## LOWELL: BY HARRIET PRESCOTT SPOFFORD

THE OREGONIAN'S HOME STUDY CIRCLE: DIRECTED BY PROF. SFYMOUR EATON

LITERARY TALKS AND REMINISCENCES

When I first met Mr. Lowell I thought of the ethereal, evanishing quality of Shelley, mingled with the shrewd common sense of Poor Richard, and Mr. Underwood has recorded the same impression. Yet, in spite of the shrewdness and of the laughing sparkle of smile and eye, whenever the countenance was in repress there was semething in the and eye, whenever the countenance was in repose i'vere was something in the earnest look or in the sense it gave of the presence of genius that made it archangelic in suggestion. The face had a rather extraordinary beauty – a bright color, eyes that had a blue blaze to them the forchead low and white, with rich chestnut hair parted like a woman's, the mouth hidden in a beard of brighter shade. His dress was in perfect taste, his manner was charming, and his wit bubbled through the whole conversation. I had previously seen the portrait of Page, and thought it all one would have it, but that day it seemed to me entirely inadequate.

If you will pardon the personal reminiscence. I had gone to a dinner given by the publishers of the Atlantic to certain of the centributors (I was young), and Mrs. Stowe and I had waited in the drawing-room three-quarters of an Leur, neither knowing each other, she as any as L She ha! oaxed me at lest if i knew what time it was, and I had said knew what time it was, and I had sald I did not. The silence had grown impenetrable, and I was in a chill dismay, when Mr. Lowell, as one of our hosts, came in, and it was like a burst of sunshine, melting the ice instantly with his debonair geniality and sweetness. Dr. Holmes and Mr. Whittier, Mr. Lonsfellow, Professor Stowe, Mr. Whippe, Radmund Quincy, Frank Underwood were, with others among the surests. Of all with others, among the guests. Of an the brilliant company present I think Colonel Higginson and I are the only

auritors.

In those days Mr. Lowell was the relttor-in-chief of the Atlantic Monthly, and
those of his contributors who found favor
with him had a delightful friend, sie fostered and developed such power as they had, and his suggestions were in-valuable. His letters were precious possessions; many of them too personal lor publication. Perhaps I ought not to print the subjoined, written, I think, in reply to one in which I had withdrawn a poem he did not altogether like:

he did not altogether like:

'I wonder that a woman should be so unskilled in the countiess varieties of no that mean yes as to call my note a 'refusal.' I dare say I am a goose for taking any kied of interest in my contributors see wil the alue of their names on the cover.

But is it with what women write as with themselves that we must like altogether or, not at all? Did I not tell you that what I was thinking of was you and not the Atlantie? I have a cotten that young authors should never try experiments on the public—that they should always look to making their impression a cumulative one and, above ... I should beware a watering their requisition. For the firsthing a writer must accomplish is sue cess. After that the world is only tookind, and if one be really worth anything, success is a bond given for something better—namely, excellence.

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"Well, what am I driving at, then? Why, I have sent your poem to the printer. The opinions of and are quite as likely to jump with that of the public as mine. But do not, I neg. misunderstand me. When I write to you about anything of yours I do not write officially, but simply because I feel an interest in what you do with yourseit. As editor, I write no letters unless under as entor, I write no fetters unless unless to downright compulsion. I have too much to do, and, moreover, letters don't say just what we tell them to say, no; just as we should be to have them say it.

"But when vour poem is printed, may I demand a categorical exposition of cer-

tain passages that puzzled even me, and I was 42 last month? As far as printing is concerned, if you like the poem that is

(Was there ever such editor before or

I had submitted my first story under a pseudonym. But I sent him, at another time, with the fatuity of the young writer, a story with a new pseudonym after he knew my own name. (I sometimes wondered if he were kinder to me because—in total ignorance that it was his mother's name—I had chosen the name of Spence for one of my disguises.) My sister copied the story for me, and lest our script should have any resem-blance, I had her make a difference in the shape of certain letters. I received un early reply, addressed not to the pseudonym, but to me, saying that al-though the "ds" were all "ds," the i-dees

were the same. Mr. Lowell made the Atlantic of those early days a wonderful thing. It seemed in some way a mirror of his own indivil-uality, as he himself was to a degree the mirror of the genius of the age. But he was an editor who ininaged things in his own unique way, reading a manuscript wherever the spirit found him or he found the time, and clapping it into some unlikely place of the moment; so that long after he left the editorial chair people were sending to his successor man. scripts that they found unaccountably

on their tables or in their desks.

