HE CLEARS AMERICA

Walter Wellman's Story of Panama Revolution.

FOREIGNER THE CHIEF ACTOR

Famous Correspondent Says He Knows Hay and Roosevelt Both Refused Aid and Agents Were About to Return Defeated.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—At the annual banquet of the New Haven Business Men's Association tonight, Walter Wellman, the well-known Washington correspondent, was the principal speaker. The Panama revolution was his subject. Mr. Wellman declared that to his personal knowledge the suspicion of complicity on the part of the American Government was wholly unfounded.

"I know the facts—the truth," said the speaker. "Before the Isthmians set the day for their uprising they sent agents to the United States to secure, if possible, promise of help from our Government. I know that these agents saw Secretary Hay and tried to wrest from him some assurance, no matter how vague, as to what the United States would do. I also know that they utterly failed. Mr. Hay refused to talk with them on that subject. It was the same with President Roosevelt, and other members of our Government.

The Isthmian Republicans, discouraged by the refusal of Washington government to extend aid to them, were about to return home defeated, but in the nick of time they found help. This help came, but not from any citizen of the United States. It came from a foreigner, a man of great wealth. He was free in every way to act, and he acted. He helped to organize the revolution. He provided money, more than $100,000, and with this preparations were made. The order of procedure was arranged, a date was fixed, all precautions taken. This man who helped the Isthmians bade them prepare well. He told them to use the persuasive influence of money in dealing with the Colombian troops in Panama, for well did he know his men. He advised them to confine their operations entirely to the line of the railway, and the canal route because he knew, as any intelligent man must have known, that the United States was under solemn treaty obligation to protect free transit across the Isthmus. He had no other assurances than those which his common sense gave him and his understanding of the situation. He needed no other, and events have demonstrated his sagacity."

REBELS CAUSE MUCH ALARM.

Uruguayan Diplomats Are Summoned to Discuss the Situation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Cabled advices to the State Department indicate a very serious state of affairs in Uruguay, owing to the revolutionary movement. It is reported that the government forces were defeated by the revolutionists, and that a great panic occurred on Saturday and Sunday last. In their retreat, the government forces left their wounded and their guns on the field. They have fallen back on Montevideo, the capital.

All the entrances to the town are heavily guarded with government troops, and an attack is expected from the insurgents, who are marching on the capital in great force. The diplomatic corps has been called to meet at the American Legation to discuss the situation.

MUCH WAR TALK IN COLOMBIA

General Reyes Now Appears to Be Defeated for President.

COLON, Feb. 4.—The Royal Mail Steamer Trent arrived here today from Savanilla and Cartagena and brings reports of great excitement at both these places over the Presidential election. It is understood that General Rafael Reyes will carry the Department of Bolivar, but it is believed generally that Joaquin Velez is elected.

There is still much war talk, both at Savanilla and Cartagena, and it is asserted that Colombia will attack Panama soon. The Trent left the United States gunboat Nashville at Cartagena yesterday and passed the auxiliary cruiser Yankee outside Cartagena harbor.

Marines Landed to Protect Germans.

SANTO DOMINGO, Friday, Jan. 29.—The troops under the command of the rebel General Rodriguez arrived at Pajarito last night from San Pedro de Macoris. Fighting at once commenced and lasted during the night and was continued today. A general attack is expected. The town of San Carlos, which has been captured by the insurgents, was set afire today. The cruiser Columbia, at the request of the German Consul at Santa Barbara de Samana, landed marines at a point on the beach outside the town to protect German interests.

President Has Not Fled From City.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 4.—There is no truth in the reported flight of President Ordinez, of Uruguay. Advices from Montevideo say that the city is quiet, and that President Ordinez recently made a tour of the city and suburbs to reassure the people.

OPPORTUNITIES ARE GREAT.

Klamath County Only Needs a Railroad for Proper Development.

SALEM, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—"Steady industrial growth and great opportunities for future development are everywhere in evidence in our part of the state," says J. C. Rutenic, of Klamath Falls. Mr. Rutenic was in Salem today arguing a case before the Supreme Court. He was formerly a resident of Portland and was stenographer in the executive office during the latter part of Governor Lord's administration.

"There has been a very marked increase in our population in the last year or two," continued Mr. Rutenic, in answer to questions. "All we need is a railroad to start a very rapid development in industrial enterprises and a heavy immigration will naturally follow. The railroad has been extended in our direction, and this has had an appreciable influence. In fact, the coming of the railroad has given some of our people expectations greater than are likely to be realized.

