

**Athletics at Jamestown**

NORFOLK, Va., March 16.—Dr. William Grant, Chairman of the Championship Committee, of the South Atlantic Association, of the Amateur Athletic Union, has applied to Honorary Director James E. Sullivan, of the Jamestown Exposition Athletic Events, for the following dates on which to hold the different Championships of this District:—June 15th, Track and Field Championship; July 18, 19, 20, Swimming Contest, September 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Basket Ball Championship; October 11, 12, Wrestling Championship.

These events will be open only to the athletes residing in the territory of the South Atlantic Association, which includes the States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Dr. Grant says that each of these events, will draw large numbers of entries, and a most successful series of athletic Meets is assured for the exposition.

Arrangements have also been made for the holding of a dual meet between the South Atlantic and Southern Associations of the Amateur Athletic Union. The Southern Branch is composed of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. Each district will select a team of its best athletes, who will come together at the Jamestown Exposition Stadium, on October, 5th, 1907.

**Only \$2,000,000**

When Mr. Harriman was giving testimony before the interstate commerce commission he made this remark: "A little matter of \$2,000,000 doesn't amount to much one way or the other." Perhaps not to Mr. Harriman, but let's see if it doesn't to other people. The average person in Albany could about live on the income of \$10,000 judiciously invested, paying 6 per cent net. Therefore Mr. Harriman's \$2,000,000 would be sufficient to keep 200 people without a stitch of work. It would give a thousand widows \$2,000 apiece. It would build, equip and endow a college in Albany of such proportions that other Oregon schools would have to look to their colors. In short there are hundreds of things it would do of such a big nature that one doubts the sanity of Mr. Harriman when he made this remark. And, yet, after all, on Wall street, used in comparison with the enormous figures it takes these days to express the financial doings of the country, Mr. Harriman's \$2,000,000 doesn't look so immense.

**A Graft City.**

San Francisco stands out like a mountain peak as the greatest graft city in the United States. Mr. Heney has taken off the cover and revealed a spectacle that staggers one. How millions of dollars were stolen from the people is being made as plain as a picture, all eyes are turned towards San Francisco and the finger of scorn is in that direction. And yet there are undoubtedly other cities just as bad and not many in which the spirit of graft is not displayed in some form. Some one remarks that Portland's city council is probably as rotten as the board of commissioners of San Francisco. There are some things that look that way New York City for years has groaned under the burden of the grafter and it is probable much more has been stolen there than in San Francisco. Not many big cities where Graft does not rule. The trouble is there are not enough Heney's to go round and in most cases it is impossible to secure an honest prosecution.

**Something New.**

The demand for hollow bricks and building blocks for house construction has induced glass manufacturers to put hollow glass bricks on the market, and they promise to be used extensively for novel and artistic effects. The first glass bricks being solid proved a failure on account of their cost, but the hollow glass bricks can be made at much less expense. They are lighter and stronger than clay bricks and are such excellent non-conductors that walls built of them are proof against dampness, sound, heat and cold. The bricks are sealed hermetically when hot and placed in walls with a colorless mortar made of special glass. The bonding strength of the glass mortar is almost as great as the bricks themselves.—Building management.

If Portland had all the population some of the papers have been claiming had been added to it it would now be a city of over 200,000 people. It probably has a genuine population of 150,000 and that means a very rapid and substantial growth. It is going ahead with remarkable rapidity and at the present rate it some day will be the best city on the coast.

The Eugene Guard suggests that the 57 different kinds of democrats get together if they wish to elect a President. A merger is needed to secure some effective results along this line.

**Uncover the Grafter.**

The Journal intimated that there were some grafters in the Salem city government, and of course the Statesman denied it, and declares that the officers are chosen from among the city's best citizens and that any reflection upon them hits the whole community who elected them. It is also true that the doings of the grafters down in San Francisco is a reflection on the people of San Francisco, and if the Statesman's childish suggestion were carried out rather than bring any reflection upon San Francisco and her fair name no mention should ever be made of the corruption in office. And this could be carried out in reference to the government of any city or anything else. Just because the people put the officers in keep your mouths shut. The spirit displayed by the Statesman is the one which has kept graft covered up and permitted bossism to rule. It is the same spirit that operated in reference to a consideration of the state legislature. Because the people elected the members therefore their infamous doings should be winked at and nothing said for fear of hurting the fair name of Oregon. This is not the spirit which is cleaning out corruption in high places in the cities and states of the country, and the DEMOCRAT is glad it is not the spirit that is prevailing in the management of most of the papers of the country.

