

FAIR TALKED OF IN EAST

Mr. H. C. Bowers of the Hotel Portland Returns.

NEW YORK PEOPLE INTERESTED

Hotel Man Says This City's Fame Has Gone Abroad.

"It was astonishing to find that the Lewis and Clark Fair has already attracted considerable attention in the East," said Mr. H. C. Bowers, manager of the Hotel Portland, this morning.

"When I arrived at the Arlington Hotel in Washington, D. C.," said Mr. Bowers, "a reporter for the Post called on me and while we were talking he uttered a New York magazine named the Outlook out of his pocket, remarking that he had just been reading about Portland in it. As the Outlook is a well known publication, devoted principally to the Four Hundred and their doings, I was surprised, and indeed fully interested, to find it was a resume of interviews with Mr. J. N. Fleischer and myself which were published in the New York papers, after devoting considerable space to the scenery of Oregon, the article proceeded to give the editor's personal recollections of Portland, in the course of which he said: 'I remember the Portland Hotel as being without a superior in the country and because the barkeeper charged me 50 cents for a pint bottle of cider, he said that the apple crop had been small and that he needed the money.' This, of course, was a joke, but it serves to show that Portland has a note of which people all over America are speaking highly."

NEW YORK PAPERS AND THE FAIR

"In New York I met many Portland and Western people. Mr. J. N. Fleischer was in the city at the same time as myself, and he so impressed the New York American, Hearst's big paper, with the importance of the Lewis and Clark Fair that they agreed to publish a column and a half article on the subject as soon as it could be prepared. Mr. J. J. Montague, who was formerly a Portland newspaper man, is now with the American, and will prepare the copy. Mr. B. S. Pogue, who used to have charge of the weather bureau here, is another Western man whom I met in Washington."

WESTERN INFORMATION SOUGHT

"Travelers registering at the New York hotels from Oregon and Washington points are besieged with reporters and others who desire interviews and information on the West. There seems to be a very general interest in the country. Why, even at this early date," said Mr. Bowers, "I heard several people express their intention to visit Portland in 1903, during the exposition."

Mrs. Bowers, who accompanied me on the trip, has been much benefited by her journey, but, like myself, is glad to get back to Portland. It does me good, for one thing, to get a drink of good, clear Bull Run water. In the Chicago hotels when you order water, they send you up a sealed bottle of spring water as the city water is not so good, and contains bugs. In New York many of the drug stores are selling distilled water, and the sign, 'We Use Nothing But Boiled Water,' is often seen."

A NEW WORKING ANIMAL

One of the results of the opening up of Uganda is that a new draught animal has been introduced to the world—the zebra. In British East Africa zebras are broken to harness and driven just like horses. The official Gazette of the Uganda recently contained an advertisement announcing that Baron Bronsart von Schellendorf of Kilmarnock was prepared to supply tamed, but unbroken zebras at from \$75 to \$100 each, and broken to harness, "warranted sound and kind, at double those figures. The old idea that the zebra was untamable was exploded long ago, and they have been several times driven in Paris and London by equestrians who wanted to do something out of the ordinary in the way of self-advertising. A wealthy merchant in Birmingham, England, for months used zebras to draw his carriage. For its size the zebra is the most powerful draught animal in the world—stronger even than a mule. It needs less care and attention than a horse and can travel, unshod, over the roughest country."

A RATHER EXPENSIVE HIDE

A Buenos Ayres dispatch to the London Daily Mail states: "Two pieces of the genuine myxodon hide from the grotto at Ultima Esperanza, in the Andes, are on sale here. One is a tanned piece 2 inches by 4 inches, the other, which has the hair attached, is 5 inches by 3 inches. The price of both is £70 per square inch. The Berlin Museum has bought half of one of the pieces."

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Under the club system inaugurated for the first time in Portland by the Piano House, purchasers get the benefit of the retailer's profit.

Always the first in adopting new, progressive, money-saving, health-giving methods, Piano House now has in full blast a plan that has met with immense popularity elsewhere and is now meeting with the same in Portland. On Sunday morning we advertised our intention of forming piano clubs in Portland, the same that had been employed so successfully by our San Francisco house a short time ago. By noon the Piano House was flooded with inquiries from enthusiastic purchasers, who had readily recognized what a saving it would be to them. Since then the growth of the clubs has been simply phenomenal. One club is already fully organized and is in almost hourly, and the entire force of delivery teams of the firm has been constantly kept busy sending out the pianos.

This is the Proposition.

To begin with, members of these clubs get the very best pianos made, such as the Kimball, Decker, the Weber, Chickering and others, and they get them at dealer's prices, and in addition to this the terms of payment on them are much easier than in the ordinary way. The initial or first payment places the piano in your house. There will be four piano clubs—"A," "B," "C" and "D"—each club being limited absolutely to but one hundred members. Those joining Club "A" will secure a fine, new piano by paying down the small sum of \$5 and making weekly payments of \$1.25. "B" members pay \$7.00 upon delivery of their pianos, and complete their payments at the rate of \$1.00 per week. In the Club "C" series the initial payment will be \$10.00 down, and the balance in payments of \$2.00 weekly. Those joining Club "D" will pay \$20.00 down and \$2.50 weekly.

