

WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

Personal and Political Gossip About Public Men and Women of Oregon.

The position of Attorney-General Ideman that the amendments to the constitution cannot be submitted to a vote of the people, because the legislature failed to pass a bill providing for such submission, has been the political sensation of the week. The decision is more far reaching than appears on the face of it, because if the amendments are invalidated by the failure of the legislature in taking one step in the required process, they are equally invalidated if that step should be taken by the next legislature. It is clearly the reading of the constitution that amendments must be adopted by two succeeding legislatures and submitted to the people by the next succeeding legislature. This the last legislature failed to do, and no other legislature could do so far a predecessor that something which was exclusively within its province for the time being. By this line of reasoning, which is hinted at in Mr. Ideman's opinion, it is plain that the amendments are knocked out entirely. There will be no weeping, so far as the people are concerned. They are simply saved the trouble of voting upon propositions which would almost certainly be defeated, so far as they are of any importance. The amendment to guarantee the rights of colored people is unnecessary, because it is now a dead letter, and every colored man's rights are as fully protected in Oregon by the aegis of the federal constitution as they are in every Northern state of the Union. The two veto amendments which are knocked out are the one increasing the supreme court to five members, and the one giving private corporations the power of eminent domain for the construction of irrigating ditches. While some lawyers may differ from me, the state of Oregon has about as much use for five supreme judges as a freighting wagon would have for five wheels. States having five times the population of Oregon, and twenty times the wealth get a court with three judges. The luxury of a five-judge court is one the people can forego until their population has at least doubled or tripled. The apportioning of cases involving small amounts of money should be limited, and our laws should be amended so that parties can leave the final determination of the matter to the circuit judge. This is the custom in England and some of the older states, and prevents the taking of appeals by one party or the other to the supreme court when acting under the smart of defeat or sense of grievance at the decision in the lower court. The irrigation amendment was to permit the enactment of irrigation legislation which is common to nearly all the western states. But giving private corporations the right to condemn the right of way and get control of the water from public streams by exercise of the power of eminent domain will only prove destructive to the rights of the people in the long run. If water is to be monopolized for the purpose of irrigation, it ought to be done by state or county authority, and thus protect the rights of all the people. Water monopoly, like land and transportation monopoly, only ends in an aristocratic paternalism, increasing the power of the few, and driving the many into chancery.

The Eastern Oregon congressional situation has not much changed the past week. The friends of Judge Fee, of Pendleton, who recently retired from the circuit judgeship he so long and honorably held, are saying that he is not in the field. He would make a strong man for the place. The last time he ran he led all the rest of the ticket, every county in the district by a large vote from all parties. Congressman Ellis has no more active opposition now than he has had before, and when the time came for action it vanished. He had as much visible opposition two years ago at this time but it did not materialize.

It is a fact that a number of Eastern Oregon men are being mentioned right along in the press over the mountains. The only man mentioned this side is Chas. Wesley Fulton, of Astoria. J. B. Huntington, of Burns, Col. J. B. Eddy, of Portland, the State at large, R. B. Anderson, of Baker, District Attorney Raud, of Baker, ex-senator Dodson and a number of others are being tossed up in print. There is not a particle of doubt Portland will spring a man at the last hour as usual. Portland will probably leave the choice again to Eastern Oregon, if they can agree upon anyone. There are a host of fellows at Portland who would be glad of the chance and all there is in it. The men on the Oregonian staff are personally talking Fulton and predicting his nomination. If Judge Fee would come out squarely as a candidate his personal following and general popularity would change the situation. No one believes there is a particle of interest in the office but to get at the spoils. A congressman who would actually represent the people of

Portland and the second district is an undreamed of possibility. What is wanted by the managers if possible is a smooth, unobnoxious lawyer who would stand in with all the aristocratic paternalism that constitutes the political wisdom of the day. I would say in conclusion of this comment and gossip that Judge Fee was a safe, honest, fearless, economical man on the bench. Mr. Gowan, senator from Grant and Harney who was in Salem recently, said if he had to choose now he would vote for Ellis.

The following is from San Francisco Chronicle. Interesting partly from the fact that this is evidently the sort of a politician M. H. D. Young thinks he is, or the sort that one of his writers on his paper finds it profitable, pleasant and convenient to picture him: "At a political banquet held a few evenings ago a gentleman of distinction in the councils of his party was called to respond to the toast, put up interrogatively, 'What is a politician?' Without undertaking to quote or paraphrase the reply we venture upon a definition of our own. A politician is a man of education, breeding, integrity and patriotism, who consents to sacrifice a large portion of his individual effort for the advancement of the principles of government in which he believes, and which are best represented by the party with which he is affiliated. That there are so-called politicians who come far short of this standard is not to be denied, but that fact in no wise interferes with the true definition of a politician."

A man who has been employed recently at cleaning the streets of Salem was at one time justice of the peace of the capital city. It is thought by his friends that his political promotion was prevented only by his deafness. This is not the first time that a man's hearing has stood in the way of his achieving greater political greatness. It is recalled that President Harrison would probably have appointed Judge Lord to the seat on the federal bench now occupied by Judge Gilbert had he not learned almost at the last minute that the Salem candidate was a little hard of hearing. But there are worse defects in a public official than being hard of hearing so far as his physical organs are concerned. Too many men are elevated to a position as Gilbert was, who afterwards turn a deaf ear to the interests of the people, but their hearing is very good when the interests of the corporations are concerned.