**What's the R. R. Com. Fo'?**

The railroad commission is made of good men. The DEMOCRAT has no fault to find with the men themselves, and it may not be fair to draw conclusions too soon, but the management displayed in the Fall City road case doesn't augur well for the future of affairs in the proceedings of the commission. It was the business of the commission to attend to the interests of the shippers along the road, which they failed to do according to the report that is made of the business, and shippers along the road will now pay higher than elsewhere for the same service, a discrimination the commission was created to prevent.

**Leads the Union.**

Lincoln Steffens says Oregon leads the union in the matter of popular government. The election of Jonathan Bourne by a direct vote of the people is what did it. Oregon was the first state in the union to do that. The initiative and referendum lead the way, but other states have had those before Oregon, but it was left for this state to actually have a senator elected by the people. Of course the state legislature put the finishing touches upon it, but the people did the voting just the same and this has gone all over the country, and will undoubtedly have a good effect upon the development of the state.

Bigger game than Mayor Schmitz and Boss Ruef. How can that be. One is boss and the other head of the city. Money alone doesn't make bigger game. Schmitz and Ruef are the ones who should be convicted, and whatever others get in the way.

A Chicago man left \$20,000 for the care of his dog the rest of his life. The dog is dead. The money can now be put to a dog-gone sight better use. Turn it over to some country editor for the rest of his life. He has earned it.

Some one has remarked that the ship subsidy bill is not dead, but simply asleep. That is the worst thing about it. Like a hydra-headed monster it will appear again, and may some day go through both houses just on its own cheek.

Mr. Rockefeller condemns watered stock in railroads, and with a long face declares that he is opposed to overcapitalization. This sounds good, but it is notorious that Mr. Rockefeller has made millions from watered stock.

There are very few businesses in which more is given for nothing than that of the newspaper business. The average editor has his hands full taking in 000 for free advertising.

Oregon is not the wettest country in the world. Just now California is flooded in a manner to make our little rivulets look like gutters.

A timber deal reported in Washington tells of \$2.50 for stumpage. That would mean \$10,000 for a claim with four million feet.

The real estate boom in Portland has been a bonanza for the newspapers, whose pages are full of advertisements.

There is to be some railroad building in Oregon this year, at least on paper. If there is half as much as planned and reported sure it will be a big thing for Oregon.

**Lawson's Story**

A Boston Paper: The mission of Thomas W. Lawson's first novel, "Friday the 13th," is to annihilate stock gambling. Through the medium of fiction Mr. Lawson has set forth the havoc which may be wrought on the stock exchange, and which is, he says, being practiced by his old enemies "the System," and then he proceeds to give his remedy.

Incidentally the book has a plot that reeks with money madness and tragedy. It is the story of handsome "Bob" Brownley's meteoric career as a stock gambler and his enduring love for the girl who became his wife after she had been crushed by "the System." Beulah Sands, the heroine, came to New York one day from her Virginia home, leaving her father, Judge Sands, one of the most highly honored men of the state, on the verge of bankruptcy. It appears that he had been swindled by "the System" as represented by one Reinhart, and only saved himself from complete ruin by using trust funds which had been in his keeping.

With her father's remaining \$60,000 Beulah Sands hoped with the aid of Brownley, an old family friend, to recoup her father's losses on Wall street within six months' time. Although not believing in stock gambling she was willing to use it as a means to acquire the needed amount of \$1,500,000. As Beulah Sands possessed "beauty beyond cavil, superior to all analysis," with eyes large, full, very gray, very blue, vivid with all the glamour of her personality, full of smiles and tears and spirituality and passion," to quote Mr. Lawson, "Bob Brownley, still a bachelor, naturally took an interest in her. In his first market operations he all but acquired \$1,800,000 when "the System" stepped in, and alas, the Sands' capital of \$60,000 was reduced to \$30,000. This, however, opened the broker's eyes to the methods of "the System," and when he recovered from his surprise several months later he was wiser. In the mean time Beulah, seeing no prospects of acquiring \$1,500,000, wrote her father a discouraging letter which he was due to receive on Friday the 13th. On that fateful day Brownley "gave Wall street a dose of its own poison," and by his manipulation of Sugar stock created a panic on the exchange and spread ruin in the financial world. Incidentally he cleared up \$3,000,000 for the Sands and \$5,000,000 for himself. Returning to his office he discovered that Beulah had suddenly been transformed into an imbecil with a child's mind by reading in the paper the news of her father's suicide in Virginia. Insane from the loss of his fortune Judge Sands had cut his throat on receiving Beulah's letter—all before the news of Brownley's success could reach him.

