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SPANIARDS in Cuba now want to be Cubans. Things have changed, and the "ever-faithful isle" will try to be faithful to herself.

IN THE North Dakota legislature a bill has been presented requiring examination of applicants for marriage license by a board of medical examiners.

"PERSUASION first, power afterwards, is the Philippine program. And it is the only one commended both by humanity and by common sense."—Oregonian.

IT is said Cornelius Vanderbilt receives on an average as many as 300 letters daily. He is not bragging about it. There are quack doctors with confidential secrets to sell who get as many.

THE divorce mills of North Dakota will not grind so large a grist hereafter. A bill has been passed by the legislative body of that state requiring applicants for divorce to have been residents of the state not less than one year.

A WILLAMETTE valley newspaper advertises that a musician has a few "vacant" hours on certain days during which he can give instructions. Now if that musician can find a "leisure" room some place he can probably do business during his "vacant" hours.

GEN. WHEELER says the arguments against expansion "are very similar to those made when we annexed Louisiana, and again when Florida was annexed, and again when we annexed Texas. These were repeated when we sought to annex Hawaii." It is the general's opinion that the expansion of the present is as wise as that of the past.

A RUSSIAN engineer has invented a plan for practically doing away with friction. A little of his salve, or whatever it is, would seem to be greatly in demand just now as between the Americans and Filipinos.—San Francisco Bulletin.

If a carload of this anti-friction salve could be dumped off at the California state capitol it might prove gratifying to the newspaper reading people of that state.

It is a noticeable fact that pretty nearly every howl that is made in congress against expansion is made by the representatives from extreme eastern states. They can see no direct benefit accruing to their individual states hence they are just narrow enough to presume that all things are radically wrong that do not directly benefit the diminutive territory which they represent.

THE Oregonian very deservedly says this of ex-Governor Lord: "Oregon has had no executive of higher capacity than Wm. P. Lord. He brought to the office a clean record and high purpose; he quit the office with the credit that belongs to one who has done his duty. To great firmness of character he has added a comprehensive knowledge of the business and jurisprudence of the state."

IT GOVERNOR GEER will follow closely in the trail his inaugural message blazed out, he will prove himself a governor for ALL the people. He has said in his message that he is in favor of an economical government. That is in line with

the views of every honest thinking taxpayer of Oregon—the political boasters and bunco-steerers don't want it, but the people do—hence Governor Geer will be the peoples governor. He has laid the first stone in his economical pavement by suggesting that the present legislative body proceed to do all their necessary legislating in thirty days instead of forty—thereby saving the state \$1000 per day for ten days.

THE Ashland Tidings' bill for printing the delinquent tax list for Jackson County was \$121.50. Had the list been printed in THE MAIL, the official newspaper of the county, it would have cost not to exceed \$45. THE MAIL has repeatedly said that it wanted to see Jackson County out of debt and that it was willing to help the taxpayers do this. The Tidings has made like assertions, but the fact that it hornswoggled Sheriff Orme into publishing the list in its columns proves that the assertions were not made in good faith. Sheriff Orme is not to be censured one iota in this matter. It is true he gave this particular printing to the Tidings; it is true also that he did not know that the tax list was included in the official printing contract, which contract then existed—and still exists—between THE MAIL and Jackson County; it is further true that the Tidings did know where the tax list, according to contract, should have been printed.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY's proclamation to the Filipinos was another of those carefully worded, thoughtful masterpieces which is characteristic of our very able chief executive. After citing the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor, the success of American arms and the signature of the treaty of peace, and mentioning the fact of the United States acquiring sovereignty over the entire Philippine group, the president continues:

"We come, not as invaders or conquerors, but as friends, to protect the natives in their homes, employments and personal and religious rights.

"All persons who co-operate with the government of the United States will receive the rewards of its protection.

"All others will be brought within the lawful rule we have assumed with firmness. Municipal laws of the territory are to be considered as continuing in force and will be administered by the ordinary tribunals as far as possible. Operations of the civil and municipal government will be performed by such officers as accept the supremacy of the United States by taking an oath of allegiance, or by officers chosen as far as practicable from the inhabitants of the island."

Road Supervisors for '99.

