

Mr. and Mrs. Stratton's Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Stratton who left Ore., Oct. 10, 03 for a visit east write they arrived in Yuma Feb. 8, 09. They had a most enjoyable trip stopping off at most of the large towns from Portland, Ore., to the present time on their route, seeing many interesting sights and places, and meeting a host of friends and relatives. In Ohio they were present to help participate in the 88th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Stratton's Mother, who is active in mind and body and enjoyed the day.

The winter throughout the East up to the last of Jan was unusually fine for an Eastern winter. After leaving St. Louis and points in Mo. they went South stopping at Houston and San Antonio, Texas. Both towns are of much interest, especially San Antonio, which is very ancient being settled in 1689, and is noted for its old Spanish missions and historical associations. Gov. Antonio Cordero was the first governor to occupy the Governor's Palace which was situated on Military Plaza in 1749. Eight battles for the independence of Texas have been fought in and around San Antonio. One of the curious and rare sights to be seen in San Antonio on Houston St. is 'The Buck Horn Saloon' where artistically mounted and hung on the walls are the largest and finest collection of heads and horns of rare value from all parts of the world that is on exhibition today, over a thousand. Many of them are trophies of his own rifle. This saloon enjoys the distinction in Texas and perhaps in the whole South which ladies visit. It is estimated that no fewer than five hundred and probably as many as twenty-five hundred ladies and escorts visit it monthly. It is an orderly place. We stopped off at Tucson, where is situated the University of Arizona. They are now stopping in the Yuma valley, where they will look after their land there and later go to San Diego to visit F. O. Breckenridge and family before returning to their Ore. home.

The climate in Yuma valley is most delightful and they report having on their table early garden vegetables in abundance such as turnips, beets, radishes, lettuce and onions, etc., corn and beans up and growing like magic. Great fields of barley up twelve and fifteen inches high, rank and a beautiful dark green color with sparkling dew drops pendant from each blade glittering in the bright morning sunshine, sowed just two months ago. We took a drive to the river where the government is putting in the levee. A great force of men and teams at work and "Old Glory" floating high on the assembly tent. It will be completed in a week or ten days. They are now nearing the completion of "The Great Laguna Dam" and people are feeling the effect of it and will feel it more and more as the time approaches for the water to flow through the big canals. These are the lands which the U. S. R. Service declare will be worth \$500 an acre at no far distant time. Among those looking for some of these lands is our energetic and genial neighbor Dr. Welch and family, of Silverton, Ore., who has already purchased several Yuma lots and is now looking for a farm.

Contentment and happiness seem prevalent. We meet people here from almost every state and all express themselves as satisfied. The ladies in this part of the valley have organized a branch of the "Federated Womens Club" and the other evening met at a basket social and realized the sum of \$65 to go towards erecting a hall, showing a spirit of enterprise and push.

What Will Gov. Benson Do.

It is Governor Benson now, by virtue of one of the most peculiar political events in the history of the country. This makes Mr. Benson Oregon's leading citizen. As Secretary of State he has attracted little attention, no doubt many people in Oregon not even remembering who the secretary was; but as Governor he will be exceedingly prominent. It will offer a splendid opportunity to test his character. At the very start he is faced with a problem which will show whether he is going to be Governor or whether he is going to be dictated to by political demagogues, some of whom are now rampant in Oregon. His conduct will be watched with great interest by Oregonians generally. A safe, conservative administration in the interest of the people and against graft will give him the inside track for future honors of an important character.

A Serious Matter Anyway.

The insanity of Ralph Bristol, a student of the U. of O., is attracting a good deal of attention, and with reason. The University is doing its best to make it appear that it was not the ducking in the cold water of the bath tub that did it, but overstudy, that he was gradually getting that way anyway. The bath tub hazing system doesn't seem to disturb the faculty very much. It ought to. It is simply barbarous and intem-

ous. Keeping a person under water until the bubbles come up is certainly a serious matter. It is time students were treated like other people who do criminal acts and be made to suffer for their misconduct promptly and effectively.

