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ALL LETTERS should be addressed to the WEST SIDE, Independence.

Many comments on the recent election of a lady mayor and councilmen in the city of Florence have been noticed in our exchanges, but the one found in the Salem *Saturday Night* is perhaps the most thoughtful of any. In referring to this matter Salem's literary weekly says in part: "The 'emancipated' woman must feel elated over the result of the recent municipal election in Florence, Lane county, Oregon, where women were elected to every office on the ticket, including that of marshal. In the field of politics no such sweeping victory has ever been achieved by the stronger-minded of the gentle sex than in this little town of Oregon. It is not alone in politics that women are coming to the front. They are also displacing men in every walk of industrial and commercial life, and that with a rapidity that is almost phenomenal. The old idea that women are intellectually inferior to the men is vanishing in the face of numerous and startling proofs to the contrary. And, as a natural consequence, the American woman is beginning to 'feel her oats' and to show by her actions that her erstwhile lofty estimate of man's superiority has become materially modified; that she thinks she could, on a pinch, get along very well without him; in which conclusion there may be some truth, but it cannot be expected to be received by the male bipeds with joyous acclamation."

Another new paper has been born into the troubled literary world of Salem. It is called the *Saturday Night*, and is an excellently arranged literary and social weekly, containing many articles of real merit by local contributors and from the pen of its able editor T. E. Murphy. The publishers, Messrs Flagg & Murphy, have had not only the needed experience in such affairs, but posess one of the best offices in the state for such a work, and it may be predicted that if the reading and social public of Salem does its part toward the *Saturday Night* it will reflect very credibly upon the literary people of the capital city. Here's to your success, Bro. Flagg.

After a careful review of the testimony so far given in the noted Durrant case now agitating the San Francisco public, and indeed the entire Pacific Coast, the Portland *Sun* comes to the following conclusion: The coroner's jury in San Francisco found young Durrant guilty of the murder of Mamie Williams, and the magistrate before whom he is being examined is expected to hold him for murder; yet the evidence, while pointing toward him, is not so far as divulged, sufficient to convict. It becomes more doubtful every day if the real murderer is ever known.

A Connecticut burglar, while waiting his trial, is nursing a broken nose and numerous cuts on his head, which he received from an iron shovel in the hands of a sixteen-year-old girl, into whose bedroom he went with burglarious intentions. "He'll never go there any more."

The members of a baseball club, on their way to play a game in the suburbs of Havana, were mistaken for an insurgent army and arrested by Spanish troops. That gives a good idea of the average size of the insurgent armies.

The late Josh Billings, used upon occasion to say, "t'is better to be ignorant than to know a lot that ain't so." We commend the idea to some of those now posing as financial teachers of the people.

Now that the dispute between Nicaragua and England is in a fair way to be amicably settled a broadside of Monroe doctrine bombast may be expected from the administration mouth pieces.

The extra session ghost is worrying Mr. Cleveland, notwithstanding the vigilance of the detectives who guard "Woodley."

There are more kinds of wild cat currency than the notes issued by irresponsible banks.

Cablegrams report Bismarck as losing nerve. Well, he has more of it to lose han most men.

It is a sad sight while for ex-Speaker Crisp's friends to waste time proving his eligibility to the presidency. He was born in England, of American parentage, his father and mother being members of a theatrical company; he has no chance of ever becoming president.

A Florida judge gave a striking illustration of judicial paternalism when he fined a nurse for whipping a child, although the mother of the child stated that the nurse was only carrying out the instructions given her. The mother of the child paid the fine.

Perhaps Mr. Cleveland had his contract with that European bond syndicate in mind when he wrote: "I believe that capital and wealth, through combination and other means, sometimes gain an undue advantage."

It's all the same who the democrats put up for president next year, but if they wish a really picturesque campaign they will nominate Henry Watterson and not adopt any platform.

If Gen. Maximo Gomez, the Cuban revolutionist leader looks anything like the newspaper pictures of him, he appears to be more hungry for a square meal than for glory.

There are people who do not think it just the proper thing for Hoke Smith to receive a $40,000 fee as a railroad lawyer while also drawing a salary as secretary of the interior.

The Lexow investigation cost $67,530, but no better investment was ever made by the tax payers of New York.

It is evident that a new edition of the Cleveland complete letter writer will have to be prepared this year.

Mr. Cleveland's letter to that Chicago committee is a bid for the leadership of the gold monometallists.

Sibley talks like a man who is absolutely certain that he will never be president.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DALLAS.

Elder W. F. Cowden, of Tacoma, will preach at the Christian church, Friday evening and at Independence Sunday, April 28. Mr. Cowden is one of the ablest divines on the Pacific coast, and should receive a good hearing.

Henry Brown, proprietor of Hotel Holman came over from Salem Thursday, to remain. By the way, Mrs. Brown has shown herself to be a success at hotel business during the absence of Mr. Brown.

On account of the Sunday school convention to be held on the first Saturday in May, the teachers' association has been postponed to the second Saturday. The meeting to be held at Bethel.

Grand Master Parker is at home again. When he shall have visited three lodges—Kings Valley, McCoy and Portland—he will have finished his year's visitation of lodges.