The greatest benefit from the completion of the railroad will probably be in the opening up of the lumbering industry. At present the only lumber manufactured is for the local market. When we have transportation facilities connecting our timber belt with the markets of the world, mills will be built and these will furnish employment to a large force of men at good wages.

"Our principal development at present is in irrigation projects. The more extensive irrigation systems are being enlarged and small irrigating canals are being constructed. The success of irrigation is shown by the fact that where a ditch has once been dug and the water turned upon the land, the crops produced are so remunerative that the irrigating system is never abandoned.

"Not one-fourth of the irrigable land of Klamath County is now watered. Ours is chiefly a livestock country, and hay is therefore an important product. By means of irrigation enormous crops of hay are produced and therein lies the value of that method of farming in our part of the state.

"Livestock men have had a fairly good year in many respects, but were not able to get the prices they should have had for their cattle. Many of them believe that they were not offered as much as the market would warrant and a movement is on foot to form a co-operative association for marketing the cattle. The purpose is to cut out the middleman's profits and expenses, which come out of the producer's pocket.

"There are abundant opportunities for good investments in real property in Klamath County. Of course a man should not buy blindly. I believe that some property is held at too high a value by men who are discounting the future, but if a man exercises good judgment he can find property in Klamath County which, if purchased now, will yield a good profit by the increase in value in the next few years."

MINOR PRISONERS' TREATMENT

System in Use Here Almost Identical With Juvenile Court.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.)—I noticed in the issue of your paper today an editorial speaking on the question of dealing intelligently and economically with our juvenile offenders. The article goes on to say that there is not a day in which boys of from 10 to 20 years of age are not haled before the Municipal Court, after having spent at least one night in jail in company with the vilest of the vile.

I am pleased to be able to contradict this statement as, thanks to our city officials, arrangements have been made whereby any boys or girls under the age of 16 years, who may be arrested before 6 o'clock in the evening, in default of bail are turned over to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, pending the hearing of there case. It is true, if arrested after that hour, they spend the one night in jail, but in such cases they are now placed in a room situated on the third floor of the City Jail building. If, however, the jail is too crowded, witnesses or one or two of the best prisoners occupy this room also. I feel that I can emphatically deny the assertion that boys under the age of 16 are placed at any time in what is termed the "hobo cell."

The Chief of Police has submitted plans for several single rooms for juveniles, and should the appropriation be forthcoming, these will be speedily fitted up.

As regards the juvenile court idea, I will say that the system now in vogue with juveniles in this city so much resembles the juvenile court method that there is scarcely any difference. Boys after sentence are turned over to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, and if the Officers of this society find their home surroundings respectable, they are paroled and report to the superintendent at the city office, 305 Jefferson street, every Saturday afternoon. The officers of the society further visit the schools which these children attend, and also their homes during the week and ascertain their deportment. After having reported for three months, the boys are then brought before the Municipal Court and their discharge from custody recommended. This method was inaugurated long before the juvenile court was thought of, and to show the success of this effort, Multnomah County has sent but one boy to the State Reform School since the year 1902.

The writer believes that no minor should be sent to a penal institution except as a last resort, but in such cases the Reform School is an institution that is highly necessary.

When boys are arraigned in the Municipal Court, all other cases are disposed of before they are brought in, to prevent any bad influence from the scenes that so often occur in such places.

The writer is most anxious to find suitable persons as volunteer parole officers, who will further assist him in looking after these minors when paroled home. Only one such officer is now assisting, and that is Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, who has taken in hand the two Gerlock girls, who were paroled a few days ago, and it will be the effort of the management to appoint as many of these officers as the cases require.

Before closing this communication, the writer would like to mention that the only difference between the juvenile court and the Portland methods is, that the children paroled report to the court in the place of an officer of an institution, and they have a house of detention to place juveniles awaiting trial in place of a jail.

It is just 11 years ago yesterday since the writer entered into his present work, and much of this time has been devoted to the study of this problem, both by reading and visiting such institutions in our large Eastern cities, and he earnestly invites every person interested in this line of work to visit the Receiving Home and study the workings of this system.

W. T. GARDINER,
Supt. Boys' and Girls' Aid Society.

Every Citizen a Legislator.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.)—The petition for direct nomination is of more than ordinary interest. It is the rounding out of the government by the people in Oregon, giving them control over men as well as measures. This may not always give us the best men, but they will average far above those selected by convention, and they will owe their allegiance to the people instead of to the politicians.

