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I profess not talking only this. Let each man do his best for himself. —Shakespeare.

BALLINGER

IT WAS TIME for Mr. Ballinger to resign. His retirement was long overdue. His selection as member of the cabinet by Mr. Taft was an initial blunder.

It was a paramount blunder when Mr. Ballinger as his first act threw open to entry certain large areas that had been withdrawn.

PUBLIC RECKONINGS

THE POLITICAL revulsions and revolutions in the leading sound cities are of interest in Portland. In Tacoma the preliminaries are being arranged for a recall election.

Seattle has passed through a recall election in which the mayor was reduced to private life and another man raised to the headship of the city.

Portland has no revolution. But officialdom must not rest secure in the belief that no political storm can ever burst here.

AN ANGEL BAND

ON HIS RETURN to Chicago, Senator Lorimer declared that "it was Divine Providence that saved him his seat in the United States senate."

Most people thought his seat was saved for him by the lame duck senators. It is a lame duck senator of the earthly implements by which the will of Divine Providence is carried out here below?

The 46 senators who saved Lorimer declared as an angel band. It is poetic. The Illinois legislature that elected him, posed as a band of hope or a Sunday school class, is madly

romantic. Lorimer as the especial object of Divine solicitude here below, is bewilderingly esthetic. One can almost hear the rustle of angel wings, and see the gates of Paradise.

STILL IN THE RING

THE SENATORIAL deadlock in the New York legislature has entered upon its seventh week. Charles Murphy, boss of Tammany hall, sits in a room in an Albany hotel and delivers orders to his henchmen in the legislature to stand pat for Sheehan.

Governor Dix has issued a statement suggesting that Sheehan be withdrawn and another candidate elected. But Murphy demurs. Sheehan in response to orders from Murphy demurs. The Tammany members, elected to represent the people, in reality represent Murphy and are following his orders to stand by Sheehan.

Lawmaking in the legislature is at a standstill. The hand of the boss is on every bill and its passage is permitted or vetoed on the test of its bearing on the senatorship.

USUFRUCT

SIXTY MILLION dollars worth of investment and business is said to have been brought into Oregon by publicity last year.

Other important factors in the campaign were booklets and other advertising by various counties and cities in the state.

Their effectiveness was the consequence of their knowledge of the inner secrets of publicity. Their booklets, brochures and other publications are the last word in the printer's art.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THE DECLARATION by Governor West that he intends to keep alive the Oregon conservation commission by appointment, or reappointment, of the members will be satisfactory to the great majority of lovers of Oregon.

No doubt certain elements in the recent legislature supposed they had the commission killed when enough members were induced, by influences direct and indirect, to cut off the very small appropriation desired to pay the necessary operating expenses of this unpaid commission.

The members of the commission, conscious of the record they have made in honest service, and having no personal ends to gain by holding an office which meant continued personal gratuitous service, much labor and time, and it must be said, much misunderstanding, placed their resignations in the hands of the governor.

present forestry law and the water code. That is to say that the two most important safeguards for the natural resources of this state—the forests and its water powers—have been promoted by these unpaid commissions during their term of service to Oregon.

The comparatively trivial amount of the expense of the commission they are doubtless well able to provide for, since the legislature so decrees it. Whether that small economy will serve to enlist other men of like standing, willing to spend and be spent in the service of Oregon is quite another question.

THE BELGIAN CONGO

THE CIVILIZED world held up its hands in horror at the tale of atrocities in the great African river region controlled by the late King Leopold of Belgium. American missionaries were numbered in the list of witnesses to conditions where rubber was paid for in unnumbered human lives, and in miseries of which the whole tale could not be told for very shame.

Shortly before the old king died Belgium as a state took over his investments, assumed the government, and made herself responsible in the eyes of Europe for new conditions.

The new king, Albert, is a far different man from his hard hearted and unscrupulous uncle, and his influence has helped mightily the efforts to abolish the detestable excesses of Leopold's rule.

A minority in the Belgian chamber expressed apprehension that their small nation was undertaking financial responsibilities that were out of proportion to her strength.

The first budget is just presented to the chamber. It shows a deficiency of but one million dollars for the year's operations, with rapidly increasing revenues.

Reports from the Congo are almost incredibly favorable. Mr. Clark, one of the American missionaries who denounced the horrors of the former regime, declares that, after a two months' journey through the worst districts, he met neither abuses nor complaints.

The animals take no care of life. They neither dissipate nor diet. They live no longer now than in the days of Alexander or Adam.

SEATTLE AND STREET RAILWAYS

THE MAIN ISSUE in the pending campaign in Seattle, says the Past-Intelligencer, is municipal ownership of street railways.

Nearly all of the candidates for the council are pledged to the immediate construction of a municipal railway. If the \$300,000 bond issue should carry, Seattle's experiment in this direction, if it should be made, will be watched with great interest in many cities.

There are few truck farms in the valley. We have to import most of our potatoes and other vegetables, shipping in many carloads.

A German soldier has fallen sentences running against him which

'will amount to life imprisonment because he is a Seventh Day Adventist and won't do military or any other work on Saturday.

Letters From the People

Hunger for Bread and Hunger for Gold. Portland, Or., March 3.—To the Editor of the Journal—There are many hungry people in this town today whose pride forbids them making known their plight.

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Some won't start on this trip to Oregon on the first low rate day, the 10th, because it is Friday. But many will not be so superstitious.

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THE MAN OUT OF WORK

Portland, Or., Feb. 28.—To the Editor of the Journal—Noting your editorial, "Man Out of Work," and granting all you say is true, in some degree at least, yet I am obliged to differ.

I speak from actual experience, for during the last two years here in Portland, and while I know there are many places in the world where conditions are as bad as here, I know that I am not alone.

