OUR OREGON LETTER.

(Special correspondence of the CHAMPION.)

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 12,1888.

My residence of a few months in Portland has been one of constant delight and surprise. Coming, as I did, from the figors of midwinter into the balmy air of spring, almost at a bound, as it were, I was so forcibly reminded of the contrast between the Pacific coast and the entire region from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic, that I am not likely ever to forget it. For weeks, even months, I revelled in delightful spring weather, and with the telegraph daily informing me of cold waves and blizzards, of snow and ice, in my former home, I watched the opening of bud and flower, saw the fruit trees burst into their bloom of white and red, and heard the cheerful voices of early summer birds, as they hopped from branch to branch of the profusion of shade trees which line the streets of this beautiful city. Already (the second week in May) spring is past and summer is upon us. The lilacs have long since disappeared, and the beautiful snowballs, whose masses of white have appealed to my eye for admiration from hundreds of well-kept lawns, have given way to roses. And such roses! The yards of the rich and poor alike are a mass of bloom; carnation, yellow, pink, cardinal, flesh, saffron, and all the glorious hues assumed by that queen of flowers, greet me at every turn. The love of flowers, evidenced by their profusion and the attention given them, speaks of culture and refinement, and in my most pleasant intercourse with the people of Portland I have found them all that their beautiful yards had led me to believe. I assure you, it was a novel experience for me to see lawn mowers in active operation in March, and to behold the Portlander in April nightly handle his garden hose with all the care and apparent enjoyment the resident of Chicago or Cincinnati would display in June or July. This matter of lawn is the Portlander's pride and one of the chief glories of this most delightful climate. The sight of green grass is not absent from the eye from one year's end to another, save, perhaps, during a few days in January or February, when the ground is covered by a light fall of snow. It is only a few weeks in the entire year that the services of the lawn mower are not required to keep in trim the constantly growing grass. This perennial green sward, with almost constantly blooming flowers, offers an opportunity for beautiful lawns and pleasure grounds, of which the people of Oregon's metropolis have not been slow to avail themselves.

In the matter of shade trees, the streets and grounds of private residences appeal strongly to every eastern man, be he a resident of the Mississippi valley, the Middle states, or of far New England. In California he sees the ubiquitous eucalyptus and others less familiar to his eye, less beautiful in form and color than those of his native forests, filling him with a sense of loneliness; but, in Oregon, and especially in the umbrageous streets of Portland, he is greeted by the familiar foliage of his childhood, by the graceful elm, the leafy maple, the sweet-scented locust, and the glistening poplar. I have been particularly impressed with the multitude of fruit trees growing in the yards surrounding the residences. Cherry trees of enormous size and wide-spreading branches now appeal most strongly to the eye, as their burden is already displaying the rich tints of the ripening fruit. Pears, apples, peaches and plums hang from the boughs of thousands of trees in an abundance that promises a crop of unusual magnitude, even in this land so prolific in nature's bounties.

[illegible] way to summer, after holding its own for nearly three months. Think of it, you who, like myself, have been accustomed to but from two to three weeks of genuine spring weather; think of a verna season extending over a period of three months, a season of bud and blossom, of leafing trees and blossoming fruit, of wild flowers and cultivated bloom, of clean, dry streets and good roads, of sunny, cheerful days and cool refreshing nights, with the air kept pure and invigorating by occasional seasons of warm and refreshing rain. Such was the spring through which I have just passed, and my earnest hope is that I may live long in this land to enjoy many another like it.

One of the pleasures of the cool, early summer in Portland is that of driving on the well-paved streets, or upon the excellent roads leading along the river, or back upon the hills lying west of the city. To the pleasure incident to riding behind a fast horse on a hard, even road, is added the constant presence of beautiful landscapes, glimpses, at times, of mountains, shading off in the distance from green to blue and purple, and culminating in the snowy masses of the Cascade summits. Along the river bank to the southward, and passing Riverview cemetery, one of the most beautifully located and carefully tended homes of the dead in America, is a most charming drive, several miles in length. It is maintained in excellent condition by the Multnomah Driving Association, composed of gentlemen owning fine roadsters, and in the now rapidly lengthening evenings is crowded with buggies, carriages, horsemen and bicycles. The word "Multnomah" is a favorite one here. It is the name of the county in which Portland is situated, and was the aboriginal title of the river flowing through the city, but which now bears the same name as the great valley—Willamette—through which it flows. Other drives lead back between and upon the hills, and in the particular that they open up to view grander scenes and more extensive landscapes, are of greater attraction. One in particular, leading to an elevation known as "Portland Heights," a beautiful residence place soon to be brought into easy access by cable cars, should not be neglected. From the brow of this verdant hill is presented a landscape the equal of which, I am confident, can not be found near any other city on the continent. With the winding Willamette and the tree-embowered city for the fore-ground; the rolling hills and valleys, clad in the green raiment of forest and field in the middle distance, while the extreme distance is filled up with the varying tints of the nearer and more remote mountains, above which rise the white crowns of five [illegible] with the snows [illegible] one of [illegible]

Began with a Sleighing Party.