But the work was irksome, and he resigned it to Mr. Fleids after about five years. But in those five years he had ne more to stimulate thought and style and to create a high standard of literary art among us than any other single force. Some time later he became an associate editor of the North Ametican Review for a few years.

His mother had a memory stored with the hallads of many lands, in many tongues, and she made poetry the atmosphere of his being. It is not im-possible that she brought into the fampossible that she brought into the fam-liy that wild strain which feeds genius, a certain tang added to the drink of the gods. She belonged on his own moth-er's side to the Trails or Troils of the Orkneys, a tradition of the house giving her descent from Sir Patrick Spens, wh

On the other side the Lowells—descend-ed from Percival Lowell, who settled in Newbury, Mass., in 1837—were people of power for generations. John Lowell was the author of the section in the bill of the author of the section in the bill of rights through which slavery in Massa-chusetts ceased to exist. John Lowell, Jr., founded a course of free lectures in Boston with a fund of \$20,00, writing his will on the ton of the pyramids-perhaps from fancy, perhaps because he thought he might not get down alive. Francis Cabot Lowell was the first to see the possibilities of cottoni manufacsee the possibilities of cotton; manufac-ture, and the fown of Lowell was named for him. The quality of the race is illustrated by the panel on one of the Elmwood wells, found in Newburyport in the house of one of his old forbears, whereon is painted a group of ciergy. In wigs and gowns and bands, sitting around a table and smoking their long pipes, while over a recess the legend runs in Latin: 'In essentials, unity, in nonessentials, liberty, in all things, charity.' His father was a Unitarian minister, idolized in his parish, preaching in the old West Church of Boston, not far beyond the bridge, but fiving at Elmwood, a leafy place of trees and lawns and birds in Cambridge, where Mr. Lowell, his young-est child, was born and passed the greater part of his life.

ception of Mabel, who survived until recently. The poems written by Maria Lowell were very lovely, high-minded, musical, and were privately printed in a small volume subasquent to her death, which occurred a year after their return

from Europe in 1851. In the heat of the anti-slavery contest came the first series of the "Biglow Pa-pera," like which for absolute original-ity, rollicking fun, spiendid wit and fiery denunciation there was never anything before, nor can be again. While their before, nor can be again. While their bumor was tricksy, their satire was stinging, and they were a terrific weap-on in the cause they championed, all the more terrific that it seemed only a play-thing, swinging lightly while doing deadly work. The second series proved no less effective in the days of the Civil War. The use of the dialect and archalisms, that have nearly disappeared from New England, tracing which and their affiliations in language was a peculiar New England, tracing which and their affiliations in language was a peculiar idaho grain merchants' handleap in conpleasure of Lowell's, make the pages of the "Bigiow Papers" a study in the Doric, as one might say: the characterization there is complete, with the most delicate painting; now and then passages of pastoral beauty appear, and on the Clearwater, as well as the trameverywhere wit sparkles like a shower in the sun, or rather in the lightnings of get cars for points beyond Juliaetta.

pear before the grand jury. As he was unable to furnish the necessary security for his bonds, which were \$200, he was sent to the county jall to await trial. Griffin's home is hear a fishing station of Warren's cannery on the Columbia. The complaint alleges that Griffin was caught in the act of stealing a fishing-wheel scow and two chinook salmon from a vessel, the property of F. M. Warren, a canneryman. The salmon are said to have weighed 25 pounds each, and were valued at \$1.00. Constable A. J. Goodman made the arrest. Griffin is accused of having committed the theft through malicious committed the theft through malicious ness, as he and Warren were not on the best of terms.

"BLOW AT PORTLAND."

Grain Dealer Writes of Railroad Discrimination.

JULIAETTA, Id., Aug. 3 - (To the Ed!-JUHABETTA, Id., Aug. 1.—(To the Editor.)—Referring te an article in your issue of August 2, "A Blow at Portland." having been shipping grain and flax from this section for over a year, kindly allow me to give you a few facts as to the Northern Pacific's policy, and as to the Idaho grain merchants' handleap in consequence thereof

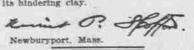


in his hands."

