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T. McF. PATTON DEAD.

Thomas McFadden Patton, one of Oregon's earliest pioneers and most prominent citizens, died suddenly and unexpectedly in Salem on Tuesday from heart failure, brought on by over exertion at the funeral of Mr. O. Dickinson, the venerable seedsman of the capital city. Mr. Patton, Squire Farrar, C. M. Parmenter, P. H. Hatch, Chas. Claggett and H. H. Stanton, all old pioneers and personal friends of Mr. Dickinson, acted as pall-bearers. After reaching the church he asked to be excused, saying he had over-lifted himself and was feeling poorly. Gov. Moody took his place, as a pall-bearer, and he went directly to Dr. Richardson's office. Not finding him in he proceeded to Dr. Bradshaw's, arriving there at nearly three in an almost exhausted condition. He was treated and received some relief. He rallied for about ten minutes, when he seemed overcome from a sudden attack and turned purple in the face, dying in a few minutes thereafter. He never became conscious that death was at hand. Mrs. Patton was at his side and he spoke cheerfully to her up to the last, saying that he was not seriously ill. His death causes a terrible sensation to his friends and to the entire community. Mr. Patton came overland in 1852, and occupied many responsible and honorable positions. At the time of his death he was eminent commander of Oregon commandery, and has been secretary of the Oregon Masonic grand lodge, and for eighteen years chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence to the grand chapter. In May, 1884, he was appointed by President Arthur consul to Higo, Japan, which position he filled until relieved by Cleveland in 1887.

Although the people of this country are very generally inclined to regard the career of the Kansas woman politician Mrs. Lease, with amused disdain, it is well worth their while to understand that she has become a distinct power, not only in her own state but in some others. As the most striking example of the American woman in politics she is worthy of study. It may be readily believed that with the widening of the scope of women's privileges and with the improvement in the conduct of political campaigns the tendency will be for members of the gentler sex who, like Mrs. Lease, are practitioners at the bar to go on the stump to teach the party doctrines which have their support. So long, however, as women do not have the right of suffrage and are not permitted to hold political offices, the women cannot expect to be more than so many Moll Pitchers in the fight. The influence wielded by Mrs. Lease in the new movement which has brought to life the people's party is apparently due not only to the novelty of the thing, but also in large measure to her ability to present forcible arguments in a forcible way. She has shown a genius for campaigning, and in politics is a better man than some thousands of the other sex who think they have ability in that line. Some great statesmen have made serious mistakes, but who ever heard of any mistakes by the Hon. Mary Lease?

In contradiction of a dispatch yesterday relative to the coming message of President Harrison, and in view of the exigency of the near approach of the session of congress, the president has called a special meeting of the cabinet to consider the recommendations in his message. It is now his intention merely to touch on one or two points which he had in mind to elaborate, and he expects to have the document ready for presentation to congress Tuesday.

The Fossil Journal says the "detective" Sullivan, and his men did a bungling job in making the arrest of the Roslyn bank robbers. All agree that Sullivan's best plan would have been to have notified Sheriff Wilcox to make the arrests, which he could have done single-handed without any trouble. When it comes to good, solid, horse sense, we believe our sheriffs are ahead of Thiel, Sullivan, and their whole thieving outfit.

Martin McCandless, an old-time miner of Idaho, who left "the states" before there were any rail ways west of Indians, saw a train at Weiser for the first time in his life last week, when he came in and bought his ticket going home to stay after an absence of 45 years, mostly a life in the mines. His astonishment when he first looked at a modern train of cars is impossible to describe. It beat Rip Van Winkle.

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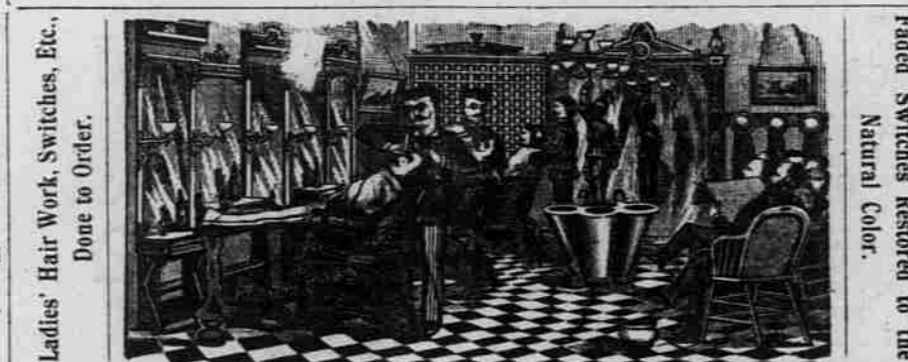
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