

Modern Politics.

A correspondent of the Dallas Itemizer gives the following account of a recent howling success in Independence: As your paper had no representative at the swell banquet in Independence Saturday evening, please allow me as a student onlooker to report it. Political banquets are of many varieties, but the one given here by the county republican club was a stem winder. It was at the Stark hall, about 140 being present at \$1.00 a plate, except invited guests. By the side of each plate was a bottle of wine and plenty of beer. Of the many prominent speakers invited all but three or four sent regrets. The banquet hall was opened at 10:30 and by midnight many were in fine trim for talking. H. McGinn of Portland, was on hand and many republicans agree that his speech was a medley of contradictions a no honor to the occasion. By two o'clock Sunday morning several of the brethren concluded that they could sing and continued to do so for two others. It seemed as though one had been transported to Fritz and Blaziers in Portland. It was indeed a howling success. Some of the faithful why had paid for dollar plates were left out on the first call, got sore and still feel uncomfortably tender. The current talk on the next day was not creditable and would result in a slump of republican stock. The effects of the flowing bowl were all too evident. A number of prospective candidates were powerful sweet towards everybody. Thus endeth the first republican banquet which was indeed a howling success.

Other Papers Say.

Jefferson City (Mo.) Democrat: Did you ever hear of a boddler being sent to the penitentiary on a technicality?
Manson (Ia.) Democrat: The anti-toxin trust is the latest. It will sooner or later have some heavy stockholders in hell.
Frankfort (Ind.) Standard: Harmony? Why, of course, harmony with a big H, but the tail shouldn't presume to wag the dog.
Clinton (N.J.) Democrat: Stand by the solid rock of principle! Meet issues as they come. The American people, as a mass, are not "quitters."
Paulding (O.) Democrat: Unless someone is actually punished soon in the postal frauds case the people will consider the republican campaign a farce.
Whitcom (Wash.) Blade: The republican party believes in advocating anything that will lead to temporary success, changing base as often as is deemed expedient.
Jackson (Cal.) Dispatch: It begins to look as though the republicans are producing more scandals and frauds than they will be able to hide from the people during the coming campaign.
Sheilville (Ill.) Leader: It begins to look as if the patriots who want to nominate a ticket "satisfactory to Wall street" would have to fall back upon the grand old party of Palmer and Beckner.

Humanity, which swelters in a heat of 90 degrees, and withers and dies if the mercury runs finds it hard to realize a heat of 5400 degrees. Yet that heat developed in the combustion of thermite, a heat which welds together pieces of the most ponderous machinery, which makes it possible to mend iron casting weighing tons, which heretofore had to be replaced at a great expense of labor and time; which can unite iron rails so perfectly that the joining can scarcely be seen or felt and a rail can be made miles long instead of 50 or 100 feet at the outside.
This thermite is a compound discovered by Dr. Hans Goldschmidt of Essen, Germany.

Kansas City will be represented on the Model Street at the World's Fair by a building of the casino design. It will consist of two structures connected by a colonnade. One building will be used as a club house and will contain a bureau of information, registry office, post office, buffet, bath room, writing and reading room, etc., while the other will be used for exhibits.

A Linn county farmer has figured it out that the Fates will be against Russia in the war with Japan, that the time has come for that country's desecration to receive such a setback that it shall be heard around the world. That she will be defeated continually on land as well as upon sea, terminating in a crushing defeat for Russia and a great victory for Japan.

After its splendid treat Louis the government should not be small with Portland and its Lewis and Clark fair. There are some things to indicate that the appropriation will be made so small as to be of little value. This great Northwest country is entitled to recognition. Some day we will have a population which will entitle us to be heard with a blue ribbon on the list.

Political Comment.

Lamar (Mo.) Leader: The battle is between the people on one side and organized greed on the other. There can be no compromise between these two forces, not at least until the Golden rule shall be observed by all men. Better defeat than compromise with dishonor.
Jackson (O.) Herald: The reorganizers are always going back to "same" democracy, but nobody has yet been found who was capable of telling just what or where that would be. On the other hand the real and loyal democrats are facing the future. They mean to hold on to all that was good in the past and grapple with the new questions that have arisen in recent years.

Sulphur Springs (Tex.) Democrat: A return to Clevelandism means more trusts, more bonds, asset currency and the entrenchment of a monied aristocracy in this once free republic and the fastening on the limbs of a free people the fetters of a galling despotism. A continuance of the republican party also means the same thing, for both favor Wall street and the money trust, the father, promoter and protector of all the pernicious breed.

