## a California Letter.

Lompoc, Calif., Sept. 28, 1904,-It has been twelve months since we parted company. We were not sure that we could keep house without you.

We have missed your weekly visits, bringing us conservative editorial, pungent paragraphs and primitive pointer in "Saturday Night Thoughts," all of which are calculated to make the reade wiser if not better.

Since leaving you we have travelled quite a little, as far east as Ohio, noting the advantages of each state as compared with those of the Pacific

The states of the middle west are one vast area of agriculture which is with exceptional years, an annual source of wealth. The cities and many interior towns have extensive manufactories which give employment to tens of thousands of men and a consequent market for the country's products.

In this particular the Pacific states are far behind. They possess the nat-ural resources in great abundance but fail to utilize them.

If they would make the thousand and one things that they now ship in from the east giving employment to an army of young men who in turn would build up homes. It would give an impetus to the business thrift of the country.

Albany itself would double its population in a decade if it would utilize its power now going to waste and its capital now lying dormant.

Prices of farm land even in Nebraska runs from \$75 to \$100 an acre and adapted to nothing but agriculture and that is very uncertain, while in the Willamette Valley a failure of crops was never known upon land that goes a-begging at half the price. In comparing the three Pacific states, California excels only in climate. It is I think over rated as a home land-a place to make a comfortable, easy living as compared to Washington or Ore-

The "glorious climate" gives it prestige but distance lends enchantment even in that the valleys that are studded with fruit trees now were once a desert covered with sage brush until the rivers were turned and distributed upon them, but all such land is now out of the reach of the man of ordinary means.

Much of the vast hill and mountain portion of the state is fit for little else but limited grazing and a home for the coyote. Such land in Oregon and Washington is valuable for the crop it now bears in stately firs and cedars.

Land in this country sells at from one to five hundred dollars per acre and is not sure of a crop unless it can be irrigated, which is not yet done. In speaking of Oregon, they inquire if the people there don't get tired of the rain. I tell them no. It is like the Indian's whiskey, "a little too much is clime, just enough." I notice that when they And count the days which hurry on the get a few Oregon rainy days it tickels them most to death.

From my observations east and upon way)
this coast I find the cheapest real estate To those with whom, ah yes, I fain found in the Willamette valley. Why it is so I cannot tell, but it is a fact nevertheless.

east is becoming crowded and "west the tide of empire is taking its way."

The big exhibition at Portland next year will do much to advertise Oregon and Washington. Much honest advertising should be done there, and when the people realize the health, the beauty and cheap homes in the Willamette valley many of them will find a lo loing place there.

I look for good lands to appreciate 50 per cent in the next few years in Oregon, the state with her motto "who flies with her own wings.

Respectully, MILES K. LEWIS.

and the unsuspecting creatures, putting on their sweetest goo-goo voices, were caught to the number of fifty. Now the voices of the new centrals sound like the filing of a rusty saw and all communications are strictly business. Now, let somebody set a trap for the department store girl who allows you to stand unnoticed for ten or fifteen minutes while she finishes up her chat with one of her admirers who has dropped in to talk it over. There should be no discrimination in these delicate matters. - Lantern.

It is related of an editor living in neighboring town that he visited an insane asylum while in St. Louis recently, and was mistaken by a lunatic for a fellow sufferer just arrived. Becoming confidential, the inmate asked the editor what made him go crazy, and to humor him the editor replied, "Trying to make money out of the newspaper business." "Rats," said the lunatic, "you're not crazy; you are just a d-n fool." From certain suspicious circurnstances connected with the case we are lead to believe that the editor above referred to was our genial friend Colonel Clark Wood, of the Weston Leader.-Milton Eagle.

OREGON.

To Elvin.

1 The pleasant summer days have passed away, The hours, so bright, of each glad

happy day Alas, are now all numbered with the past;

And now the autumn leaves are turning red,

And trees their verdant robes begin to shed; And birds which sang all day in shady bowers

Have gone away with spring and summer flowers, And sad, but pleasing melancholy falls

As to the autumn days the robin calls. п

tangled wood In which to view sweet scenes I've often stood:

And rivers deep, and far off mountain heights Where evening's latest golden ray alights.

