

# THE ITEMS

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1903.

## SENATOR AND CONGRESS-MAN.

"It is a fit time for the State Legislature to 'take a tumble'—to the necessity of an able representation of this state at the National Capital. We need especially good men at Washington for the next few years. We are in an exceptionally peculiar predicament. Mr. Tongue, who had grown to be a man of great power and weight at Washington is dead. The last Republican State Convention turned down Malcolm Moody, who on account of his two terms' experience and his exceptional natural ability, should have been kept there, whatever his factional affiliations.

"We should learn something from these incidents, disasters, deaths, and occurrences. Except for Mitchell, Oregon must start in new. It must send new men (?). They must be Republicans, of course—notwithstanding the election of a Democratic Governor, this is a Republican state. More, it stands by and with President Roosevelt, in all he does, because he is right in almost everything he does. Oregon wants no Carmacks or 'Billy' Masons in Congress. It wants clean, capable business men, those who can build themselves up there, and who can stay year after year, term after term, and thus gain a position of influence and power.

"Now, it is 'up to' the Legislature and to the Republicans of the First District, to send such men to Congress. Mr. Mitchell is there. He may not live his term out. Death is no respecter of persons. In the deplorable event of Mr. Mitchell's death, all the members from Oregon would be new men. Now, they must be the best men. Shouldn't they? Surely.

"We 'name no names.' The thought, the suggestion, is: Let Oregon be represented, and well represented. The men elected now should be men of immediate power and influence at Washington; that is the first consideration; the next is, they should be men who can stay, who can be re-elected; who can do our business there for the next 20 years.

"The Legislature owes it to the people of Oregon to 'think on these things.' Don't you play politics a little too much? After all, politics runs into business. After all, we want thorough business men at Washington and at Salem.

"This should be thought over. Elect a Senator. Don't fail. And keep Oregon's interests in mind while doing it. That is the way to

do business. That is the way in which the politicians can serve the people."—Portland Telegram.

For Senator, Eastern Oregon has a man who comes up to all the points mentioned above and much more—Malcolm A. Moody—a man who has served his constituency in the lower House of Congress for four years with exceptional ability and energy, and who is now bearing the burden of his deceased colleague and for Senator Mitchell, who is still very ill and may not be able to appear in his seat again this session. Mr. Moody is a man who would not only represent Eastern Oregon, but the whole state. He is a broad-gauge man, energetic and already well informed upon all National and state topics. His experience in the lower House of Congress would make him a particularly strong man in the upper House. Men who are informed say that there are few men in the National House of Representatives who have as large a circle of warm friends in official life as has Mr. Moody.

As there are small prospects in the contest now on hand at the State Capital of electing any of the men now before the Legislature, some man must and undoubtedly will be elected, in view of which fact that that man should have some acquaintance with the workings of the National body, we would name Malcolm A. Moody, whose natural ability and past work for Oregon deserves for him such con- sideration.

## WHAT UNCLE SAM CONTENTS FOR.

The Alaskan boundary, to the task of fixing which a joint tribunal will set about, if the new treaty is ratified, was hardly considered a matter of dispute until the discovery of gold in the Klondike. With the rush to the Yukon gold diggings in 1897, Great Britain saw that she needed an outlet for the new country, and maintained that the line should be pushed to the west so as to include several American ports within her domain.

The contentions briefly are these: The United States claims all of the coast line north of Portland channel. Great Britain holds that the line should be drawn nearer the coast so as to bring within her territory several large bays including Lynn canal, at the head of which Skagway and Dyea are situated.

The British contend that Behm canal and not Portland canal is the one intended to mark the boundary and that the line drawn according to the term "10 marine leagues from the sea coast" means ten leagues from the outlying islands and not ten leagues from the windings of the mainland shore.

