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Lafayette, morning and evening.  
—4 1/2 a. m. Pike school house: Sat-  
urday previous, at Anderson's school  
house.

—11 a. m. Carlton: 3 p. m.  
Lafayette. Preacher in charge.

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## TO MY OLD LETTERS.

Time honored relics of sweet bygone days,  
Though wrinkled, moulded and defaced  
with age,  
Through parting clouds the sun may shed  
its rays,  
So happy scenes long passed illumine  
each page.

How oft we take them out and scan them  
o'er,  
Condemn them thus like martyrs to  
the flame,  
To-day they gleam as they ne'er gleamed  
before,  
Those changless lines reflecting still  
the same.

Those clouded greetings of some long lost  
friend,  
The hand that penned them may in  
death be stilled;  
A momentary pang or joy they lend,  
As in the days of yore our hearts they  
thrilled.

Some tender missive we may now unfold,  
That wafts us back to love's inspiring  
theme;  
That silvery voice, the loving smile of  
old,  
Lost sunshine of our hearts renews its  
beam.

With what a trembling hand we open'd  
the seal,  
Each glowing line perused with studious  
care,  
In them perhaps to find our woe or weal,  
Affection played around each sentence  
there.

Yes, there's the name of some fond friend  
so dear,  
Now oceans wide and mountains inter-  
vene;  
Fond memory clings to them from year  
to year,  
Though time hath thrown its misty  
veil between.

Destroy them not for they recall to mind  
Full many happy days and blissful  
hours,  
Pure eloquence they breathe, chaste and  
refined,  
The perfume's there though faded are  
the flowers.

Like setting sun that leaves a radiant  
glow,  
A lingering beauty follows in his wake,  
His parting splendor o'er the hills to  
throw,  
And paints with ruby tinge the silver  
lake.

They're like a tree beneath whose boughs  
we played,  
That sheltered us from noonday's  
scorching heat,  
Now weather-beaten, lifeless and decayed,  
No longer there beneath its shade we  
meet.

Still there it stands a remnant of the  
past,  
Whose limbs still point to that celestial  
clime;  
Shorn of its beauty by the winters' blast,  
Wrapped like our brows, in hoary  
flakes of time.

Though age hath stripped the foliage from  
its limbs  
And leafless now they tremble in the  
wind,  
Where feathered songsters trilled their  
twittering hymns,  
Or winged their flight the friendly  
shade to find.

—E. CARPENTER.

## PANAMA CANAL.

The latest papers from Panama  
show substantial progress in the  
construction of the canal. The  
stone barrier at Mindi Hill, four  
miles from Colon, has just been cut  
away, after five or six years of  
work, and a clear passage is now  
open for vessels of 1,000 tons from  
the Atlantic to a point near Bojio,  
fifteen miles away. This is nearly  
a third of the total length of the  
canal. In other sections patches  
have been completed. The formid-  
able Culebra cut has been attacked  
in earnest. Electric lights have  
been established and work is going  
on night and day. The question at  
Panama is whether in spite of past  
mistakes the canal can be finished.  
We believe that it can.—S. F. Ex-  
aminer.

Four times has the White house  
been draped in mourning since Presi-  
dent Cleveland became its occupant  
—for Grant, for Hendricks, for  
Arthur and for Waite.

This item is set without spaces punctu-  
ation or any such thing come in subscrib-  
ers and be happy

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, May 4, 1888.

President Cleveland has the happy  
faculty of making good appoint-  
ments. His latest popular hit in  
this line was the nomination of Mr.  
Melville Fuller, the eminent Chi-  
cago lawyer, for chief justice of the  
United States. The appointment  
is universally conceded to be an  
excellent one; even the republicans  
join in praising Mr. Cleveland for  
the good judgment shown in making  
the selection. He will promptly be  
confirmed by the senate, and it is  
probable that the vote will be unani-  
mous.

