

Hon. H. W. Corbet, of Portland, started the subscription to the Lewis and Clark Centennial stock with \$30,000. This is one-tenth of the amount proposed to be raised by Portland toward the great exposition of 1905.

Earl Li Hung Chang, the great Chinese statesman, is dead. He was, beyond a doubt, the greatest diplomat of the Flowery Kingdom and had held important positions for years. Earl Li, in fact seemed the brains of the whole Chinese Empire.

A paragrapher wonders where Jim Fisk got his favorite expression when he has ruined an enemy or overcome an opponent: "He has gone where the woodbine twined." It was simply his picturesque way of saying: "Gone up the spout." All through Jim Fisk's native state the woodbine twined around and climbed up the tin spout leading to the eaves of a veranda or porch.

President Lytle, of the Columbia Southern railroad, says the first step in the future of this enterprise will be an extension from Shamco to Bend, a distance of about 100 miles. A portion of the route has already been surveyed. Just when the company will begin upon the extension, however, Mr. Lytle is not at present in a position to state. From Bend an extension is projected to Lakeview, a distance of 150 miles, and a branch to Burns, about 125 miles distance.

Oregon democrats appear to look toward George E. Chamberlain of Portland as the one to lead the state ticket next year for the governorship. Mr. Chamberlain has a record of efficient discharge of duties in whatever office he has filled. By attention to the interests of the people, he has gained their confidence, and the result has been that he has friends among the republicans almost as numerous as those of his own party. He has never been defeated in any candidacy, and this makes for a stronger position before the people in the coming campaign. The democratic party of Oregon will need no apology for their candidate, in the event they nominate Mr. Chamberlain, and orators can sincerely grow eloquent as they descend upon the merits of the man whom they are striving to assist. Oregon will be well served if he be chosen to preside over the government, and it is safe to predict that his administration would be one not less marked for honesty and efficiency than any yet recorded in the state's history.—East Oregonian.

John H. Wallace, who resides a couple of miles east of Albany, has had a remarkable experience with a wild goose, says the Herald. About four years ago a young white wild goose made its appearance upon his farm and remained all winter, making its home in a certain slough. It flew away in the spring, but returned the next winter, and has repeated the custom each year. The goose came back a few days ago, bringing with it four other wild geese, three young ones and an old one. Like the first one that came, they are very gentle, not having been shot at or molested, and permit members of the family to approach within a few yards of them. The first goose has become so tame that he eats with a flock of tame geese when they are being fed, and has become a fixture upon the farm during the winter time. This goose seems to be a wise fellow who knows a good thing when he sees it, and his steady habits have been rewarded by his being surrounded by a happy family, which he

has brought with him to the Web-foot country for the winter.

The action of the Window Glass trust in cutting the price of its product thirty per cent is in line with the recent cut made by the Sugar trust. The object in both cases was the same. They want to destroy all competition. These two examples clearly indicate the present disposition of Trusts, and are further evidence of the exercise of unbridled and tyrannical power. Trusts are here to stay, no doubt, but they are here also, to be regulated and controlled.—Ex.

President Roosevelt has decided opinions on certain subjects, and among the most important is the following expression from him on the duty of young men: "One thing I'd like to teach the young man of wealth—that he who has not got wealth owes his first duty to his family, but he who has means owes his first duty to the State. It is ignoble to try to heap money on money. I would preach the doctrine to work to all, and to the men of wealth the doctrine of unremunerative work."

Oregon railroad development is in the hands of Mr. E. H. Harriman and his associates. They control Union Pacific system, which now comprises the Southern Pacific, and they hold such interest in the Northern Pacific as will protect them from encroachments from that quarter. They can open and develop Oregon or they can leave it as it stands today, so far as railroad transportation is concerned.

Since the influence of Mr. Harriman became dominant in certain transcontinental railroads the inclination here has been to regard him as friendly to Oregon interests. It is feared that the news printed in our railroad column yesterday will tend to shake the confidence Oregonians repose in him. If the railroad policy is to draw Oregon business to San Francisco, it may be set down as distinctly unfriendly to Oregon as a state, and to Portland, the chief seat of its commerce and capital. Oregon needs independent development that shall give it autonomy and knit together its social, business and political interests.

The matter of opening Eastern Oregon by railroads is clearly in the hands of the Harriman people. If they are exercising this power against Portland, the fact should be made known. If they are pushing the Nevada-California-Oregon road up from Reno and checking the progress of the Columbia Southern southward across the state, it is a matter of serious concern for Oregon. It means that San Francisco is to be favored at the expense of Portland in a field that legitimately belongs to Portland.

Portland cannot rest passive in this condition of affairs. The management of the Columbia Southern must move forward. That road should lose no time in getting entirely across the state to the California line. If necessary, Portland capital must support the road, that it may go forward independent of the New York investors. It is a profitable enterprise thus far as an independent business venture. Portland cannot afford to let the territory through which it is projected be drained to San Francisco. It lies much nearer Portland, it is in the same state, and there is every reason why its business affiliations should be with Portland rather than with San Francisco. Here is a matter to which the business interests of Portland should give serious consideration.—Oregonian.

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