

Some Press Comment

Congressman Lafferty says he will be a candidate for re-election and proposes enlivening his campaign with a libel suit against the Oregonian for alleged misstatements reflecting upon himself.—*Engene Register.*

Lafferty claims to be a bachelor, 36 years of age. A man who shows no better sense in woman affairs than he does is not fit to represent Oregon in Congress. He should at least show enough political sense to step down and out and not wait for the good citizenship of his district to knock him down. Vale Lafferty! He's too small in the upper story.

With the creation of the third congressional district in Oregon, the new office is drawing candidates like honey draws flies. Almost every town of any importance has an ambitious politician who would like to make the trip back to Washington. The process of elimination will begin soon but indications are that each party will have a hard fight at the primaries before it nominates a standard bearer. The final battle of the ballots promises to be most interesting for the Democrats will try hard to add one more to the majority which their party has in the lower house while the Republicans with their 8000 handicap will try just as hard to prevent a bad precedent being established.—*East Oregonian.*

Salem has just had an exciting time due to assaults made on two women near that city by a paroled negro convict. It will, perhaps, require a crime of heinous nature to convince the Oregon people that the wholesale parole business being indulged in at the state penitentiary is not what it is cracked up to be. But lessons, however costly, seem to be necessary some times to open the eyes of the blind. On the same day that this black villain assaulted two Salem women a Pennsylvania mob burned a negro murdered at the stake. Shall we return this Salem negro to the parole again or shall he be put where he will never again have opportunity to assault defenseless women? It is about time Governor West displaced maudlin sentimentality with regard to convicts for commonsense dealing with them.—*Eugene Register.*

If cleanliness is next to godliness as the old passage declares, then State School Superintendent Alderman is a latter day apostle. In his pamphlet on the new course of study just off the press, he admonishes all teachers to see that their pupils keep their hair combed, their finger nails clean and attend to other details of their toilet.—*Eatt Oregonian.*

The dispatches recently received how a clergyman resigned because he wanted to marry and realized that he could not earn a livelihood in his pulpit. Now they tell us of the suicide at Pendleton of John Reeves, a retired clergyman, because of inability to earn a living. All over the country, there are accounts of ministers forsaking the pulpit for other and more remunerative employment. In a single state last year, 23 clergymen resigned their pulpits and went into the life insurance business. The compensation of the pulpit is so inadequate that the denominations are no longer able to secure a sufficient supply of preachers. In 1906, the Baptist church had 6302 more church buildings than ministers, the Lutherans 3353, the Presbyterians 1855 and the several Methodists 20,253.

The average pay of pastors in the United States, taking no account of colored preachers, is \$603 a year. In some of the smaller denominations the salaries are beggarly. The average pay in one small denomination is \$111 a year. In another, it is only \$121. In another well known denomination, there were 2500 ministers who received as much as \$1000 last year, and the other 5000 received an average of only \$600. The pay in one denomination south of the Ohio river and where that organization is the strongest, is only \$367 a year, or about a dollar a day. We expect our ministers to be able, eloquent and effective, but we pay them less than our teamsters, carpenters and bricklayers. We commit to them the salvation of souls, but pay them less than street cleaners. We demand that they be cultured, that their families present a respectable appearance and that they serve us 305 days in the year, and on the average give them less compensation than sewer diggers. The pulpit is worthy of better hire. The tragedy of John Reeves is a protest.—*Journal.*

There is more interest being taken this year in the county and district fairs than at any time previous. From all over the state comes the news of the many fairs that will be held and the knowledge of the beneficial results that follow from these annual exhibitions of the counties seem to have grown universal. It makes a regular clearance day where the farmers get together and compare the result of their year's work with their neighbor, discuss methods,

exchange ideas and gain a profit that they could never get by mere reading. And on the other hand it gives the business interests a chance to get better acquainted with the farming population engendering a feeling of community interest for mutual advantage and profit.—*Blue Mountain Eagle.*

Neither Creighton nor McDonald had their liberty twelve hours after they got out of the mountains and into towns where peace officers were informed of the escaped prisoners. They were picked up just as though the officers knew they were coming. These men would never have been safe any where in the United States and their apprehension was but a question of time.—*Blue Mountain Eagle.*

Richelieu, the French statesman, who once advised members of his diplomatic corps never to write love letters would undoubtedly hold Congressman Lafferty in utmost contempt. Puerile in the extreme has been the conduct of the Oregon representative. Even though the letter to the Washington school girl had been "his first offense," it would have been enough to have branded him as decidedly immature and youthful in thought. A sixteen year old school boy might have been excused, but it is far from manly in one who calls himself a statesman and who has reached the age of thirty six, even though his appearance is boyish. It seems, however, that the Washington affair is one of many. The man is to be pitied as well as censured. The long drawn out explanations have made bad matters worse. The egotistic expressions of the Congressional baseball captain are sometimes funny but more often repugnant.—*Hood River Glacier.*

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