

PORTLAND, Jan. 8th, 1889.

Editors Democrat:

There are but a few things to mention since my last letter. Taking the same line as before, for you care nothing for the rise of property here, whether in East Portland where it raises from 1000 to 5 per acre, and on the moter line the same, and in Portland proper to prices astonishing. A healthy and sure growth by the way. Portland is solid and all of her surroundings are also. While the gravel and chalky mud of her rivals will slip, the rock foundation of Portland is there to stay. We must allude to the six questions propounded by Bro. Moody and the world over. No one has answered them but Bro. Driver, and now it is said to his credit that Bro. Moody will have them printed in all the languages of the earth. We have read them and they are good. Bro. Driver is the ablest man in the Methodist pulpit. But that monster jealousy is as repulsive in religious circles as it is in politics. Often do we hear from that source that Bro. Driver is good but he exaggerates. What a sin to lay at the door of this divine, when the intelligence of the world has laid this charge to the door of every disciple of mystic ideas. Why should not Bro. Driver say that in the case of miracles, natural laws are suspended or overcome for the occasion. He confused us about the meaning of these two words, but when we saw they applied alike to his illustration of the frog we were content. The frog found encased in a stone for centuries, and when the stone was broken open—the frog leaped out all right ready for another rock. Here was a suspension or an overcoming of natural laws, for like all men especially brain workers it was supposed the frog wanted his regular meals. Bears do this for months and go without eating, but they must have air, as they need all the oxygen they can consume. We admire Bro. Driver's ingenuity, and we are willing to accept his views as conclusive to himself, while our own are equally meritorious and conclusive on the subjects mentioned. The infidel, Underwood, on miracles has a way of putting the question, and he looks at a miracle as an impossible thing when he asks if God can make a year old calf in less than a second. And infidelity for a moment gets away with it. To a finite being nothing should appear impossible. Bro. Moody himself, though uncouth, illiterate and quite uncivil at times, has the power to move the masses. Why is this? We have never known a revivalist who did not possess this power, and the less education they had the greater their influence. It was so with Swan and Knapp, the greatest we know of, and it is so now. An educated, polished divine has never yet made a mark, beyond his accomplishments, except Spurgeon Beecher, Channing, Talmage and the Wesleys, and they made their own congregations while these revivalists had none of their own, but made their fame by preaching to the masses. And they run a season, but never leave much for the world to consider. Now a days if a divine cannot make his own congregation his ability and usefulness are questioned. Such divines soon get far behind the intelligence of their hearers, and the churches decline. A divine now a days to be a teacher must be a leader in thought far in advance of his congregation, and if he has not that ability he had better take to the woods, for his people will leave him. And this fact Bro. Moody demonstrates by his simplicity in his work. It must be something or nothing. A learned man cannot do as Bro. Moody does. The learned man is modest and sensitive, and correct methods must govern him, and to be as effectual as Bro. Moody in his simplicity, he must strike out and lead the people. Who could fill your Court House so full as our esteemed friend, the lamented Bro. Joab Powell.

We are glad to see that Judge Kelsay will be a candidate for the U. S. Senate. He is popular, a fact so well defined when he left the democracy for the hopeful honors of the heartless opposition. The democracy were pleased with the change, much more so than the contents of the tub into which he tumbled. He was a Southern man, and hence his conversion never opened the eyes of those who were to worship him in future to the spiritual change that had overtaken him. The power that struck Saul did not reach the Col's. friends. But as he says, we hope he will beat those Portland "snappers." He deserves well of his party and we applaud his determination to win. There is Ellsha Applegate, the ablest reasoner and greatest literary and political student in the republican "oufit" in Oregon. He should receive the attention of the Senator makers. He is a republican dyed in the wool, and the wool is all wool, and the cloth is wider than the standard. There is not a man in the republican party who can debate with him, and had he the shekles, he would not be forgotten. But intelligence and ability are not what will win in this case, as Col. Kelsay and Mr. Applegate will both learn before the mill stops grinding.

WATCHMAN.

In the Northern and Western cities thousands of women hold the position of cashiers and other places of trust, but not one of them has ever been known to pocket a lot of money and skip to Canada. Year after year men steal and run across the border and the explanation is made that they could not live on their salaries, or that they had been unfortunate in speculation. But the women who receive hardly any salaries at all manage to exist, and behave themselves and take care of their employers interests.

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