

TIMELY ANNIVERSARIES.

April 15.

1822—George Calvert, Lord Baltimore, projector of the colony of Maryland, died; born 1582.
1719—Mme. de Maintenon, second wife of Louis XIV., died; born 1635.
1814—John Lathrop Motley, historian and diplomat, born in Chester, Mass.; died 1877.
1867—David Dudley Field, the elder, father of Cyrus, Stephen J., Henry M. and David D., died in Stockbridge, Mass.
1888—Matthew Arnold, English poet, essayist and lecturer, died in Liverpool; born 1822.
1901—General Alexander Campbell McClurg, a civil war veteran and prominent book publisher, died at St. Augustine, Fla., aged 64.



PLATFORM OF THE OREGONIAN.

While party platforms are constructed and adhered to by the average Oregonian, these do not contain his entire creed and belief. Parties are too small to contain the unbridged doctrine of the Westerner. There are things he loves dearly—things he believes with all his heart and things he practices daily which never were submitted to a committee on platform. He has a thousand household planks which were never unobscured in the political convention, yet they are vital to his belief and basic principles in his practices. He does not seek to have them confirmed or echoed through the land. The belief in them and practice of them, is self-sufficient. They are their own advocates.

First and foremost of all these, is, that the Oregon latchstring is always hanging on the outside, for the stranger. "Welcome" is the counter-sign. "Room and work for the willing" is written everywhere as a sign board for the homeseeker. Open handed Hospitality is the keeper of her gateways, with instructions to let the worthy in.

"Pluck and energy and early rising and friendship" are the directions on every milepost. Utility, economy, steadfast purpose and goodwill are the great "isms" in her creed.

"Drive a peg and gather your earnings around it"—and this is the great secret of success laid bare. This is the whole mystery of well doing. It is the lost key to contentment, the long-sought formula for happiness.

Ragged boys who come barefoot into Oregon behind a team of worn-out Kansas mules, in 1878, are now her capitalists. They saw the beauty of the Oregon creed, as applied to life and forthwith adopted it. It taught them a few naked, unvarnished truths. It taught them that in raising apples men should strive to raise the best apples; in farming to farm the right way; in doing anything to do it intelligently and thoroughly. These simple planks have won out over all the oratory of political campaigns. Men have grown rich by them, have grown contented by them; men have lived and died upright, beloved citizens by them—what more is asked of any creed, political or otherwise?

The Oregon platform is broad as the borders of the west. It is tinged with the freedom of the sea; it is fresh with the vitalizing breath of the prairies. Its spirit and its vigor enters into men's lives; it fills them with an indescribable purpose, akin to that vast horizon which surrounds them.

The people of Oregon long for a political party that will better represent their ideals and aspirations, better illustrate the meaning of the state's motto, of flying with her own wings, better lead to a grander commonwealth and a broader citizenship!

THE DEATH OF TALMAGE.

The American pulpit has lost an able worker in the death of Doctor Talmage. He had proven himself a great preacher and his influence for good was far reaching. He was one of the most interesting characters in the American pulpit, although not the ablest, deepest or most sincere.

Dr. Talmage resorted to sensational utterance in order to excite the interest of his hearers and at times threw dignity and scholarly bearing to the winds that he might arise and awake the sleeping minds of those he

wished to touch with the needs of salvation and a better life.

Dr. Talmage at one time was the most widely advertised man in the pulpit. He did this deliberately with the view of having a broader field and more influence as a worker in it. He did his share of good and died at the ripe old age of three score and ten.

Peace to him, for the world is better because he lived in it.

PAPERS AND NEWSPAPERS.

The East Oregonian proposes to print the political news, the same as it does other news, as fully and as completely, as fairly and as faithfully as it has ability and means to meet the expense. This paper realizes that it is only a small affair, but, notwithstanding its size, it comprehends its duty and knows the value of giving publicity of news of interest to its readers, regardless of political complexion, partisan colorings and one-sidedness.

On these lines it has complaint to make of its big contemporary, the Oregonian, in Portland. It does not believe that this great newspaper is fulfilling its destiny by coloring its political news in favor of one side and against the other, as it has done in a number of instances of late, in its news reports. Neither has the Portland paper a right as a newspaper to "boom" one candidate for governor in its news columns and ignore or condemn the other. An honest newspaper must be above this kind of newsgathering and circulating confining its opinions to its editorial page, leaving free its news pages to straight news, free from bias and one-sided statements, giving the political news as faithfully as to fact and figure as if it were reporting any event in which the public man have interest. To do other than this is to convict one's newspaper of a narrowness that is not becoming to men of larger growths and broader minds.