In tremendous contrast to such work as this is the "Fable for Critics," with its inimitable drollery, published anonymously in 1848. If this was suggested by "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers," it bore no likeness, being utterly novel and original. If the writer was unsparing in relation to fraud and imbedility, he was equally unsparing of his own pretensions, and the praise he awarded was positive and generous. Nothing lovelier in its way was ever written than what he says of Hawthorne and John Dwight and Irving. But Lowell loved to Dwight and Irving. But Lowell loved to preise: there was no footbold or

Mr. Lowell married Miss Frances Duniap, of Portland, in 1857, taking her, after a brief residence elsewhere, to Elm-wood, where he was born, the years passing delightfully with study, work and the friends of a charmed circle. He went to Europe again in 1878, and not long after that period he was appointed Minister to Spain, subsequently becoming our Minister to England, welcomed there by English journals as the am-bassador from the republic of American literature to the court of Shakespeare, and beginning public life at an eminence where others leave off. His culture, his high breeding, his wit and charm, to-gether with his fine political tact, gave him an immense popularity in Great Britain. Not without his critics concerning the Irish question, he was, nevertheless, a large factor in the production of the cordial feeling that has been going on between England and America, and growing since his day. But he never for an instant forgot that he was an American, the patriotism that was rather flamboyant in his essay upon "A Certain Condescension in Foreigners" never decreasing in ardor-the same love of country that made shim do his best with the grace of song and the sting of epigram to remove her wrong and shame. He returned to America when a new Administration came in, having lost his wife and having begun to grow old. It is notable that as the years advanced the more conservative he grew, clinging to old ideals and refusing to accept the new, and possibly his absence from home and consequent unacquaintance made some of his personal judgments of less value once. He had always had certain fixed faiths in things spiritual, of which one was a strong assurance of the im-mortality of the soul. Once he wrote of himself in an liness: "I lost all con-sciousness of my flesh. I was dispersed through space in some inconceivable fashion and mixed with the milky way. Yet the very fact that I had a confused consciousness of the milky way as something to be mingled with proved that I was then as much of an incividual as ever." Later his ideals of the spiritual

life became more concrete. soul was full of hope and trust, and his religious experience deepened. But age could not wither nor custom stale Lowell's infinite variety. His great, bright intelligence never paled. inoughts and fine imaginings were about him to the last, as when in dying he thought he entertained a King. And did he not? Surely the heavenly dominations, Princes, powers, might have gathered about a kindred being when entering the room where the soul of Lowell left its hindering clay.



storm. Abounding as bey do also in sweet humor and tender pathon, with the rendering of life and manners, it is to be doubted if long after much great contemporaneous verse has been forgotten this masterpiece will not remain, imperishable as an epic.

It was in the early years of his marriage that our poet wrote the faultiess "Eir Launfal," and among others the ringing and stirring resent Crisis," certain lines of which have passed into all men's memories, such as "Truth forever on the scaffold; wrong forever on the scaffold; wrong forever on the marry stands."

On the morrow crouches Judas with the silver in his hand."

In tremendous contrast to such work as this is the "Fable for Critics," with its inimitable drollery, published anonymously in 1818. If this was suggested by "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers," could use it at ame price, but as a rule could be the facility of the ballance of contract to Tacoma, where it just so happened the buyers could use it at ame price, but as a rule could be the facility of the price of the bullance of contract to Tacoma, where it just so happened the buyers could use it at ame price, but as a rule could be the price of the formal price and the could be the amendation of the scaffold. snipped the balance of contract to Taco-ma, where it just so happened the buyers could use it at same price, but as a rule the Tacoma market is from 1 cent to 2 cents lewer than Albina or Portland, Cars, as stated, were furnished freely for Clearwater points but exasperatingly sparingly for this point and Kendrick.

