

Another Disturbance.

If it is not one trouble it is another with Oregon republicans. Governor Geer says in the Statesman:

A Linn county republican who was in Salem yesterday, wondered if a man, a common voter, who does not get his orders and inspiration from the "managers" in Portland will be permitted to vote for Roosevelt in November?

They know, for they say they do. If a voter who does not get his credentials, to act from the "managers" is not fit to sit at a banquet and say a word for Roosevelt, yet, the wonder constantly grows whether his vote, if given for Roosevelt, should actually be counted.

World's Fair Notes.

Ten thousand advertising men are expected to attend the World's Fair on Advertising Men's Day, August 6.

The appropriation for the municipal exhibit of New York City at the World's Fair has been increased to \$35,000.

Boston will erect in the Model Street at the World's Fair a shelter house costing \$10,000. It will be a replica of the one in South Park.

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute Blackburg, Va., will send 600 cadets with bugle and drum corps and band to the World's Fair to camp on the grounds from June 29 to July 5, inclusive.

held at the World's Fair beginning September 12 and ending September 17. The contest is open to all military bands except the government bands of the United States, Mexico and Canada which are regularly employed by the Exposition. A total of \$80,000 is offered in prizes.

Maine will make a big display of apples at the World's Fair. A car load of big red apples, wrapped in tissue paper and again in waxed paper, and carefully packed in bushel boxes, were received at the World's Fair grounds early in February and were placed in cold storage where they will be on opening of the exposition, on April 30.

In making her general mining exhibit at the World's Fair Virginia will erect a house entirely from stone mined within the state's borders. In addition to the building, there will be another classified exhibit embracing all minerals and precious stones abounding in the state. The cost of the materials and construction of the building is estimated at \$100,000.

One of the most amusing voting contests yet inaugurated in connection with a free trip to the World's Fair is just announced from Osceola, Iowa, where a local cigar manufacturing company proposes to award physical ugliness handsomely. The ugliest man in the county, under the terms of the voting contest, is to be sent to the World's Fair, armed with a round trip ticket, money to pay his hotel bill and tickets of admission to the exposition for one week—all gratis.

Ex-President Cleveland wants the democrat to unite and predicts a democratic victory if they do so. Like others, though, Mr. Cleveland wants to dictate the terms of uniting, and would even suggest pretty close to the name of the candidate to be placed before the people. It is easy to talk of uniting. The trouble with Mr. Cleveland is that he did not unite with the democrat at a time when his influence would have been so far, just because the platform did not suit him in all the

In the time of Nero it was expected that people should like blood and lots of it. Those were bloody days, without the civilizing influences of the twentieth century. Now we have progressed until we are an enlightened people and should be above the blood liking disposition. Things, though, of a rough, contentious character take the best, such as wars, foot ball and prize fights. Why?

The spirit of the age should be emphasized for peace. Nothing else can be endorsed from a Christian standpoint.

Saturday Night Thoughts.

War news continues to absorb the attention of the entire world, every detail and circumstance and event being watched with intense interest. At the end of the second week the Japs continue to be in the lead. There are things, though, to indicate that this may not always continue that way as much as the people of this country generally would like to have it. Russia has not yet acted. She has been gathering her forces, and when she strikes it is likely to be with a terrific blow which will be felt seriously by the little Japs. Russia has a powerful soldiery, men trained in the tactics of war, splendidly equipped and in numbers sufficient to make their weight alone felt. The DEMOCRAT fears that in the end Russia will be too much for the smaller nation, but it is to be hoped not. Activity and dispatch may win against greater numbers.

Some things indicate that the U. S. may be brought into the play. This is not probable. There is, it is true, some unpleasantness and Russia is pointing, but in all probability it will go no further and will end in the two countries being nominally on friendly terms. Nevertheless the sympathy of the people here is almost universally in favor of the smaller nation, not particularly because Japan is smaller, but because Russia is tyrannical in her methods and it is believed is in the wrong, unjustly infringing upon the rights of the Japanese in territory beyond the Russian domain.

Since our last Saturday night thoughts we have had a divers experience here with rats. In one day there fell as much water as the average rainfall for a month during the year 1903. It was a steady downpour without ceasing for over thirty hours, not in pitchforks, but in mild drops, steadily poured out.

Fortunately for the people of the valley the weather was cool enough to prevent the melting of the snow in the mountains else we would have had a record, beating flood. The fact has suggested what might happen here if the conditions were all right for both rain and melted snow, and some one has stated that you wouldn't be able to see the bottom of First street, but there is probably no danger of anything of the kind.

In 1891 when the water reached the highest point in its history the river spread beyond First street and boats were run upon that thoroughfare, a fact remembered by many old timers. But since then the street has been filled in at least two feet so that it would require at least two feet more water. Besides the country around Albany has been cleared of most of its timber since then, and the north bank of the river has been swept away some making a channel through, letting the water spread out, so even with the same amount of water the height of the river would not be nearly as much. It is well not to borrow trouble, sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.