Brownley married Beulah at once, despite her condition and proceeded to revenge himself on "the System." When he had accumulated a billion dollars by his onslaughts and wrecked Reinhart, dragging down banks and banking houses, he announced that he had beaten "the System" at its own game—selling "short" without limit and buying back the stock after it had reached its low mark. He then announced his remedy, which is for the stock exchange to make a rule to prohibit selling short (that is selling what one does not have) and the buying or selling of the same share of stock more than once in one session of the exchange. "When short sales are repurchased and resales are made impossible stock speculation will be dead," says Mr. Lawson. "When stock speculation is dead the people can no longer be robbed by 'the System.'"

That is the message Mr. Lawson has embedded in his story. As for the denouement of the novel, it comes with a rush and winds up with more tragedies. Mr. Lawson is gifted with a vivid imagination and he possesses a style preeminently his own. He presents exaggerated pictures of money madness, yet the story is not without its lesson for those who seek to get rich quickly. It is an admirable specimen of frenzied literature.

Take it the year round and Oregon doesn't ask any odds of California. Altogether we have better weather than any section of that state.

Some more solder needs to be put into that cannery proposition. Just now it leaks.

Furnishing two big audiences in one night for entertainments indicates that there is considerable to Albany yet.

**The Minister Won.**

Toledo has an interesting justice court case this week. James Watt, an Indian, sued Rev. Rinehart, the M. E. minister at Siletz, for damages for shooting his horse. It was tried before a jury and a verdict unanimously given in favor of the defendant. On one occasion the Indian pointed a revolver at Rev. Rinehart, when Mrs. Rinehart appeared with a revolver also and the Indian "got." The verdict suited everybody.

**Saturday Night Thoughts.**

The newspapers continue to make the Thaw trial the leading national event. That may be a sad travesty on events and the country, but it is about a fact even if it does shame the devil. This week seven men proved that Thaw was insane, and it is now about which and tother on that point. This part of it indicates that experts don't know much more than other people. They just wrinkle their brows and swear wisely in opposite directions. The truth is that no effort would have been made to prove Thaw insane if the unwritten law had any force legally in New York state.

The Hermann trial continues to drag along like a tired snail, with indications of a pretty strong case against Mr. Hermann. Several Oregon men have been on the stand. It doesn't seem right for a case of this character to take so long, and there is undoubtedly something wrong when the wheels of justice fit in the cogs so poorly.

On the coast there has been absorbing interests in the trial of Abe Ruef, the premier grafter of the Pacific coast, and numerous indictments against prominent men, with prospects of more. Sensation has followed sensation under the master hand of Heney, who has driven the woad to the wall, piteously crying for mercy, willing to do anything to escape themselves. It is said that it has been proposed to make Ruef and Schmitz immune if they will confess involving prominent wealthy men, but this would be infamous, not only on the part of the men, but on the part of the prosecution, because Schmitz and Ruef are just the men who should pay the penalties. Let the program be to get these men and the others also. Let no thief escape.

The quarrel between the president and the railroads has been interesting. A few days ago it looked as if the President was about to eat the railroads up alive, ties and all, but he has evidently changed his mind, and will let the law take its course, which the law will proceed to do just as slowly as it can drag its legs along. When the smoke rises it will be observed that no one has been hurt. Every once in a while the President gnashes his teeth and whirls his big stick as if there was to be an annihilation that would make a San Francisco earthquake feel like a pulse-beat, but after it all corpses are never seen lying around very much. The President is a great foot ball player before the game. It will be sometime before the railroad situation is regulated.

It is said that three churches, the U. B., Congregational and M. E. in the South, have agreed to unite in one organization. Everything of this character deserves endorsement. The churches have been divided up too much for their own good, but after all that is natural so long as men differ, and it is probable there will always be denominations, the same as there are different things in about every branch of the world's doings. The great need is unity of purpose in the establishment of the Christ life among the people of the world, without any hair-splitting over the details of running the machinery.

According to some figures given this week the most expensive department in the running of the counties of the state is the sheriff's office, with the clerk's office next, then the circuit court, care of the poor, roads and bridges, elections, court house expenses, current expenses, assessment, the county court, etc. Oiling the machinery and keeping it going comes high.

**Elected Officers.**

The Elks held their annual election of officers last night, when the following were chosen for the coming year: Fred Dawson, Exalted Ruler; O. P. Danalls, Leading Knight; Gale S. Hill, Lecturing Knight; J. J. Collins, Secretary; H. B. Cusick, Treasurer; C. N. McKey, Tyler; C. H. Burgraf, trustee; E. J. Seeley, grand representative.