Big Inaugural Display

Mr. Taft will be inaugurated this week. He is anxious to have the swellest inaugural in the history of the country, a display which will make the people take notice, according to the dispatches.

A simple, unostentatious inaugural would be much more in keeping with the character of our government. Big displays are imperialistic in their character. It would be much preferable if fields of gold would be left out of the program. Those presidents which ask for the least display are the ones closest to the hearts of the people.

An Age of Trusts

This is an age of trusts. Nearly every branch of industry is now controlled by some form of combine. One writer aptly portrays life in this era of trusts, thus:

Pierced by the Pin trust.
Chilled by the Ice trust.
Roasted by the Coal trust.
Soaked by the Soap trust.
Doped by the Drug trust.
Wrapped by the Paper trust.
Bullied by the Beef trust.
Lighted by the Oil trust.
Squeezed by the Corset trust.
Soured by the Pickle trust.

This is indeed a "trustful" life.—The Farm Magazine.

If Secretary Garfield really wishes to retire to private life, he will have to dodge that governorship boom when he gets back to his native state.

LAND FIGHT BEGUN.

Geo. W. Wright, of this city, was in Portland in the interest of clients in the famous suit of the government against the Oregon and California Railroad Company to secure the forfeiture of a grant to about three million acres of land. There are many other lawyers in it including A. C. Woodcock of Eugene. The defense is thoroughly organized with the best attorneys to be secured in the fight. A. W. Lafferty of Portland, William H. Flett of Seattle are at the head of the work of prosecution.

The government begins by demurring, and there will be demurrers galore before it is through. It will probably be years before the contest is finally settled.

CORVALLIS.

The Gazette: J. Benson Starr, who lives in Los Angeles, is having a fine new house built on his place near here. M. C. Starr, his brother, is doing the work.

Carver's C. & A. railroad is now being completed as rapidly as the weather will permit. Last week a spur track was laid around Starr's point.

Jim Lewis has bought the Homphill corner Second and Jefferson streets and is now figuring to erect a nice, new two-story building on it. The lot is 25x100 feet.

County Clerk Moses has issued a marriage license to Elic C. Kiger, son of W. P. Kiger, and Miss Maud Stewart, daughter of "Lafe" Stewart. The groom is 19 years old and the bride 17. They were married Wednesday evening, February 24, at the M. E. parsonage.

The young men's Bible class at the Presbyterian church, under the direction of Prof. J. B. Horner, and comprising sixty-five bright, active young men, have conceived the idea that a class of one hundred would be a great benefit to many young men who are not now improving the morning hour by attending Sunday school at any of the various churches in the city. They have divided up for a recruiting expedition and will go out into the byways and hedges for a period of three months to gather them in.

Around Foster.

The Spaulding Logging camp is making things lively on the river just above Foster. Their first contract was two million feet. Now they have contracted to bank five million feet more.

W. K. Mealey has a crew of men getting out timber to build his large saw mill, which he expects to have running by the first of July.

Fred Wadtl has sawed thirty thousand feet of lumber with his small mill this winter.

The two new stores are doing a good business.

Several years ago a man was out from Washington distributing the Original Documents of the President, etc. for about \$35 a set. Just so many were set aside for Oregon and he had in each town the names of a few prominent men being specially favored in being allowed to buy them. The whole matter was exposed by the government itself. The production was a good thing; but the government had nothing to do with it, and the price was about four times what the books could be gotten for in Washington.

HOF LICH'S for your oysters properly served, according to taste.

C. H. NEWS ORIGINAL OREGON.

Heavy tax payments: D. Roth \$185.57, J. E. Bell and A. D. Harrison \$218.06, R. H. Liggert \$108.70, L. J. Montgomery \$115.24, O. P. Co-show \$119.54, Louis Zuhlsdorf \$104.27, John Carnegie \$120.45, Carl Grell \$325.61, Thos. Froman \$147.73.