The truth is, the Nez Perces reservation comprises about 700,000 acres of wonderfully productive soil, and until this sea-

son was never over one-fourth broken. although plowing was all that was necessary, and Idaho has never known a b ter crop. This, with the territory fr Moseow to Lewiston, is all tributary Portland, and should go there and I rectand, and should go there and I am satisfied every warehouseman on the line would giadly sign an agreement to ship every pound by the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company if they will but extend into this soction. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company treats its customers like they were men, and the Northern Pacific treats them like victims of circumstance, in consequence of which at all competitive points the former take from 60 to 50 per cent of the business. This last move of the Northern Pacific This last move of the Northern Pacific is only a late thing so far as old shipping points are concerned, but as a matter of course such a move will this year turn many times 25,000 tons from Portland, as the Genesee branch of the Northern Pacific from Pullman, which taps one of the richest grain sections in Idaho, will be affected. Portland should secure trans-

SAN FRANCISCO PROSPERING War With China Means a Great Deal to Bay City.

portation for this country's grain by the harvest of 1901. A. L. MACLEOD.

harvest of 1901.

M. Brown, a retired merchant of San Francisco, is spending a few days at the Portland. He has not visited this city since 187, and thinks Portland has kept pace with the rest of the Coast in improvements in the meantime. He says San Francisco is prospering under the stimulus of war, and now that a long war with China is probable, that city has an indefinite period of prosperity

ahead of it. "The war in China," he said yesterday "will increase business on the entire Coast, as the Russians, French, Germans, English and Japanese will be obliged to deal in the nearest market, and so ever

city on the Coast will profit by the sale of goods to the besieging armies. "The war is very sure to be a long one, as the Chinese are as thick as files, and the task of killing them off will be a big one. I believe the old empire will have to be finally partitioned among the civ-ilized powers, as the Chinese have shown that they cannot be trusted with the lives of missionaries and Consuls, while they are likely to let this hatred of for-eigners get the better of them and repeat the massacres at any time."

Municipal Court.

Joseph Saunders, arrested Thursday for stealing a coat from Nathan Hecht, was sentenced to 30 days in the City Jail. sentenced to 30 days in the City Jail.

The case of Carlios Tontie, an Italian, arrested yesterday by Patrolman Nelson, on the complaint of J. Crintone, for injuring personal property, went over until today. Crinione alleges in his complaint that Tontie broke into a trunk left in his care by F. Bogeri, now in San Francisco. Tontie, in defense, asserts that Bogeri awed him money and left the trunk as security.

Mr. Lowell was El when he married
Maria White, a beautiful creature, who
Taded away after nine years, but whose heavenly influence was lifelong. Their children died in infancy, with the ex-

GRAIN FLEET FOR AUGUST

CARGO YESTERDAY.

rman B. Law Arrives at Astoric Another Square-Rigger Outside -Marine Notes.

The British ship Harlech Castle finished

The British ship Harlech Castle finished loading at the Elevator Dock yesterday afternoon, and the August grain fleet has at inst made a start. The second vessel of the fleet, the Nithsdale, is loading rapidly, and will probably finish early next week, with the Rigel in about the same position. The docks are working with full crews now, quite a number of men having come in from the Sound, where lower wages are paid and there will be having come in from the Sound, where lower wages are paid, and there will be but small likelihood of another pause in operations for nearly a year. The early fleet is commencing to show up, and will clean up the docks ready for the receipt of new wheat, which is already rolling down to tidewater. The big ship Cedarbank, which arrived in Thursday, was followed yesterday by the Bowman B. Law, which comes in ballast from Yokohama to load flour for Europe.

Another square-rigger was reported Nokohama to load flour for Europe. Another square-rigger was reported outside last evening. There are so many ressels due at the present time that there is quite an opportunity for guessing at the identity of the stranger. The Deccan has been so long on the way that she is slightly overdue, being out 175 days from Hamburg. The Riversdale, from the same port, is also slightly overdue, with 183 days against her. The Orealla is out 26 days from Shanghal, and as the Cedarbank made the run from Hong Kong in 42 days, the Orealla should have been here sooner. The Robert Rickmers is out 27 days from Hiogo, and the Genesta has been 20 days on the way from Shanghal. The Cedarbank left up last evening in tow of the Ocklahama, and the Law will follow today.

IN A LEAKY SHIP.