The United States insists on the present boundary, first, because the maps and charts of both governments for nearly a quarter of a century show that the line follows the coast sinuosities and was recognized by all the world from 1825 to 1884. Second, because this line was so recognized at the time Alaska was purchased from Russia in 1867 and the United States maintained troops and customhouses in the now disputed territory with no protest from the dominion. Third, because both Behm and Portland canals were well known at the time of the convention in 1825 between Great Britain and Russia when the line was drawn and there was no misunderstanding as to geographical terms or intentions. Fourth, because the Hudson's Bay company for many years prior to the acquisition of Alaska from Russia by the United States paid the Russian government an annual stipend for the privilege of trading on the same inlet that Canada now claims.

The boundary line matter was threshed out by Russia and Great Britain over seventy-five years ago, when the latter conceded to Russia sovereignty over the territory now in dispute, and Russia in conveying Alaska to the United States gave title to the domain over which the United States has exercised jurisdiction ever since.

It is doubtful if the boundary question would have been raised

for many years had there been no gold discovered in the Klondike and had not the Canadians been compelled to go through American territory to get to the rich mineral country. The two countries have by convention agreed to a provisional boundary, but for five years it has been impossible for them to come together in some scheme for permanent boundary line settlement. The treaty just drawn up by Secretary Hay and Ambassador Herbert aims to create a tribunal that may be able to adjust the difficulty.—Review.

The chronic kicker, if he kicks in the right direction accomplishes good. Kickers point out the defects and provide a remedy. Kickers make despots tremble and abdicate and give us republics and free governments in their stead. Kickers are the advance guards of progress and enterprise. Kickers occupy a necessary place in the world, but "knockers," might be dispensed with. If conditions are wrong and you have a reasonable remedy, point out the defects and suggest your remedy, even if the "knockers" or drones call you a kicker.—Ex.

An Oregon man who is spending the winter in Kansas writes back that they are not holding any religious revivals in that state this winter. Owing to a scarcity of fuel the whole state is shivering and they have lost their fear of going to a warmer place.— Ex.

One democrat stands in the way of the ratification of the Columbian, isthmian canal treaty. Senator Morgan has threatened to talk it to death, notwithstanding the fact that no member of his party agrees with him in his opposition.

The republicans in Congress are making every effort to pass adequate anti-trust legislation. In the House they will be successful but if the democrats continue to support the Statehood deadlock all trust bills may fail there.

The Light is the name of a new paper just starting at Long Creek. W. O. Harryman is its editor and proprietor. It is a bright all at home paper and we predict success for Brother Harryman in his new venture.

Wool growers are expecting better prices than usual, on account of an extended drought in Australia which destroyed a large percentage of the sheep on the ranges there.

Senator Mitchell has our thanks for a copy of the report of the subcommittee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico on general conditions in Hawaii of which he is chairman.

Secretary Hay's Alaskan treaty has been favorably reported and will be ratified as soon as possible. It will be a triumph for the Secretary of State.

The Weiser World has changed hands. L. A. York, late of Silver City has taken the helm. Success to Brother York.

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## BULKY POST CARDS.

Ping-Pong Balls and Other Articles in the Mails.

Banknotes Employed as Writing Paper by Extravagant or Foolish Persons—The Message of a Dying Soldier.

The use of ping-pong balls as post cards is the latest freak of seekers for novelty.

It started in Liverpool quite recently, and despite its obvious disadvantages, is spreading in England. The principal result is much unhappiness to the postman and a recent new regulation in some places forbidding all such unhandy missives.

The balls were stamped, an address written under the stamp, and the message scrawled on the rest of the surface. These clumsy and bulky post cards were posted in Liverpool by the thousands and gave the post office authorities an immense amount of extra work, says Hearst's Chicago American.

Among those idle people who from time to time have wasted their superfluous energies in testing the forbearance of the postal officials, is a man in Southampton, England, whose favorite form of missive used to be a postage stamp. But as he wrote the address on the face of the stamps, the authorities decided that they were not bound to deliver them. It was probably the same person who afterward posted a complete pack of playing cards, each neatly addressed on the back, but with no message whatever on the colored side.