Measures of vital importance are far more safe in the hands of the people direct than in the hands of representatives. When the storm of secession was rising in many Southern states the men gathered in their primaries to send delegates to their state conventions to consider and pass upon the ordinances of secession. I remember those primaries in log schoolhouses, where were gathered men illiterate in speech and children in diplomacy, although statesmen in patriotism and heroes-to-be on the field of war. Had these men been at the helm as the voters of Oregon now are, no state of the Union would have left the fold. Every state that had the opportunity sent a majority of Union delegates. But when the convention assembled the intriguing politicians carried the day in 11 states and a long and bloody war was forced upon the men who had voted against it.

Every legal voter in this state is now a member of the Legislature, and every schoolhouse should be the arena for the discussion every week or so of questions of interest, whereon they may be called to pass judgment at the ballot box.

J. C. COOPER.

Joke Taken Seriously by Jury.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Words spoken jokingly by counsel for the city in the trial before the Supreme Court of a suit brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Foley for $15,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff when she fell into a hole in the street, have unexpectedly caused a jury to decide against the plaintiff.

The evidence was almost entirely on the woman's side, but in closing, a lawyer for the city said the accident had made the plaintiff such an interesting invalid that she had obtained a good husband. The remark was taken seriously by the jury, but Mrs. Foley's counsel will appeal.

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HOPEFUL FOR HANNA

Doctors Expect to Have Senator Out in a Week.

CONDITION LITTLE CHANGED

Examination Will Be Made Today to See if Pneumonia in an "Irregular" Form Exists -- Patient Can't Take Solid Food.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—There was no distinct change today in the condition of Senator Hanna, who is suffering from the grip and great physical exhaustion. In their morning report the attending physicians said there were no alarming symptoms, and tonight they express the belief that if there are no untoward developments in the case the Senator will recover in a reasonable time. Tonight, after the consultation of the physicians, Dr. Rixey made the following statement:

"There is no change in Senator Hanna's condition since the morning report. He was resting well at 8 o'clock. A blood examination is being made, and a report will be made at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. If everything goes all right from now on, we will have Senator Hanna up in a week and send him away to recuperate."

Dr. Rixey describes the irritation which had set up in his patient's stomach to the resulting effects of the grip. He does not anticipate that the examination of Senator Hanna's blood will show the presence of typhoid. If it does, however, it would be only in an "irregular" form. The blood examination was determined on, he said, as a precautionary measure, with the view to ascertaining the presence of any suppuration anywhere.

Dr. Rixey said Mr. Hanna by no means had exhausted his strength. The Senator is unable to take any solid food, and today his nourishment has been confined to milk. He is in consequence very much weakened. His pulse tonight is said to be normal, with temperature slightly over 100. This is about two degrees above normal.

HIS RELEASE GIVES LABOR JOY

Colorado Leader Met at Jail and Escorted to Reception in His Honor.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Feb. 4.—Judge Lewis has reduced the amount of bonds required of the miners' union leaders who were held as prisoners by the military authorities while the district was under martial law, and they have been released. Their trial on the charge of conspiracy to wreck a train will begin February 18.

Judge Lewis has said that the Vindicator mine explosion will be taken up immediately after the train-wrecking cases are disposed of, and that nothing will be permitted to interfere with these trials.

When Charles G. Kennison, president of the miners' union in this district, who had been a prisoner for three months, was released today he was met at the doors of the County Jail by about 50 friends, and was escorted to Miners' Union Hall, where an informal reception was tendered him. More than 200 men shook his hand and congratulated him.

In the district court today the case against George E. Kyner, editor and proprietor of the Victor Daily Record, and his reporters and linotype operators, W. L. Sweet, F. W. Langdon, H. J. Rinchman and George Langdon, was called, and each of the defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge of criminal libel preferred by Frank Van Ecke and Tom Scanlon, members of the National Guard who were referred to in the Record of September 29 as ex-convicts.

A jury is being empanelled.

Aid to Miners Reaches $43,000.

DENVER, Feb. 4.—W. D. Haywood, secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, issued a statement today showing that something over $43,000 had been contributed up to February 1 in response to the joint appeal made last July by the officers of the Western Federation of Miners and the Colorado State Federation of Labor for a fund to be used in fighting for an eight-hour law in Colorado. The appeal was addressed to union labor at large, and the contributions come from all sections of the United States and Canada.