Carondelet Leaves Honolulu With Men at the Pumps. The crew of the American bark Caron-

delet will apparently be obliged to earn their wages on the trip which the vessel is now making from Honoiulu. The Republican of the 15th says:

"The captain of the Carondelet con-"The captain of the Carondelet con-cluded to sail at very short notice last night, and hacks were sent scurrying around for Shipping Commissioner Por-ter Poyd, after he had closed his office, for the rhip's articles. Captain Stetson succeeded, with the aid of the United States Sailors' Home, in getting a crew yesterday, and decided that, as the Fourth was about here, and sailor men usually celebrate on the Nation's birth-day, he had better get to see before the day, he had better get to sea before the festivities began. The ship was leaking a good deal, too, and that was another reason why the skipper wanted to go to sea before the mon found out the large amount of work to be done at the pumpa. The Carondelet is bound for the Sound in ballast,"

Dig German Transport. The steamship Bosnia, of the Hamburg-American line, lately improved by the German Government to carry supplies to China for the Knizer's troops, left Phisaleiphia last week for San Francisco. She has in her hold over 2000 tons of coal, a record-breaking carpo in itself, and when she reaches the Pacific Coast it is said she will slip at least 100 horses for the use of the German Cavairy in

Marine Notes.

The steamer R. R. Thompson is on the Astoria run for a few days, in place of the Hassalo, which is off for alight re-

China.

The California Shipping Company has offered a prize of 3500 to the captain who makes the fastest run between Honolulu and New York with a sugar cargo. The tug Maggie, which was so roughly handled at Siusiaw a few months ago, is lying at the foot of Couch street which got out of line when she was in troub.

The steamer Columbia made a fast run down the coast, reaching San Fran-cisco Thurrday evening, thus putting in only one night at sea. The State arrived late yesterday, having met the same breeze which was pushing the Columbia down the coast

Domestic and Foreign Ports.

ASTORIA, Aug. 2.—Arriver at 10:40 and left up at 2 P. M.—Steamer State of California Arrived-British bark Bowman B. Law, from Yokohama; steamer W. H. Harrison, from Tillamook. Left up at 8 P. M.-British bark Cedarbank, Condition of the bar at 5 P. M., moderate; wind northwest; weather hazy. Square-rigger outside. San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Salled—Schoon-

ers Dalsy Rowe and James A. Garfield. for Coos Bay. Arrived Aug. 2-Steamers Columbia, from Portland; Arcata, from Coos Bay: Grace Dollar, from Gray's Harbor; United States steamship Iowa, from Eaquimalt; steamer Bristol. Trom Esquimait; steamer Bristol, from Oyster Harbor. Salled—Steamer Victoria, for Chemainus; barkentine J. M. Griffith. for Port Hadlock.
Port Townsend, Aug. 8.—Passed—Steamer Newsboy, from Cape Nome for

Beattle Scattle—Arrived Aug. 2—Steamer Diri-go, from Skagway. Salled Aug. 3— Steamer Al-Ki, for Skagway; steamer Elihu Thomson, for Cape Nome. Arrived

Steamer Farallon, from Skagway. Hong Kong-Sailed Aug. 2-Ship Gov-ernor Robie, for Port Townsend. ernor Roble, for Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, Aug. 3.—Arrived—Ship
Abner Coburn, from Hong Kong; ship
Howard D. Troop, from Shanghai; bark
Stillwater, from Manila.

Port Ludlow—Salled Aug. 2—Bark Star
of Bengal, for Melbourne.

Port Townsend, Aug. 3.—Arrived—Barkentine Quickstep, from Honolulu.

Beattle, Aug. 3.—Arrived—Bark Sussex,
from Honolulu.

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New York, Aug. 3.—Arrived—Graf Waidersee, from Hamburg.

Liverpool, Aug. 3.—Arrived—Pennland.
from Philadelphia.

Havre, Aug. 3.—Arrived—La Champagne, from New York.

Browhead, Aug. 3.—Passed—Steamer Lucania, from New York for Queenstown and Liverpool.

Lizard, Aug. 3.—Passed—Steamer Southwark, from New York for Antwerp.

Naples, Aug. 3.—Arrived—Steamer Ems., from New York via Gibraltar for Genoa, and proceeded.

Glasgow, Aug. 2.—Sailed—Carthegenian,

Glasgow, Aug. 1 .- Sailed -- Carthegenian, for Philadelphia; Laurentian, for New York. London, Aug. 3.—Sailed-Mesaba, for New York.