Senator Mitchell appears to think that the new woman ought to have a place in the halls of congress at Washington. During the past few weeks requests were sent out to a number of public men for an expression of opinion as to the effect of such an innovation. The following was Senator Mitchell's reply: "In my judgment, the result would, viewed from every possible standpoint, be beneficial in all respects. The public morals of congress would be improved, its legislation would be elevated and liberalized in tone and character, the rights of one half of those comprising the citizenship of our country and now unfortunately and unjustly deprived of all voice in making both legislation and laws, would be better protected than they now are and an act of long-delayed justice would be done to this disfranchised class of our citizens."

It is worth noticing that the Attorney-General has rendered his opinion upon the simple written request of the Secretary of State, and appears to have given his decision entirely free from any political bias or dictation from any source whatever. This is progress in Oregon politics, and both Mr. Ideman and Mr. Kincaid are to be congratulated upon their independence and apparent feeling of responsibility to the people only. There was a time when no such important opinion could have been rendered without interference or dictation from outside political management.

Rev. H. F. Wallace, Rev. Roland D. Grant, and Rev. G. W. Graudis, of Salem, are probably the most prominent and able A. P. A. organizers in this state.

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Social Review.

BEN C. CHAPIN.
The popular and able impersonator appeared at the Reed Wednesday night, impersonating the principal characters in Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice with the utmost fidelity to each one. The audience was a large one and accorded Mr. Chapin the appreciation he deserved. The program was lengthened and varied by the recitation of an original poem, and other selections, chief among which was a short delineation of the Squeers family who conducted the "Squeers School" described in "Nicholas Nickleby."

Mr. Chapin possesses a flexible and expressive voice, together with a fine sympathy with the characters he represents, which render him the master of his work. Mr. Chapin's poems possess much real worth, and will undoubtedly receive the recognition they justly merit. Mr. Chapin is a personal friend of Prof. R. A. Heritage of Willamette, having appeared in entertainments in the east together.

It is evident that he has before him a brilliant future. Mr. Chapin has been, with Leland Powers, the world's greatest impersonator, and as he is yet a very young man he bids fair to rank first.

SURPRISE PARTY.
A pleasant surprise party was tendered to George Sanderson last Saturday evening at his home on North Cottage street. The event was very successful, as that young gentleman was taken completely by surprise, but soon recovered and entertained the young people in a royal manner. The evening was pleasantly spent in music, games and other amusements after which the participants were served delicious refreshments.

Those present were: Misses Mattie Hunt, Allie Crossan, Mamie Rundleit, Zula Hunt, Linnie Rundleit, Maud Hunt, Emily Thatcher, Lucia Cochran, and Hattie Rundleit. Messrs Arno Crossan, Wm. Fleiter, Ralph King, Chas. Gillingham, Sam. Rundleit, Fred Bowersox and John Cochran. The event was an informal farewell to Mr. Sanderson. He expects to remove with his parents, in the near future to northern California there to reside. His many friends in Salem regret to see him remove from their midst.

THE MENS' LEAGUE.
This prosperous organization of the First Presbyterian church, gave its regular monthly social in the church parlors last Tuesday evening. After the rendition of a number of songs the members engaged in a debate, the subject under discussion being "The Annexation of Cuba." The affirmative was represented by H. J. Bigger, P. H. Raymond and J. M. Martin, while Rev. A. L. Hutcheson, John Moir Sr., and J. A. Van Eaton read papers on the negative. The judges rendered a decision in favor of the latter. At the conclusion of the debate light refreshments were served and a season of social intercourse enjoyed by all present.

This organization is growing in numbers quite rapidly, having a membership of nearly a hundred and its influence is felt throughout the church.

WHIST PLAYERS ENTERTAINED.
On Tuesday evening the ladies of the Unity church entertained the ladies and gentlemen who participated in "Living Whist" as a token of their appreciation of their kindness in assisting on that occasion. A delicious luncheon was served them, and after a short social season dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Only a few were unable to be present and all united in the declaration that it was a most enjoyable event. The air of festivity was heightened by the dresses of the ladies, who wore the very becoming gowns in which they dressed in "Living Whist."

WILL BE RE-PRODUCED.
The harvest home festival of "Ceres," written by Mrs. Olive S. England, and twice presented before a Salem audience, the last time on Thanksgiving night, a year ago, will ere long be reproduced at Los Angeles.

Mrs. England is one of the women of which Oregon may well be proud. She has decided talent as a writer, and her "Ceres," as well as several others of her productions have received the commendation of able literateurs and critics.

OLD FOLKS' WHIST.
The club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Breyman, Monday night, with a full attendance, six tables being filled. There were no invited guests.

The first prizes were won by Mrs. Z. F. Moody and Mr. J. G. Wright and the "boobies" by Mrs. A. I. Wagner and Dr. Richardson.