More Russian Ships Sail.

SUEZ, Feb. 4.—The Russian battleship Orlayba, the transport Saraffof and three torpedo-boat destroyers sailed today for the Far East.

DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS FOR LEWIS AND CLARK FAIR

JOHN A. WAKEFIELD, OF ST. LOUIS.

John A. Wakefield, who has been appointed director of concessions and admissions for the Lewis and Clark Fair, is chief of concessions of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and was secretary of the Omaha Exposition.

Mr. Wakefield has had wide experience in Exposition affairs, and is said to be well fitted for his duties at the head of the concessions and admissions department. He is regarded by Director-General Goode as a valuable acquisition to the Exposition staff. As secretary of the successful Omaha World's Fair he received much commendation for his services.

Until the close of the St. Louis Exposition, Mr. Wakefield will be stationed at that point in the interest of the department of concessions of the Portland Fair. He will look after the allowing of all concessions, big and small, and will also attend to all matters pertaining to admission to the Fair.

ACTIVE IN EARLY HISTORY OF OREGON

The Late W. W. Parrish.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—William Wright Parrish, who died here this week, was born at Morgantown, Va., March 11, 1827. While yet a lad, his family moved to Ohio, where they resided until 1851. In 1851 Mr. Parrish, with his younger brother Jesse, emigrated to Oregon, crossing the plains with an ox team, and settled at what was then known as Albany Prairie. He resided in this state continuously from the date of his arrival.

The deceased conducted a mercantile business with the late John Mendenhall, at Albany, from 1862 to 1870. He was also engaged for a number of years after his arrival in Oregon in cattle trading between this state and California. From 1878 to 1903 Mr. Parrish resided at Sodaville, Linn County, where he owned the celebrated soda springs and filled many positions of responsibility. In the Fall of 1903 Mr. Parrish and his wife moved to Albany.

The deceased fought in the Rogue River Indian War, 1855-56, and was a prominent figure in the early history and development of Linn County. An ardent Republican in principle, he took an active interest in politics, and served his county in various capacities of trust. He was at various times Mayor, Justice of the Peace and School Director. He was respected by all who knew him, and left a wide circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his death.

The deceased is survived by Mary E. Parrish, his wife; three daughters—Mrs. F. H. Dixon, of San Diego, Cal.; J. Alda Parrish, of Condon, Or., and Edna A. Parrish, of Dallas, Or., and a son, W. Everett Parrish, of Dayville, Or. Mrs. H. D. Godley, of Chehalis, Wash., and Mrs. Robert Ramine, of Linn County, are sisters of the deceased.

BRITT STOPS WORK

Balks at Corbett's Making Sullivan Match.

HAD NOT SIGNED ARTICLES

Each Had Posted $2500 Forfeit With Hayes Valley Club--Trouble May Be Settled by Fixing New Date.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Jimmy Britt has stopped training for his match with Young Corbett March 15, on account of the latter signing to meet Dave Sullivan February 29. Corbett declares he will not annul his match with Sullivans, declaring he is entitled to fight the Irish boy. The Britt-Corbett match, however, has not been positively declared off, and it is possible that the trouble may be settled by the fixing of a new date. It transpired today that Corbett and Britt have not yet signed articles, but signed the Hayes Valley Club's agreement to promote the fight and posted $500 each as forfeit. Articles were presented to Corbett, but he declined to sign, as one clause prohibited him from participating in other contests before March 15.

The Corbett-Britt fight is off, or almost off, and all because of the indecent desire on the part of the champion to make money. Just how San Francisco fight followers will take the bust-up of this match remains to be seen, but it is more than likely that it means the end of the fighting game in the Bay City. Britt is not to blame in breaking off negotiations with Corbett. It would be nothing short of silly if he would pass over the trick of Corbett in matching himself to fight Dave Sullivan two weeks before the date of their battle.

When Corbett agreed to take on Sullivan he knew he was doing an unprofessional thing, but a glance through the champion's whole career will show that it is mottled with like performances. Beyond the fact that he is a grand little fighter, there is nothing in his cosmos that goes to make up the man. He is ungrateful, selfish and arrogant, and with a passion for gambling that will leave him stranded on the rocks long before his prize ring days are over. After his fight with Hanlon he put on the "goody-goody" talk and declared that he was through gambling for big stakes, and before the printer's ink was dried the Coast press and Eastern papers were full of accounts of his big race track losses. He is credited with having lost $30,000. Corbett's ring career has not earned him a vast fortune, and it will not take him long to go broke at the rate he is going.