Moville, Aug. 3.-Balled-Astoria, from Glasgow for New York.

Queenstown, Aug. 2.—Sailed—New England, from Liverpool for Boston,

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Victoria, from Hamburg for New York

via Cherbourg. New York, Aug. 1.—Arrived.—Roland. from Bremen; Columbia, from Hamburg, etc.
Boston, Aug. 8.—Arrived—Ultonia, from Liverpool.
Queenstown, Aug. 8.—Arrived—Lucania, from New York, for Liverpool, and pro-

Salem's Popular Loans.

Capital Journal.

The popular 4-per-cent school loan bids fair to make a record comparable to that

attracting attention all over Oregon, and favorable comments are appearing in the press of all parts of the state. It is one of the best advertisements that this community has ever had, for it shows the confidence of the people in the solvency of their own local government, and it shows good husiness management on the part of our officials and a disposition to use their positions for the benefit of the community, and not to boost some private graft. HARLECH CASTLE COMPLETED HER

A few years of such management all along the line would result in a material reduction in taxation.

COMMENDS REV. E. P. HILL Prohibitionist Writes Him a Letter on Local and National Affairs.

F. McKercher has furnished The Oregonian with a copy of a letter he has writ-ten to Rev. Edgar P. Hill, as follows: "Portland, July 30.—Rev. Edgar P. Hill, D. D., Hillarden, Wash.—Dear Sir and Brother: I desire to commend your vig-

D. D., Hillarden, Wash.—Dear Sir and Brother: I desire to commend your vigorous protest against the action of our city officials, for it is just what every man who voted for them ought to do, but at the same time I can but deprecate the confiding nature that permits you and the public to be regularly imposed upon and sold out year after year by just such sets of political tricksters as these ingrates, two of whom you are glad to call personal friends.

"The implicit trust that the voting church places in ante-election promises would be childish if it were not something more nearly sinful.

"Do you not know that the National life of a party which these officers serve depends upon its ability to placate the whisky vote, and that it is under the absolute domination of a brilliant coterie of demagogues that dictates nominations and permits no one in office, from President down (except here and there one just to take the curse off and to fool the Christian vote) who cannot be depended upon, in advance, to do precisely what these city officials are doing?

"As a matter of political consistency why should these mes he desent or why

"As a matter of political consistency why should these men be decent, or why should you, or any one, expect anything better from them than that which they better from them than that which they are doing—bartering the public virtue for the same old 'thirty pieces of silver,' while their three counterparts in the executive branch of our National government have ret them an exalted example of the same sort of political period, especially as their perfolious acts have been commended and their characters vindicated by the renomination of McKinley, and no doubt will be further sanctioned by the voting church in Novemley, and no doubt will be further sanc-tioned by the voting church in Novem-ber, regardless of whether he be re-elected or not, that depending upon the particular swing of the whisky pendulum, which, again, in turn depends upon which party gives promise of the greater de-gree of villainy in the sacrifice of all things sacred in its subserviency to the behests of the rum power.

"I assume that you are conversant with fand with me are continually deploring)

"I assume that you are conversant with (and with me are cont'nually deploring) the record of the present Chr'stian administration; how McKinley falsified the truth to the members of the Volunteers and others when petitioned to suppress the canteen; how he has continuously violated his oath of office in his persistent nullification of the anti-canteen law, which is as plainly prohibitory as 'thou shalt not steal'; and how he has turned the Philippines. Cuba and Porto Rico over to the rapacity and greed of the whisky first, and invited upon the Nation, as well as upon his own lead, the blood of all whom whisky is slaying and damning in these innis-for, to be ignorant of these things, is to be unworthy of American citizenship!

"And, stain, why should you and 'a large class of people' he so iterribly in carnest upon this question' since you are acceptomed to being 'trifled with' in precisely this manner, the exception, if you can point to one in Portland elections, but recoving the rule.

"Why protest against the licensing of gambling when the church you composition when the church you comply (and with me are continually deploring)

"Why protest against the licensing of sambling when the church vote openly and publicly (even if tacitly) consents to the licensing of the saloon, the most to the licensing of the saloon, the most monstrous abomination with which the world has ever been cursed, and justifies the action by the identical reasoning you decline to accept from these officers. You rightly insist that 'they have no more right to license gambling than murder and robbery,' but you seemingly contact the contact they have below the overlook the fact that they belong to a license party, that their party licenses the saloon, and in so doing licenses mur-der in its most atroclous form, and rob-

bery in its most woeful sense. "These men are politically consistent— entirely so. The President chooses which law he shall enforce—so do they, by the same sign—expediency; under the same warrant—party sanction—for the

same purpose—power.