(Globe.

According to the girl's defense the sympathetic relations which so long existed between her and Mr. Longley began a year ago last winter with a sleighing party. The friendship steadily grew. As spring advanced the pastor spent many hours at the residence of her mother, playing croquet and engaging in other outdoor and indoor pastimes. The intimacy became more and more pronounced. Mr. Longley's unsatisfactory domestic relations began to elicit the young woman's active sympathies, and the subject seem to have become one for their frequent consideration. A step nearer and kisses were exchanged and the stage of actual infatuation was reached. There appointments began to be made and kept. The back premises of the residence of Mr. Longley and of the house occupied by the young woman and her mother are within easy distance of each other, and meetings were arranged by interchange of signals. A sad feature of the case, according to the evidence which has been presented, is that during the absence of Mrs. Longley last summer many of these meetings took place at the pastor's own house. The young woman became hopelessly enamored and there is too much reason to fear that the passion was reciprocated with equal intensity. According to the young lady's account, the minister assured her that his wife would leave him, as she seemed to have threatened to do so, and the girl was encouraged to hope that eventually their affection might be rewarded by marriage. Then it is alleged in behalf of Mr. Longley that he made frequent efforts to extricate himself from the meshes in which he had become involved, but he feared the consequences of a violent and total severence of his relations with the girl, and thus things drifted on and on until each became so recklessly infatuated that resistance to the growth of their mutual passion almost ceased. At last the young woman's mother became so seriously alarmed by her daughter's singular conduct, her mysterious movements and fractious disposition, that she consulted with friends as to the steps that could best be taken to solve the mystery. It is said the mother's view was that the daughter had bestowed her affection upon some unworthy object and feared the gravest consequences would befall her if her folly were not checked and exposed. The mother seems to have had no suspicion of the girl's relations with Mr. Longley. As a result of the advice offered the mother in response to her solicitations, detectives were employed to watch the girl's movement, and the astounding fact of her intimacy with the minister was soon uncovered. Then came the exposure, Mr. Longley's flight from the city, followed by his wife and family, and the consideration of his case by the congregation over which he had so brilliantly presided and by the District Meeting, which for the reasons stated recommends to the Niagara Conference that he be dismissed from the ministery. The committee did not require to go behind the charges laid, and while the suspicion of criminal intimacy was not established it was unanimously held that a man guily of the weakness and folly of which Mr. Longley is convicted is utterly unfit for the pastoral charge of a Methodist congregation or to hold any connection with the Methodist ministry. It is understood Mr. Longley had hoped that he would not suffer expulsion, but that the judgment of his ministerial brethren would be such that he could resume ministerial work at Kansas City, where he is now established, or at some other opening that might present itself in the neighboring country. This, however, will be impossible if the committee's report is accepted by the Conference, and he will be obliged to seek some other means of livelihood. His wife and family are with him, but the partner of his folly is still in Toronto.

Centenarian Bibulists.

(Nineteenth Century.)

The records of centenarians prove that they may do well as total abstainers, but they may also do well who take a moderate quantity of alcohol in some form or other, and for the feeble type of constitution which is never destined to such length of days a certain moderate amount of alcoholic stimulant is, perhaps, one of the greatest blessings they enjoy. Of centenarians who certainly were not abstainers the following instances may be mentioned:—Cardinal de Salis, Archbishop of Seville, died in his 110th year in 1766, with every faculty except his hearing unimpared. He imputed his green old age to a sober, studious life, regular exercise, and a good conscience, as well as a pint of the best sherry at each meal, except in very cold weather, when he allowed himself a third more. Macklin, the actor, who lived 107 years 2 months and 10 days, up to 40 lived, his biographer said, very irregularly, drank hard, sat up late at night, and took violent exercise. Subsequent to that period he proceeded by rule. He drank tea, porter, wine, punch, and ate fish, flesh, fowl, etc., till he was 70, but he never drank to excess. His usual quantity was seven or eight glasses of wine. If ever he was provoked upon to drink more, he always took Anderson's Scotch pills going to bed at night. This (he said) kept his head from aching the next morning. He was always moderate at his meals, never abstemious. At 70 he gave up tea, because it disagreed with him, and took milk (always boiled) instead; he also had bread boiled in his milk, which he sweetened with brown sugar till it was almost a syrup. He was a great lover of eggs, custards and jellies. His drink with his meals for the last forty years of his life was white wine and water made very sweet. Mr. Lionel Tollemache quotes two instances of drunkards who lived over a century: Philip Laroque, who "went to bed intoxicated at least two nights every week till he was 100 years old," and Thomas Whittington, who lived to 107, and "was a habitual drunkard." He "never took any other liquids, as liquids, into his stomach than ardent spirits—London gin, of which compound, until within a fortnight of his death, he took from a pint to a pint and a half daily.