Toledo (Ill.) Democrat: And now Colonel Henry Watterson boldly announces that the platform of 1896 and 1900 caused the overwhelming defeat of the democracy. If we recall the matter perfectly the Colonel bolted Bryan in 1896 and assisted in the election of McKinley and seemed powerful glad that the republicans had triumphed. Bolters, like the colonel and Grover Cleveland, are always at the front, giving advice, but we believe the party prefers to seek advice from men who vote the democratic ticket.

Seward (Neb.) Independent-Democrat: Those persons who would have the public believe that the reorganizers are going to control the next democratic national convention know not whereof they speak. They forget that the rules provide that before a candidate shall be nominated he shall have received two-thirds vote of the entire delegation making up the convention.

Some people are giving the U. S. senate credit for shutting up the Lewis and Clark exposition on Sundays, and one might think from hearing occasional talk that this measure of theirs were getting quite religious. The fact is it is not the result of religion at all with them. They are making this provision now because they did so with the St. Louis exposition and other reasons prevailed. The truth is there is more Sabbath desecration in Washington than there has ever been before in the history of the country. Beginning two or three years ago social receptions and functions of all kinds have been given, where they were unknown in the capital city before. That day is taken by a great many officials for the purpose, particularly by members of foreign embassies, among their prominent guests being leading U. S. senators.

The Statesman believes in his opinion of ninety-five per cent of the voters of the United States when it gives its belief that the salary of the President should not be raised above fifty thousand dollars a year. If entertainments at the rate they are now being can not be afforded, then, instead of voting more for them, cut off a sufficient per cent of them to drop back into the limit of the income. This is the plainest of homely advice, but it is sane and practical.—Salem Statesman.

It has been asserted that when it came to a land fight between the Russians and the Japs that the former would surpass the latter in military tactics and prove too much for them, but the recent engagement between the armies as nearly as can be learned showed the Japs to be the better on land as well as on the sea.

Russia promises to permit the publication of news concerning the war whether good or bad. Japan should do the same. The censorship is an infamous arrangement which should be discontinued by all nations. Let the fight be open and above board, for the world awaits anxiously the passing of events.

The latest searchlight in the world has been completed and tested at an electric plant at Lowell, Mass. The machine weighs 7,000 pounds, is of 5,250,000-watt power and projects a beam of light seven feet in diameter. It will be used for advertising purposes at the World's Fair.

The Oregonian is to be commended for not giving its war news with scare heads, which in a majority of cases are not backed by the facts which follow, so peculiar to many of the papers of the day. Some of the big dailies have heads which would frighten a prize fighter trained to the last minute.

WOOD FOR SALE.—Only dry wood, split, ash, big fir, medium fir and maple, delivered, already sawed. Leave orders at C. E. Crowley's and Howard & Price's. W. J. FISHER.

MISFITS.

The Japs are fast becoming annihilated.
Eggs are dropping preparatory to the Easter feast.
General Kuropatkin had better look out or the Japs will get him.

Chinese new year in Albany has been a tame and quiet affair. It was not a cracking success.

The late Mark Hanna left all to his family. A dispatch says: He left nothing to charity.

An exchange declares that at last something has been found that requires no brains: Knocking.

Some new candidate for office is mentioned almost daily. The list promises to be a long one by convention day.

Even the reb men have their troubles. A Parisian wants to fight a duel with Charles Schwab. Schwab should take the next steamer for home.

A Pennsylvania man insured his life, got married and the same day committed suicide so that his wife could have the money. Better the money than such a fool.

The Portland Telegram must have it in for its readers. It has just published a page of home made poetry on "dreaming." The bones of Shakespeare are bound to rattle.

A member of the city council says cement walks are put down in Salem, with full 3/4 inch dressing, for 12 cents a square foot, under inspection. That adds to the interest in the subject. The DEMOCRAT would like to see cement walks in front of every residence lot in Albany—it is a big thing for a city, and believes anything possible should be done to promote them. If it can be done for 12 cents with a 3/4 inch dress so much the better. The better the walk the better the proposition. Any man who will do the work for 12 cents will have his hands full in Albany this year.

Annual Banquet of the Linn Co. Prohibition Club.

The 9th annual meeting and banquet of the Linn Co. Prohibition Club will be held at the W. C. T. U. hall in Albany, Saturday, February 27, 1904.