Another very peculiar letter found in a London pillar-box last autumn was a green apple on one side of which was cut an address, and on the other the simple, but expressive message: "Sour—like you."

Bank notes have been employed as a writing paper more than once by extravagant or foolish persons. Among the effects of an English miser who died about 15 years ago was found a £5 note on which the deceased had written directions as to the disposal of his property. At Hampstead there lived until recently a wealthy bachelor of whom it was said that he once wrote a proposal of marriage to a lady on the back of a £50 note, and because it was sent back without a word of comment by the recipient, refused ever afterward to have anything to do with the fair sex.

Whiting paper, or, indeed, paper of any kind, is usually at a premium among soldiers on active service. Many very curious substitutes came from the British soldiers in South Africa. One of the commonest has been mead leaves. "Meadle" is the South African name for maize. Round the maize cob grow a number of strong enveloping sheaths, which, when dry, turn to a pale yellow color and can then be written upon.

After Colenso there was found grasped in the stiffened hands of a dead soldier a piece of leather with a dying message scrawled upon it with a stump of pencil. It was a layer of the sole of the dead man's boot, which had probably been loosened with much marching, and which he had contrived to rip off. It safely reached the poor fellow's family in England.

From the Philippines, too, some curious letters have been received by the friends of American soldiers fighting in those islands. One of the most ingenious was a piece of native bamboo, about a foot long, on which an address had been carved with pen-knife. The letter was inside this hollow tube, and held there by wooden pins at each end. The writer explained that he had found it impossible to get an envelope or to find any gum to make one, so had had recourse to this expedient.

The ceiling of a room is, as a rule, so far out of ordinary reach that the idea of using it for writing on seems strange. But in a case tried last year in England it transpired that a landlady had been in the habit of using her ceiling in lieu of a rent-book. Upon it were inscribed the various amounts received from her lodgers. As it was, of course, impossible to bring this strange rent book into court, a certified copy had to be made for the use of the judge.

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Dalton Biggs, Sec'y.

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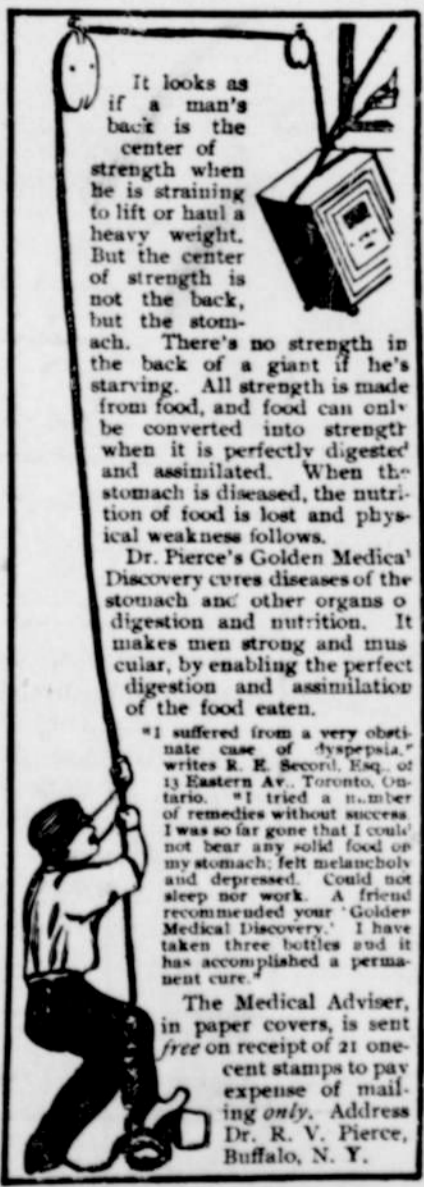
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