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THE POLITICAL ASPECTS. The Democrats of Portland and of Oregon know that the present electoral contest in Portland is not a political contest in itself, but also that its result will have strong influence and bearing on future political contests in the state.

These facts cut the ground from under the assumption of Republicans who, as "citizens," are saying that neither politics nor party appears in this contest, and that they may as well, therefore, vote for Democrats as for Republicans.

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OREGON OZONE.

Mr. Togo went to sea. Sailing in a dory. Had a tilt with Robert V. Now his name is Glory!

The first shipment of watermelons, the Mexican brand, cost \$26 a dozen. But still, the average man can't eat more than half a dozen.

Luther Martin has been appointed Commissioner to the Lewis and Clark Exposition from Oklahoma. In order to be a reformer in exposition methods, Mr. Martin should turn his name around.

A fair reader informs us that she cannot accept our advice to wear a rose when in Portland, because of the fact that there is a distinct variety of hay fever which is produced by the odor of roses.

The secret service at the Fair is going to be excellent; but it is the public service that appeals to most people.

Some of the newspapers seem to be worried because Governor Folk, of Missouri, is not string things up with a mighty splutter. You can't expect a volcano to erupt all the time.

Mr. Bryan's Commager contains in the women's department an article on "How to Keep Clean." Therein we find some sage bits of advice.

The Bellingham Revellie asks, "Is the dissolute Swish worth saving?" Verily, yes; the soul of the Swish belongs to the great unwashed, and because he bathes himself in forty-rod booze peddled to him by the paleface bootlegger, shall we permit him to submerge his soul?

"Ma, what is a Panama man called?" "A Panaman, Johnny." "Then what is a Panaman woman called?" "If she's married and obeys President Roosevelt, she's just a plain Panaman."

Let the winds as they will be wanton, And the waves be merry as they may; Let the red rose smile to the fountain, And be kissed with its wooing spray— For the world's all fair today!

Let the young mare leap in the shadow Of the alder shrub in play, And the young lamb romp in the meadow, And the young bird call to his lay— For the world's all fair today!

VISIONS OF HOFER, PIPE-DREAMER

Salmon's Journalistic Freak Contributes Much to the Garry of the Lead-Ford Situation—Startling Revelations Fresh From His Weird Imagination

Baker City, May 26. My friend, Hofer, of the Salem Capital Journal, has established editorial headquarters pro tem in Portland, while he deals out hot political dope and the burning questions of the day.

Hofer moved his castled, fortified, box of opspirious pens, gun of boiling vitriol and sheets of asbestos to Portland, just to be near the fall crockery of the Oregonian bureau, so that three per cent. could be cracked to table d'hote, he might slip on the pavement in front thereof and breathe anathema into the humid air thereabouts.

In the death of Judge Bellinger, Hofer has a special interest, for he has been a close associate of the late jurist. Hofer does not exactly name those gentlemen as responsible for Bellinger's death, but he does assest, with very interesting violence, that Bellinger's untimely physical end was either a part of or in line with a terrible conspiracy to erect Oregon, a new political dynasty with the power of power in the tall Oregonian tower.

Hofer is really counting his chickens before the incubator has become busy. Hofer, Henry E. McClain is not yet Judge. United States Senator Fulton is still United States Senator. Despite the dope sheets issued by the Portland dailies in the Judge-hungry race, there are other candidates for the pretty good form. Also, these other entries are not to be despised.

MORTALITY OF HIGH OFFICERS

A Large Number Met Death on the Field in Our Civil War. Army and Navy Journal.

From the archives of the Confederacy on deposit in the War Department Military Secretary, Major-General Alsworth, has brought to light some interesting data concerning the commanders of the Confederate forces in the field in the fateful days of 1861-65.

Shakespeare Makes a Hit.

Buocca Carr, Chubb's Bee-Nugget. This is a great town for shows and entertainments to which there has been a deluge of money from the State. The current in the town is to do such naughty things. Shakespeare by home talent, was a success, netted \$40.

We Guess He Did.

Freewater Times. Robert Elliott went to the Garden City Thursday after-noon, after well, just guess.

Amber, Amber and Amberine.

Philadelphia Bulletin. "Amber has become so rare," said a tobacconist, "that it is difficult to get hold of a good piece. That is sad, for bold cigarette-holders will be exceedingly fashionable this year."

Rest Cure's Powerful Effect.

Aurora Record. A man who worked for a while in the sawmill imbued a little too freely Wednesday and was taken to Hotel Matcocks. The quietude of this restful resort soon brought his upset nervous system into subjection, and he was let out on the strength of his good looks.

Two little girls became involved in a quarrel over a doll which was a matter of physical violence. One of the mothers took her little daughter to task severely. Wishing to emphasize the enormity of her offense the mother said: "It's the devil who made you to do such naughty things. The little girl replied between sobs: 'He may have told me to pull her hair, but I thought of kicking her shins all by myself!'"

Amber is often sold for genuine amber. It can be detected easily. If you put a match to it a configuration will ensue. Furthermore, if you rub it it will give off a camphor smell. Also, it will be found to be made of amber chips powdered and compressed by hydraulic power. Only an expert can tell amber old from amber. It was burned, like amber, it will, after a little friction, pick up paper.

Amberoid is so excellent a counterfeiter that many an honest tobacconist, deceived himself, will sell it to you in good faith for the real article.

Its Vulnerable Spot.

Baltimore American. After all, as Mayor Weaver, of Philadelphia, is discovering, a hydro-headed ring has been given to us by a tag necessary to open negotiations with each separate and distinct head. The simpler policy is to use the good, old-fashioned chicken method with the a's.