"I reloice to hear your voice in condemnation of this great evil in our midst, but I must insist that your political affiliations are woefully inconsistent with your logical reasoning and Christian attitude toward this shameful thing, and that for you and 25 per cent of the Chris-tian voters of the land to confirm these sinners and their party in their bertayal of sacred trusts, by voting with them and for them, thus assuring the nation, so far as your power goes, of the perpet-uation of this diabolism in places high and low, gives no hopeful sign of any change for the better.

"The powers of evil and of darkness do not fear such protests: Had you clinched your arguments by appending the statement, I have cast my last you for a party that licenses any sort of sin, they would tremble. Very sincerely yours, F. M'KERCHER."

DESERVES CORDIAL SUPPORT Portland Driving Park Company's Efforts to Elevate Racing.

All good citizens of Portland who desire that the beautiful metropolis of Oregon should take first rank in all things as she deserves, are called upon, through civic pride, to put a shoulder to the wheel and assist Messrs. Roberts and Williams in placing this good city at the head in all sports. Harness racing in Portland has declined in public favor be-

cause in the past it has not been clean and high class.

The Portland Driving Park Company

The Portland Driving Park Company has secured the services of Charles A. Willis, of New York City, one of the most competent, experienced and successful managers of harness meetings in this or any country.

Mr. Willis comes vouched for by leading citizens of the Eastern States and by newspapers of the East and West. Portlanders should see to it that he is supported in his endeavors to put racing on a high plane, and this they can do by their counsel and cheerful help towards the end sought. Even though the wards the end sought. Even though the best horses and the best possible con-tests are assured, it will not avail to es-tablish and popularize clean sport, unless the best class of the citizens of Portland will lend their countenance and ald. Har-ness racing in Portland must be built up from the foundation, as the old structure concededly too rotten to patch up or build upon.

HOLLADAY ESTATE SETTLED Administrator James Steel Files His Final Report.

James Steel has filed his final report as administrator of the estate of Ben Holladay, deceased. It shows that the inventoried value of the property was \$1,688,889, and \$19.155 was realized, not included in the inventory, making a total of \$1,108,644. There was received and disbursed \$558,855, and there is a belance on hand of \$738, which goes to the adfair to make a record comparable to that of the city's popular loan. The latter was subscribed three times over, and the former would undoubtedly reach that figure if the books were open for the same length of time. With but two weeks to go on, and no previous notice, the subscriptions will probably run to double the amount of the loan.

The Salem way of borrowing money is

which was received long ago. Some pre-ferred claims were paid in full, and the general creditors received a dividend of about 50 per cent. A small sum due certain creditors remains on hand uncalled

Joseph Holladay was the first adminis-trator of the estate, and the report goes back to the time his claim of \$339,000 and him and Ben Holladay, was liquidated by the transfer of property. Ben Holladay sued Joseph Holladay to recover all of the property, which he contended the lat-ter held as trustee, and Judge Stevens dereed that \$339,000 was due to Joseph from

Many of the claims disposed of were large. Esther Holladay, who was the wife of Ben Holladay, filed a claim for about \$100,000, a considerable portion of which was paid.

Populists Copy Democratic Call.

Spokane Chronicle. Chairman John Coffeen calls attention to and interesting feature of the call for the People's Party State Convention as sent out by their state executive committee. It is identical with that sent out fby the Democratic central committee, except for the change in the name of the party.

"It is a verbatim copy of the Demo-cratic call," he says, "even to the qualifi-cation for voters at the primaries that they will support Bryan and Stevenson this Fall. Now there was so need in the world of the state committee bringing out a bone of contention in their call by adding the name of Stevenson, when the Populists had named Towns for Vice-President, for Bryan Presidential electors must vote for Stevenson."

Grain Fire on Tygh Ridge

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The Dalles Chronicle.

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How the Germans Will Vote. Woodburn Independent.
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