Charles Lanktree says he has come
to Monmouth to stay. His occupation
will be blacksmithing, and we speak
for him a fair share of the public patron-
age.
B. F. Church will supply the people
of Monmouth with rich fresh milk.
He lives near town, has good grass and
feed, and you can depend upon getting
milk, for he never visits the town pump.

Hewitt & Son, druggists, report busi-
ness fair, and have no cause for com-
plaint. If they should take a gripe they
would probably change the latter
part of the report.
They say "Money makes the mare go."
What makes the money come.
Let's take hold of the Polk county
district fair; let's boom it right along;
let the farmers take time by the fore-
lock, and prepare to make such an ex-
hibition of fruits, vegetables, and cere-
als, as will prove to visitors that Polk
is the peer of any county in the state.

Your reporter has not yet recovered
from the effects of his recent illness.
We are earnestly anxious to regain our
usual health, so that we can bestirre
our ponies, visit different sections of the
county, and thus contribute more in-
teresting matter to the columns of the
WEST SIDE.

And now, friend Bell, I must bid
adieu to the columns of the WEST SIDE,
for people all, wherever we go, do doubt
but praise on us bestow. RICHMOND.

A Chicago physician, speaking of la
grippe, says: "I have treated the dis-
ease on scientific principles. I have
found that alcohol, borax, and heated
air are deadly enemies of the organism
which has caused so much trouble dur-
ing the past two years. The weakest
part of the body is always attacked
first, the nose, eyes, or ears. As soon as
the symptoms of the gripe appear,
patient should go to a stove and inhale
hot air. This of itself is sufficient in
some cases to destroy the organisms.
In addition to the hot air, alcoholic
vapors and powdered borax should be
inhaled. For the eyes a mixture of four
grains of borax to one ounce of rose-
water. When the ears are attacked
treatment must be directed to the
throat. A small lump of borax may
be dissolved in the mouth. In any
case the patient should sit by a stove,
using the alcoholic vapor and heated
air. The only object is to destroy the
bacillus and this treatment never fails.
I think it a good plan for every person
to carry in the pocket a two-ounce
vial of alcohol and a small box of pure
powdered borax and a few lumps of
borax to hold in the mouth for the
throat."

Prof. Postive: "Papa," said talka-
tive little girl, "am I made of dust?"
"No, my child. If you were you
would dry up once in awhile."—San
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