Judge Burnett was due to hear a case at the court house this afternoon, but failed to appear, the first time of the kind, due to a mistake in making the memorandum.

Deeds recorded: Albert R. Ray to W. R. Ray 241.64 \$ J. N. Rice to Maude Hand 86.14 1 Lucinda Phillips to J. L. and B. C. Nye 28 acres 1000 Harriet Shupp to C. J. Powell 15.3 W 1 A Dalton Harrison to Bird Rose, several tracts 10

Satisfaction for \$600 and \$1800.

Probate: Final hearing in estate of Martin Van Buren set for April 5. Final account approved in estate of Lucille Hart and guardian discharged.

Marriage license: Wm C Obermeyer, aged 25, and Roxy E Buchanan, aged 19, of Shedd. No. 12 for February.

Hunters license: W Pollock ;

Department one of the circuit court will meet on Monday, with thirty cases on the docket, just out. Twenty two of the cases are for the recovery of money, most of them with attachment; there are two appeal cases from justice courts, one appeal from a recorder's court that of the city agt. Peacock, two rape cases, those against Buchanan and Turpin on the docket for a couple of years, the case of Oregon against William Crawford, and one to recover money not received.

Tax payments over \$100: H. W. Settlemier \$119.55, Lydia Settlemier \$113.97, Chas Pfeiffer \$93.29, R. L. Smith \$155.79, Mrs. E. J. Woodcock \$270.97, G. W. Laubner \$119.98, C. H. Greer \$132.50, F. G. Will \$215.10, F. P. Nutting \$156.63, M. H. Donnelly \$102.62.

Deeds recorded: U. S. to R. E. Harrison and wf. 641 acres \$ A. D. Hamilton to H. H. Zingler, et al 45 acres 1350 J. D. Wasson to J. H. D. Goldson 160 acres 250 J. H. D. Goldson to E. E. Upmeyer 180 acres 3300 Martha A Cozier to D. S. McWilliams 82 acres 100 Mark D. Brandon to Wilson Cary tract 14.3 W 3500

Mortgages for \$1500, \$2200, \$200.

\$385.70 were the receipts of the recorder for February. A big little month.

Probate: In estate of Jason Wheeler petition to sell real estate granted. In estate of Wm Hoag appraisers were appointed: L. M. Carl, L. L. Swan and R. A. B. Veal for Linn county, and C. E. Hawkins, R. A. Bensall and B. F. Swope for Lincoln county.

Receipts of the clerk for February \$155.50.

Home and Abroad.

Born in Berkeley, Calif., Feb. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Westgate formerly of Albany, a boy.

A man named Hartwig was fined \$500 by Judge Harris, at Eugene yesterday for running a blind pig. Judge Harris means business.

Albany members of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine have received notice to be at Ashland on Saturday April 24 to warm the sands, and several will undoubtedly be on hand.

The new state tax commission has organized with J. B. Eaton in the four year term and C. V. Galloway the two year term. C. L. Starr, who had lost a job by the defeat of the normal measure, was made secretary.

Under the new law every school district in the state must have six months school during the year. In Linn county there are twelve districts having only four months school, which will be affected by the law. The law is a good one.

Forrest Smithson, representing the Multnomah Club, of Portland, broke world's record in the 60-yard high hurdles and 80-yard low hurdles at the indoor meet of the Original Gaiety Club at San Francisco. He cleared the high sticks in eight seconds, or one fifth of a second better than the former record. He covered the low hurdles in 3-25 seconds, beating the record made by A. A. Jordan, of New York, in 1887. Smithson passed through Albany for Portland a day or two ago.