Now as to Organs.

There are also two organ clubs, limited to but 100 members each. Club "E" members secure a fine new organ by paying down and weekly payments of 60 cents. Members of Club "F" will deposit \$5.00 and then \$1.00 weekly. These small payments secure you the very finest organs made, fully warranted by the manufacturer, and also by the house. And remember, you get dealer's prices—\$65, \$75 and \$80 organs, with two sets of pedals, and \$125, \$145 and \$150. The finest carved walnut and mahogany piano-cased organs go to members of clubs at correspondingly low prices. Add to this the fact that our organization is guaranteed by us for five years. If you want to get the benefits to be received by joining one of them, you had better come in at once, as the Piano House is at 261 Washington street, opposite Corday's Theater. Four other stores, in Francisco and Sacramento, Cal., and Spokane, Wash.

WILL DISCUSS EDUCATION

Meeting of Multnomah and Clackamas County Teachers.

The teachers of Multnomah and Clackamas Counties will hold a meeting Saturday, November 15, at the Orient schools, five miles southeast of Gresham. An excellent program has been arranged and it is the earnest wish of County Superintendent Robinson that every teacher will attend.

The program will begin at 10:30 o'clock, and the forenoon topics will be from "White's Art of Teaching," as follows:

- THE PROGRAM. Ends in Teaching—Prin. N. W. Bowland, Montavilla School. A Trinity of Principles—Prin. A. F. Hildner, Gresham School. A Trinity of Progress—Prin. H. L. McCamp, Park Place School. The afternoon program will be on "Some Elements of a Successful School." The Teachers' Part—Miss Rebecca T. Smith, Prin. Eastham School, Oregon City. The Directors' Part—Prin. V. A. Davis, Harmony School. The Parents' Part—C. M. Lake, clerk, Joint District No. 5.

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Active Politics Result in Spreading of Some Strange Reports.

BOOTH'S FRANCHISE TAX BILL

Multnomah County Delegation Is Expected to Support Scott.

The story that went around the town and that was retold in The Journal last Monday to the effect that the Multnomah County delegation offered C. W. Fulton a disquieting after the Friday night meeting proves to have been entirely untrue. The information that came to this paper appeared to be a statement of fact. Fulton discovers that the facts are: Mr. Fulton was not in town on that day. Therefore Mr. Fulton was not near the building in which the delegation met. The meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce Building, and not in the Imperial Hotel. A member of the delegation prominent in its deliberations said to The Journal:

"I was at the meeting from beginning to end. I participated in the deliberations, and know everything that was done. And I know that the subject of a senatorial candidate was not before the meeting, so that there could have been no reference to Mr. Fulton. Nor could there have been any opportunity to plan a slight upon Mr. Fulton. As a matter of fact, we met merely to organize, and get acquainted. Of course, later we expect to take up all matters that pertain to the action of the delegation in the Legislature, which is proper for us to do. But thus far we have only organized, and have not taken up subjects that have anything to do with a senator."

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Senator A. Booth of Lane County is preparing a bill which, if made a law, will place a tax upon all franchises. Senator Booth is himself a heavy owner in large milling concerns, and the bill he is drafting will go so far as to tax all corporations upon their capital stock and on gross earnings.

The measure will operate as follows: Taking hypothetical figures as illustrations. A corporation is formed with \$100,000 capital stock. It must pay to the treasury of the state \$2 on each \$100 of capital stock, and \$2 on each \$100 of gross earnings, per annum. When the papers are filed with the secretary of state at Salem, the incorporators must pay the \$2 on the \$100,000 stock, and must swear to the amount of gross earnings for the year, and pay the \$2 on each \$100 upon the statement of the corporation.

It is not known that the rate of taxation will be as here given, but the manner of the operation of the law will be as here shown, whatever may be the rate of tax.

One of the reasons given for the proposed law is to discourage the forming of paper corporations, and of the watering of stock. It is claimed that Oregon collects less from corporations than any other state in the Union, and the report of the Secretary of State last issued shows that Oregon receives about 58 per cent of its state revenues from direct tax upon real and personal property of tangible character.

WILL SUPPORT MR. SCOTT

The Multnomah County delegation is expected to support Mr. Scott for the United States Senate. It is true that the delegation has not yet declared itself, nor has it considered the matter as a whole. Nevertheless, the belief is general that Mr. Scott will receive the vote of the Multnomah County Republicans. Political measures figure out this as the logical action, and the delegates are few who doubt that when the Legislature votes on the first Tuesday after the second Monday of the regular session Mr. Scott will probably have the entire delegation with him in opposition. Such a thing in the nature of the case must be mere speculation, and it will be speculation for some time yet.

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A LIVELY CONTEST

One of the subjects that is destined to consume much of the time of the State Senate at the coming session is that of the contest between Miller and Perry Kelley, of Linn County. Miller, a Democrat, defeated Kelley by two votes, and Kelley contests the seat. Votes in the Legislature are at a premium now, and after the entire delegation with him in opposition. Such a thing in the nature of the case must be mere speculation, and it will be speculation for some time yet.

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