

Denver Letter.

DENVER, COLO., March 27, 1905.
At last after a bitter political fight, furiously fought on both sides, Democratic and Republican, Colorado has a Governor. It was a fraud from start to finish and was thoroughly contested. The most able attorneys were employed on both sides and a great amount of money was expended. Adams on the Democratic side was elected and seated as Governor—then the war commenced—for the Republicans claimed it was a fraud and bribery. Then Peabody was elected and seated as Governor with the understanding that he was to resign not later than twenty-four hours after having taken his seat. He pledged his word to do so, and had he failed to keep his agreement his life was endangered and a riot feared. However, he stepped down and out, and Jesse F. McDonald was elected. Three Governors in less than thirty-six hours—isn't that a record breaker?

All is now satisfactorily settled on both sides and peace reigns supreme. It is generally predicted that McDonald enters upon his duties with a freer hand than any man who ever became Governor of this state. He is neither hampered by powerful enemies nor controlled by powerful friends. The position came to him, he did not personally seek it—therefore, no one could force his hands in regard to his intentions, and he is free to organize his official following in accordance with his own desires. So, all is well that ends well.

If you were charged with bribery
But innocent, would you
Insist upon a thorough trial
At once, or would you do
As do the guilty? Would you have
A lawyer who would seize
On every chance to dodge a trial
Through technicalities?

Every breath I take here seems to give me a new lease on life, the air is so bracing and exhilarating, so full of electricity, makes one imagine they are walking on stilts. Of course this climate does not agree with some people, particularly if they are afflicted with heart trouble, the altitude being so high naturally it rather affects the heart. It takes some people months to become thoroughly acclimated, while others cannot live here at all. For consumptives it is very beneficial, and if they come here during the earliest stages their lives may be prolonged many years, especially by taking proper care of themselves and being out in the air almost continually. There is something indescribably fascinating about this climate, one must be here to fully appreciate its grandeur and beauty and the many benefits derived from it.

Those knowing I am a Webfoot must certainly take me for a bureau of information, for I am asked all kinds of questions regarding Oregon and the Lewis and Clark Exposition. Oregon is naturally a beautiful place; nature has been very generous to the Oregonians, we are all so constituted that we are lovers of what is natural, it appeals to the eye, and being a native daughter I answer all inquiries regarding Oregon cheerfully. Occasionally perhaps I exaggerate; however, you do not want to disappoint those coming to the Fair, if possible surprise them, for it will eventually be to your interests.

The eastern cities being so hot during the summer months and so cold during the winter—blizzards, cyclones, floods, etc.—in fact everything to make life a misery, that it will be a relief for them to get away, and if they find Oregon as represented many will locate there. Leave no stone unturned to make Albany, which is the garden spot of the Willamette Valley, attractive to the eye. Take the moss off the roofs that are mossy, tear down some of those old "land marks" on First street that are an eye sore and a disgrace to an up-to-date and enterprising city like Albany.

I could easily mention several that need tearing down or renovating immediately, no, they could not be renovated for they are so old they would fall in. I will refrain from mentioning them, a hint to the wise is sufficient. Why folks, you cannot even imagine how many people will come out there, it is far beyond your imagination, so I am speaking. All one hears is the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

Portland will offer all the police protection possible, far as grafters are concerned, (a class of professionals that follow a fair,) but even so they cannot be kept out entirely, so if you are not exceedingly cautious more than one man will be "gold or silver bricked" before the fair closes; but misery loves company you know. For the unsophisticated they employ all kinds of schemes. Every other place of business here is either a ticket office—this being a railroad center,—jewelry store, and the jewelers do an immense business here, or else a restaurant, aside from people living here, the town is crowded continually with transients and the restaurants and hotels do a land office business.

Not long since I became acquainted with a New Yorker. During the course of conversation we mentioned the Exposition, she told me that ever so many New Yorkers with whom she is per-

sonally acquainted will visit the Fair, at the same time Oregon. Many foreigners and perhaps a few (but very few) titled people will come over, being the rates are a mere bagatelle, they will come with the idea they may capture an American heiress, to pay their obligations and then cast her aside. However with their winning ways and pleasant smile, a few brass buttons and silk hat, they will succeed and carry, not only our American heiresses but our American dollars to the other side across the pond. However, there is little necessity for our Oregon girls to become alarmed at such a proposal, for it takes more than they possess to buy nobility.

SADIE COHEN.