Mr. Fuller has always been a  
consistent democrat. He was a  
delegate to the democratic national  
conventions of 1864, 1872, 1876 and  
1880. The president has been anx-  
ious to give him an office ever since  
the beginning of his administration,  
and has offered him successively  
the positions of solicitor general,  
now filled by Mr. Jenks; the civil  
service commissioner, which  
Mr. O'bery accepted; the Pacific  
railroad commissioner, to which  
Mr. Little was afterward ap-  
pointed; and the inter state com-  
merce commissioner, which  
Hon. W. R. Morrison afterward re-  
ceived. He declined all of them,  
but the last and greatest he has ac-  
cepted.

Had a foreigner stepped into the  
senate chamber on Tuesday last he  
would doubtless have been of the  
opinion that the civil war was in  
full blast. The occasion was the  
delivery of a speech by Senator In-  
galls, of Kansas, in reply to one  
made by Senator Voorhees, of In-  
diana, last week. Mr. Ingalls re-  
iterated his attack of some weeks  
ago on Generals Hancock and Mc-  
Clellan, pitched into the south in a  
much more reckless manner than  
he did when the war was actually  
going on, and finally made a vicious  
personal attack on Senator Voor-  
hees, making all sorts of unfounded  
charges against that gentleman's  
conduct during the war.

The unfortunate part of the af-  
fair was that Mr. Voorhees became  
so maddened by these attacks that  
he allowed himself to be goaded in-  
to using language unsuitable to the  
chamber of the United States sen-  
ate. The provocation was great,  
but all good democrats would have  
preferred that Mr. Voorhees had re-  
mained imperturbable. If Mr. In-  
galls and the republican party can  
afford to go into the present im-  
portant presidential campaign with  
these old and exploded arguments  
of a quarter of a century ago, the  
democrats need not object. As for  
the latter; they propose making the  
fight on the issues of to-day; re-  
venue reform and an economical ad-  
ministration of the government.  
The war is over and a new gener-  
ation of voters have been born and  
grown up. It is to these that the  
democratic party appeals for sup-  
port.

The senate committee on foreign  
relations has made a favorable re-  
port on the Chinese treaty recently  
negotiated by Mr. Cleveland. It  
will probably be ratified by the  
senate in a short time. Another  
triumph for the democratic admin-  
istration.

Speaker Carlisle with, it is under-

stood, make the closing speech on  
the democratic side in the general  
debate on the Mills tariff bill,  
which has some ten days to run  
yet.

The president has been com-  
pelled, in the interest of the public,  
to put his veto upon quite a num-  
ber of small bills of late.

It is thought that the Blair edu-  
cational bill is dead, so far as the  
present session of congress is con-  
cerned.

The senate committee on inter-  
state commerce have decided to re-  
port an entirely new bill to take the  
place of the present inter-state com-  
merce law.

A bill has been introduced in the  
senate to increase the pensions of  
soldiers and sailors who contracted  
heart disease in the service, and  
one in the house giving a pension to  
all soldiers or sailors who served  
ninety days and over, at the rate of  
one cent per month for each day of  
actual service. Should this last bill  
become a law it is estimated that it  
would require 1,500 extra clerks  
for one year to make up the rolls,  
etc., which would be absolutely  
necessary.

The house committee on terri-  
tories are trying to get the com-  
mittee on rules to report a resolution  
providing for an evening session of  
the house on Monday to consider  
the bill organizing the territory of  
Oklahoma. The passage of this  
bill is considered somewhat doubt-  
ful at this time.

A democratic caucus of the mem-  
bers of the house will probably be  
held next week to decide upon a  
line of policy to govern the accept-  
ance of amendments to the tariff  
bill.

Evidently the republicans of the  
senate would like to see the house  
in another deadlock. The direct  
tax bill, which was the cause of the  
recent trouble, has been hitched on  
as an amendment to the sundry  
civil appropriation bill, which will  
probably pass the senate.

## AN OREGONIAN IN THE EAST.

BARTVILLE, Pa., May 1, 1888.