It is a peculiar nature which does not appreciate harmony in sound as expressed in the voice and upon different kinds of instruments. Even though unable to perform in any capacity oneself, one may enjoy music of all kinds and it is always a matter of regret when one is met who has no desire to hear music. It is needed in one's life. Nature suggests it. All nature shows it. The birds in the woods to the rippling brooks, there is harmony in the noise of the universe and it is said the stars sing together. Anyway all things promulgated for the advancement of music should always receive a hearty encouragement.

This week what reached a dollar a bushel in Chicago. May it jump over the mountains. Pacific coast papers are calling attention to the fact that instead of referring to the seat of war as in the far east it should be called the nearby west. Hardly that, for the distance is about three times across the American continent going westward. As the news all comes from the east the present expression will do. After the cable is laid the expression may well be.

Murder will out. Charles Cackley has just been arrested in Iowa for a murder committed in Missouri thirty seven years ago. It certainly will not be difficult to secure an impartial judge. It should be more difficult to obtain witnesses.

The people should show their condemnation of every act of bores in politics, regardless of party. Let the people rule without dictation from ward politics up to presidential campaigns.

Congressman Dick is slated to become Senator Hanna's successor. From an executive standpoint he will have difficulty to fill his shoes. Mr. Hanna was a great organizer.

The hand writing on the wall indicates that Mr. Hermann will not be re-nominated for congressman. Who will be the one named by the republicans.

New York city politics should not be allowed to interfere with national affairs. Keep the machinery away from the national campaign.

MISFITS.

The darkies will be singing.

Albany organs will soon be sounding.

A good deal of social snap in the city this winter.

The county jail is empty. Nothing doing.

Get ready to pay your taxes and save 3 per cent.

The coming congressional race will be a thermite one.

The Journal accuses the Oregonian of dovetailing editorials.

The R. F. D.'s are making full trips, the complete rounds.

Astoria is reported to have put some new planks in her streets.

The busiest man in the world is probably the press censor at the seat of war.

The Czar is mad because England likes Japan best. Better keep your coat on.

Elijah the Second has been mobbed in Australia. Dowie will need to seek refuge in Zion City.

Lent has arrived. This reminds us that umbrellas borrowed by mistake have not been returned.

The number of torpedoes exploded over on the Yellow Sea indicates a continual 4th of July celebration there.

No one makes any pretense of pronouncing these Russian names, beginning most anywhere and ending in sky.

Something should be done in the interest of humanity to keep Geo. C. Brownell of Oregon city out of the coming congressional campaign.

What to do with the boys is a big problem being discussed in Portland. It is a serious one that takes big minds and hearts to settle, for boys will be boys, you know.

The lower house of congress is hacking away at that Lewis and Clark appropriation bill, and by the time their ax gets dull there won't be much more money than enough to put up a pig pen.

The street car had to wait fifteen minutes for a freight train to get off the track in front of the depot before it could leave with its passengers. The law makes five minutes the limit.

That was a dramatic scene at Baker City when the lone robber entered a saloon and coolly remarked: "I am the lone highwayman you have been looking for, throw up your hands."

A Chinese belief is that they are doomed to destruction if the New Year arrives with them in debt, and they therefore hustle, compromise, do anything to have their accounts settled.

Marshfield boasts of a foot racer who makes one hundred yards in 9 3/5 seconds, record time. Years ago Albany had a sprinter who made it in 9 seconds according to a watch without a second hand.

An Albany boy, George O., upon returning from a trip to Seattle stopped in Portland a few days. While there he was asked which place he liked better Seattle or Portland.

"Portland," was the quick response. "Why do you like Portland better?" "Oh, Seattle is too crowded."

A Kansas judge has just decided that reading an account of a murder did not disqualify a man from sitting as a juror. Good. On the contrary a man should not be permitted to sit as a juror unless he has read all the accounts. It is time that idiots were disqualified from being jurymen. Get men who take the papers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Green, of Lebanon were granted a divorce by Judge Boies at the recent session of the circuit court. They were married three years ago, at the time it being stated that it was the reunion of two loving hearts severed by many years of divers experiences. How soon the romance is gone, but the Critter says the story was fiction.

These Russian and Japanese names suggest some good material for college yells: Yahn Ohemulpo, Iiatio Tong New Ohwang, Pen Yang-Song Ching, Wei hai-wo.

This lottery business has gone so far that a Portland dentist doing business in Salem gives all his customers a chance on a steam launch. Really a dentist should be employed because of his skill and reliability and a newspaper should be taken because wanted and not on account of any premium or lottery arrangement.

Leg Broken.

Edwin Trites, a son of Frank Trites of near Knox's Butte, this forenoon was breaking a colt, driving it with another horse hitched to a sled, when they ran away dragging Trites, part of the time under the sled, breaking one of his legs. Dr. Davis was sent for.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Port Arthur Abandoned.

o TIENTSIN, Feb. 17.—A telegram from Port Arthur states that the Russian fleet sailed today from Port Arthur under sealed orders. The receipt of this message created a profound sensation here, as it is generally conceded the Russian commanders have found that they were in grave danger from their own defenses, and unable, moreover, to combat the attacks of the Japanese torpedo-boat destroyers.