Portland Doings.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

PORTLAND, OR., Mar. 30.—W. J. Burns, of the United States Secret Service has returned to Portland after an absence of six weeks and again taken charge of the gathering of evidence which is to be submitted to the Federal Grand jury when it reconvenes next Tuesday to resume the land fraud investigations.

"Mr. Heney and I had several conferences with the President," said Mr. Burns, "concerning the land frauds. He is very much interested in the investigations and told us that he proposed to have the frauds probed to the bottom, not only in Oregon, but in Washington and other states as well. At the same time he told us that he wanted to give every man a square deal and desired us to use extreme care so that no innocent man should be involved. He regretted greatly that these frauds had been committed, but hoped that the investigation would prevent similar frauds in the future. The president is such a strong sympathizer with the west that he takes a great interest in this matter."

"There has been a very great change of sentiment towards Secretary Hitchcock. The warmest praise is given him over all the country for his magnificent stand in the land fraud investigations. The feeling which formerly existed against Hitchcock and which has been fostered by persons implicated in the frauds was so strong that many people were convinced that he was mistaken. Now the truth is becoming known his course is fully vindicated."

Mr. Burns has little to say as to the pending land cases or the approaching session of the grand jury. He declined to give any intimation as to the nature of the evidence which is to be submitted to the jury, which meets at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning and will end with the close of this term of court, Monday, April 10.

When asked concerning the telegram published from Washington stating that the validity of his appointment by the president as special government agent to collect information regarding the Panama railroad was questioned by the auditor of the treasury, General J. L. Bristow last night stated that he was appointed under the Spooner act, the provisions of which have governed all Panama canal transactions and that he had heard nothing previously regarding the matter.

The question is of considerable importance by reason of its bearings on other similar appointments that President Roosevelt is disposed to make in the carrying on of inquiries into the investigations of various branches of the public service. If it is decided by the Attorney-General, that the president cannot appoint a special commissioner under the Spooner act, a serious handicap will be placed upon the president in carrying forward any special inquiries relating to the public service and particularly to affairs relating to the Panama.

Speaking of the purchase by the government of the railway stock of the Panama road, General Bristow stated:

"It is a good thing for the government that all the railway stock has been purchased, but the government held about 98 per cent of it previously so that the sale reported will not have material bearing on the situation."

General Bristow left last night for Seattle.

As the DEMOCRAT anticipated the Russian officials who are running the government into the ground are denying that there are any peace negotiations at all, and there probably are none. Close observers of the Russian officials must have had revealed the fact that they are not built along peace lines. It is doubtful if they ever sue for peace so long as they have any soldiers left to sacrifice. If it went so far as negotiations the demands of Russia would be so unreasonable, considering the whipping she has gotten that nothing would come of it. The Japs might as well proceed on the plan that they will have to whip Russians for several years.

Peace Talk.

LONDON, Mar. 31.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Times, cabling late last night, states that he has been informed on unimpeachable authority that both Japan and Russia have decided upon President Roosevelt as the mediator to whom shall be referred the questions to be decided to bring about peace.

The woolen mill should be rebuilt.

Portland is full of prospective mayors.

Mr. Heney will soon have hold of the reins again and the fur will fly.

This life is too short for people to spend it in worrying over the things of it.

Mayor Williams will display the best judgment of his life if he will now retire.

This should be a year of rustle for the Willamette Valley. The word develop should go all along the line.

The Portland papers don't seem to be following the everyday doings of Senator Mitchell with the avidity of former prosperous days.

The rest of the world is fixing peace up for Russia and Japan with wonderful dispatch, but the countries continue to fight as fierce as ever, with few real prospects in favor of peace.

On May 5 the practice of having Oregon hangings in the penitentiary will begin. The DEMOCRAT has long been in favor of this, believing that the hanging of a criminal should never be made a conspicuous affair, but as quietly carried on as possible.

The Oregonian's editorials are very satisfactory to infidels, and, if alive would be thoroughly endorsed by Bob Ingersoll. The Age of Reason and Free Thought would have to rustle to keep up with the Oregonian procession. An amusing thing about the whole business is the repeated denials of the Oregonian that it is an infidel paper.

Albany people generally regret the loss of the woolen mill. During the past seventeen years it has played an important part in the industrial life of Albany, and, while it has had downs as well as ups, it has been a valuable plant for the city. It is to be hoped that the mill is rebuilt, as we cannot afford to lose so valuable a manufacturing plant.

