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 New York correspondence:  
 In the early winter the use of furs was confined almost entirely to trimmings and accessories. Of course, the owners of fine fur garments wore them as often as the weather permitted, but new furs purchased were for the most part of an ornamental nature. Many dainty conceits were advanced to promote this fancy for making the richness and becomingness of the fur prevail as far as possible without bringing too much warmth. These fancies are continued and are sure of all-winter favor at least, furs preferred for coats are Russian sable, Alaska sable, stone marten, blue fox and with either single or double waistcoat lapels. The eye is no longer offended by great exaggeration in bulk about the lower chest line, and a blouse, in an artistic crush of Persian colors, may be part of the waistcoat effect. The inside one is often cloth of gold closely run with narrow velvet. The one next outside may be a handsome scarlet, with applique of rich greens, purples and black all outlined in gold. Then for the lapel of the jacket may be something in a delicate green overlaid with a dash of black coming outside all. A single waistcoat of white panne velvet, buttoning double, with pearl studs, may be worn under an eton cut like a very low dress coat. A scarlet waistcoat left, slashed with gold, gives a pretty finish to a coat worn open over the belt. Such a coat is usually on the eton order and is cut up in a point at the back to show there the scarlet and gold. The striking colors used constitute the most surprising feature of the acceptance of these waistcoats. One sketched in to-day's second large picture was scarlet with black and gilt trimmings, and was quite the thing to accompany a gown of tan cloth.  
 The prompt indorsement of these waistcoats should be interpreted as a sign of rebellion on the part of women with tria waists. They found the bodice belt in many varieties increasing rapidly in numbers, and they didn't approve of disguising their fine outlines with it, so jumped at the first satisfactory substitute that offered. Girdles and bodice belts remain in great favor with women to whose figures they are suited, and their stylishness is sound. The seated woman of this picture displays a typical one, and her jacket bodice also is the general type of



FROM THE LATEST CROP OF FUR FASHIONS.  
 lynx. In their order as sketched those shown here were blue fox, Alaska sable, black bear and stone marten.  
 One novelty in stylish peltry that should have mention is the fur waistcoat. Close texture furs are used, and the material is as much trimmed, overlaid with lace and the rest, as though it were mere cloth. Muffs when carried are large, flat and often made of three kinds of fur. Ermine and chinchilla remain a popular combination, though the result rarely is pretty.  
 Long fur coats are fewer than for many past winters. Jaunty tight jackets have replaced them in large degree, and are the striking fancy of the season. Three of these are put here by the artist; one of Persian lamb, one Russian sable with revers and collar facing of chinchilla, and one of seal. Most of the longer coats are of seal, though a few of Russian sable are seen. It is one of these the artist sketched. The general tendency is marked in both long and short coats to trim one fur with another. Some odd and some artistic effects result.  
 The fashionable chooser of gowns seems this year to have an ambition to what accompanies the belt. This belt was seen colored satin, white broadcloth and clever embroidery were other specifications.  
 Two oddities in bodice construction remain in this illustration. In one an unusual expanse of revers turned back from a white inner bodice, second rows of black velvet appearing between. Green broadcloth was the dress material. A shield front was the distinguishing characteristic of the other bodice, which was sketched in dove gray cloth and had trimming of black velvet and tucking. Few shield front effects are seen, the decided preference being for blouse forms. To these some women object because they so often are worn with skirts that have a belt to match. The objection is really to the belt, on the score that it will make a wearer seem short waisted, but as the belts now are arranged this fault does not exist. In the correct skirt made with a stitched belt to match, the belt is shaped to narrow towards the front and there crosses under the tip of the drooped blouse. To avoid a short-waisted look a second belt, often no more than a cord, must be



BODICES WITH NEW POINTS.  
 get into as many waistcoats as possible. By one recent fashion she seems to wear two at a time, this readily accepted form of waistcoat being a double-barreled affair that appears to be one worn over another. The wearer's jacket then is fitted worn over the cloth one and be pushed to its lower edge. This outside belt is often gold cord, or a narrow band of gold picked out in scarlet and black. Often the collar is made to match the outer belt.  
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**CITY NEWS**  
 C. A. Ritter, Society Editor.  
 We shall know no favorites, and shall be absolutely impartial. To insure publication, all local news must reach us not later than Thursday morning of each week.

Mrs. M. E. Sykes is still in a very critical condition.

S. S. Freeman spent several days in Salem the first of this week.

Mrs. D. Stallings, of Spokane, visited Portland this week. She returned on the 18th.

We have heard ugly rumors floating around about one of our prominent business men, which we trust has no foundation in fact.

Mr. W. W. Wheeler paid a flying visit to Portland on the 11th inst., and attended the ball given by the Afro-American League.

James W. Beatty leaves the last of this week for California. When he returns he expects to bring one who will have promised to care for him during life. We wish him success in his new life.

The ball given by the Afro-American League was a decided success, both socially and financially. The hall was well filled with ladies and gentlemen in full dress, and the efficient committees caused everything to pass off pleasantly.

Rev. George A. Bailey, P. E., of the Bethel A. M. E. Conference, visited Portland and held quarterly conference at the A. M. E. Church, on North Tenth street, and started revival services, assisted by Rev. C. E. Collins, pastor of the church.

Fay Severe, who has been confined in the county jail for several months past, was on last Wednesday discharged from custody, after the jury in three trials had failed to agree, the Prosecuting Attorney deciding that it was useless to try further to convict her.

Some of the many friends of Mrs. E. I. Swan tendered her a surprise party on last Wednesday evening on the occasion of her birthday. Many were the tokens of esteem presented by her friends, who passed a pleasant evening filling the parsonage with merriment.

Mr. Robert Bruce, whose illness we noted last week, died on the 11th inst. at St. Vincent's hospital. He was buried from the A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday. Rev. E. I. Swan officiating, assisted by Rev. Vernon. A large number of his friends attended the funeral services.

Mr. Charles Mitchell, who has been ill at St. Vincent's hospital for some weeks past, died on the 14th inst. He was a member of the Odd Fellows' order in good standing, which order buried him at Tacoma on Thursday. Rev. George A. Bailey, of the A. M. E. church, presiding.

The changeable weather of the past week has been very trying on the health of our citizens. Amongst those who are suffering from attacks of la grippe in a more or less severe form we can mention W. L. Brady, C. L. Souser, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kaiser, Mrs. Marnie Allen, Mrs. Fannie Herrmann and Miss Blanche Crawford.

**Impartial Prosecution.**  
 The case of Fay Severe, the colored woman who has suffered three trials for murder, her alleged victim being another colored woman who persistently and causelessly pursued her in a matter of mutual jealousy, was dismissed on Wednesday by Deputy District Attorney John Manning. This action will no doubt be approved by those people of the city who are familiar with the case, from the tragedy to the end of the legal controversy over it.  
 The District Attorney's office could not have done otherwise than prosecute the case as it was presented; nor could it avoid the several trials of it; but it is especially noteworthy that, during these actions in the criminal court, neither District Attorney Chamberlain nor Hon. John Manning, his chief deputy, manifested in the least degree any partiality or prejudice against the defendant; but it was clearly observable that she was, under all the trying circumstances of the cases fought through Judge George's court, treated with entire fairness in a trial in which the prevailing conditions were, in the initiative, much against her until the facts became known by judicial investigation. It was this discovery that prompted the dismissal of the case against Fay Severe.  
 The result of the affair causes general self-gratulation among our people on the fact that, unlike the situation appears to be in many other places, we have in Multnomah County an impartial court in which to try our causes.

**NEW NORTHWEST**  
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