Letter List

The following letters remain in the Albany, Ore., postoffice unclaimed for March 3, 1909. Persons desiring any of these letters should call for advertised letters, giving the date:

W. D. Barlay, Mr. Matt Carter, George Dow, G. R. Dixter, Mrs. Letta Davis, Miss Carrie Gillette, Miss Blanch Hawley, Mrs. Vada L. Hart, Mr. Frank J. Hemerick, Edd Hill, Miss Gertrude N. McKern, Mrs. Mary Maxwell, Mr. Stanley Orchowski, Mr. Bill Parker, Mr. Chas. B. Richardson, Mr. Hubert Smith, Mr. E. L. Smith, Mrs. A. C. Tiffeld, Mr. Henry B. Thielson, E. W. Udell, M. VanNatta, Frank Vaughn, Mr. F. Wright.

J. S. VAN WINKLE, P. M.

The Democrat has received a copy of one of Mr. Harriman's organs, with an article so interesting it is published, though not necessary, for our state legislature took a tumble:

Oregon is nothing if not original. It discarded the election machinery in vogue in all the other states and adopted a method of its own. It has a primary law that leads to most unexpected results and an initiative and referendum. Now it talks of building its own railroads because it has a grinch with Mr. E. H. Harriman. Charging him with attempting to obstruct the development of central Oregon and with regarding that region as his own private domain, the Oregon Legislature is considering a resolution to amend the State constitution so that the State may own and construct railroads. Oregon may well pause before proceeding with this ill-considered purpose. If it will sleep on its troubles with Mr. Harriman the morning will bring it wisdom and reflection, and point out to it the folly of its proposal. State railroad ownership is a thing of the past, and Oregon is peculiarly unfitted for such an experiment—if one is attempted. Instead of adopting this truculent attitude, why not try conciliation? If Oregon wants additional railroad facilities it can only secure them with the assistance of capital, and that will never be given while the State's lawmakers are intemperate in stricture or antagonistic in action.

C. H. NEWS.

Heavy tax payments: M. V. Koonitz \$371.32, Albany Iron Works \$164.90, John Paul and C. H. Buckner \$133.37, Jacob Ogle \$190.03, Wm Abraham \$130.60, Perry Parker \$140.67, W. E. Parker \$123.27, H. D. McPherson \$103.25, Mary J. Bilyeu \$235.27, F. M. Miller \$146.83, J. S. Ames \$128.36, Jefferson Myers \$110.84, Catherine Crawford \$121, W. C. Burkhart \$142.16, Jasper Wilkins \$146.66.

One woman upon paying the first half of her taxes remarked that she hoped she would be dead before the second half comes due.

Probate: H. W. Rice appointed administrator of estate of J. N. Rice. Appraisers D. J. Hildreth, D. F. Robnett, Wm Conner.

Circuit court: new suits: A. E. Shelton agt J. W. Shelton, for divorce, married January 12, 1890, charges, threats to kill, false accusations, self support, etc. W. R. Bilyeu, attorney. S. J. Brown agt George Brown for divorce, married on Oct. 11, 1905. Charges desertion. W. R. Bilyeu, attorney.

Demurrer by Woodcock and Potter in Englice P. and Co agt. Harrison.

County court met and allowed numerous bills.

Hunters license: Tom H. Watkins.

Deeds recorded: T. J. Munkers to W. A. Ewing 76 acres \$ 1250 O. and C. R. R. to W. A. Ewing 4.2 200 H. P. Burke to Clara M. Cheadle 109 by 143 feet Lebanon 975

Mortgages \$800, \$1000. Release of Mortgage \$750.

A Mixture of Things and Thoughts

Spring has come.

Get your hoe ready. It will be needed.

Builders busy regardless of the season.

Grumbling becomes a habit with some people.

Portland is after Gypsy Smith. She needs him bad.

Mr. Harriman doesn't seem to care how much he is whacked.

An exchange calls extra session talk gossip. The worst kind too.

Don't let your good nature evaporate, says an advertisement. Smile.

People who don't like to pay taxes should move to some other world.

Some one says the most kicking is done by men paying the least taxes.

