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STATE HOUSE GOSSIP.

Union Agricultural College—Senator-ial Struggle—Prison Scandal.

(Special)

Salem, January 29.—The Corvallis charter bill has been signed by the governor. Its purpose is to confer absolute authority on the city to grant a water franchise. During the negotiations between the city and Engineer Smyth for bringing mountain water to Corvallis, the question was raised of whether or not the city had sufficient authority to grant a franchise, and considerable doubt is understood to have existed. The new amendment removes all uncertainty. A bill to establish a state agricultural college at Union has appeared in the house. It was introduced by Representative Murphy of Union. It appropriates \$40,000 and provides for instruction similar to that given at the Oregon Agricultural College. It is said that it will be impossible for the bill to pass. Many of the Eastern Oregon members are not in sympathy with it. Some of them are urging Mr. Murphy to withdraw the measure. Senator Daly who introduced and secured the passage in the senate of a bill appropriating \$20,000 for the Union experiment station has brought great pressure to bear against Murphy's measure. Friends of the Union college measure are beginning to believe that if it is pressed it will endanger the Union experiment station measure, which otherwise is very certain of passage. The latter is now in the hands of the Educational committee of the house, of which Regent Olwell of the Agricultural College is a member. The Union college bill is in the hands of the same committee. The opinion of those familiar with the facts is that the station bill will be favorably reported and passed and that the college measure at the same time will be killed in committee. Should it, however, be reported and pass the house, it will when it enters the senate encounter the educational committee of which Senator Daly is chairman, where it is certain to meet with an adverse report and defeat.

Perhaps nine-tenths of the people here do not believe that either Fulton or Geer will be elected senator. Only Mr. Fulton's immediate supporters say that he is a possibility. They say his coup will come next week. Even his own supporters do not seriously consider Geer's candidacy. All or nearly all of them are supporting him, so it is said, until something else develops. In fact, by the multitude the present balloting is not regarded as the real senatorial struggle. Some well informed persons say it is only horse play. The lack of interest in the proceedings seems to confirm this statement. The button-holing, maneuvering and back-alley hustling incident to former deadlocks is not present. The crowd of hangers on and lobbyists is very small compared with former sessions.

It is conceded generally that Mr. Fulton will get more votes. His opponents concede this. Another Marion county man is expected to go to his support. Some persons in neutral position think he may get as high as 39 votes, and his opponents admit a possible maximum of 36. The latter say however that there aren't now supporting Fulton that would not be for

him if they thought there was a possibility of his election. They give the number of these lukewarm supporters as four or five. If it be true, the impossibility of Mr. Fulton attaining his ambition at this session is apparent. That it may be true is not unlikely when it is remembered that there are among his supporters several men considered by themselves and their friends as good senatorial timber.

Two factors of the situation are the Multnomah delegation and Jonathan Bourne. There is little doubt that the nineteen votes from Multnomah are working in almost absolute unanimity and that they have a big hand to play. What it is, nobody seems to know. They have made one master stroke in pushing the half million fair appropriation through, practically without opposition, a fact that, considering public sentiment with reference to the appropriation six weeks ago, seems almost marvelous. Legislators themselves who came to Salem determined to vote and fight against an appropriation so large, ultimately found themselves voting for it. All of them are astonished at the final vote on the measure in the two houses. There was brain behind the measure. It was in the Multnomah delegation. If the same brain swings the nineteen votes on the senatorial question, Multnomah county will be almost sure to name the next senator. It is asserted here for a fact that whenever he chooses to do so, Jonathan Bourne can swing twenty votes for himself, for senator. It is claimed that the business interests of Portland are back of him. There is lots of talk here about "Portland's business interests."

Mr. Bourne maintains a headquarters. It is described as attractive beyond compare. Refreshments of every character are served there to Mr. Bourne's friends. Mr. Bourne's own cooks prepare meals to please the palate of the most fastidious. There are, at each meal six or more courses, with champagne, or other fine wines, and fragrant cigars. A negro porter meets the visitor at the door, and from the time the latter enters until he departs he encounters everything that grace, amiability and gold can provide for his pleasure. All this, according to prevalent opinion, is only an incident in Mr. Bourne's own candidacy if he is a candidate, or in the candidacy of the man he wants to succeed Simon. Other incidents are a good long sack, plenty of fertile brain, a mastery of the art of politics, and the Portland "business interests."

Many say that Bourne, not Fulton is the real master of the senate organization, and that in due time the nominality of Fulton's power there will be apparent. Over against all this, however, are the claims of Mr. Fulton's friends, who are unquestionably confident and sincere in their belief that he will be elected.

There is much talk here about the illness of Senator Mitchell. There are reports to the effect that it is of very grave character, and that the complications are such that complete and permanent recovery may not be expected. A state official, just returning from Washington said today at the state house that the malady is Bright's Disease. When he called a few days ago in Washington on Senator Mitchell, the latter was too ill to be seen.