Going West.

The general interest that has been taken in the opening of the Montana Indian Reservations is shown by the large numbers of people who have already gone to Great Falls to investigate the mineral and agricultural resoures of that wonderful country. The low excursion rate announced by C. H. Warren, Gen. Pass. Agent of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway, takes the expense of exploring this country merely nominal, and will undoubtedly result in a still larger number [illegible] 49-3t.

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OTTAWA, May 31.—W. H. Middleton, who figured in the recent divorce case here, is now in the city on a visit to his uncle, Sir Fred. Middleton. He will return to Qu'Appelle shortly, where he will probably carry on farming operations on an extensive scale with Mr. Maurice Gifford, son of Lord Gifford, and during the rebellion one of French's scouts. Mrs. Middleton, formerly Miss Wise, is said to be in California, in which State Mr. Hamilton, it is understood, is also residing.

Go West.

No portion of the United States today offers as many opportunities for making money as can be found at Great Falls, Mont., and on the reservation just opened, in business, mining, stock raising or farming. Rates, maps, and particulars will be furnished by C. H. Warren, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. P. M. & M. Ry., St. Paul, Minn. 49-4t.

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NEWS ITEMS.

It is estimated that 105 fishermen were lost in a recent gale off the coast of Ireland.

The London Economist has some severe comments on the Canadian Budget.

The Niagara Central railway has been built into St Catherines.

The County and City of Dublin have been proclaimed under the Crimes Act.

Five men were drowned by a boiler explosion on a steamer at Quincy, Ill., on Thursday.

A large steel steamer for the Canadian Pacific Lake Superior trade is to be built in Toronto.

The Australian authorities are strictly enforcing the restrictive regulations against the Chinese.

The Pope will invite the co-operation of the European States in suppressing the slave trade in Africa.

A Rome despatch to the London Daily News says the number of Cardinals opposed to the Papal rescript was larger than had been expected.

The London Times' Rome despatches says the final audience with the Pope convinced Archbishop Walsh that the rescript must be obeyed, but that the Vatican would not make compliance needlessly difficult.

At a Baptist revival meeting in Vincennes, Ind., last week an enthusias named Flower prayed that God would rain fire and brimstone down into the congregation and burn the wicked bustles off the ladies and scorch the ungodly plumes from their hats.

The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, of Iowa, has decided that it has no right to instruct Presbyteries to refuse to license candidates for the ministry who are addicted to the use of tobacco, but adopted a strong recommendation against it.

William H. Gore, who so nearly died from a rattlesnake bite received at Alpine, N. J., on May 12, is warm in his praises of the whiskey used to cure him at the Manhattan Hospital. The doctors kept him intoxicated for a number of days. Says Gore: "I have been on as long a drunk before, but never on such good whiskey."

In the supplement to the Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Registrar-General, 1885 (page 26), it is stated, "The mortality of men who are directly concerned in the liquor traffic is appalling. Of the inn-keepers and publicans it is 52 per cent. above the present mortality of all males." It is highest of all in "inn and hotel servants."