Of course Fulton will be appointed. That is what the office is for. Just a job.

Of course the C. & E. ought to be extended first, and it is what Crook county people want.

One of the grounds for a new trial for Jim Finch is that he was not defended by competent counsel. That is a good one.

Judge Steven A. Lowell will be a candidate for the new federal judgeship. His appointment would give satisfaction.

The infamous ship subsidy bill, the biggest graft of the age, has again been beaten in the house. It could be killed for good.

MISFITS.

Inauguration week.

Wheat is now king.

Will Governor Benson make good.

Mr. Roosevelt will keep in the limelight.

The Democrat tries to make every page the best.

Lucky Baldwin had the luck to die just like poor people.

Ralph Bristol was hazed to insanity. That is the long and short of it.

The Egyptians once settled in Mexico according to a new theory. Next.

The S. P. will probably keep its land the same as Standard Oil keeps its oil.

California is falling into line. It will have a direct primary law. The people will rule.

Oregon might as well understand first as last that it cannot bulldoze Mr. Harriman.

President-elect Taft is a member of the Unitarian church and Mrs. Taft of the Catholic church.

Mrs. C. B. Shelton was governess of Oregon for 25 hours and 10 minutes, the only lady governor Oregon ever had.

Gov. Benson is being overrun by a horde of petafuggers demanding an extra session of the legislature. One is too many.

Horace McKinley, the grabber, was recently insured by being referred to in a newspaper as an occupant of the Hotel de Stevens, and struck the writer of the article.

Fulton is beating Bourne out in a big fight in the Senate. He has secured the defeat of Young in securing a confirmation as postmaster, and will obtain the judgeship Bourne is fighting.

The worst rot yet is that Ralph Bristol was insane before he was hazed. If he really was, ladies and gentlemen, what do you think of a gang of college students low enough to haze an insane man.

Colleges and universities should see-saw on all kinds of hazing. There is no more sense in a student body enforcing a rule by holding a fellow student under water until he gurgles than there is a parent, or any one else.

Gov. Benson is balking at calling a special session of the legislature, fearful lest the members will wish to go into other things besides the improvement of the state buildings. Better not trust them. It is scaly business.

A great graft is the new insurance law, creating the office of commissioner at \$3,000 a year. The same work was done by the same person, a clerk in the office of the Secretary of State for \$1800, and it didn't rake much time either. It is the worst kind of a graft; but is a sample of the legislature.

An old newspaper man who has recently gone into the photographing business says: I find that photographers rarely advertise, but I am too old a newspaper man not to believe in it for everything. I'd advertise myself if I was running a cemetery, quiet rooms, clean beds and plenty of heat.

S. F. News Letter:—Reverend Charles R. Brown, pastor of the First Congregational church, in a virile sermon lays the blame for the faults of the children upon the bridge and card playing propensities of the women. While he takes no examples and speaks of no particular community, he holds that the women of the country who are in society are frittering their time away in amusements which degrade, and that not enough care is taken of the children.

Five propositions right along for increasing the Democrat's circuitry enough to make one dizzy: one a self-sharpening spear premium, another an insurance policy premium, another a big newspaper clubbing, another too big a secret to be divulged without pay, another a Bible study, besides, contest propositions galore. But really people ought to take a paper on account of its merits as a giver of news and for what it stands in character.

The following problem is creating a good deal of interest. Work it out and report the answer. Charley met his friend James upon the street and told him that he had been fishing. "How many fish did you catch?" asked James. Charley replied: "If to the number of books of the Old Testament you add the number of books of the New Testament; multiply that by the number of apostles who were present at the transfiguration divide by the number of books written by Luke, subtract the number of times the Israelites marched around Jericho, multiply by the number of pieces of silver Judas received for betraying Christ, divide by the number of spies Moses sent into Canaan, add the number of letters in the name of the city in which a man climbed up a tree to see Christ, divide by the number of apostles that were called the Sons of Thunder the answer will be the number of fish I caught."