EDITOR REGISTER:—I wish you  
to send me your paper while I am  
here, that I may know how the  
election will go in Oregon. I left  
home on the 2d of April and pro-  
cured a ticket of the O. R. & N.  
Co. via Denver to Philadelphia, and  
arrived at my destination on the  
9th. As I had been absent thirty-  
four years I found things very  
much changed. The children of that  
day are now old and grey headed,  
the old people are dead and every-  
thing is strange to me. The coun-  
try has improved very much. The  
people have built fine houses and  
barns and seem to think that they  
(both rich and poor) must live in a  
luxurious style. Since coming here  
I have to answer questions until it  
makes my head ache. It created  
quite a stir about my coming from  
the great Northwest country on the  
Pacific slope. People here have no  
conception of the magnitude of the  
western country. Tell them that  
we do not put manure on our crops  
and they look at you in astonish-  
ment, and sometimes, I think, in  
doubt that I am telling the truth,  
as they fertilize everything that  
grows, even the stones.

I attended the county demo-  
cratic convention at Lancaster City

last Wednesday. There was a light  
sprinkling of red tape, but every-  
thing was in order and passed off  
peacefully. From what I saw and  
heard President Grover Cleveland  
is the unanimous choice of the  
democracy of the old Keystone  
state for renomination, and I believe  
he will be re-elected, although the  
republicans are putting on their  
harness, with some additions of  
tow strings. The democrats are  
quietly getting ready for the can-  
vass, and it would surprise you if  
Pennsylvania should give her elec-  
toral vote for Cleveland, but events  
have happened as strange. Yours  
truly,  
JOHN C. SCOTT.

## THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

The president's nomination of  
Hon. Melville W. Fuller, of Chicago,  
to be chief justice of the supreme  
court of the United States, was to  
the public at once a surprise and a  
gratification. It was unexpected  
even by the appointee himself.  
From the representations that had  
been sent out by Washington cor-  
respondents, the public was led to  
anticipate that the late Chief Jus-  
tice Waite's successor would be an  
eastern man.

Mr. Fuller is a democrat of the  
clean and high-minded sort—a  
democrat of patriotic impulses and  
conservative tendencies—one of  
those democrats who come very  
near being republicans. He was a  
"Douglas Democrat" when the  
"Little Giant" of Illinois politics  
was in the leadership; was a "War  
Democrat" during the govern-  
ment's struggle against the south-  
ern rebellion, and his sympathies  
and convictions are in full accord  
with the principles established as  
an "arbitrament of the sword."  
Politically, therefore, he is as ac-  
ceptable as any democrat could be,  
the only wonder of his republican  
fellow-citizens having always been  
that he is a democrat at all.

As a lawyer, Mr. Fuller is recog-  
nized by the members of the bar  
and the bench of this city and state  
as among the ablest and worthiest  
men in the profession. Of fine ed-  
ucation, of gentlemanly instincts  
and culture, of an honorable and  
conscious nature, public-spirited,  
patriotic, and thoroughly versed in  
the principles of the law and in  
the philosophy of jurisprudence,  
the president could hardly have  
found in the membership of his  
own party in the entire west a bet-  
ter qualified or a more suitable in-  
cumbent for the highest judicial  
office in the government than in the  
person of Mr. Fuller. Here, where  
he is best known, his appointment  
is hailed with general satisfaction,  
not only because Chicago has been  
supremely honored, but because  
the appointment is felt to be one  
that is "entirely fit to be made."  
Chicago Journal.

## THE OLDEST CHURCH.

The first Protestant house of wor-  
ship built on this coast is the one  
in Oregon City, which has been  
used by the Methodists for many  
years and which is about to give  
place to a new building. The sub-  
scription paper for its building fund  
was dated December, 1842. The  
Presbyterian church at Clatsop, of  
which the late Alva Condit and  
wife and Father Powers and Col.  
Jas. Taylor were founders, is be-  
lieved to be next on the list.