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WASHINGTON LETTER. Organization of The House—Oregon Again Secures Good Positions. EDITOR GAZETTE:—It has been shown that our state has been handsomely recognized in the organization of the senate. Now that the house is in working order Oregon has similar reason for satisfaction. Some newspaper man at home lately made the criticism, that Oregon representatives would arrive here too late to acquire suitable places on congressional committees: But the writer who thus bewailed can reverse the criticism then made and possess his soul in patience, with some little faith that there is tact as well as brains at work to further Oregon interests. The success for our state in the past, to secure appropriations for important objects, was greatly due to the fact that we had good workers on both house and senate committees: Usually there were members on the same committee in each house, who worked to advantage to secure legislation and win appropriations. This was instanced when Senator Dolph was on the senate committee for rivers and harbors and Representative Hermann on the similar house committee, as by working together their influence was productive of good results. It was the remark of all statesmen that for years, when that was the case, Oregon secured far more money appropriated for rivers and harbors in proportion to representation, than any other state in the union. This fact was so well appreciated and matters so well handled that although our members were not here in advance of the opening of congress, the representation of Oregon on committees is all that can be reasonably asked for, and greater, considerably, than the majority of members possess. A marvellous paper tells an amusing anecdote of a member of the house from Chicago, who approached the speaker with smiling face and made the remark that he felt proud of belonging to one very important committee. Speaker Henderson expressed his gratification that the honorable gentleman was pleased and inquired what committee he referred to. The answer was "I am a member of the committee of the whole." Indeed though from an imperial city he had been appointed to but one very immaterial position. And this was not an isolated instance. There are other members of the house who serve on no important committees, which greatly restricts their influence. It usually requires experience and service to place a member where he can command position on influential committees. In the senate there are ninety members, and at present there are five vacancies. The membership of the house is 356, four times that of the senate when full. As there are the same committees in each, the chance for position is four times as good in the house as in the senate. This will show that Oregon has been well treated and prove that some good work was done to secure it. The pressure for important position is very great: Speaker Henderson must have a very friendly feeling toward our state to place Mr. Tongue as he does, and to put Mr. Moody, a new member, on three different committees. Such result is not achieved at haphazard so it is safe to imagine good management somewhere. Rivers and harbors was the committee where Mr. Hermann was so successful at the time when Mr. Dolph was in the senate and a member of the same committee there, and they worked together so successfully. It was conceded that no representative had ever achieved so much for his state as did Hermann, but that was greatly due to having had an efficient ally in the senate. Two congresses later we find Mr. Tongue on the house committee, as Mr. Hermann had been, while Senator McBride fills the similar place on the senate committee that Mr. Dolph did beforetime. The labors of these two should so harmonize as to secure valuable results. Mr. Tongue is also chairman of the house committee for irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, of which Mr. Ellis was formerly chairman; senator Simon being a member of the corresponding committee in the senate. These two position place the senior Oregon member in good shape before congress. Rivers and harbors is a very important committee and effort had to be made to secure it; he succeeded where many influential men failed. This speaks well for his personality and confirms the fact as to the speaker's friendly feeling for our state as well as for its representatives. Any one not aware of the conditions and contingencies that attend congressional life may not be able to appreciate fully as to the value of committee appointments. Mr. Moody is a new member and few men obtain important positions on committees. It must be borne in mind that each house has nearly the same committees, but it is for reasons stated much more difficult to obtain good places in the house. Mr. Moody is also member of the committee on public lands; another committee that Oregon is greatly interested in, and of much value to the action. In this he follows his predecessor, Mr. Ellis, a recognition that Oregon is one of the public land states, so is interested. This is a position new members seldom fill at the first session. As Senator Mc-