Round crypts and caves where zephyrs sleep. Where munics of the hills their vigils and so had to be counted. keeps

Each word and eall, if low or loud and lously confident that the end justified navies and big armies but big brained

shrill, My heart shall often wander back again ized hundreds of thousands of working- make a world power, when backed by When I am gone away o'er desert hill men into voting against their wish or patriotism. and plain.

III Dear Oregon, the land so loved and

To leave your borders with its scenes so rare: Edenic valleys, hills, and groves and plains

Where leveliness without a rival reigns; And smiling plenty seems always assured To you my hearts best love you have

allured. All hail and then farewell. From you I part A place so dear you've found within

my heart; With all its charms the vision will remain Tho' I should pass this way nor come

again. IV

And as I turn away, and say farewell My heart with strange impulses seems to swell.

And, as I think of those whose hand and smile

Extended help and welcome all while I tarried long, within this healthful

time When I must bid adieu (and go my

would stay,

There comes a welling dimness to my There must be a change soon, for the To think that I to these must say

goodby. (REV.) J. A. CRUTCHFIELD. Albany, Oregon,

Sept. 28th, 1900.

Dave Hill's Live Talk.

Ferdinand Zeigel, president of the Commercial Travellers' league, received which letter he said.

"If you are to have an executive who again approached. country, the United States of Colom- run along now!" !! bia, without consulting congress, who, before he was president according to the testimony of his then superior officer, Secretary Long, when his honored predecessor, McKinley, was doing all that lay in his power to prevent bloodshed, urged that we, before congress had acted, should make a piratical attack on Spain and destroy her ships; who says in his letter of acceptance that diplomacy is useless unless accompanied by threats of force, who has abandondd the traditional language of diplomacy which is courteous and has dealt in violent and threatening languare addressed to foreign nations; it is likely that we shall escape from being own account?

elect president a mere blusterer, a road in the United States senate. swaggerer, Bombastes Furioso, or a Tartarin of Oyster Bay.'

C. G. Rawlings, who last year got h's limit by eight o'clock this morning came back with only four,

Republicans Want to Monopolize the Corruption Business

From the Journal.

The associated press reports that the eastern man, irs of the republican campaign are marmed over the prospect that the wicked democrats mill spend large corruption fund in Indiana just before election. The surprising natur of this alleged or suspected intention They were "too bright, too beautiful it being something that the virtuous to last." republican managers would never have republican managers would never have even dreamed of doing themselves, ha almost paralyzed them with astonishment. Neither they, nor their predecessors, ever used, or thought of using, any money in elections execufor the most strictly legitimate pur poses, in Indiana or elsewhere. ley's "blocks-of-five" order in Indiana some years ago was merely for the purpose of making sure that no republican voted who was not entitled to vote, and to prevent the unscrupulous democrats the matter. The United States has To checkered shades in deep and from seducing any of them with \$2 or displayed considerable of a tendency \$5 bills. The tens of thousands of this way in the past few years, and, it illegal votes cast for republican candi- broads trouble for the future if it is dates, openly and safely in every election, are not corrupted votes at all; in policy of the government, and we are fact the republicans have plead with placed in the same class with Russia them, e'en with tears, not so to vote, and England as a colony grabber. This or if they must vote, to vote for the home paper and peace lover doesn't bevile democrats; but the votes having lieve in anything of the kind, and

To echo back from wood and vale and 1876 swindled the country out of a duly every sea to be a world power.

hill elected president, but they were religare the greatest already. No the means. True, in 1896 they terror- and large minded men and women can will, by threatening them with starvation, and then, it is strongly suspected,

politically. But if Senator Clark is going to throw a lot of money into Indiana, why tions, the national banks and the officeholders will justify retalitory measures. fight him with fire.