The election of officers and business meeting will begin at 11 o'clock a. m., at the banquet at 12:30 p. m. Following the banquet there will be an address by Hon. Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, chairman of the National Prohibition Committee. In the evening beginning at 7:30 Mr. Stewart will also address the citizens of Linn county at the Christian church. Mr. Stewart being one of the most noted orators in the United States it is confidently expected that there will be a large attendance at all of these meetings. A cordial invitation is extended to all prohibitionists of the county to attend and participate in the banquet, the tables to be as heretofore by those attending. A general invitation is extended to the public to hear the addresses of Mr. Stewart. R. B. CHAFFORD, Secretary. W. P. ELMONS, President.

Perfect Confidence.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. L. Bassford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy or I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief. For sale by Foshay & Mason."

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplished by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This Remedy liquefies the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by Foshay & Mason.

A Cure for Eczema.

My baby had Eczema so bad that its head was a solid mass of scabs, and its hair all came out. I tried many remedies but none seemed to do any permanent good until I used DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The Eczema is cured, the scabs are gone and the little one's scalp is perfectly clean and healthy, and its hair is growing beautifully again. I cannot give too much praise to DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Frank Farmer, Huff City, Ky. In buying Witch Hazel Salve look out for counterfeits. DeWitt's is the original and only one containing pure Witch Hazel. The name E. O. DeWitt & Co. is on every box. Sold by Foshay & Mason.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

MISFITS.

Washington's birthday.
We need more men who never lie.
The gripe has gripped the people again.
The Hague peace commission should show its colors.

Nothing too good can be said of the Father of His Country.

One yellow journal is going to have Russia fight the entire world. Rats!

Few people knew where the Yalu river was before the present Manchuria unpleasantness.

The people of Sheed are grieved over the presence there of a fake show. They should live in Albany awhile.

Local Salem dentists have met the occasion by running big advertisements to meet the Portland brag.

There is a big opportunity for development in Oregon. Only 6.5 per cent of the land area is in farms.

In one respect Albany is a slow town; there is not a prisoner in the Linn County jail.—Portland Journal.

Bob Fitzsimmons wants to have another last fight. Perhaps an engagement with Patti might be arranged.

It is up to Congressman Hermann to do something of a striking character before the coming republican convention.

The eastern wheat flurry has not yet struck Oregon. So far it is a gambling affair and may not affect the coast market.

The Salem Journal admits that Salem needs better editors, and this is the home town of Colonel Hofer and Governor Geer.

Senator Mitchell is red hot after the chairmanship of the interoceanic canal committee and does not propose to be downed.

"Westward the Course of Empire Takes its Way," is to be placed over the gateway to the Lewis and Clark exposition grounds.

The yellow journals are filled with scare heads about a world war. Don't get nervous. There is no occasion for trembling.

An advertisement in the Oregonian calls for gentlemen only in appearance. That is the trouble with too many canvassers.

At a recent mask ball in Prineville there was a Hooligan, a Jap, a Chinaman and a Monkey, among the up-to-date individuals.

Some time ago a noted young artist who made bug pictures committed suicide. It is in order now for the young man who makes bug eyed people to follow suit.

Instead of a camel there will be at the St. Louis fair a giant tortoise, which will be ridden by children, with bridle and bit. This old world moves, though slowly.

A big gift from John D. Rockefeller is about to be rejected in Nebraska on the grounds that he obtained the money in a sordid and selfish manner. The Democrat man would like to have Mr. Rockefeller try a million dollars of his sordid and selfish money on him.

No place can be too hot for the Winlock, Wash., blacksmith who has just left his wife, leaving her with 2 cents, and run off with the wife of a Methodist minister, who deserted her husband and five children. Perhaps a hotter place would fit her case.

The decisions of the judges last evening in the college debate, a proper one on the arguments, does not change the fact that the trusts are an economic evil. The Senate had the best side and should have won.

In the debate at the college tonight the Senate has much the better side, the one against the colossal oil and steel trusts, but there are always two sides to a question, and the decision is not to be according to feeling, but argument.

A Medford editor who has ample time to study the styles in female hosiery, says: "The story of Lot's wife turning to a pillar of salt can no longer be doubted. A young lady here the other day put her foot upon a dry goods box to tie her shoe and two young men who were passing turned to rubber."