Newspapers should print the news, and only the news in its news columns. Both sides and all sides should have equal treatment.

POLITICAL COMMENT.

Eastern Oregon Republican: It is generally conceded that W. J. Furnish will be the next governor of Oregon by an overwhelming vote. With Mr. Furnish at the head of the ticket the republicans will again sweep the state.

Joseph Herald: W. J. Furnish was nominated by the republican state convention for governor by acclamation. Mr. Furnish is an eastern Oregon man, and is well qualified for the office to which he aspires, and we have no hesitancy in urging all eastern Oregonians to vote for him for governor.

Wallowa Chieftain: Furnish is our next governor. Eastern Oregon plead earnestly and won. The cry was so strong that western Oregon was forced to heed. Eastern Oregon is fast becoming a power in politics. It is no longer a mere range—an overflow from the Willamette valley—but it contains wealth and population that must be regarded. True, Portland will always be the metropolis, but nothing will strengthen it more than the country east of the Cascades to grow and prosper in wealth. In asking for Furnish this section only seeks its deserts. It will be more loyal to the state government for having a representative in the gubernatorial chair.

Antelope Herald: William J. Furnish, who was on last Wednesday honored by the republican party of his state with the nomination for the high office of governor, is a man of most pleasing personality, of prompt, decisive and honorable business methods, of unflinching determination and tireless energy. With these qualifications he is sure of the enthusiastic support of his party in every section of the state, and in this eastern section, where he is so well known, as one of its most successful and substantial business men, he will receive not only the unanimous support of his own party, but a strong support from all parties. A man of strong individuality, one whose business career has commanded the admiration of all who knew him, a thorough "good fellow" in the highest sense of that term, Mr. Furnish will draw to him irresistibly the younger element of the voters of the state. That he will be elected, no one doubts; that his administration of the state's affairs will be clean, honest and business-like, goes without saying.

Salem Capital Journal: The democratic state convention will today nominate Geo. E. Chamberlain for governor, and there will be a square contest for the office between him and W. J. Furnish, of Umatilla county. After the manner in which party lines have been broken in Oregon,

the election as between these two men is not going to be a party contest. The way in which Mr. Furnish's nomination was brought about virtually at the dictation of the predominant faction at Portland, and by excluding the other faction from participation in the county and state conventions, under the unit rule, will leave a large number of republicans under no special constraint to vote their party ticket. But, on the other hand, the republican faction that two years ago made Mr. Chamberlain's election possible, and defeated the regular republican ticket are this year back of Mr. Furnish and are opposed in Multnomah county by the regulars in coalition with the democrats. In other words, the Chamberlain republicans of two years ago are this year the Furnish republicans, and anti-Furnish republicans will support Mr. Chamberlain.

As Multnomah county has decided the composition of the republican ticket, so Multnomah county may decide the state election. What has Multnomah county at stake? The senatorship and the exposition? For senator the plan is doubtless to defeat Mr. Simon and name Mr. Scott, the newspaper man of that town. Mr. Scott's friends after life-long relations with Mr. Simon find he is too small, or too large, a man to suit their plans. They say Mr. Scott is about the right size. Without entering into the merits of the two men, who are better known to our readers than this writer, it is safe and fair to say that Portland republican politicians now in control of the affairs of the republican party want Mr. Scott to be senator and all Portland wants at least a million dollars for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Mr. Furnish would doubtless favor both propositions. Mr. Chamberlain for governor, could not favor Mr. Scott for senator, by appointment or otherwise. As a Portland man he could not do otherwise than let the million dollar appropriation for the exposition become a l.w. Yet, he might find it a stumbling block in the way of his election. The farmers might ask him in the canvass to veto that measure. He could say that must be left to the legislature. The farmers would demand a veto, or the republicans among them would vote for their candidate. But Mr. Chamberlain would have a way out by saying, adopt the initiative and referendum amendment and then you can kill the appropriation yourselves if you don't want to stand the tax. But Mr. Chamberlain could never go on record as opposed to this measure and get the votes of the people of Portland enough to insure his election.