## An Addicks Story.

Thomas W. Lawson, in Everybody's Magazine for October in his "Story of Amalgamated," tells the following anecdote: "Once upon a time Addicks, entering Delmonico's for dinner, stumbled on a couple of newsboys at the entrance. One, broken-hearted, was being consoled by the other. Addieks, observing the deep sobs, asked; 'What's the matter with you, bub? The consoler explained that his chum had lost \$2, his day's earnings and capital, and 'His mudder-his fadder's dead-an' the baby'll get trun outer de tenement,' Addicks, without more ado, slipped the suffering young news merchant a bill which his friends supposed was \$2 to replace the lost funds, until, as they were taking off their coats in the hall, the little fellow pushed his way in with: 'Say, boss, did yer mean ter guv me de twenty?' Addicks nodded a good natured assent, and his friends registered silently a white mark to his score, and felt that, after all, somewhere beneath the surface he was more of the right sort than letter from David B. Hill in they had given him credit for being. After dinner, as they left, the newsboy 'Scuse me, boss, loves war more than peace and who has but me chum'd like ter t'ank yer too. proclaimed his affection on the house I'm agoin' ter give him a V outter it." tops; who advocates that the United Addicks looked at the boy in his mildly the law, keeping within the limit, which States should go abroad, in his own cold way and said, 'Let me have that words, 'with a big stick,' who says that bill. I will change it for you.' The That was a shabby trick played on he would act the part of a policeman the "centrals" of Cincinnati who were among the republies of South and suspected of flirting over the lines. A Central America, compelling them to horrid mean manager laid a trap for keep order within their own territory what you lost, isn't? And you' (to the them by calling up from different parts and even to pay their debts; who has second little fellow) 'you didn't lose of the city and started the usual talk already threatened war on a small anything, did you? Well, both of you

From the Guard.

The great Oregonian and a few of the Oregon Republican papers in Oregon, our morning contemporary included, have time and again referred to National Chairman Taggart as a gambler, etc. Here in Oregon the republicans have one F. C. Baker as chairman of their state committee. We wonder if he ever gambled or got drunk, and went home and broke up the furniture in his domicile?

The Dalles T. M.:

Philander C. Knox, who "busted" planged into any great war between the Northern Pacific merger, but carenations, even if we do not be-fully refrained from touching any of come involved in a private war on our the big trusts that plunder the people, is to make a few speeches for the re-"The voters of this country have publican ticket. Mr. Knox, it will be ahead of his town when the public welnever shown a preference for a policy remembered, was excused from Mr. fare is concerned. He will encourage of brag and bluster, advocated by a Roosevelt's cabinet in order that he the public officers; he will never lose hero of a single fight, nor will they might represent the Pennsylvania rail- his vote; he will keep himself well in-

Judge Geo. D. Barton, a prominent Portland capitalist, returned home yesterday evening after looking after his Linn county farm.

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Saturday Night Thoughts.

War news has had to take a back seat this week, for nothing particular-There may have been some fighting at Port Arthur, and in a few weeks Murkden is to be attacked, and that is about the size of the situation. There are preparations going on which mean a good deal more in the future, and, everything indicates that next year the strife will be more bloody than ever, and something of a fierce character will be doing. There has already been something pretty bloody, but next year an extra supply of gore is to be introduced into the tragedy.

And the whole business is the result of the devilish spirit of imperialism which has hold of the nations of the world, perhaps of Russia a little more than some others. It suggests that it is a good idea to stop and contemplate been cast they could not be segregated, dead in earnest in the establishment of an administration on some other basis. True, the republican managers in We don't have to have a colony in Not big

The United States lost a man had to "count out" the democratic week who came into some ill-favor durelectoral votes of several states in ing the past few years because he was order to beat Bryan; but again they too much of a man to truckle to the had to do this to save the country and party whip and advocate a policy he get the trusts firmly established in knew was wrong, the same as thouspower. But except for good and suf- ands of others know to be wrong notficient reasons, in their estimation, they withstanding their professed endorsenever did anything crooked or corrupt ment of it. Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, leaves a pretty clean record.

In polities a principal thing has been the safety of the trusts, the corpora- the western trip of Mr. Fairbanks, the republican nomines for vice president As a rule vice presidents are mere Even the most pious of Christians, figure-heads, but Fairbanks is a candi-when hard pressed by the devil, will date for President, and, in reality is laying his cables for the 1908 election, but alas, even if Roosevelt and Fairbanks are elected, the office of vice president will kill his ambition if past experience plays any part in the matter, for most vice presidents have followed their retirement with obscurity. The associated press is so tainted with prejudice these days that not much reliability can be placed on the political part of their reports. This is to be regretted, as the association should one absolutely impartial, giving the exact news whether it pinches or not.