Better late than never. The DEMOCRAT has received notice of the first Japanese-Russian War Book, by Marshall Everett, the greatest descriptive writer the world has ever known, the official history of the battles as told by the Russian and Japanese commanders. Startling stories of the war as told by the heroes themselves. Will soon be ready. Wouldn't that jar old Mars.

Mr. Frank P. Lewis, of Seattle, has the honor of belonging to the same genealogical tree as that of Mr. Lewis of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition, and refers to the matter in a communication in Sunday's Oregonian. Mr. Lewis has the distinguished honor of having played base ball with the DEMOCRAT man in boyhood days.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Russians Whipped.
St. PETERSBURG, Feb. 21.—There is authority which prohibits doubting the veracity of the report that, in spite of the official dispatches stating that nothing is taking place and everything is perfectly quiet, outpost engagements have taken place on the Yalu resulting in the Russian Advance Guards being driven back with considerable losses, which are estimated at 2500 lives, but whether this means those who fell on the Yalu or the entire Russian losses since the commencement of the war is not exactly clear.

Miller's Efforts.
YANKOV, Feb. 21.—All United States Consul Miller's efforts to arrange for his representative to meet the Japanese refugees at Nin Chwang have failed. Obstacles which the viceregal and civil administrations placed in his way seemed to indicate that it is the intention of the authorities to control and remove the refugees so as to prevent their lodging complaints and having evidence of their treatment before foreigners.

A Small Engagement.
TIENTSIN, Feb. 22.—What is reported to have been a band of Chunchuzes, but is believed to have been a scouting party of Japanese, attacked the Russian force of railroad guards at Fu Chan and attempted to destroy the railway. A pitched battle followed and the attacking party was driven on with loss.

Russia Acquires.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Russia gladly and willingly favored the suggestion of Secretary Hay that, as far as possible, the belligerents in the Far East war localize hostilities and respect the neutrality of China in the interest of a continuance of peaceful intercourse of the rest of the world.

Another War Cloud.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—The diplomatic relations between Turkey and Montenegro are strained almost to the breaking point and the Porte has withdrawn her Minister from Cetinje. The whole trouble grew out of a trip of a Montenegrin war vessel in the Lovana river.

The Canal.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Panama Canal question will continue to hold the exclusive attention of the Senate until next Tuesday when voting will begin on the treaty. It is probable that the doors of the chamber will be closed the most of the time the treaty is under consideration.

Another Big Victory.
TOKYO, Feb. 22.—Advice received from Nagasaki announces another sweeping Japanese naval victory, as the result of which four Russian torpedo-boat destroyers, a part of Port Arthur defense squadron, have been captured by the Japanese fleet under Admiral Uriu. The announcement created intense excitement in Tokyo. The Japanese commander used the Russian signals, and by that means was enabled to approach close to the Russian scouting squadron before being detected.

On to Ping Yang.
WAI HAI WAI, Feb. 22.—On February 19 the Haimun arrived at Chemulpo and started for a private anchorage that had been arranged for. Conspicuous at the entrance of the harbor were the wrecks of the Russian vessels that had been sunk after the engagement with the Japanese. A general advance on the road to Ping Yang is expected soon.

Good for Burton.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The naval appropriation bill today encountered opposition on the republican side of the House. Burton, chairman of the river and harbor committee, announced in a vigorous speech that he could not support a bill which declares that the United States, which, in his view, should be the leader in all works for peace, is going to double, triple and quadruple its naval establishment, all under the assertion that it is done for peace.

A John Mitchell Report.
TAMAQUA, Pa., Feb. 22.—President Mitchell's intimation, in Chicago, on Saturday, that he might resign as the head of the United Mineworkers of America, leads the officials of the organization here to believe that he is about to receive a conspicuous appointment from President Roosevelt.

The Best Liniment.
"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is considered best liniment on the market," write Post & Blies, of Georgia, Vt. No other liniment will heal a cut or bruise so promptly. No other affords such quick relief from rheumatic pains. No other is so valuable for deep seated pains like lame back and pains in the chest. Give this liniment a trial and you will never wish to be without it. Sold by Foshay & Mason.

Have You Indigestion?
If you have indigestion, Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will cure you. It has cured thousands. It is curing people every day—every hour. You owe it to yourself to give it a trial. You will continue to suffer until you do try it. There is no combination of digestants that digest and rebuild at the same time. Kodol does both. Kodol cures, strengthens and rebuilds. Sold by Foshay & Mason.