Commissioner Byerley was in town Firday morning making arrangements to send back to Linn county an indigent person who was brought from that county a few weeks ago.

Homer Shoper, Mark Spivey, Taylor Dunn, Geo. Bowles, Will Surles and Homer Leman expect to start for California about the 15th of next month.

Chas. Richardson, Ross Riggs and Henry Rigg, of McCoy, were in Dallas, Tuesday and state that they start for South America soon.

Rev. Smick, Sunday school missionary of the Presbytery of the Willamette, preached at the Presbyterian church Sunday last.

The new post office located at Grand Ronde is named "Butler" in honor of Hon. N. L. Butler, of Monmouth.

Dr. H. B. Stanley, who has been spending the winter in California, is expected home in a few days.

Messrs. Chas. Hellenbrand and Ed. Herron were in Dallas, Tuesday. Mr. Herron is still buying hops.

Rev. S. A. Starr, who has been quite ill of pneumonia for the past two week is slowly improving.

W. H. Roy, who went into the livery business in Independence last fall is back home again.

Chas. Campbell writes his folks, from Newport, that he is off for a trip to South America.

Mrs. Higgins, of Monmouth, was in town Friday looking after Rebekah work.

Hon. F. A. Patterson, of Independence, was in Dallas Monday.

Three new "wheels" come to Dallas this week, and more on the road.

The mill-man, R. Suitor, has been quite ill the past week.

W. W. Williams, of Independence, was in town last week.

Frank Fowler left for his home in Baston, Saturday.

Hon. E. T. Hatch, of McCoy, was in Dallas Tuesday.

MONMOUTH.

Mrs. J. B. Whitmore, who has been county president of the W. C. T. U. for Yamhill county for a number of years, but now of Independence, lectured to the ladies of Monmouth Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Whitmore is a pleasant speaker and all enjoyed her talk very much.

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday afternoon and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. R. C. Percival; vice president, Mrs. H. A. Adkins; secretary, Mrs. B. S. Murphy; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Whitney. The Union meets the first Tuesday in each month. All are invited.

The Juniors began their work in the rhetoricals Friday morning, Misses Cole and Wilds and Mr. Seward taking part. The Seniors presented the Juniors with a lovely floral piece, made wholly of pansies, the Junior class flower. The orchester played a very pleasing selection also.

The seventh and eighth grades in the public school had a spelling match Friday afternoon and Miss Cassie Cook, a member of the eighth grade, won the the honors, having spelled every body down and missed no words in the list given her alone.

L. L. Swann, of the public school, had rhetoricals in his room Friday afternoon on Alice and Phoebe Cary. The young people did quite well. Mr. Swann is giving his pupils a drill that will be very useful to them.

The junior class of the Normal school is enthusiastic already over the decorations for commencement. There has been three committees appointed to go to each house in town to see what flowers can be secured.

If you see a couple of young people going along the street in the evening gazing intently at the heavens you may know it is some of the astronomy class and they are trying to find some certain constellation.

President P. L. Campbell went to Eugene Friday to attend the educational convention held there under the auspices of the University of Oregon.

The Sunday school concert given last Sunday was a decided success. The little ones showed careful training and did their parts creditably.

Elder J. N. Smith, with his family, left Friday for Seattle, where he will begin his work in the ministry.

Frank Fenton and family, of McMinnville, are spending the week with the J. B. V. Butler family.

Rev. Sherman moved Saturday from the Murphy place to Mr. Craven's property on Main street.

Miss Emma Lammers returned from her home in Portland Monday, where she has been visiting.

Messrs. Cosper and Black, of Dallas, attended the Christian Endeavor meeting here last Sunday.

Miss Carol Young returned Monday after spending a very pleasant week at her home in Astoria.

Dave Foulks and wife, of Portland, are visiting Mrs. Foulks' mother, Mrs. Luther Grounds.

James Campbell and wife, of Dallas, spent Sunday with Thos. Campbell and family.

P. J. Baughman's many friends will be glad to learn that he is impoving in health.

A social party was given at the residence of J. B. V. Butler Tuesday evening

Henry Staats and John Smith, of Lewisville, were in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Miller is spending the week in Portland with her mother.

Born, Monday, April 22d, to the wife of Wesley Kibbey, daughter.

Alice Smith is in the capital city this week visiting friends.

Prof. W. A. Ginn took a trip to Corvallis one day this week.

Miss Sumpter, who has been quite ill, is now able to be out.

Mrs. Bert Lucas, of Portland, is visiting in town this week.

John White, of Crowley, was in town Sunday.

BUENA VISTA.

J. B. Williams took Carrie Davidson to Albany Monday, where she took the train for her home in Roseburg to attend the bed-side of her cousin who is quite sick.

Miss. Lottie Herbert, who has been a teacher in this community for two years, has returned to her home in Corvallis.

Theo. Jakes left Buena Vista for Washington last week. Theo. will be free from pain, or the blues for a shor time.

I. N. Furguson, of Salem, agent for the Home Mutual Insuance Co., was the guest of A. Anderson Monday.

Dr. C. E. Boynton, who went to Nevada several weeks ago, returned Saturday.