"Had dyspepsia" or indigestion for years. No appetite, and what I did eat distressed me terribly. Burdock Food Bitters cured me.—J. H. Walker, unbury, Ohio.

TELEGRAPH.

SALARY TO BE RAISED

WASHINGTON, March 3.—According to the agreement reached today by conferees, Taft salary will be seventy-five thousand a year. With traveling expenses and annual compensation, it will be a hundred thousand dollars.

Town Swallowed

LONDON, March 3.—An earthquake is reported to have swallowed a small village near Jerusalem, with one hundred fifty under the ruins.

The Inaugural.

WASHINGTON March 3.—Fair weather is predicted for the inaugural. Great crowds are gathering.

WASHINGTON March 1.—The senate formally agreed to a conference report on the Oregon-Washington judgeship bill and the measure goes to President Roosevelt for his signature. This is the measure which if it becomes a law will result in Fulton's appointment to judge.

SALEM, March 1.—Mr. Benson became governor of Oregon this afternoon. He was sworn in by Chief Justice Moore of the supreme court.

LOS ANGELES, March 1.—E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin died at his celebrated ranch at 7 o'clock this morning aged 81. It is estimated he left an estate valued at \$25,000,000.

PORTLAND, March 1.—The argument of the Harriman demurrer in the case wherein the government seeking forfeit the grant of the Oregon & California R. R. to two million acres of land in the state was begun today before Judge Wolverton.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The interstate commerce commission decided the Spokane rate case today, wherein Spokane is fighting for an equal rate from the east with the coast cities. Some of the rates are reduced and the others held to be "inherently high". The effect will be to make Spokane more of a jobbing center.

TILLAMOOK, March, 2.—Foreman John Peterson was beaten to death by Adolph Norstrum Sunday night and robbed. Peterson was boss of the construction gang on the P. R. & N. R. Y. He was beaten to death with the butt of a revolver.

WASHINGTON March 2.—Judge Taft is resting up for the arduous duties of inauguration. Big crowds are already arriving. Wet weather is expected.

Lebanon.

The E. A. J. L. Couey and family will leave in a little over a week for their home in the Alberta county, Canada.

Roy Fitzwater has sold his confectionery and cigar store to Chas. Swink, who will take charge at once. Mr. Fitzwater will move on to the farm of his father-in-law, J. Q. Swink, north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Witber, who have been visiting his parents at this place after spending a couple of months in California, left yesterday for their home in Idaho.

George and Frank M. Peeke have purchased an acre in Home Addition from M. A. Miller and J. C. Mayer. The Peeke brothers are builders and intend to erect four houses on the tract. Mrs. Lizzie Fox has also purchased an acre in Home addition.

In and Around Albany.

A rare treat! Coming!! March 11, 12 and 13. Turner Art Exhibit.

The Albany Fruit Growers Union will meet on Friday afternoon for organization.

Social dance at the skating rink next Saturday night. Good music. Tickets 75 cents.

The regular meeting of the Albany Commercial Club will be held tonight. All members are requested to be present.

See the famous Art Exhibit, worth several thousand dollars, 200 of the most noted paintings of ancient and modern times.

Chicken dinner at the W. C. T. U. hall Saturday noon for only 25 cents, given by the ladies of the Christian church.

Evangelistic services will be held at the Presbyterian church beginning Monday March 7, with Rev. Clarence H. Stevens as the preacher. The meetings will last until the 21st.

Why the Old Way.

I pay cash for for your eggs what others pay in trade.

Get my price on poultry and veal this week.

I have Portland and Seattle connections that enabled me to quote the very best cash prices.

One block east of the Wig Wam Barn on 2nd St. Look for the sign Watson's Cash Produce House. Home Phone 208. Bell Red 511.

Public Sale.

W. J. Savage will have a public sale of furniture, farming utensils and chickens Friday March 5th, at the Brownell nursery place, south western suburbs of Albany.