Bride is on the corresponding senate committee here is another instance where Oregon is well represented. There is as much in possessing tact as in doing hard work or hard work, so we can pleasantly realize that matters have been well managed to secure such high standing. Mr. Moody is also on mines and mining, that covers great questions, and on expenditures in the interior department. As a new member he has cause to feel complimented by appointment on these good committees. I cannot say how he was so fortunate, but know that he has reason to believe that his congressional career opens auspiciously. S. A. C. DR. DARRIN IN HEPPNER. He is Located at the Palace Hotel Until January 20. Dr. Darrin's treatment by electricity has become so popular with the afflicted that his offices are crowded night and day, and that patients do not seek in vain, for the relief from the ills that flesh is heir to is positive proof of the superiority of his treatment over all other methods of cure. As a further proof the names of some recent cures are given: E. E. Grout's boy, La Grande Ore, crossed eye 12 years, cured in 10 minutes. Bruce Boyd, Elgin, Ore., deafness five years, cured in ten minutes. Conductor J. C. Gulling can be referred to in regard to the treatment of himself and family. E. F. Tice, Summerville, Oregon, terrible pain in the head for 12 years from sunstroke and otarrh, cured. D. B. Hearing, Island City, Ore., lathsome discharge of the ear, cured in one month. Mrs. A. H. Hudson, formerly of La Grande, Ore., now residing at 299 Salmon St., Portland, paralysis of one side and diseases peculiar to her sex, cured nine years ago. A. L. Jones, Athena, Oregon, neuralgia in the head and eyes for 15 years, as bad at times that the least ray of light or cold wind would almost make him crazy, cured. Senator Geo. Chandler's son Charles, Baker City, Ore., heart trouble and general nervous debility, cured and gained 30 pounds. John Martin, Cove, Ore., hydrocephalus 10 years, cured six years ago. Volna Webster, Weston Ore., catarrh, cured; Miss Francis Kennedy, of Walla Walla, Wash., both eyes crossed since a child cured. H. A. Tucker, president of Bank of Genesee, Idaho, otarrh 15 years, cured. O. P. Mason, Portland, deafness 20 years from paralysis of the nerve, restored. Truman Butler, The Dalles Oregon, chronic rheumatism and contracted joints, and impoverished blood, all of three years standing, given up by all treatments until Dr. Darrin cured him. S. A. Cameron, Pendleton, Ore., rheumatism, liver and kidney trouble, cured two years ago. Lee Baker, Court Street, Pendleton, Ore., rheumatism for years in its worst form, also liver and kidney complaints and dyspepsia, restored six years ago. Chief of Police Briest's wife, of the Indian reservation, Pendleton, Ore., almost totally blind cured. Chris Brading's son, Pendleton, eye trouble for years, restored. Miss Nellie Royce, Athena, crossed eyes, cured. Hundreds of other cases might be mentioned were it not from the fact that many dislike to see their name in print. Patients desiring to see Dr. Darrin should not delay, as he cannot remain away from the Portland office longer than January 20. Dr. Darrin will furnish batteries and electric belts for any patient requiring them, and will give full directions for their use. Proper testing of eyes and fitting glasses a specialty. He makes a specialty of all diseases of the ear, eye nose and throat, otarrh, deafness, bronchitis, la grippe, consumption, dyspepsia, constipation, heart, liver and kidney diseases. He permanently cures all diseases of the genito-urinary organ, in either sex, such as syphilis, gonorrhoea, blood taint, scrofula, stricture, seminal weakness, spermatorrhoea, loss of manhood. All peculiar female troubles, irregular menstruation, leucorrhoea, displacement, etc., are confidently treated, as well as all acute, chronic, private, and nervous diseases, of whatever nature, if curable. No cases taken if not. According to the time honored custom Dr. Darrin will give treatment to the worthy poor from 10 to 11 a. m. Those able to pay from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Evenings 7 to 8. Sundays 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. The afflicted should not lose the opportunity to consult this eminent physician while here. All business relations with Dr. Darrin are strictly confidential. Glorious News Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters has cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which has caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, skin eruptions, boils and running sores. It cures liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50c. Sold by Bloem's Drug Co. Guaranteed.