This week the open season for upland game birds began, and it was ushered in with the rattle of thousands of shot. Many a Celestial dropped in his tracks with his beautiful ring neck limp in death, the victim of man's love for sport, in which kings and laymen have always indulged for the love of one of the best of all sports when observed in fairness and in a sportsmanlike man-The true sportsman is game, and is always glad to give the object of his hunt a chance for life, never shooting at a bird until it is well on the wing, and always respecting the age of his mark, letting the squibs grow into a palatable roosterhood. It is doubtful if there is a better game bird in existence than the Mongolian pheasant, and, it should be the policy of all hunters to treat him decently, always respecting ought to satisfy any hunter, and respecting the rights of property owner along the way.

This week the public schools of the city, the bulwark of our educational institutions, began the work of the year. We have first-class schools in our city, a fact that should always be of advantage to the growth and prosperity of the city.

home and encourages everybody else to do the same thing. He will always have his eyes open and endeavor to steer industrial enterprises into his town, but will never try to fill the town with people before there are means for a livelihood for them. A dull town is the home of idle people. man will be courteous and will not have a hard luck story on the end of his tongue, nor will he! tell them that the town is going to the eternal "bow wows." He will never put himself formed on all questions wherein the

MISFITS.

Good bye, Mongolian ring necked

Some of the foot ball pictures are terrors.

Valley hunters are now practicing heir dogs.

There is a land office business in shells just now. The Albany Driving Association has

its troubles also. The Hague Commission ought to ashamed of itself.

The usual election gambling is in progress over the country.

"Get low down" is the slogan of coach Smith of the U. of O.

The farmers now will appreciate some rain in their plowing business. ---- will be elected gover

nor of New York however it goes. A new 21 game has been opened in Portland, but that is nothing new.

The steel bridge is itself again, is an immense thing when it cannot be

Rockefeller may huild a railroad two to the coast. It is not all oil with

The Indian War Veterans of Oregon can now elect a commander from their own ranks

After all the blow all the trust money is going into the republican cam-paign fund.

Russians are about to be followed into Murkden itself.

Lipton is about to make his fourth challenge. The man with 600 stores is getting tired of inactivity.

Albany is growing right along. It decaying corpses.

The ; Japanese are said to have dammed the Liao River above Liao Yang. flooding the country in order to protect their left flank.

Winter clothing is being received by the Japanese from America.

For the benefit of the Oregonian it

may be remarked that Oregon will probably not go for Parker. The Northwest is now full "winning foot ball teams." Lethere won't be as many of them.

t man in the city today after an absence in other parts for a few years.

Harper's Weekly says Davenport's picture's this year are yeast cake affairs, and reproduces his Vermont-Maine cartoon to prove it.

An Eastern man predicts sky high hops on account of the English shortage. If they went to a dollar the men who have sold would kick themselves blue.

A feature of the conference at Eugene last night was a prayer meeting in one of the saloons, conducted by C. A. Hess of Portland, whose father was n saloon keeper.

A Pendleton young man paid for a ten cent drink with a \$5 forged check and will now spend a year in the penitentiary, where he will have time to sober up from his debauch.

Isn't this awful. The eastern repub-The best man'for'our town is he who praises it and talks about it without grossly exaggerating its resources or his own importance. He trades at one or two doubtful states. Wouldn't that make the sphynx wink.

An Albany young man recently learned lesson from a little thing in Portland. At a jewelry store there a very valuable old watch was offered for sale at the cold watch watc lesson from a little thing in Portland. At a jewelry store there a very valuable gold watch was offered for sale at the regular price of \$225, and every day the price was reduced \$1. Men who wanted it, said each day, "well, I will wait till tomorrow, and get it for a dollar less," each day repeating the remark. Finally it disappeared and the opportunity was lost. A lesson on lost opportunities.

Prof. Mitchell, the crack shot among the teachers, had two birds just before no in. gold watch was offered for sale at the

## TELEGRAPHIC.

Steadt y Advancing. Steadi y Advancing.
CHEFOO, Sept. 29.—The news received from Port Arthur continues to show a steady, if slow advance of the Japanese upon tye Russian fortifications. Day by day the remoter positions of the beleaguered fortress are being taken by the Japanese, and that its fall is only a matter of a short time is the general belief nere. The number of Chinese refugees arriving here increasee constantly, and this is taken to bode no good for the Russians.

