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[Special Correspondence.] ECENTLY I have been on a lecture tour to the Pacific coast, and my observations make me believe that Democracy is once more on the up grade throughout the Rocky mountain and coast states, a fact by reason of which good Democrats will rejoice everywhere

In Colorado the efforts of the Republicans to steal the seat in the senate of that illustrious patriot and statesman Henry M. Teiler have left a bad taste in the mouths of honest folks of all shades of political belief and have given the Republican machine in the Centennial State a severe if not fatal jolt. The strange antics of Governor Peabody have split the Republican party of Colorado in twain and give the fusionists a fine opportunity to redeem the state. Consequently they are not disheartened by their defeat last year, but are already lining up for the great contest of 1904.

In Utah Democrats are taking heart, and confidently expect to swing that young state into the Democratic column at the next election.

In Nevada we have the governor and other state officers, the representative in congress, the legislature and one United States senator. The Democrats of Nevada are waiting impatiently for the next election of a senator of the United States so that they can retire "Santa Claus" Stewart to the shades of private life. He would not have been elected the last time if he had not pretended that he was a better sliver man than Francis G. Newlands. Soon after he was re-elected he went back to the Republicans bag and baggage, horse, foot and dragoons. "Ichabod" is inscribed above his senatorial habitation, and his finish can be easily foretold.

Francis G. Newlands.

The most prominent man in Nevada today is Francis G. Newlands, who, after ten years of distinguished service in the house, on the 4th of last March succeeded Hon. John P. Jones in the senate of the United States, where he will cut a wide swath. He is the father of the Newlands irrigation law, a fact which has endeared him to the population of the arid region. President Roosevelt did Newlands and others a rank injustice by stating that Mr. Mondell of Wyoming deserved the lion's share of the credit for passing the irrigation bill, and that Mr. Reeder of Kansas, whom he was pleased to denominate as "Irrigation Bill Reeder." was second only to Mondell. I would not detract from the just fame of Mondell or Reeder in the estimation of a hair-they are good men and did what they could; so did many others-but the truth should be told though the heavens fall, and it is this: The men who deserve the most credit for the irrigation scheme are Francis G. Newiands of Nevada and John C. Bell and John Shafroth of Colorado. Others aided them in an able manner, but they were the head and front of the enterprise, and were so recognized by everybody conversant with the facts. Able, insistent in season and out of season, vigilant, tactful, courageous, harmonious, they won what five years ago seemed a hopeless fight, and should have their due mead of praise. President Roosevelt has the ear of the country, and his praise no doubt helped Mondell, while the nickname he bestowed upon the Kansan of "Irrigation Bill Reeder" made that brawny statesman's political fortune, being a thing that will stick. Newlands, Bell and Shafroth are the men who led the movement to a successful conclusion. Callfornia Everywhere in California I found the Democrats in fighting trim. Last year they came within a few hundred votes of electing a governor and took three representatives in congress away from the Republicans. The truth is that had the bailots been counted according to the intention of the voters the Democratic candidate for governor would have been elected, but by reason of some peculiarity in marking the ballots enough Democratic ballots were thrown out to give the election to the Republican candidate, with whom there is now great dissatisfaction among the Republicans. Therefore the Democrats are anxious to get at them again, feeling confident that they will in the next heat pull under the string winners by at least a neck.

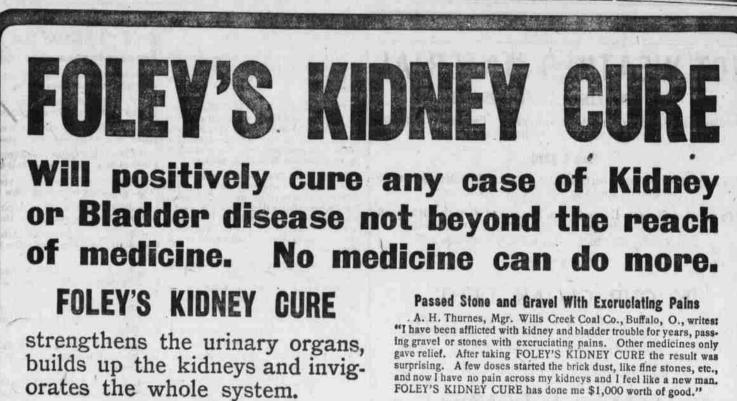
when it went Republican for congress man by about 10,000. In that way and for those reasons he was elected prosecuting attorney of Multnomah county, in which Portland is situated, when the rest of the Republican ticket was elected by 5,000 or 6,000 majority. In that way and for those reasons last year he was elected governor, while the re-mainder of the Republican ticket was elected by a rousing majority. Consequently Governor Chamberlain must be taken and accepted as a man of great possibilities. He is in the flower of his years, a tiptop campaigner, a first rate lawyer and the idol of the northwestern Democrats. The national convention could go farther and fare much worse than to nominate Governor Chamberlain for president or vice president. He has the capacity and the address to fill either position with hon-