Russia Will Retaliate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—It is said Secretary Hay has received dependable, although unofficial information, that Russia is preparing to retaliate against the United States for what is considered to be open friendship manifested for Japan. This may not go further than commercial discrimination.

Lu Land Frauds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—As a result of investigations that have been conducted before the Federal Grand Jury in this city for some time past, indictments Fred A. Hyde, John A. Benson, Henry R. Diamond and J. H. Schneider, the four principal figures in the famous lien land ring. These men have operated extensively all over the Pacific Coast.

The Domingo War.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A savage attack on the City of Santiago has resulted in the complete rout of rebels by government forces, says a dispatch from Santo Domingo. Many were killed and wounded on both sides. For some time an attack has been expected.

Strengthening Defences.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—During the past six months every steamer belonging to the Furres Line arriving at this port has landed explosives and big guns, says a World dispatch from Halifax. They were distributed among the harbor fortifications. The shift of workmen employed until recently was the largest in the history of the garrison and numbered 1800.

Russia in Corea.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Herald has the following from Tokio: Reports received here from Corea tonight state that Russian troops are advancing toward Seoul, and that a strong position at Ping Yang has been occupied by them. Their present movements do not indicate any immediate intention of attacking the Korean capital.

Grows Smaller.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18.—Insurance experts were in optimistic frame of mind today over the prospect that the aggregate insurance loss will be much smaller than at first anticipated. They are now confident the loss caused by the configuration will not exceed \$40,000,000.

Will Be There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—A special dispatch to the Bulletin from Washington states that the transports that have been held at this port in readiness for sea for many weeks are really to be sent to China and that the squadron of warships at Manila will also be ordered to the Orient.

To Indian War Veterans.

At Albany, Oregon, at eleven o'clock on the morning of Saturday, March 26th, 1904, there will be held a meeting of the Indian War Veterans, for the transaction of important and urgent business. Hon. Thomas W. Lee, of Salem, will deliver an address. A full attendance is requested. JASON WHEELER, Captain.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Postoffice at Albany, Linn county, Oregon, Feb. 17, 1904. Persons calling for these letters must give the date on which Anerson, Miss Amanda 2 Day, Mr Wm W Blake, Mrs Emily Larsson, Mr Albert Miller, Mrs Priscilla Miller, Mr O B Miller, Bob Rock, Mrs Catherine Starr, Ruby Woodruff, Mr M Tobin, Mr R O S. S. TRAIN, P. M.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Cordelia Younds, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate with the county clerk of Linn county, Or., and the county court has set the 7th day of March, 1904 at 1 o'clock p. m. for the hearing of objections to said account and for the settlement thereof. J. R. BOUNDS, Administrator. J. J. WHITNEY, Attorney.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament and estate of Hulda Bond, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate, with the clerk for Linn County, Oregon, and the County Court has fixed the 7th day of March, 1904 at the hour of one o'clock p. m. for hearing objections if any there may be to said account and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this 7th day of January, 1904. C. S. BOND, Executor. WEATHERS & WYATT, Attorneys for Executor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Linn county, Oregon as the executor of the last will and testament of L. Senders, deceased. Any and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at his office in Albany, within six months from the date hereof, duly verified as by law required. Dated this 9th day of February, 1904. M. SENDERS, Executor. WEATHERS & WYATT, Attorneys for Executor.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Registrations: Albany 52, set Albany 49, West Albany 99, N. Brownsville 121, S. Brownsville 91, Center 18, Sodaville 35, Center 15, Fox Valley 99, H. H. H. 75.5, Lawrence 69, Halsey 42, Jordan 25, Lawrence 80, N. Lebanon 83, Lebanon 139, Oregon 18, Price 59, Hook Creek 14, Santiam 21, N. Scio 16, S. Scio 20, Sladd 33, Sheburn 6, Sodaville 9, Sweet Home 9, S. Scio 13, Taubert 31, Fallman 21, Waterloo 63. Total, 1372. Weeks' increase 190.

Deeds recorded: Ladies Aid Society, block 70, to Gultra Park, \$250. Bessie B. Burkhart to Belle and Striner, 21 1/2 acres near Albany, 1500. Belle Striner to Bessie Burkhart, 1 lot bl 33 H's 2nd ad.

DELINQUENT TAX SALE.

Notice is hereby given that I will, on Tuesday, the 23rd day of February, 1904, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., at my office in the court house, in the city of Albany, Linn county, Oregon, sell at public auction for the delinquent taxes for the year 1902, the following described real estate; and I will sell each tract and parcel of real estate described below to the person who will pay the taxes, costs and accrued penalties thereon and the balance of the lowest rate of interest, said sale to be continued from day to day until the list is exhausted and all of said land sold. Said property is subject to redemption according to law.

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