An Early Riser.
A strong, healthy, active constitution depends largely on the condition of the liver. The famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers not only cleanse the system but they strengthen the action of the liver and rebuild the tissues supporting that organ. Little Early Risers are easy to act, they never gripe and yet they are absolutely certain to produce results that are satisfactory in all cases. Sold by Foshay & Mason.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lamboago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by Foshay & Mason.

Japs Hanged.
St. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—It was official, as announced today that three members of the Japanese staff, disguised as coolies, were captured while attempting to blow up a bridge on the Manchuria Railway over the Sungari river, and after an immediate trial by drum-head court-martial, they were hanged to the very gallant they had tried to destroy.

What Soars.
CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Rumors of a general European war swept over the Board of Trade today, and the price of May wheat soared higher than it has risen even in the present "big market." This new record, with a single exception, the Letter deal, in 1898, is the highest ever attained. When the doors of the Board opened, wheat having been locked for days, dealers bid \$1.08 1/2 for a bushel of May wheat.

Panama Treaty Ratified.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The United States Senate today ratified, without amendment, the treaty with Panama for a canal across the isthmus of that name by a vote of 66 to 14. The result was a foregone conclusion, the interest in the matter being only the division of the vote on the democratic side, which was not known definitely until the roll was called, all the republicans being for ratification. Fourteen democrats voted for ratification and 14 against.

Important Decision.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Chief Justice Fuller today a decision in the U. S. Supreme Court in the famous Northern Pacific "overlapping" land case, giving to the railway company absolute title to a tract of 48,458 acres, lying directly north of Portland, in Oregon and in Washington. The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Corra Seized.
LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Chronicle has a dispatch dated Harbin, which states that news has been received there to the effect that the Japanese Minister to Corra has deposed Emperor Yi Heui and has issued a proclamation annexing to Corra Japan.

Hanna's Will.
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 23.—By the will of the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna, probated today, an estate valued at about 3,000,000, is left to the family. There are no public bequests.

Make yourself at home. If you're waiting for the car, or waiting to meet a friend or just setting down to rest, or only wanting a postage stamp or just looking about you will be very welcome in our store. We desire to have you make yourself at home in our store. Do not feel that you must buy something every time you come, but come in and get acquainted. BURKHART & LEE.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Postoffice at Albany, Linn county, Oregon, Feb. 24, 1904. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which received: Alexander, Mr. Verne Brouting, Ferguson, Mrs. Obas Harlan, Miss J G Hall, Miss Elva Kemp, Mrs M C Morgan, Miss Manerva Miller, Mrs A W Nickels, Mrs Tino Peebler, Miss Mary Pfenkney, Mr Charles Right, Mr Charlie Squan, Mr Geo Welch, Mr Earl Sloumb, Mrs Obas Welch, Mr Earl Walters, Mrs E M Walker, Mrs R M S. S. TRAIN, P. M.

BUSINESS.

G. Will for jewelry.
An elegant display of silverware at F. G. Will's.
Ezra's honed and set 25 Star Baths.
Wedding, engagement and other rings in the latest designs at F. G. Will's.
Vioreck's Exhilarant Hair Tonic restores hair to its original color. Vioreck's Esoma and Dandruff Cure or money refunded. 50c per bottle.

Portland and Return \$3.00.

The S. P. has established a permanent trip rate to Portland from Albany of \$3.00 good for going on the afternoon train Saturday and any train Sunday and returning on any train Sunday or Monday.

Also the same arrangement for Portland to Albany and return.

Relief in One Minute.

One minute Cough Cure gives relief in one minute; because it kills the microbe which tickles the mucous membrane, causing the cough, and at the same time clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts. One Minute Cough Cure strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia and is a harmless and never failing cure in all curable cases of coughs, colds and croup. One Minute Cough Cure is pleasant to take, harmless and good alike for young and old. Sold by Foshay & Mason.

FOR SALE.—House and two lots, Eight room house, two lots, with orchard and out buildings. Fine location. No 341 E 4th and R. R. St. John Brush

WHY DO YOU COUGH?

Do you know that a little cough is a dangerous thing? Are you aware that it often fastens on the lungs, and far too often runs into consumption and ends in death? Acner's English Remedy for coughs, Colds and Consumption is beyond question the greatest of all modern remedies. It will stop a cough in one night and it will check a cold in a day. It will prevent Croup, relieve Asthma and cure Consumption. Our faith in it is so strong that we guarantee every bottle to give satisfaction or money back. At Foshay & Mason.