Means a Long War

Paris, Sept. 29.—A dispatch from Toulon states that the Russian govern-Toulon states that the Russian government has just ordered from the Compagnie des Forges el Chantiers de la Mediterrannee II torpedo-boat destroyers of the latest pattern, the construction of which is to be begun at once. Four will be built in the dockyards at Havre, four in the Norman dock yards and three at Laseyne. They will take 15 months to build,

After Russian Pictures.

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St. Louis, Sept. 28.—When the Russians exhibit in the varied industries building at the World's Fair was opened today it was discovered that several valuable oil paintings of Emperor Nichlas had been torn from the wall and mutilated by some unidentified person or persons. or persons.

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Another portrait of the Emperor, a handsome and valuable panel, done in colored silk, has been torn from its support and subjected to the greatest indicative. support ar indignity.

A Russian Version.

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MUKDEN, Sept. 28.—Many skirmishes and reconnaissances are reported to headquarters here, but except for these quiet still prevails. In the fighting that has been taking place the Russian scouts have almost shown superiority to the Japanese, both in riding and fighting. The Japanese movement up the Taitz River appears to be by a comparatively small forces.

Can't Have Them.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The natives of the Philippines now at St. Louis are under orders to return home immediately, and cannot be held over for the Portland Exposition. If any natives are to participated in that Exposition it must be under specific authority of the Philippine Greenment. Regardless of ancient graves the the Philippine government.

Saloon Keepers Petition

Carrie Nation is about to be heard from again. She is now at Wichita with her hatchet.

Some fellow citizens of numerous Albany people from Siletz have been in the city selling baskets.

Lipton is about to make his fourth

Saloon Keerers Petition
CANYON CITY, Or., Sept. 28.—The local option question in this county has been bought sharply to the front by the recent action of the anti-prohibition for a vote in November. The petition presented is for an election on the question of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the precincts of Canyon City, John Day and Bear Valley.

Worse Than Bullets

TIE PASS, Sept. 29.—The Japanese armies around Liao Yang are reported to be decimated by epidemics, due to

Postmaster General Paine III

Washington, Sept. 29.—Postmaster-General Henry C. Payne is seriously ill at his apartments at the Hotel Arlington here. Marked symptons of heart trouble have developed, and his condition became so serious during the day as to cause grave concern

'winning foot ball teams." Later here won't be as many of them.

The finest valley in the world, said man in the directory of the directory of the man in the directory of

The Proper Thing

New York, Sept. 29.—The Herald is authority for the following: William R. Hearst will be nominated to succeed himself as Representative from the Eleventh District. Judge Pom the Eleventh District. Judge Parker was instrumental in suppressing the opposition which had arisen to the candidacy of Hearst, and in getting them to consent to the renomination of his most active opponent for the Presi-dential nomination.

Hoar Dead

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 30—George Frisbie Hoar, senior United States Sen-ator from Massachusetts, died at his home in this city at 1:35 o'clock a. m., The end followed a period of uncon-sciousness that had lasted since early Tuesday, and came so gently that only the attending physicians were aware of

to sober up from his debauch.

Oregon hop-pickers will have to retire. Emil Weselsky of Ukiah, Calif., recently picked 1148 pounds, equal to almost 23 boxes in a day, for which he received \$11.48. He must have stripped things.

Armenian Massacre.

PARIS, Sept. 29. — The Temps this afternoon publishes a dispatch from Constantinople saying that private information had been received there stating that there village of Ramsa, Armenia, was yesterday the scene of a massacre of Armenians by Kurds.

## Was at Klamath Falls.

innu several times the size of the democrats, are afraid the democrats are are about to use a corruption fund in one or two doubtful states. Wouldn't that make the sphynx wink.

A new foot ball play is the tackles shift. The tackles run from their places, the half backs jump into the line just before the ball is snapped into play, an attack following with the tackles carrying the ball either straight or in tackles back form, being varied so as to cause much confusion.

Mr. C. H. Burggraf returned this morning from a business trip to Klamath Falls, a very bustling and live business center. While there he met Dr. G. W. Maston, aformer Albany physician, who has a good business and besides has begun the erection of a building for a sanitarium which he is about to establish there. He has fully recovered from the accident resulting in the loss of his right leg below the knee and does of his right leg below the knee and leg below th Mr. C. H. Burggraf returned this