**Josh Ballard's Side.**

Josh Ballard called this morning and asked to have his side of the case resulting in his five children being sent to the boys and girl's home at Portland, given. He declares that he always provided for his family, though he was pretty close run during a recent illness, that at the present time he has ten sacks of potatoes on hand and has a job, which he will soon begin at, that his wife has been prostrated by her children being taken away, that since Albany went dry he has not drunk any liquor in Albany and does not propose to, that he always provided school books for his children, that he wants them back if he can get them, and will take care of them.

Aquinaldo, the celebrated Filipino leader, is 35 years of age today. Prof. J. B. Horner went to Portland this morning and tonight in the Woodstock hall, will present his illustrated lecture on the Holy Land, for which there is a demand from all over Oregon.

**MISFITS.**

There's a good deal in a piano.

The play, like life, is best without a villain.

Should an agricultural college be everything else.

The less aristocracy in the churches the more genuine religion.

The millinery openings this year are veritable flower gardens.

Portland is an example of what professional boomers can do.

The Grange wants an agricultural President of the Agricultural College. That's strange.

Oregon has a state bank examiner, a man to look after the state banks. Wonder if he will really earn his salt.

There was a time, for instance in the days of Xerxes when it was not safe to fool with the Greeks, but that time is past.

Seven more doctors say Thaw is crazy. It looks as if some of the New York doctors will say most anything they are paid for.

An exchange wants people to observe the golden rule in the treatment of the press. It thinks as it is the business is too one-sided.

A correspondent in a valley paper says the only kind of a knocker who should be tolerated is the knocker who knocks the knocker.

Now the President has got his bearings and says all he can do is to enforce the present laws. He will do mighty well to do that much.

In the window at the Fortmiller Furniture Co.'s store may be seen a picture of the members of the lower house of the Oregon legislature. The frame is a fine one and is all right.

H. L. Benson of Klamath Falls, judge of that district, who occupied the Albany bench several months ago, has been launched as a candidate for Governor. Better wait a year or two.

Hon. Chas. W. Fulton has announced his candidacy for re-election as U. S. Senator. If a senator makes good the first term he certainly is in much better position to serve his constituency. Has Fulton made good?

Beethoven to some people is merely a jumble of notes, but to those with trained ears and musical taste he is the consummation of expression. In every touch of the keys there is a song to the cultivated ear.

The Salem Journal intimates that Salem has an Abe Ruef, and now every last city on the coast will be laying claim to some such appendage. It never does any harm for people to look into the corners and see what's doing.

Albany's first ten mayors were J. C. Powell, E. F. Russell, Jacob Norcross, A. W. Standard, N. H. Cranor, A. W. Sweeney, Coll. Van Cleve, Mart V. Brown, David Froman, and N. B. Humphrey, of whom only three are alive, Messrs. Stanard, now a resident of Brownsville, Coll. Van Cleve, the veteran newspaper man, residing with some of his children and David Froman, who continues a resident of Albany.

A St. Johns woman, Mrs. W. L. Thorndyke, was advised by her physician to get out in the open air, so just for the health of it she took a census of St. Johns, taking five weeks for it. She reports a population of 3,257. The attention of several cities claiming more people than they have is called to this experiment. Let their women get out and save doctor's bills besides getting the exact population of the cities.

During the big boom of a certain big city, in reply to a question as to how so many people were attracted to the place, a prominent resident says: "Because we boost the state, because we boost the city, because we boost the population, because we boost the business, because we boost the climate and finally because we boost everything, everywhere, see?"

A crazy man named Dowie, just before he died said:

"I shall return and with ruthless hands shall I exterminate the vipers and the dogs of hell that now hold the high places in the City of Zion. They dreamed and in the grossness of their dreams they thought they had prevailed over the first apostle. And now, priests and elders of Zion, I shall return and strike ye down."

The Portland Journal is showing the late Speaker of the House, Frank Davey, up. According to the Journal he has shown himself to be about the smallest peanut politician in the history of Oregon. It is unfortunate for a state when politics are dominated by such men. If the Journal gives the correct facts the people should unite hereafter in keeping him out of office.

**Leg Broken.**

E. A. Thompson while working in the mill at Mill City yesterday had his left leg broken by a timber rolling upon it, both bones at the ankle being broken. Dr. Ransom set the bones and he is doing as well as can be expected. Mr. Thompson is a brother of Mr. Geo. Thompson, of this city. This is his second serious accident in the lumber business, several years ago experiencing a much worse one.