The club will be entertained next Monday night by Judge and Mrs. C. E. Wolverton.

ILLIHEE CLUB.
The club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Willamette Tuesday evening, but no important business was transacted. Because of the failure of the present occupants of the upper story of the Burke block to vacate, the arrangements for commencing work on the rooms are not completed. It is probable that they will soon seek other apartments, when the rooms will be speedily fitted up.

SURPRISED.
Tuesday evening a large number of friends gathered for a surprise party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Banninghoff, in East Salem. The evening was pleasantly passed in games and dancing, and a delicious luncheon was served. There were about thirty present.

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DON'T FIDGET.
Don't fidget. That is one of the cardinal points of etiquette. If inclined to be restless, girls should never admit that they are entertaining or being entertained. Keep your feet still and never call attention to them by crossing your knees and thrusting your feet forward. Hobbleshoes belong exclusively to the male sex, and a girl should never be at a loss to know what to do with her hands and feet. Don't play with the tassel of a shawl, a table cover or an ornament lying close to your hand. When you are at the table learn never to touch anything until you are served and the meal fairly begun.

If you know how exasperating you are to some people, ye "nervous" girls, you'd sit still, be the effort what it would. I've seen girls who would rock back and forth in a chair so energetically that the chair, girl and all, would travel several feet across the room in a very few minutes. Then with one or two big hitches back it goes to commence again. We all know the girl who, when seated at the dinner table, will pick up her knife or fork and gently but unmistakably and to the annoyance of all drums against plate or table until she is served and has something else to do. But the men are fully as restless as the women. Not long since I saw an illustration of that fact. It was in a street car. The car stopped on the switch to wait for another one which was about three blocks distant. It was a raw cold day and every man shivered, then commenced tapping the floor with his feet, and some of them really "growled". But the women only shivered.

The men need as many lessons as the women but as this is a woman's page we cannot devote too much time to the men.

RUDE YOUNG WOMEN.
"They are a set of girls for whom I have no use," said a young lady to a gentleman friend. "Why, they are very nice," he replied. "Never-the-less I have known them to be exceptionally rude to people whom they meet on the street."

"What did they do?" he asked. "Did they make some remark audible to the person they met?"
"Yes."
"Oh!" was the reply, "they do that with everyone." And yet he said they were "nice."

The girls in question were very good looking, and they dressed richly but in good taste. Their parents were very wealthy, and they had every advantage of education and social standing, and should have been thorough ladies. But this one fault debarred them from a right to the appellation.

They walk in droves on the street, without any regard to keeping step with each other, or the rights of other pedestrians. Many a time other women have been compelled to get off the cross-walk in order to pass them at all it is their practice to make remarks about the clothing or personal appearance of those they meet. They care nothing about wounded feelings or disturbed tempers. In short, they are rude and unrefined, and evince a lack of home training and appreciation of true courtesy, though they are strictly up-to-date in all "society" usages. Yes they are society people, but to the credit of society in general be it known that they are only tolerated, and are not popular nor generally admired.

KEEP TRYING.
Do you ever try to talk about something you know nothing about? Well, don't. The result is liable to be the same as though you tried to stand on one foot in a wash bowl of water while you reach for a towel—you will slip.

Silence is the best cloak for ignorance. When you do not understand a subject, just maintain a discrete silence, and no one will be certain whether you are wise or not. Don't call unnecessary attention to yourself, and the first opportunity you have, thoroughly inform yourself upon the subject recently under discussion. That is one of the best methods of increasing your breadth of knowledge. If you'll persevere in that practice you will not always find it necessary to keep quiet.

There are few better qualities than that of perseverance. But sometimes it takes an unpleasant form. For instance, a neighbor of ours for the past five months has been practicing a certain tune on his cornet, and he can't play it yet. He makes the very same mistake every time. It is growing exceedingly tiresome to hear it every day, but one can't help admiring his patience and perseverance, perhaps he'll get it perfect some day, but he surely won't if he says "I can't." Too often do we hear that declaration. Keep trying and every success will give you additional courage to combat and overcome the next obstacle, but every time you give up you render your nature just that much weaker and more vacillating, and finally you abandon your efforts at the first difficulty encountered, and no progress is ever made.

A SALEM GIRL.
The following is a clipping from a Pullman, Wash., paper:
The Amold concert at the college chapel, last evening was a treat in a musical way, and lovers of violin music drank in the soul thrilling strains that Herr Amold brought from that much abused instrument. A fine audience greeted the participants and a more appreciative one could not have been gathered. There were eight numbers on the program, each one being encored, but "Serenade," by the soprano soloist, Miss Etta Bremer, and "Gypsy Legends" and "Yankee Doodle" with variations, by Herr Amold, received a double encore. The "Echo Song," violin obligato, was a gem. This eminent violinist visited Pullman five years ago and formed some acquaintances while here that were renewed. Altogether it was an event.

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Sentimental Tommy,

BY J. M. BARRIE.

Those who have read (and who has not?) "The Little Minister" and "A Window in Thrums" can anticipate what Mr. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy" will be. It is to be the chief novel in Scribner's for 1896, beginning in the January number.

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