Now what would be the position of the state government, so far as the appointive power is concerned, if Mr. Furnish were elected governor? It is well understood that the secretary of state belongs to the Fulton-Scott faction in this fight that nominated Furnish. If Furnish is governor that faction would have the majority of the two boards that control all the state institutions, including the state prison, soldiers' home and state fair. That faction would make a clean sweep of these institutions. No one who fully comprehends the animus of Portland politicians could doubt for a moment. The same faction would have control of the educational institutions of the state, and there is no evidence that they would not use their appointing power in the same manner, and as it has not been used to any great extent for the past four years. With Mr. Chamberlain elected governor, the Scott-Fulton faction would not be in the majority on these boards. Mr. Chamberlain would control the state prison and Soldiers' Home, and a great many other appointments that have been vested in the governor. The Journal wants the people who read its columns to consider this situation from a business standpoint, not as against Furnish or Chamberlain.

The Journal believes that the people have a right to all the light that a public newspaper can throw on the situation. Politics in Oregon are not carried on with the fairness that prevails in some states. The desire to use power for personal purposes is predominant in the minds of political managers, and the people have a fight to check them in any way they can. It is certain that the last legislature cost the people over half a million dollars more than it had any business to cost. If Governor Geer had vetoed at least half a million of unjust appropriations he would have come nearer being governor a second time. The same faction that predominated in the last legislature predominated in the republican state convention. Will they run the Furnish state administration as they did the legislature? They will hardly do as badly as that, but it is an open question whether Mr. Furnish would be governor for the people or for a faction. In his canvass Mr. Furnish may make it plain to the people that he would hold a club over those who have nominated him, and be governor of the state in fact, as well as in name. As for Mr. Chamberlain, he would be free to be a veto governor if he saw fit to be.

There is but one serious objection to Mr. Chamberlain for governor, and that is if he should become governor, and then turn his patronage over to a certain push that dominates the councils of the democratic party. If he did that he would not benefit the state—if fact he would work it an

incalculable injury. The Oregon state prison is an ill constructed and unsanitary institution at best. In charge of an ignorant stripe of politicians it would become a disgrace to the state. The state school land management is not going to be any too good under the most favorable conditions. In the hands of a certain faction of the democratic party it would continue all the worse abuses. If Mr. Chamberlain would rise above this predominant element of the democratic machine, and give the people a real genuine business, citizens' administration, he would be a governor worth having. That question stares him in the face, because the people of Oregon will not elect a governor for democracy "as she exists," and has many times manifested itself in old Webfoot. If he can make the people understand that he would be an independent governor four years for the people it would make a great deal of difference with the result of the election.

TALK HEALTH.

Talk happiness. The world is sad enough. Without your woes. No path is wholly rough; Look for the places that are smooth and clear, And speak of those that rest the weary ear. Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain Of human discontent and grief and pain. Talk faith. The world is better off without Your uttered ignorance and morbid doubt. If you have faith in God, or man or self, Say so, if not push back upon the shelf. Of silence all your thoughts till faith shall come; No one will grieve because your lips are dumb. Talk health. The dreary, never-changing tale Of mortal maladies is worn and stale. You cannot charm, or interest or please, By harping on that minor chord, disease. Say you are well, or all is well with you, And God shall hear your words and make them true. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

BRAIN FOOD.

Not long since there was a great run on the fish markets because it was announced that fish was food for the brain. Of course the fallacy of the fact was soon exploded. Normally the food we eat



nourishes brain, nerves, muscle, bones, etc., each part of the body assimilating phosphorus, salts, lime, according to its need. When the brain begins to show weakness or the nerves become sensitive it is a sign that there is a loss of the nutrition contained in the food eaten, and this loss is in general due to disease of the stomach, and its allied organs. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, which is the source of the strength of both brain and body. "I was troubled with very frequent headaches," writes Miss Belle Summerton, of San Diego, Buval Co., Texas, "often accompanied by severe vomiting; bowels were irregular and my stomach and liver seemed continually out of order. Often I could eat almost nothing, and sometimes absolutely nothing, for twenty-four hours at a time. I was entirely unfit for work, and my whole system seemed so run-down that I feared a severe sick spell and was very much discouraged. I was advised to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and did so with such satisfactory results that before finishing the third bottle I felt perfectly able to undertake duties attending public school life."

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