Tonight the senatorial struggle is not the theme of conversation in Salem. Revelations of scandalous character at the penitentiary are the sole topic of discussion. Mrs. Carlile, a female convict from Jackson county is in a delicate condition. She walked several miles to the home of her brother and burned

his barn and contents, including several head of cattle. She is believed to have set fire to a number of buildings in Medford about three years ago. Two and a half years ago she was sent to prison on a sentence of nine years. Shortly afterward one of her brothers was sent there for two years for killing a neighbor.

A trusty and two or three of the prison officials had access to Mrs. Carlile's cell. She charges her condition to Second Warden Dilly, former chief of police of Salem. The woman is a devil, and few believe her story. In the main, White the trusty who escaped ten days ago is regarded as the guilty man.

The revelations constitute a terrible indictment of the Lee administration of the penitentiary, which is held in general contempt and derision. Like the Tracy and Merrill escape, they indicate absolute lack of discipline at the prison, and may betray criminality among officers, though few believe the latter. A waif conceived in a prison cell of convict parentage is perhaps the foulest blot that ever befell any state institution.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of Mrs. Armentrout who Recently Passed Away at Philomath.

The following biographical sketch is contributed by a friend of the deceased, Mrs. Armentrout: Elmira Rose Dobbin Armentrout was born August 22nd, 1838, near Columbus, Ohio. She went to Illinois at the age of 15, and afterward prepared for teaching by attending the Normal school at Terre Haute, Indiana. She taught at intervals for nearly twenty years. In December, 1859, she married W. H. Armentrout. She soon found the cares on her shoulders Mr. Armentrout having responded to his country's call to arms. He was absent three years, one fourth of which time he spent in a southern army prison.

There were three children born of this union, two daughters and one son. For these the mother toiled and prayed, and she lived to see her hopes realized in them all being active in the Master's cause. Each graduated in the regular course from Westfield College. She became a Christian very early in life and always has been active in the service of the King. For 25 years she taught in the primary department of the Sunday School. She was always at her post in the prayer and class meeting, always active in the Y. W. C. A. and missionary work. Her every Christian life has been quiet, kindly and constant. She is the first of the old home to be promoted to the new, the husband, two daughters surviving. Mrs. W. W. Rosebraugh and Mrs. B. E. Emerick, the daughters, live in Philomath. The son, Frank, resides at Dongola, Illinois, where the husband and father is now visiting, and detained on account of rheumatism. Their own home has been for many years at Westfield, Illinois. Last June Mrs. Armentrout came West to visit her daughter, and in quest of better health, when on the morning of January 21st she passed to the land of everlasting springtime; the land "where there shall be no more death: neither sorrow nor crying: for the former things have passed away."

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A TERRIBLE NIGHT

Jephtha Parrot and Family are Homeless as a Result of the Flood.

There is an inspiration of fearful awe under any circumstances in sight of raging floods, but it is more terrible in view of those who have property or kindred in danger of the mad waters. The latter was the experience of Jephtha Parrot during the December rise in the Willamette river this winter. He resided with his wife and children near the lower end of the government jetty at the time and during the night the rushing waters labored unremittingly to undermine his home and sweep the family into eternity. At dawn on the morrow there came a measure of relief in the prospect that the overflow had for a time given up the attack on Mr. Parrot's land and home. The family, however, moved out for the winter as a measure of safety. Subsequent events proved the wisdom of his precaution.

During the last freshet the water renewed its attack on Mr. Parrot's property and on Tuesday night undermined the residence to such an extent that it toppled into the flood and was carried away. About two acres of land surrounding the house was washed away this winter, and that area is a bed of gravel. It was the parcel of land now owned by Mr. Parrot that Philip Phile's house was swept away in the flood of '61-2. That house was subsequently rescued from its lodgment below and now forms a portion of the Beach residence near the ferry.

Mr. Parrot's loss is severe in view of his financial situation. Last fall he purchased from Sol. King the land on which his house was located. It comprised 36 acres, and the price agreed upon was \$600. He paid an equivalent of \$100 down and owes the balance. Much sympathy is extended Mr. Parrot in his misfortune, but he is to be congratulated on the fact that his family escaped the terrors of the flood.

Teacher's Examination

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Benton county will hold the regular examination of applicants for State and county papers at Corvallis, Oregon as follows:

For State Papers.
Wednesday, February 11, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 14, at four o'clock p. m.
Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.
Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.
Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.
Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

For County Papers.
Wednesday, February 11 at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, Feb. 13, at four o'clock p. m., First, Second & Third grade Certificates.
Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.
Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, school law.
Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, physiology, civil government.
Primary Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.
Thursday—Art of questioning, theory teaching, methods, physiology.
Dated this 31st day of January, 1903.
G. W. DENMAN,
County School Supt.

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Jan. 3 to Feb. 3.

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