The following gentlemen have been appointed road supervisors for Jackson County for the year 1899:

- District No 1—Jack True.
- 2—Joshua Patterson.
- 3—A. Andrews.
- 4—J. Smith.
- 5—Jas I. Fredenburg.
- 6—Fred Tice.
- 7—Geo Hoffman.
- 8—R. T. Blackwood.
- 9—Ed Farra.
- 10—C. E. White.
- 11—Geo Lynch.
- 12—G. F. Schmidtlein.
- 13—E. R. Gall.
- 14—L. A. Robertson.
- 15—John Ashpole.
- 16—John Obenchain.
- 17—Arthur Nichols.
- 18—L. G. Bayne.
- 19—Chas Hamilton.
- 20—E. W. Calkins.
- 21—Chas Fursell.
- 22—Chas Crump.
- 23—A. B. Saltmarsh.
- 24—Ous Nichols.
- 25—Thos Halsey.
- 26—Chas Owens.
- 27—M. M. Scott.
- 28—J. M. Tyler.
- 29—Cal Owens.
- 30—Wm Mayfield.
- 31—Thos F. McAndrews.
- 32—D. H. Jackson.
- 33—W. H. Peninger.
- 34—Robt Cook, Jr.
- 35—Herman Myer.
- 36—John Engle.
- 37—A. M. Wilson.

Now that alcohol has been tabooed in the army and navy of some of the leading nations of the world, the question has arisen what is the best drink with which the soldier can quench his thirst? Many distinguished Indian commanders have testified in favor of tea as a thirst-allayer when on a long march in equatorial lands. The men under the leadership of Sir Herbert Kitchener during the recent campaign in the Soudan, who were allowed no alcoholic stimulants whatever, performed their long journey through the desert on cold tea, and fought splendidly at the end of it. Tiger hunters in India, who are often subjected to intense heat in the thick jungles, invariably use cold tea as a drink. It is now proposed that our army in Cuba should be allowed to follow the example of their British brethren in arms in India and Egypt, and fill their canteens with tea instead of water.

LAW MAKERS IN SESSION.

The Oregon legislative body assembled at Salem on Monday of this week. Upon the same day the new state officers took the oath of office and were duly installed, except Governor Geer, who was inaugurated on Tuesday. President Taylor called the members of the senate to order at 10 o'clock and owing to the absence of several members an adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock.

In the house nearly all members of the house were present when Speaker Carter called that body to order. Moody, of Multnomah, moved that, in order to remove any question as to the legality of the action of the special session, a speaker be elected, and he nominated Speaker Carter, who was unanimously elected.

A resolution was passed ratifying the resolution of the special session that certain officers and employes of the special session be continued in office for the regular session.

Ben. S. Worsley, of Clatsop County, was the choice of the caucus, and, on the house reconvening, was elected sergeant-at-arms.

A resolution was passed for a joint committee to examine the books of the state treasurer.

The bill to confine the employment of clerks of both houses to forty-eight passed the house and was referred to the committee on education in the senate.

Some of the hot fights at this session will be over:

- The Portland pilotage bill.
- The school laws revision bill.
- The state fair bill.
- The normal school bills.
- The sugar bounty bill.
- The sheriff salaries bill.

Governor Geer was inaugurated Tuesday with the accustomed ceremony. The governor's message was delivered to his accustomed clear and distinct voice and it was received with repeated applause.

Some of the principal points which the governor dwelled upon and emphasized in his message are here given:

That the present session of the legislature only last thirty days, thereby saving \$1000 per day for ten days.

That the tax levy for 1899 is greatly increased owing to \$200,000 unexpected appropriations of the extra session.

That the State Stove Works be managed by private parties.

That the Reform school expense has been greatly decreased during the past two years, and the superintendent reports that a further decrease may be made in the cost of maintenance during the ensuing two years.

That the wooden building now occupied by the farmer at the Reform school be converted into a girls' reformatory.

The soldiers' home board ought to be abolished. The executive should appoint the commandant, upon whom would devolve the duty and responsibility of the management of the affairs of the institution, subject to supervision by the governor, who would make regular inspections, through some member of his staff, thoroughly qualified for duty.

Favors the normal schools, university and agricultural college.

All road taxes should be paid in money, and the present system of working out road taxes at extravagant wages under supervisors, often selected without reference to their qualifications, should cease.

Consolidation of the deafmute and blind schools.

A registry law.