At the recent session of the city council a prominent citizen called the attention of the council to numerous barns on the streets of the city, to the detriment of the appearance of property generally. There might well be an ordinance requiring all barns to be on the inside of lots and never on the street. As was remarked they are a good deal of a nuisance when the door opens directly out on the sidewalk. A civic improvement will probably be along the line suggested.

Rockefeller Money.

There has been a big argument whether the American Missionary Board should accept a \$100,000 gift from John D. Rockefeller, on account of the notorious methods employed by Rockefeller in securing his money. It is the opinion of the DEMOCRAT that the money should be accepted and as much more as can be secured from him.

Money stands on its own base, and the manner in which it is secured has nothing to do with the manner in which it is used. If a thief was to put a \$20 piece in a collection box the fact that it was secured in the commission of a crime would not have anything to do with the use afterwards, and it would be just as effective, and this is always true so long as the donee does not become an actual partner in the commission of the crime. There is somewhat of a mock sentiment in matters of this character against using money for good purposes because the manner in which it was obtained may be of a questionable character, but so long as the donee itself has clean hands the use of it cannot ever be affected by anything that has previously happened to the money in the hands of other people. It is probable that most of the money in circulation has sometime been on the gambling table, and the money stolen from the Lebanon bank will all be put in circulation, but this has nothing to do with the person receiving it. Money is a cold stubborn fact absolutely clean of itself from an abstract standpoint, and so long as the partnership with the evil is not formed there can be no cause for criticism.

IN ALBANY.

People Who Come and Go.

C. A. Rexford, Harrisburg.
Antony Klein, Salem.
Frank E. Alley, Roseburg.
C. D. Frazier, Portland.
A. J. Baker, "
S. Friedman, Gervais.
J. M. Rice, Portland.
E. F. Fay, "
Nye Kern, "
J. L. Brammer, Modesto, Cal.
J. L. Larsen, Halsey.
R. W. Bryan, Buffalo.
W. J. Mulkey, Monmouth.
B. E. Lester, Eugene.
A. A. Bender and fam., Jordan.
L. Green, Lebanon.

"Great wealth has done more to keep men away from God than lack of it."

Saturday Night Thoughts.

The talk about the war this week has been along peace lines. There has been no reliability, though, to reports, and at the close of the week it seems to be a fact, that with all the talk, there is nothing at all in the line of negotiations for peace between the two countries, and the fight will continue fiercer than ever. Japan is in a condition to keep things moving, for the money men of the world seem willing to loan all the money desired, while Russia is having to rustle for every cent secured. The crowd is with the top dog all right. A new feature in the war will be the siege of Vladivostok, which promises to be about as interesting as that of Port Arthur, but it is to be hoped not so wearisome.

In national political affairs there is the report that the President will call a special session of congress in October to secure legislation in the matter of better freight rates for the people. It is something that could be done just as well at the regular session later, if at all. The fact is apparent that congress is under the control of the railroads. Nearly every member has practically been bought up. That is, he has been given an unlimited pass over all the important roads, and is therefore just as much in the clutches of the roads as if he had made a bargain with them. Whenever congress makes it a crime for a member to accept a pass from a railroad then some legislation in the interest of the people may be expected, and not until then.

In Oregon a great deal of attention is being paid to a big revival being held by a corps of evangelists in Portland, who have been doing a great work in the large cities of the country, wherever they have been. This one is particularly interesting on account of a fight made on the men by the Oregonian, whose staff of editorial writers seems to be composed of infidels. The meetings have created a great deal of interest, and are undoubtedly being the means of reforming hundreds of lives. Perhaps some are being warmed over again, but that is always the case. A class of men have to be warmed over every year or two, but beneath all of it men are reached permanently and the community is benefitted and the moral of the community placed on a higher standard than before. Every effort along any line to better the condition of the people of the world morally and religiously deserves promotion. One's object in life certainly should be to lift up rather than to drag down, and, yet there is a class of men so wedded to the almighty dollar in the consideration of every subject that they will oppose everything that shall tend to make men honest and frugal in their affairs.

They favor gambling because it puts money in circulation, and, might as well favor theft for the same reason, and so it goes. But the best thing is character, and after all, the masses more and more will come to appreciate the position it is entitled to in the affairs of the world.

A man at Eugene has ruined his prospects for life just for a woman. The most foolish thing in the world is for a man to throw himself away for a woman, or for a woman to throw herself away for a man. The results as told in human experience never justify the sacrifice. The pleasures of a clean life are inestimably above anything that can be offered by vice. But there is a principle of right above all such things.

