

PORTLAND LETTER ABOUT PROMINENT MEN AND MATTERS

Portland, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Political gossip here have it that ex-Collector I. L. Patterson and Jack Matthews have entered the political arena and will try to organize the coming session of the legislature. It is also stated that they are laying the foundation to elect the next United States Senator from this state. They are old hands in the business and if the Direct Primary Law is to be knocked out in the United States supreme court they are experienced hands and old line politicians.

P. C. Lavey, the real estate man, has returned from a month spent in Kansas where he delivered lectures before thousands of people with stereopticon on Oregon. He has broken all records by disposing of a quarter of a million dollars worth of real estate during the past year. He did this against opposition of the Portland Real Estate Trusts. That started in to put him under the sod, but it's hard to do that trick with a live American of Irish descent.

Your correspondent met "Old Man Wiggins," better known as the father of Fred Wiggins. He is doing a nice, safe little real estate business here. He is one of the few, "dyed in the wool" church members that I have ever met who acknowledge that making the saloon business public and having licensed and regulated saloons on the open business streets, with open doors and no screens at the windows was a much better solution of the problem than prohibition as driving the traffic into the hands of bootleggers. Mr. Wiggins is an old fashioned Presbyterian and seems to enjoy life in spite of his abnormal views, which are not altogether out of harmony with common sense.

For a rollicking good time come to the Wednesday noon luncheon of the Ad Men's Club, held in the Oregon Grill. As a rule every seat is taken and the hour and a half spent in a high-toned manner, with good things to eat and plenty of fun making at the hands of the brightest wits of Portland. Chas. B. Merrick has been re-elected president and one of the treats of the next Wednesday session will be a biography of Col. E. Hofer of Salem, one of the latest additions to the membership. Some hitherto unknown facts of his life

ORIGINAL "DAYS OF GOLD" SONG

A MELODY THAT WAS SUNG BY MANY A CAMPFIRE IN THE OLDEN TIME.

It took Whitfield J. Davis, Historian of the Sacramento Society of Pioneers, eight years to collect the words of the famous old song "THE DAYS OF GOLD, THE DAYS OF '49," a title which probably more frequently than any other is used even in the East when reminiscences of the old California mining days are brought up. It was sung by "Charley Rhodes," the pioneer and popular minstrel, whose true name was Charles Hensel. He sleeps in the City Cemetery at Sacramento. The song was sung by every old Pioneer.

Here you see old Tom Moore, a relic of former days; A hummer, too, they call me now, but what care I for praise, My heart is filled with the days of old, and oft do I repine For the days of old, and the days of gold, and days of '49.

There was old lame Jess, that mean old cuss, who never would repent; He never missed a single meal and never paid a cent; But poor old Jess, like all the rest, to death did at last resign; For in his bloom, he went up the flume, in the days of '49.

will be given to the public in box car letters. I. Gevurtz & Sons are pioneer merchants of Portland. The senior has been forty years on the coast and over thirty years in Portland. He has six sons and two daughters, five of the former being in business with him. He is the pioneer and original installment merchant, and from his two large stores you can buy anything from a set of silver-ware to furnishings for a hotel and pay from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per week. To get an idea of the size of this business, up to December 1st, this firm supplied furniture for 110 hotels and apartment houses in Portland and the Northwest.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

GLIMPSES AHEAD—SKIRT NOVELTIES, BOLEROS AND ETON COATS—NEW TRAINS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Dec. 10.—It remained for a well known singer to carry the craze for plain skimped skirts to its legitimate conclusion. On a dare from a famous French dressmaker, it is said she appeared on Fifth Avenue a short time since in a meal bag dress divided at the foot after Turkish trouser fashion, but there is little likelihood of this style gaining favor here. The very latest in skirts is a veritable freak. The "uneven" skirt which is either long at the sides and shorter front and back, or reverses this arrangement. So far few have been made but that several of these should have appeared is surprising, when one knows how much stress has always been laid on having the bottom of the skirt even. It does not seem probable that this



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tes were formerly employed. For the corsage nestled in the fur muff or stole or tucked in among the feather or fur trimmings of the hat bewitching little bunches or sprays of ribbon rosebuds, or button roses nestle becomingly and many will be the pleased recipients of a "Christmas Rose" or two in this graceful form ready to be used as fancied. For the girls are busy making up lovely counterfeits of those shown in the shop at a small fraction of their cost:—since the taste and skill of their making is the main item of expense.

Lovely New Neckwear. The novelties in neckwear are many but few have caught on like the velvet straps about eighteen inches long, scattered at the ends with hanging buds made up in satin, with a wide open rose about two inches above where the ends cross and form a sort of necklace necktie worn over frilly jabots of Irish lace or embroidered linen. Neckties made of round satin piping adorned with the flowers are rather better style for older women. These finish at the front with long loops of the round satin and the same floral appendages which are often in lilac or white or old blue with green stems and calyx.

—LUCY CARTER.

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A Black Velvet Dress. A black velvet dress with the skirt cut girldle high above the waist line, and finished with a wide boxplait front and back, is topped with a rather full bolero of gray lace woven with silver thread. This is finished with a narrow trimming of ermine at the bottom and is worn with a sable and ermine scarf and muff. Black velvet is the tip of the mode for all sorts of wear from the plain tailored velveteen or corduroy to the evening gown of softest chiffon texture.

Detachable Trains. Trains are in again but they are narrow and skimped in effect, and the best ones are separate from the skirt of the dress. Like long box pleats. These are often detachable, and can be thrown over the arm in dancing in very convenient and graceful fashion.

Belts and Buckles. Beaded belts to match or contrast with the dress, and belts of brocade picked out with beads or tinsel threads, as well as buckles formed of similar materials edged with heavy tarnished cords, are leaders here, and the college girls still cling to the monogram buckles and fobs with crushed belts of velvet or oose or patent leather. Ribbon-belts and peasant girdles come in a fascinating variety of styles. All ribbon fixings are apt to take on floral forms in places where bows or roses

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