

Mr. W. F. Butcher, of Baker City, the genial and prominent lawyer and Democrat, who went down to overwhelming yet honorable defeat as a candidate for congress in this district last June, is reported to have said in a recent interview in Washington City that "if the Democrats of Oregon had stood pat in 1892 instead of withdrawing their electoral ticket on the eve of election, Oregon would have been carried for Grover Cleveland. It was the most suicidal act the party ever perpetrated, and was one of the things that caused the permanent loss of the state to the Democrats." Mr. Butcher, at that time a candidate for presidential elector, refused, it will be remembered, to withdraw, but one other Democratic candidate, Mr. E. A. Miller, did withdraw, on the advice of the national committee, and Mr. Pierce, a Populist, was substituted in his stead. The consequence of this move was the election of only three McKinley electors in Oregon that year. Pierce, a Weaver elector, being elected. Populists were then numerous in Oregon, and later were more numerous than Democrats, and they combined outnumbered the Republicans, as this vote showed. But that the Democratic electors by themselves had any possible chance of carrying the state, with due respect for the opinion of the gallant Colonel Butcher, it is absurd. And why should this incident have so weakened the Democratic party in Oregon? Cleveland was elected that year, the hard times came on immediately, they and all ill luck were charged to the Democratic party, which being in power split widely asunder; and never since has that party had any more chance of carrying Oregon than of carrying Pennsylvania, but this fact is not in the least due to the incident alluded to by the Baker statesman. Nor is there any present prospect that the Democrats will come within 10,000 votes, at the lowest estimate, of carrying Oregon for the next twenty years. Yet no positive prediction respecting political events that long ahead can be safely made.—Telegram.

The Historical Societies' Quarters.
The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, No. 3, Vol. 3, September, 1902, lies upon our table. As usual it is full of interest to all who care to know anything about the beginning of things in Oregon and what good citizen should not? The contents are as follows: Sheep husbandry in Oregon, by Hon. John Minto, a pioneer of 1844; The Origin and History of the Willamette Woolen Factory, the first on the Pacific coast, by the late L. E. Pratt, who constructed the factory and managed it for several years; The American Fur Trade in the Far West, a review of the recent work by Capt. Hiram M. Clittenden, U. S. corps of engineers, by Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor; Reminiscences of James Jory, a pioneer of 1847, and D. K. Warren, a pioneer of 1852, by H. T. Lyman; Reminiscences of Mrs. Tabitha Brown, a pioneer of 1846, best known as "Grandma" Brown, who taught the first school at Forest Grove, out of which has grown the Pacific University of today, by Mrs. Jane Kinney Smith. In addition there are three interesting documents: (1) Relating to the formal taking of the Columbia river Aug. 19, 1818, by Capt. J. Biddle, U. S. N.; (2) Letter of March 4, 1843, published in the National Intelligencer, Washington, D. C., relating to Oregon; (3) Extract from a lecture by George L. Hilliard in Hartford, Conn. in 1845, opposing the idea of the U. S. giving up its claim to the Oregon country. Every copy of this quarterly should be carefully preserved. In a few years it will become invaluable to every student. It is sent to a large number of Historical Societies and public libraries in eastern states; and in this way is largely assisting in making historic Oregon better known to the people of our land. Any one desiring to secure copies can do so by applying to Geo. H. Himes, Assistant Secretary of the Society, City Hall, Portland, Oregon.

THE BROKEN CIRCUIT
BY JOHN H. RAFFERTY.
Their friendship began in the early days of the wireless telegraph demonstrations by Marconi. The only two of a large company of grasping students who agreed upon the genuineness of certain simple phenomena of hypnosis, mental telegraphy and suggestion, Parker and Brevoort drifted apart from the scoffers and complacent to knit from the tangled materials of their dreams, their speculations and their oddly different temperaments, that queer little alterable friendship which endures with out a break till four Parker died. They became as brothers, forever delving into the ramifications of science, scient, inseparable and mutually self-venturing.
Brevoort's room was the front half of an old loft on the north floor of a store building just beyond the university settlement, and Parker lived in a sort of semi-lab in the tower of a flat building about a mile south in a street line from Brevoort's place. Parker was studying law and he found work in the junior medical class, but neither of them cared for such, or standing resolutions to pursue knowledge along those tedious, snuffling trade that first laid the undeveloped minds of all unassuming students. Parker, who had a knack of making his \$100, set up a sort of studio in one corner of Brevoort's large-like room, and there the two friends spent most of their indoor leisure, studying, smoking, eating, experimenting. Brevoort in time came to be a more devoted student than his friend and his room became popular with scores of more or less artists and accurate painter-ade.
The fact knows just how they started or how far they got into the pendings of the material of mental radiations. They were in the habit of walking together for some thing like three or four miles in great privacy, as they speak, but why they always talked first upon the outer walk, being able to hear the street, and then to be silent as they went on the inner walk, is unexplained. Then they discovered, or thought they discovered, that their sensitive apparatus would respond to their own voices. They would speak to each other with their mouths open, but the sound would not come from the mouth, and the words would be heard in the air. They were in the habit of walking together for some thing like three or four miles in great privacy, as they speak, but why they always talked first upon the outer walk, being able to hear the street, and then to be silent as they went on the inner walk, is unexplained. Then they discovered, or thought they discovered, that their sensitive apparatus would respond to their own voices. They would speak to each other with their mouths open, but the sound would not come from the mouth, and the words would be heard in the air.

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Jumped on a Ten Penny Nail.
The little daughter of Mr. J. N. Powell jumped on an inverted take made of ten penny nails, and thrust one nail entirely through her foot and a second one half way through. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was promptly applied and five minutes after the pain had disappeared and no more suffering was experienced. In three days the child was wearing her shoe as usual and with absolutely no discomfort. Mr. Powell is a well known merchant of Forkland, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and heals such injuries without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all druggists.

A Choice of Creeds.
Little Johnnie's father, who is a Baptist minister, had just baptized his son, and Johnnie wanted to baptize an old cat and two kittens which he possessed. The kittens were baptized and did not seem to mind it, but when he tried to baptize the old cat, she scratched and bit so that Johnnie had to give it up, so he said:
"Bother you, be a Methodist then, if you want to."

Bite of a Fly Was Fatal.
New York, Nov. 17.—Herman Kauffman, three year-old son of a tobacco dealer living in the Bronx, has died from the effects of a fly bite inflicted last Wednesday. A few hours later a small spot made by the bite developed to a swelling which extended over the entire cheek. The swelling continued to spread until the whole upper portion of the child's body was distended. The doctors were powerless to give relief and finally the victim died. His playmates say the fly was an ordinary "blue bottle." The physicians believe the insect was infected with erysipelas germs.

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Daily Ex. Sunday 4:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 p.m.	Columbia River Steamers. To Astoria and Way Landings.	4:00 p.m. Ex. Sunday
6:30 a.m. Ex. Sunday	Willamette River. Oregon City, Newberg, Salem, Independence & Way Landings.	4:30 p.m. Ex. Sunday
7:00 a.m. Tues, Thur. and Sat.	Willamette and Yam-hill Rivers. Oregon City, Day-ton & Way Land-ings.	1:30 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Fri.
6:30 a.m. Tues, Thur. and Sat.	Willamette River. Portland to Corval-lis & Way Land-ings.	4:30 p.m. Mon., Wed. and Fri.
Lr. Riparia 3:30 a.m. Daily	Sake River. Riparia to Lewiston.	Lr. Lewiston Daily 8 a.m.

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