A week of sunshine and rain, mixed promiscuously, with enough chill thrown in to frighten fruit raisers. As usual things will undoubtedly come out pretty well, and considerable trouble borrowed will be found to have been unnecessary.

Some Good Thoughts.

Here are some thoughts Rev. Biedervolt gave utterance to in Portland:

"A dead fish can go down stream, but it takes a live one to go up."

"I would rather see a boy of mine in a dungeon, with scorpions, serpents and toads as his companions than a companion of men who think indecent, smutty stories good to laugh at."

"Men, don't be worse than Chinese. They but dwarf the feet of their children. Some of you dwarf the souls of yours."

"The gambler—The man who steals money on the pretext that he runs the risk of losing his own—is to me the meanest, lowest, most disreputable and contemptible thing that draws breath as a man on earth."

"Gambling bears the same relation to robbery as dueling does to murder. In dueling there are two murderers, instead of one."

"You can't help an evil thought entering your mind, perhaps, but you don't have to give it a seat there. You cannot stop birds from flying above you, but you can stop them from building nests in your hair."

"There is a battle here on earth to fight, and it won't be fought with toy pistols and stuffed clubs."

MISFITS.

The C. & E. should be extended.

The woolen mill should be rebuilt.

Everybody wants the woolen mill rebuilt.

The rain shortage is being steadily made up.

The tongues of Portland candidates have been tied.

The Portland Journal is a great factor for good in Oregon.

A town doesn't have to be open, for business to be prosperous.

Nearly all money has sometime or other been in pretty bad hands.

Albany cannot have too many factories from the smallest to the biggest.

War news being scarce some fake reporters had the czar committing suicide.

The dogs should be on their good behavior. The tax man is on their trail.

Please, Mr. Rockefeller, try us on a \$100,000 gift and see whether we will take it or not.

Don't believe anything that comes from St. Petersburg, even from American reporters.

Every town and city in Oregon is boasting about having no vacant houses. That's what counts.

As soon as the chills have rolled away an inventory will be taken of fruit prospects.

The hello is a thing of the past in the telephone business. "Number please" has taken its place.

Newspapers are buncoed more than any other institutions, that is, they give something for nothing more.

Peace negotiations will now be pushed by the Japs with vigor and the biggest guns to be secured, at Vladivostok.

This is the opening of the base ball season throughout the U. S. and the fight is on for hundreds of all kinds of pennants.

Oregon sportsmen will hold a big shooting tournament in Portland June 22, 23, and 24. Albany has the shots for a showing.

The drummer who kicks at a town because he has failed to make a sale should himself be kicked. Some one has to be left.

The Telegram and Journal of Portland are calling each other liars. Both are making fools of themselves. Newspapers like other business men should run their own business and at tend to it. The world is big enough for all.

According to a correspondent in the Register, Eugene, with all its boasted University culture has no appreciation of good music. Mrs. Raymond Brown, of New York, pianist, interpreting Wagner, was greeted by a mere handful of people, frost for a splendid musical affair.

According to Bookman the most read books during March have been, in the following order:

The Clanman, Dixon.
The Masquerader, Thurston.
The prospector, Connor.
The Millionaire Baby, Green.
Beverly of Graustauk, McCutcheson.
The Man on the Box, MacGrath.

Thomas W. Lawson in an article in the New York World takes an opposite view to the DEMOCRAT and would not have Standard Oil money used for any good purpose, so contaminated has it been with rascality. But the money came from the people, and if they can get some of it back in an honorable way they had better accept it.

The Fishermen Protest.

CHINOOK, Wn. Mar. 31.—The fishermen of Chinook and Ilwaco are united in the effort to prevent the leasing of Sand Island during the present year as advertised by the government engineer's office. Under the present plan the island is to be leased under five sub-divisions, each to the highest bidder on April 3.

The fishing season opens April 15, and a protest has been forwarded to Washington, signed by all the fishermen at the mouth of the Columbia. Should the leases go into effect it means that more than 100 men who for years have made their living in rivers fishing will be thrown out of occupation.

Guano Rock which has withstood the storms of centuries and was the best known sentinel for mariners along the Pacific Coast standing at the southside entrance of the channel leading into Coos Bay harbor toppled over in the last big gale and fell into the sea. The rock was 30 feet square and stood high above sea level.

At Harbin.

HARBIN, Mar. 30.—Japanese scouting parties are very active in endeavoring to pierce the screen of the Russian van guard posts and develop the disposition and strength of the positions, their attempts at times verging on the nature of reconnaissances in force. A few Japanese batteries, which have been pushed far forward, occasionally drop shimoshe shells in unsuspected places.