Allen G. Thurman, the distinguished Ohio statesman, who is spoken of as likely to be placed on the Democratic ticket as candidate for the Vice-Presidency, in the ensuing election, is a Virginian by birth and a part of his boyhood was spent in his native State. An old friend who has been recalling reminiscences of him says that he used to be called "Right-angled triangle," Thurman in his youth because of his great proficiency in mathematics.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE.—The June number of The Century opens with the second of Mr. Kennan's illustrated articles, this one being on "Plans and Prisons of Western Siberia." The frontispiece of the magazine shows an exile party on a muddy road near Tiumen. The subjects treated by Mr. Kennan are "Siberia's Enormous Territory," "Varieties of Climate," "A Farming Region," "Flowers and Mosquitoes," "The Forwarding Prison," "The Hospital Wards," "The Women's Prison," "An Exile Marching Party," "The Convict Barge," etc. There is nothing more astonishing in this article than Mr. Kennan's account of the hospital wards. He says: "At last, having finished our inspection of the main building, we came out into the prison-yard, where I drew a long, deep breath of pure air, with the delicious sense of relief that a half-drowned man must feel when he comes to the surface of the water." The Lincoln History in this number contains chapters on "The Advance," "Bull Run," "Fremont," and "Military Emancipation." The authors give a remarkable letter written by Horace Greeley after the battle, before the battle Mr. Greeley having urged that the armies should be ordered "Forward to Richmond! Forward to Richmond!" In this letter, dated July 29th, Midnight, Mr. Greeley says to Mr. Lincoln: "You are not considered a great man, and I am a hopelessly broken one." He thereupon urges the President to give up the war immediately if he (the President) should conclude that the rebels "cannot be beaten." Another point of great interest in this installment is the inside view of the relations between President Lincoln and General Fremont. The last of the present series of illustrated Western articles by Mr. Roosevelt is entitled "The Ranchman's Rifle on Crag and Prairie." This, like the other articles, is accompanied by Remington's graphic sketches of Western scenes. Another illustrated article is written by Mr. Theodore De Vinne, printer of The Century, and is entitled "A Printer's Paradise: The Plantin-Moretus Museum at Antwerp." This delightful piece of well-preserved antiquity is thoroughly depicted, not only by the letterpress, but by means of Mr. Pennell's illustrations. Mr. Borroughs's appreciative article on "Matthew Arnold's Criticism," it seems, had been sent to the printer for the June Century before Mr. Arnold's death. In the same number Mrs. Van Rensselaer points out some of the errors into which Mr. Arnold fell in discussing American art. Professor Atwater's food article this month discusses the question "What We Should Eat." Among his topics are "Standards for Daily Dietaries," "American vs. European Diet," "Food and Wages," and "Reasons for Mixed Diet, etc. His paper is accompanied by portraits of von Liebig, Bernard, Playfair, and Payen. The fiction of the number includes some interesting chapters of Dr. Eggleston's novel, "The Graysons," accompanied by a picture by Miss Eggleston, wherein is depicted the young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of Henry James's "The Liar" is given; with two short stories, "Solina's Singular Marriage," by Grace Denio Litchfield, and a love story, "By Telephone," by Brander Matthews. A biographical paper is devoted by Mrs. Herrick to Colonel Richard Malcolm Johnston, the Southern story writer. A portrait of Colonel Johnston accompanies the article. In this number there is another article by Mr. Cheney on bird songs; there is also a group of poems entitled "Kansas Bird-Songs," by Miss Amanda T. Jones. There are poems also by Charles Edwin Markham, Louise Chandler Moulton, Julian Hawthorne, Frances Louisa Bushnell, Charles G. D. Roberts, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Mrs. Annie Fields, and Philip Bourke Marston. The "Topics of the Time" are "Reform in our Legislative Methods," "The American Flag for America," and "Art Revival in American Coinage." The "Open Letters" have to do with educational and other subjects. The Century has of late been constantly dealing with educational subjects.

An Indian outbreak is threatened at Oelrich, Dak.

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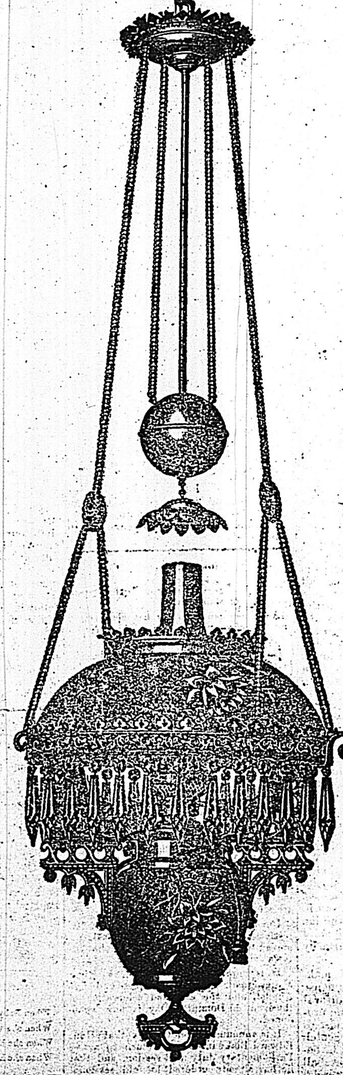

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