**TELEGRAPHIC.**

SALEM, March 21.—Col. J. C. Cooper of McMinnville, today was appointed by the Governor, manager of the Oregon girls drill company and special commissioner to the Jamestown exposition upon petition of mayor and citizens of Yamhill county.

He proposes to organize a company of buxom, beautiful girls, representing the different counties of the state, to offer the companies to Roosevelt as escort for his ride. Each girl is to be costumed to represent the principal sources of the county she represents and be able to ride and throw a lasso as good as cowboy brothers.

PORTLAND, 21.—The Western Union has no east, north or south wires. The washouts and storms have prostrated them. The Postal is working.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Abe Ruef is said to be ready to make a full confession but upon terms such as Heney and Burns are not ready to agree. He wants full immunity for himself, in return telling all about the high grafters who waxed fat off the city. Soon he will be removed from his cozy quarters in the hotel to a more seque place.

WALLA WALLA, March 22.—Fred Miller was hanged this morning and was dead in 12 minutes. He murdered Fred Dier at Castle Rock last fall. He bore up until the guards started to adjust the straps when he fainted. He was unconscious when he shot through the trap.

NEW YORK, March 22.—The Tammany jury was excused until next Wednesday.

**People Who Come and Go**

- C. D. Gibson, Liberty, Ga.
- Dr. C. J. Korinek, Salem.
- Geo. A. Payne & wf. Corvallis.
- A. G. Benson, Corvallis.
- Miss Silva, Portland.
- E. B. Duffy, Portland.
- Geo. A. Peel, "
- W. D. Garman, "
- Gertrude Brener, Chemawa.
- Marie Hutchins, Salem.
- Elma Waller, Beatrice Shelton, Salem.
- I. G. Kelly, Portland.
- John Halveson, Shedd.
- Ed Davis, Gates.
- Hillard Ackerman, Shedd.
- B. T. George, Niagara.
- C. B. Stone and wf. Halsey, M. Wise, Portland.
- C. E. Maxon, Harrisburg.
- Dug Loyo, "
- D. P. Ellis, Omaha.
- W. C. Cooper, Portland.
- D. W. Warnock, Eddyville.
- Geo. L. Hines, Portland.
- E. B. Heseaman, E. L. Davis, Gates.
- J. S. Haughey, Portland.
- W. L. Wright, Harrisburg.
- Tom Nolan, Corvallis.
- Glen Ireland, "
- Geo. W. Averill, Portland.
- J. C. Brown, "
- B. E. Grimes, Harrisburg.
- J. R. Cartright, "
- J. D. Bennett, "
- T. J. Anderson, "

**Corvallis**

Republican:—G. Clark has been at Albany a few days looking after repairs on the electric light line.

Mrs. Yockey has moved from First to Fifth street and is now near the S. P. depot.

Wm. R. Hand, the Albany architect was seen looking after business at Corvallis Tuesday.

The Simpsons are entertaining Mrs. Davis of Portland and Mrs. Geo. Simpson of Albany.

It is rumored that M. S. Woodcock, the banker, will in the near future take down the Occidental hotel building, located on the corner of Second and Madison street, and erect a modern three-story brick hotel building with plate glass front and all modern conveniences. The hotel is now conducted by E. E. Nixon.

**Harrisburg.**

Bulletin: Harold Hendee, who is stopping with his grandfather in Albany, came to Saturday for an over Sunday visit to his home in this city.

J. P. Schooling, who has been seriously ill for several months is slightly improving. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

A couple of new rural telephone lines are contemplated out of this city, which when completed will bring nearly every farmer in this end of the county within speaking distance of the city and its business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott arrived here from Nebraska Friday evening, and will likely make their home in the future. They came unannounced. Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Murphy, were greatly surprised.

**Benton Circuit Court.**

There are twenty two cases on the circuit court of Benton county to come on Monday. Following are some cases of interest here:

Samuel E. Young vs Curtis Beasly and Hattie Beers, his wife; action Atty. McFadden & Bryson, plt.

State of Oregon vs Jas. Gully; appeal from Justice Court; Atty. G. Brown, plt.

Faber & Neis vs John Whitaker; mandate from Supreme court; Atty. Weatherford & Wyatt, plt.; W. S. Fadden, deft.

**Nine Initiations.**

There was something doing at a meeting of the Elks last evening. There were nine initiations. Among the members of the lodge are several Harrisburg men. Last night they even with four of their fellow citizens for all past offenses. Those initiated from there were R. L. Wright and E. Grimes, W. L. Wright and E. Love, Ex-Assessor T. J. Anderson, D. B. Bannet and J. R. Cartwright of the place, members for some time, manipulate the goat.