Prof. Storms, principal of the Buena Vista school, has been visiting in Dallas.

The graduates went to Salem last Monday to have their pictures taken.

The family of Rev. Ballentyne left Thursday for their home in Lafayette.

Rev. T. Yost will preach in the Evangelical church Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Mesdames Scott and Prather were visiting in Independence Tuesday.

Bud Hall is greatly improving his hop yard.

FAIRVIEW.

Robert Steele gave a social dance at his residence Friday evening. Mr. Steele is a royal entertainer and everybody was well pleased.

The farmers here are making good use of this fine weather sowing their late ground.

Wm. Fuqua and wife of Parker, were visiting Jas. Hiltibrand's family Sunday.

Mrs. O. J. Bagley is quite sick but at present writing is reported better.

The S. P. R. R. company is covering the bridge across the Luckiamute.

I. Smith is planting nine acres of potatoes on B. W. Harris's farm.

May Appeal to England.

The latest news from Honolulu would indicate a very disturbed condition of mind on the part of the government of the insular republic. A dispatch of recent date from San Francisco says:

It is positively learned that public sentiment in Japan is strongly turned in the direction of taking possession of Hawaii. While the native Hawaiins really constitute the nationality there, they being 34,000 to the Japanese 25,000, the latter have the largest number of male adults, there being 20,000 to the natives 16,000.

There can be no doubt that a small Japanese squadron, with 1000 troops with the assistance of the resident Japanese, could easily overcome any resistance which would be possible for the rest of the population of Hawaii to make. The safety of that government against an early conflict with Japan must be in the protection of the United States. Failing that an appeal must be made to the British for their protection.

The feeling of the government is that they may at an early day find themselves under the necessity of surrendering the Islands to England, in order to escape Japanese aggression, unless the United States adopts a definite and decided policy of protection.

Tonight's Program.

That there may be no misconception as to the excellence of the perfomance tonight at the opera house the program of the concert to be rendered by the O. K. T. company is here given:

FIRST PART.

1. Mandolin solo—"La Granadina," (Granada), E. B Freeman
2. Tenor solo—"Good Night, Beloved" (Balfe), N. E. Skinner.
3. Vocal duet—"Robin Ruff and Gaffer Green," Messrs. Skinner and Bowman.
4. Quartette—"I Long For Thee," (Hartel).

PART SECOND.

5. Baritone solo—"Has Your Heart Grown Cold," (Miller), A. M. Alexander.
6. Guitar solo—"Answer," E. B. Freeman.
7. Comic song—"Marguerite," Bert P. Van Cleve.
8. Quartette—"The Bridge," (Lindsey-Shattuck).

The price of admission is so obviously out of proportion to the excellence of the program that if there is not a crowded house it will speak but poorly for the musical education of this city. Admission for adults, 15 cents and for children 10 cents; reserved seats at Patterson's drug store, 25 cents. Remember that it is tonight (Thursday) at the opera house.

Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers was held last Saturday evening by the Baptist Young People's Union, and the following officers elected to take charge of the affairs of the union on May 1st next:

For president, E. C. Pentland; vice president, W. S. Ferguson; secretary, W. L. Wilkin; treasurer, P. R. Alexander.

The affairs of the union are in good order, and considerable work has been done during the past year and much more is in contemplation The newly elected officers are all thoroughly conversant with their duties, and are well qualified for their respective positions.

Approaching Completion.

The new J. F. O'Donnell building on Main and D. streets is rapidly being completed. It will probably be finished next week and ready to receive the stock of new goods now on the way from the East. The only thing which will interfere with the work will be a change for the worse in the weather.

He Believes in Oregon.

In common with nearly everyone who comes to this state, E. Rose, a wealthy and enterprising San Francisco merchant who was here this week, is highly pleased with the business activity everywhere apparent, as well as delighted with the climate. A man who would cavil at these glorious spring days must indeed be hard to suit, for such weather is found nowhere but on the Pacific coast, and no locality furnishes more delightful specimens than does the Willamette valley.

What pleased Mr. Rose the most, however, was the business life, the energy of local merchants, and the bright prospects generally of all parts of this state. He remarked that he had traveled from the towns of Coos and Curry counties on the south, to Portland and Astoria in the north, and the manner in which the "back country" of all these places is growing is very promising.

It is pleasant to hear such words from strangers. If it does not alleviate the scarcity of the needful here, it at least shows that other places are worse off, which in itself should arouse in the breast of all a spirit of thankfulness and contentment, and a disposition to make the most of what they have and not mourn over what can't be helped.

Deserves Capital Punishment.

Intensely interesting news, of a very sensational character, is hourly looked for from Florence, Lane county. In the last issue of the *West*, the bright local paper of that place, Editor Alley devoted nearly the whole of his first page to an illustrated write-up of the newly elected mayor and council, all of them women, and also gives other noted characters about town an equally prominent place.

The cuts embrace a choice collection of faces of patent medicine victims, with a few illustrations from continued stories in plate matter, and it is to expected that the lady mayor and her fellow sufferers will wait on Alley and either stop their subscription or just hang the editor.

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