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Baker County Mail Protest

Halfway, Or., March 2.—To the Editor of the Journal—I will take the liberty to write you in protest against the mail service that we of this valley have to receive.

The newspapers of this country consume millions of tons of wood pulp annually. The tariff schedule which imposes an import upon this commodity, and they are also interested in the Canadian export tax.

There is a short way to spell the long words "municipal incinerator" —a job.

COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

The Lorimer vote was the last big straw that broke Bailey's political back. What are the impecunious kicking for? They don't have to march up and pay taxes.

It is again the time of year when it is especially appropriate and important to "clean up."

Lorimer received a "rousting" welcome home, "Hinky Dink" and "Bath-tub John" being especially happy.

No harem skirts or kneecresses in Kansas says the Democrat. No wonder the editor is so good; he has no temptations.

Seattle is likely to enact and carry out municipal ownership of its street railways. It will not put "Wappy" in charge of them.

Taft seems to be a president without a party. The Republican party won't adopt him, and the Democratic party won't adopt him.

A few people in Portland will save a good many lives and relieve much suffering in China. That is rather better than drunken joy-riding.

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J. Ham Lewis and his "pink whiskers" still get occasional mention. But if the truth were revealed, it probably would show that these whiskers are turning pale.

The Idaho legislature beat Oregon's; it not only prolonged the last day throughout the month, but wound up with fist battles. Great is representative government.

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Gallinger of New Hampshire came near making an awful mistake in voting on the Lorimer case; for once he voted right, but discovered his blunder in time and changed his vote.

We wouldn't write a word to disillusion dreams of heaven, nor any soaring aspiration would we base clog; but reality is a little more prosaic.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

Corvallis Y. M. C. A. has 235 members. Two families from British Columbia located in Klamath Falls last week.

A 10-year-old orange tree in Albany has had 90 small but good oranges on it this year.

Big land sales in the vicinity of Eugene involving hundreds of thousands of dollars have been made already this year.

Three adjoining farms near Tallman are to be converted into an 800 acre orchard, principally of prunes, cherries and walnuts.

Tract of 931 acres 7 miles from The Dalles has been sold for \$25,000, and 400 acres will be sold to fruit at once and sold in small tracts.

Steyton will have 30 automobiles this summer, but is talking of making macadam streets. Don't do it, advise the Salem Statesman. Get the best. It will pay in the long run.

More attention is being given to the lowly hen and she is being regarded as one of the most valuable things that can be maintained on a farm, observes the Salem Statesman.

Cottage Grove Leader: Consolidate the University of Oregon with the Oregon Agricultural college, place them under a single board of Regents and move the whole business to Portland, where they should be, and thereby forever settle the higher educational problem in Oregon.

The Grants Pass Commercial club is doing things in a large way these days. It pulls off stunts such as building a railroad, organizing a mining club, exploiting orchard lands and doing a hundred other things to build up the county, without scarcely stopping to take breath, says the Courier.

The O. W. R. & N. company placed an order with a Lewis river company for 20,000,000 feet of railroad ties. A tie cost 16 cents last summer, but the order involves something more than 700,000 ties and the value of them will be about \$100,000. The ties are all to be used on the lines of the O. W. R. & N., and will go to eastern Oregon.

Despite the fact that there has been a decrease in the number of students at the Oregon Agricultural college, the percentage of students this year is less by 33-1/3 percent than last year.

Professor C. I. Lewis of the O. A. C. horticultural department, believes there is a great commercial future for the loganberry, not alone for the berry, but for its juice, relates the Corvallis Gazette.

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Reciprocity and England

From the Philadelphia Telegraph

That an insular legislative body, more than 3000 miles away, considers itself licensed to even discuss the wisdom of Canada's policy and the dominion's trade relations with the United States, seems almost incredible to the mind which has been able to grasp the philosophy of government and to understand its functions.

Encouraged by whom—a lawmaking body, partly hereditary, sitting 2000 miles away? Is the house of lords in the Ontario farmer that his representatives shall not enter into agreements that will be beneficial to him because, unhappily, such an arrangement might prove detrimental to British trade?

Canada is 50 times as large as England and quite as capable of self government. Should she conclude to withdraw, to sever even the nominal ties that bind her to Great Britain, there is not the slightest doubt that she would achieve "independence" without firing a shot.

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Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt

FIRST OF THE SEASON. Tanglefoot, well, here you are, old hoss, first spring come of the season. The poem is below:

It is not the chilling rains nor the blustering wind's roar That tells me gentle springtime is not far behind.

It is the dainty rose buds, nor vague hints of bluest sky That tell me frosty winter and cold are just a memory.

It is when the starts making pots of saffras tea. Just to tourists: If you should happen to go to Red Bluff, Cal., it might be tip to tell you that you take your stamps with you—the postmaster's name is Cheatham!

FOUND AT LAST. It's an east wind that blows nobody good. THE GUY WHO KNOWS. (Continued.)

In these cold March days when the bleak winds blow and the state seems in a box, there's a blonde reporter, whom we all know, steps right to the front—and talks. Wherever you go that reporter stands with his winning smile and amuck, while he catches the welkin and waves his hands—he'll do anything, else but work. We dig and delve, in our simple way to pile up a little dough, until this reporter drops in some day, shows us where we've been wrong, and tells us what we've done right.

THE BUNCH. Klamath Valley and Portland. San Francisco business men are planning a campaign to secure the business of the Klamath country, and to that end will run an excursion from San Francisco in the early part of May in order that they may cultivate the acquaintance and get the good will of the business men of this growing country.

Again the Chronicle calls the attention of the Portland papers, and especially the business men of Portland, to the importance of coming into closer touch with the people of the Klamath country, and say that Portland should get into line.

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