or to the country and himself. Those who are in charge of the Democratic national committee may not know it, but Oregon is a promising field for missionary work. Governor Chamberlain's triumph has encouraged Oregon Democrats greatly. Another source of encouragement is the fact are only seventy-seven civil war vetthat the Republican party of Oregon is split into two warring and bitter army, and it is said that all of them factions-the Simon Republicans, led will be retired before Jan. 1, some with by ex-United States Senator Simon, low rank. Of course they are all disand the Mitchell Republicans, led by gruntled by Wood's rapid advancethe present United States Senator John ment. General Wood, as it will be re-Hipple Mitchell. These factions, which membered, was a surgeon in the army hate each other worse than the Montagues and Capulets hated each other, are whetting their knives for a fight came colonel of the rough riders, of to the death-a fight in which quarter which President Roosevelt was lieutenchances are that they will be so busy butchering each other next year that the Democrats will sweep the state, a and will land Governor Chamberlain in the senate of the United States. Still another source of encouragement to Oregon Democrats is the fact that they now have a great newspaper in Portland to advocate their cause, the Daily Evening Journal, one of the brightest newspapers in the land. So, taken all in all, Democrats everywhere would do well to keep their eyes on Governor George E. Chamberlain and the heroic Democracy of Oregon. I am proud of

the fact that Governor Chamberlain introduced me to a Chautauqua audiepee.

Montana.

Of Montana it is superfluous to say much. It is Democratic now, has always been Democratic and will in all human probability remain so. True that the Republicans stole two or three terms in the senate from Montana, but that does not change the general proposition that Montana is Democratic. At present she has two Democratic United States senators in the persons of Hon. William A. Clark and Hon. Paris Gibson, and her chief magistrate is Governor Joseph K. Toole. a thor oughgoing Democrat, who learned his politics in Montana and whose estimable wife is a daughter of that illustrious soldier and Democrat, General William S. Rosecrans. Idaho. Ever since 1896 Idaho has been debatable ground and is still in that condition. Notwithstanding the fact that the state went Republican in 1900 and again in 1902, no well informed observer of the passing show would be at all surprised to see Idaho return to the Democratic column next year under the lead of ex-Senator Heitfeld and Senator Frederick T. Dubols. They are splendid fighters and are liable to achieve a great victory in the impending campaign. It will be remembered-and greatly to his credit-that Senator Fred Dubois was one of the free sliver Republicans who walked out of the Republican convention at St. Louis in 1896. He is a man who possesses the courage of his convictions, and he is one of the most brilliant leaders of Democracy.



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consummation devoutly to be wished. doubt. There will be a tempest in a teapot, but it will soon blow over, for

> nearly every senator has a pet in the army for whom he is "begging" with the president. But the Wood nominstion may have political effect. In case of a close contest the friends of army officers might decide the presidency. Little things count.

A pebble in the streamlet scant Has turned the course of many a rivery dewdrop on the baby plant Has dwarfed the giant oak forever.

Republican Wool Pulling.

When the credulous old lady heard that the cow had eaten the grindstone she complacently remarked, "I told you so!" There is a pleasure in the possession of prophetic gifts. Some time ago in these letters I predicted that the advertising which the Hon. Joseph L. Bristow, fourth assistant postmaster general, is getting out of the post office scandals would make him a very large and commanding figure in Kansas politics and that the chances were that be would, unless nominated for vice president, go after the curule chair now occupied by Hon.



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At Los Angeles I addressed the Iroquois club, and I never saw a more enthusinstic set of Democrats,

Those who count the electoral vote of California certainly in the Republican column next year reckon without their host. Party lines rest loosely and lightly upon Californians, and the Democrats are as apt to carry the state as not.

-Oregon.

Everybody knows that Oregon is Republican by about 10,000 majority; nevertheless she has a most excellent Democratic governor in the person of that splendid citizen Hon. George E. Chamberlain, who appears to bear a charmed life politically and who is a veritable Democratic mascot. Whenever things political in Oregon get so bad that they are intolerable enough decent Republicans turn to Chamberlain as a political purifier and vote for him to elect him to some hig office. In that way and for those reasons he was elected attorney general of the state

Swift Climbing.

President Roosevelt's disposition to stand by his personal friends has, in its latest manifestation, stirred up a hornets' nest of vast proportions. By promoting Leonard A. Wood to be mafor general he has brought down upon his head the wrath of the old officers and their host of friends, who declare that it is his intention to carry his friendship for General Wood still further by lifting him into the lieutenant generalship as soon as General Young retires. The officers who have seen more service than General Wood would not object so strenuously to his being lieutenant general if he were an older man, for, being comparatively

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