Britt did right to stop training when he learned that Corbett had agreed to fight Dave Sullivan. Corbett made the match because he needed the money, and the men who made the match made it to get even with the Hayes Valley Club, so it would seem that it is a game of cut-throat in which the knifing is three-cornered. Corbett has met and defeated Sullivan twice. When the champion agreed to fight him in San Francisco he did it believing that Sullivan was easy game and that he, Corbett, being champion and a great drawing card, would bring out a big crowd and get the fat end of the purse. If Britt had allowed Corbett to fight Sullivan, he would have cut a big slice in the gate of the big fight. Britt evidently figured that Corbett might just as well be given his bank account.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Marriage Licenses.

Andrew Schwartz, 22; Barbara Groha, 17.
W. F. Sullivan, 23; Emma T. Brown, 24.
Elmer C. Shipley, 28; Nellie M. Crane, 22.

Deaths.

January 30, Daniel Coman, 64 years, 129 Fourteenth street North; cancer of stomach.
January 30, Mary Goldstein, 52 years, 565 Hood; carcinoma of pancreas.

Births.

January 17, to the wife of William B. Dawson, 350 Sacramento; a girl.
January 22, to the wife of Fred Mayer, 831 Cleveland avenue, a girl.
January 28, to the wife of William Thomas, a girl.
January 16, to the wife of Sam Harris, 151 Baker, a girl.
January 30, to the wife of Herman Oelsner, 843 Borthwick, a girl.
February 1, to the wife of Harry Rosenbloom, 226 Caruthers, a boy.
February 2, to the wife of David L. Joelsohn, 547 Fifth.
January 23, to the wife of Frank Ziegler, 424 East Eighth; a girl.
January 17, to the wife of Frank Enonner, 844 Union avenue, a girl.
January 30, to the wife of William Bacon, 514 Twenty-fifth North, a boy.
January 28, to the wife of Joseph Young, Twelfth and Burnside, a boy.

Contagious Diseases.

Norman Noble, 547 Raleigh; measles.
Clarence A. Hogan, 391 Borthwick; measles.
Irma Sundeen, 249 Davis; measles.
William Ringler, 359 San Rafael; measles.
Florence Stortz, 471 Williams avenue; measles.
Davis McCamant, 236 King; measles.
Alec Hutchinson, 372 Thirty-second North; measles.
August Paulson, 607 Second; measles.

Building Permits.

J. C. Adams, Miller avenue, between East Twelfth and East Thirteenth, dwelling; $1000.
Mrs. A. S. Duniway, Fifth and Clay, two-story flat; $2800.
A. S. Harrison, Sixth, between Couch and Davis, shop; $125.
D. Malarkey and Phil Metschan, Union avenue and East Burnside, three-story frame; $1200.
E. A. Fearing, Couch, between Sixth and Seventh, shop; $200.
George W. Patterson, Morris, between Williams and Rodney avenues, two-story dwelling; $1300.
M. Reinstein, Overton, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth, two-story dwelling; $2000.
J. Appel, Fifth and Hall, two-story dwelling; $2300.
Mrs. Bertha Snyder, Clackamas, between Margin and Crosby, two two-story dwellings; $4000.
S. Worthy, Twenty-fourth and Nicolai, two-story store building; $2500.
W. H. Smith, Cook and Rodney avenues, dwelling; $1200.
James McBride, Vaughn and Factory, two-story dwelling; $1200.
E. W. Baughman, East Morrison, between East Thirty-fifth and East Thirty-seventh, cottage; $1100.

Real Estate Transfers.