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WELCOMED THE NEW YEAR. Impressive Reception of Emperor William and Empress. BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Amid tolling of church bells and cheers arising from scores of thousands of throats in the dense multitude of joyous people who crowded the streets down town, the new year and the new century, as the Germans elect to call it, was welcomed with the simultaneous booming of 33 salubrious of salutation from the Lustgarten, the castle where Emperor William and the empress were receiving enthusiastic homage from the representatives of a loyal nation. The court reception was a most impressive spectacle. It was preceded by divine services in the chapel of the castle in which their majesties, the princes of the royal household, the ambassadors, ministers and high dignitaries joined. Quite contrary to the general expectation, Ambassador White and Mrs. White followed the Spanish ambassador, Senor Don Mendez de Vigo. From a well-informed authority it is learned that preliminary negotiations have been going on for some time between Great Britain and Germany in London for the purpose of extending the scope of the treaty regarding the Portuguese colonies, but that the Asiatic colonies of Portugal are not comprised in the extension proposal. The Vorwarts today published the alleged text of a new manifesto from Emperor Nicholas against the increase of naval armaments, which, it is said, he will promulgate on the first day of the Russian new year. The Vorwarts publication represents the czar as convening another international conference to consider this particular question. The German public appears to have accepted the manifesto as genuine, but on inquiry at the foreign office it was ascertained that the manifesto is bogus. From another source, usually well informed, the correspondent of the Associated Press learned that the Vorwarts meant the whole thing as a hoax, and as an ironic rejoinder to the government. Today terminates the privilege hitherto enjoyed by Heligoland enabling "instantaneous marriages" to be performed on the islands. The last seven couples thus united have just returned. Count Arthur von Bornstorff, who four years ago came near marrying one of the Barrison sisters, of vandyville fame, has just become betrothed to the daughter of a wealthy manufacturer, Herr Stolwerek, who has made a fortune in chocolate at Cologne. Since the monthly settlement on Thursday, which passed off smoothly, the money market has been decidedly easy. Money is now offered freely at low rates, London exchange declining. Further exports of gold are improbable. Only three millions for export were taken directly from the Reichsbank. Early last week some gold was imported. The financial papers point out that the ease with which Berlin has passed the close of the year demonstrates the solidity of the German money market. The explanation offered is that Germany took the most correct view of the war in South Africa and its effects, making preparations for months against the yearly settlement. The chamber of commerce reports and the press reviews for 1899 pronounce this the best year Germany ever had. There has been enormous activity in all lines, and the outlook is now most excellent. The Hamburg chamber of commerce expects the boom to be one of long continuance, and believes that sudden reactions are improbable. On the other hand, the net profits of the year were seriously affected by high wages and the cost of raw material. A coal famine prevails in Western Germany and business concerns at Düsseldorf have petitioned for permission to deliver empty coal cars at the mines on Sundays. The iron market remains firm. Berlin dealers have raised the price of bars and sheets five marks. The North German Lloyd Steamship Company has ordered a number of new steamers and is raising its ocean fleet to 95 vessels, the largest number under the control of any company in the world. A school for training railway experts has just been established in Berlin. It will open next month. The Berlin Henote Nachrichten, after pointing out the increasing importation of wood from the United States, advises the German forestry organizations to combine and endeavor to secure a protective duty. THE FARMERS' SHORT COURSE. (Oregon Agricultural College and Experiment Station.) An special effort is being put forth by the State Agricultural College to make the coming winter short course for farmers, which will be held from January 9th to February 21, inclusive, stronger in every particular and more intensely educational along the lines of practical husbandry than those which have preceded it. The object of the course is for the dissemination of practical information in the various branches of farming, and for the teaching of modern methods, the outgrowth of scientific research, thereby stimulating production, lessening the arduous duties of the farmer, and yet increasing the revenues of the farm. This course will consist of one hundred lectures and exercises, including the technical and practical features of general agriculture, horticulture, dairying, veterinary science, stock feeding and breeding, poultry raising, etc. In addition to this, several lectures will be delivered by prominent men on economic questions that are of special interest to farmers. The last three days of the course will be devoted exclusively to the discussions of problems in fruit-growing, at which time prominent fruit-growers and members of fruit-growers' organizations throughout the state are expected to be in attendance, and we anticipate that this will be one of the most notable gatherings of representative horticulturists ever witnessed in the state. The course is free to everyone. Special rates will be given by transportation companies.—Rural Spirit.