LANDS WITHDRAWN.

Caused by Irrigation Projects.

WASHINGTON, March 30. (Special).—The Commissioner of the general land office today ordered the withdrawal from all forms of entry, township 3, north range 18-19-20 and 21 east in the Walla Walla and Vancouver land districts and 20 townships in The Dalles all on account of the Umatilla irrigation project.

HELENA, March 30.—Anaconda, Missoula, Great Falls and Helena have been flooded with bogus \$10 gold pieces. Great Falls police last night arrested two men for counterfeiting. In their possession was also a bill of lading for a trunk shipped from Seattle, which it is believed contains metallic pieces, made of lead and gold plated.

LONDON, March 31. (Special).—The Japanese minister states that Japan has announced no terms, and will not do so until Russia makes overtures.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 31. (Special).—The American embassy here has no knowledge of President Roosevelt going to act as a mediator.

PORTLAND, Or. Mar. 31.—M. Vischenif, civil governor of Port Arthur during the siege is stopping in Portland on his way home to Russia. He states that Stoessel is not in the least a hero in Port Arthur, and that the people of the city were greatly surprised when he surrendered the town to the Japanese as the fortress could have held out many weeks longer. The surrender is looked upon as a disgrace as the Russians were prepared to fight to the last and had provisions and ammunitions of war sufficient to have enabled them to resist the Japanese attacks indefinitely.

Undoubtedly a Canard.

PARIS, Mar. 30.—An unconfirmed report from St. Petersburg is published here this morning to the effect that Emperor Nicholas made an attempt to commit suicide and wounded himself in the hand.

The rumor further says that the Emperor's design was frustrated by the intervention of his mother, the Empress Dowager.

The Next Fight.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 30.—Another duel between the opposing armies in Manchuria may be on the program for the coming week. The Russians, according to the Associated Press Harbin correspondent, are now strongly fortifying their positions at Spinghai, against which the Japanese are reported to be gathering in force.

To the End.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—Neither Russia nor Japan has asked President Roosevelt to assist them in ending the war. So far as the Washington Government is aware, Emperor Nicholas has not yet weakened in his announced decision "to prosecute the war to the bitter end."

The Panama Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 29.—The first practical step having in view the reorganization of the Panama Canal Commission was taken today, when, in compliance with instructions from President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft requested the members of the commission to tender their resignations. This request was promptly complied with.

The Other Side.

ST. PETERSBURG, Mar. 31.—Members of the war party, who are at daggers drawn with the friends of peace, are industriously insinuating that, if Russian diplomacy is doing anything in the direction of peace, it is without imperial sanction and is in reality only an unofficial endeavor to induce Japan to agree to negotiate on the lines of no cessation of territory and no indemnity.

Portland Won.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 30.—Portland 6, Los Angeles 5. Read this and smile, ye baseball fans. Laugh out loud, ye have hoped year after year for a winning ball team, for that nine has come. In their blue uniforms and white stockings, McCredie's men made a fine appearance.

IN AND AROUND ALBANY.

Several Siletz Indian boys and girls were taken to Chemawa this afternoon.

There will be a circus in town April 11. The tent will be pitched in the A. O. U. W. hall.

Rev. Jno. Coleman, president of Willamette University will preach tomorrow morning and evening at the M. E. church.

Some interesting letters are being received by Albany friends of Mrs. Lida Hart, now at her home in the Philippines.

A prominent eastern saw mill man with a capital of \$50,000 was in the city today looking over the field, for a mill location, going from here to Coquille.

C. H. Walker will speak to the Boys Club at the U. P. church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. All are invited. Subject, The Whitman Massacre.

A Salvation Army man was in the city collecting an annual thank offering for the Army, receiving a good many small offerings in Albany. Albany has not had a Salvation Army for several years, on account of a lack of support.

J. R. Douglas, superintendent of the Linn county Lewis and Clark exhibit, has been in the city today with the plans for the display. Linn county will have 50x18 feet and 1180 square feet of wall space for a display, which it is proposed to make a creditable one.

The famous "Glory Song" that has stirred London and is now stirring Portland, will be sung Sunday evening at the Congregational church by the pastor and his wife. At the same service Prof. Hayes will furnish a violin solo and Mrs. Hodges a vocal selection.

"Money, if correctly used, is all right—get all you can. But don't can all you get."