John Corkish and wife to Edward W. Baughman, lot 10, block 45, Sunnyside.$ 250
Anna V. Hall and husband to Martha P. Jones, lot 4, block 101, Couch's Addition 4,800
Alliance Assurance Company to Ernest Miller, W. 70 feet of N. half of lot 5, block 3 12,000
O. W. Taylor and wife to C. Sumner, lot 25, Taylor's subdivision, section 2, T. 1 S., R. 2 E. 300
C. H. Rogers and wife to H. D. Winters, lots 5 to 11, block 1, Corona Park..... 1,800
Multnomah County to P. H. Marlay, lot 15, block 13, Froebstel's subdivision.. 8
P. H. Marlay to John Glazik, same.... 1
Phoenix Land Company to Ardele O'Hanlon, lot 4, block 208, Couch Addition 1,600
Tyler Investment Company to Frederick E. Hoenel, lots 21, 26, 27, block 57, Peninsular Addition, No. 4..... 90
Van B. De Lashmutt and wife to Frank M. Sherman, W. ½ of NW. ¼, section 16, T. 1 N., R. 1 E..... 1
Ralph W. Hoyt et al. to J. H. Alband, lot 6, block 7, Arleta Park, No. 3.... 100
The president and directors of the Insurance Company of North America to the Philadelphia Securities Company, part of block 149, Couch Addition, commencing south boundary of Couch, 50 feet E. from SE. corner N. Seventeenth and Couch..... 4,000
J. W. Ogilbee and wife to G. De Pouit, lot 3, block 1, Southwest Sunnyside.. 1
Oscar Tibbetts to A. E. Ogilbee, lot 1, block 2, Tibbetts' Homestead..... 10
Thomas Pilsbager to Harris Brown, lot 3, block 20, Tibbetts' Addition..... 37
Augusta Otten to P. J. Melis, 21.88x100x 12.22x100.46 feet, Nineteenth and Washington streets 1,200
E. H. Robbins to John Stewart, lots 1 to 9, block 39; lots 1 to 9, block 43, lots 1 to 9, block 40, Sullivan's Addition; lots 7 and 8, block 176, Park Addition; lot 11, block 54; lot 9, block 57; lot 8, block 65, Sellwood..... 500
A. C. Kautz and wife to R. W. Mitchell, lot 1, block 5, Paradise Springs Tract 1
W. A. and Cora M. Laidlaw to T. A. Rutherford, lot 9, block 5, Willamette; lots 29, 30, 31, 32, block 15, Point View Addition; lots 45, 46, block C, Portsmouth Villa Extension 1
J. W. Ogilbee to A. E. Ogilbee, part of block 48, Tibbetts' Addition; lots 1, 2, block 4, Brush's Addition; lots 1, 2, 3, block 6; lot 2, block 8; lots 5, 6, block 5, Tibbetts' Homestead..... 1
Mary S. Byl to Frank Merrill, lots 14, 15, block 60, University Park..... 1

Countess Cassini Applauded.

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(To the Editor.)—Noticing your remark concerning the Countess Cassini's action respecting Miss Alice Roosevelt, I beg to say (and I believe there are thousands who feel the same as myself) that there is absolutely nothing at which any lady could take offense in the Countess Cassini's actions. Any well-bred lady would have ignored it entirely and if the Countess did not feel like attending Miss Alice's social, she certainly used the utmost politeness in sending her regrets. What more could she do? She certainly did not want to go and excused herself in the most ladylike manner, just as any lady or gentleman would do and does every day in the year. I would venture to suggest that you could find plenty of similar actions by people in Portland society, upon whom no thought is given and little comment made. But simply because this happened to concern the President's daughter, a great hue and cry is made about good manners, rudeness, etc. Now, there was no rudeness and nothing ill-bred whatever in the Countess' acting as she did, and I am heartily glad that there is one woman in Washington who is not afraid to act as she feels and thinks. I wish there were more men there of the same stamp, and the Countess Cassini deserves rather the commendation of the people than censure for being truthful to herself. I haven't time to take up the subject fully but if anyone wishes to respond will add more in another letter.

A. CITIZEN.

Hoquiam Council Confirms Staat.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the City Council the long fight for Police Justice was brought to a close by the body confirming the appointment of Joseph Staat for the position. It was over a month ago that the Mayor made his appointments and all were confirmed, with the exception of Staat.

The property-owners put in a strong petition for a gravel street on K street against the planking proposed, so that street will be graveled. All of the proposed improvements of plank were turned down by petition last Fall.

"I suppose," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "your son, like most of the young men of the present day, is looking forward with a good deal of eagerness to his patrimony." "Oh," replied her hostess, "there ain't any Irish blood in our family at all. Josiah's folks all came from Massachusetts and I'm from New Jersey stock."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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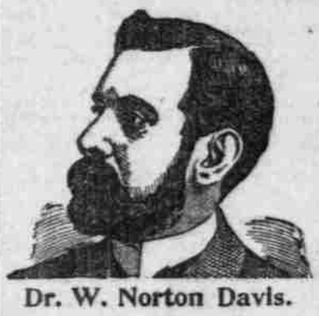

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