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Oregon is represented at Washington by one lone representative, who is not under indictment in the land fraud cases. On Senator Fulton now devolves the work of looking after Oregon's interests in both houses of the national congress. President Roosevelt has decided to help him out, and has set down on the edict sent forth by Hitchcock and other cabinet officers that no more federal appointments would be made in Oregon until after the land fraud trials. Fulton stock, as a consequence, is taking a boom, and when it is known that President Roosevelt took occasion to express his complete confidence in Oregon's junior senator, the stock will advance above par. Fulton is the man of the hour in Washington—and in some parts of Oregon. Circumstances over which he had complete control in the first place put the Astoria lawyer in the United States Senate. Since then, circumstances have been crowding circumstances with appalling rapidity, but from appearances of things they are not coming any too fast for Charles, Jr. This is the only conclusion to arrive at after reading of his masterful stroke in blocking the cabinet's purpose to hold up the federal office appointments, and gaining the president's assistance. Teddy and Charley will take care of Oregon all right, and while they are about it, Charley has a glorious opportunity to take care of his chances for a second term in the senate. There are instances recorded where the child of fortune has proven itself to be a twin brother to the child of circumstances. This may not be one of the instances, but Fulton has demonstrated in the past that he is shrewd enough to pocket circumstances, and tie a string or two on fortune.

The position of the Press on the liquor question is understood by all. It favors the regulation of the liquor traffic by license in preference to the prohibition method with its "blind pig" trimmings. In the vote of the two precincts at the recent election by the bare margin of one vote, the town was saved from going dry. The saloon interests gained that one vote, not through any particular influence they could bring to bear on the issue, but through the suffrage of voters who balloted against local option with the belief and understanding that gambling was to be eliminated; that minors were not to be allowed in saloons, and other nuisances were to be abated. It was a narrow victory for the licensed saloon, and with the local option law still on the statute books, the saloon man who permits gambling in his place of business is virtually butting against a brick wall. Property interests and business interests cannot afford to allow gambling to enter into the balance that is already tottering. Gambling in Athena is at an end, and the sooner the saloon men realize it the better it will be for all concerned.

The "walking delegate" is abroad in the land, and his latest effort toward the advancement of labor's cause is to foment dissension among the workmen on the buildings at the Lewis and Clark fair grounds in Portland. These "delegates" hail from St. Louis, and are past-masters in the art of creating dissatisfaction and trouble for both employer and employe. Having had the advantage of practicing on the works of the St. Louis exposition, these agitators plan to close down work on the buildings now in process of construction for the fair and expect a general walkout. The local unions and labor leaders of Portland have so far refused to partici-

pate in a general strike. If a walkout should occur contractors are in a position to fill all vacancies with new men.

It is contended that within ten years the whole nation will look to Washington and Oregon for its lumber supply. With Michigan and Wisconsin treeless as far as merchantable timber is concerned, the state's timber lands will increase rapidly in value yearly. The timbermen contend that the state owes it to the people of the state as well as to itself, as trustee for the educational institutions of the state, of millions of dollars of lands granted by congress, to enact adequate laws which will protect the virgin forests of the state against the ravages of fire as well as against unscrupulous land grabbers who haunt the office of the state land commissioner.

The Spaniard is absolutely devoid of talent or conception when it comes to fire arms or explosives. He has sacrificed a navy in support of this fact, and a Spanish anarchist the other day tried to blow up the Mexican legation in Paris. The Don made a dismal, bleeding mess of himself, and the legation still does business. When we get ready to distribute Col. Wood over Weston precinct, it is safe to conjecture that no Spaniard need apply for the job. We'll employ either a son of Sunny Italy or a bewhiskered nihilist graduate. We believe in doing all things well.

The gentle chinook and mild, soaking rains have caused the snow to disappear. Link Swaggart's poultry may now come off the fence with guaranteed protection from frost bite, and Pendleton's base ball games may be played as per schedule. George Dewey Brown, the "crops are saved!"

Sam Small's bow to the public on taking charge of the Brunswick Journal is characteristic. "We cut out the 'Salutatory' stunt."

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Notice is hereby given that I, Hugh Worthington, executor of the estate of Angus McDonald, deceased, filed my final account and report in the said estate on the 2nd day of February, 1905, in the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon; that Hon. H. J. Bean, County Judge, thereupon appointed Saturday the 4th day of March, 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the County Court House as the place where any and all objections to said final account will be heard and the settlement of the same passed upon.  
Dated this 3rd day of Feb., 1905.  
Will M. Peterson, Hugh Worthington, Attorney. Executor.

**Notice.**  
In the County Court of the state of Oregon, for Umatilla County.  
In the matter of the estate of Permelia Stone, deceased. Notice to Creditors.  
Notice is hereby given that I have been duly appointed executor of the estate of Permelia Stone, deceased, by the above entitled court. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them to me at the law office of Will M. Peterson, Athena, Oregon, with proper vouchers as by law required, within six months from first date of this notice.  
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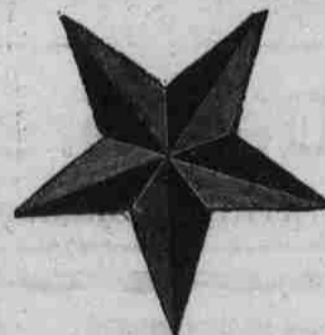
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