Limit appeals in the supreme court to \$500.

Abolish state salary of district attorneys.

Two-third or three-fourth of a jury to give a verdict in civil cases.

A commission to revise criminal laws.

The Soldier Boy at Home.

When the soldier boy, still in camp, came home on a two-days' furlough his blithe sister scared up a tin plate somewhere, which she set at his place at the table with a tin cup beside it. She wanted to have it look natural, she said. And the soldier boy laughed, and said the plate was all right, but he didn't want to drink out of a tin cup. The basis of this feeling could not even be guessed by the boy's father, who had himself in other days carried a tin cup tied to a haversack; but he didn't ask about it, nor did anybody else. They gave the boy a china cup, as they would have given him anything else they had for the mere asking. And before the food was brought the blithe sister removed the tin plate and substituted for it the best china plate that the house contained. And then they fed him on the fatted calf. They'll bring out all the crockery and kill the whole menagerie when the boy comes home.—N. Y. Sun.

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County School Notes.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.

We hear that the Geld Hill school has been afflicted with the measles. Whooping cough, measles, etc., ought to come in the summer vacation.

District No. 64 is enjoying a winter term of school in charge of Olena Holman. Miss Holman seems to be in demand—scarcely closing one school before she is wanted at another.

District 14 has ordered forty-five volumes for their school library. There is not a poor volume in the lot and we predict much good to the district as a result of this sensible movement.

District No. 7, Nell district, is soon to have an entertainment for library purposes. That district has the reputation of doing well, whatever is undertaken, so we expect to hear of good results from this effort.

Jacksonville school resumed work last week, Wednesday, with an encouraging attendance. Under the direction of Prof. Horton an effort is being made to arouse interest in music. This is right and he will succeed. Music should be taught in every school. Other things being equal teachers who can do this should be employed.

In many districts in the county there is no dictionary. This serious defect should be remedied in every case at the beginning of next school term. Nothing but the Webster's International should be procured for any of the county districts. The reprints of Webster's old edition is not good and should not be used. Any dealer will procure the latest, or the county superintendent will do so at the lowest rate possible.

There are more than fifty teachers in the county who will not be engaged in teaching until spring terms open. What shall be done with the intervening three months? The wise teacher who expects to continue in the work will spend a part of the time in developing more teaching power. This may be done by reading good school journals and books on the subjects to be taught; but the really progressive teacher can and will do more. Good reading outside the lines required should be done. Let every teacher prepare to give short talks to pupils on interesting and profitable subjects. Decide that you will give not less than ten of these during the next term, then make the preparation at once to fulfill your decision. Every teacher should spend at least one day—better a week—in visiting the different grades of one or more of graded schools and carefully observing and noting down those features which may be of use in future work. Any visiting teacher would receive a hearty welcome from every teacher in the graded schools.

The following program for the local institute at Central Point this week, Saturday, is full of good topics and should attract the attention and secure the presence of every teacher within reach. Prof. Barnard extends a cordial invitation to all school boards in the vicinity and hopes that many will attend all or at least a part of the session. Session begins at 9 o'clock. Teachers be prompt:

- PROGRAM.
- "Introductory Physiology"..... Stella Siddham
- Leader in discussion..... Mrs. A. J. Hanby
- "The Recitation"..... Ellen Hursell
- Leader in discussion..... Roberts Rippey
- "Rhetorical Exercises in the Public Schools"..... N. A. Jacobs
- Leader in discussion..... P. M. Corum
- AFTERNOON SESSION.
- "Science in the Public School"..... A. J. Hanby
- Leader in discussion..... J. M. Horton
- "Advanced Reading"..... Emma Coleman
- Leader in discussion..... P. H. Daily
- "Methods in Language—Intermediate and Primary Grades"..... Emma Coleman
- Leader in discussion..... Anna Clemente
- "Music in Public Schools"..... G. A. Gregory
- Question Box.

The State Tax Levy.

The state tax levy for 1899 will be 5 7-10 mills against 34 mills for 1898. This decision was reached by the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer at a meeting held in Salem, Thursday, when they inspected the summaries of assessment rolls of all the counties in the state, which they obtained at the secretary of state's office. The amount expected to be raised is about \$750,000. The increase in this year's levy over that of last year is due to unexpected items in the general appropriation bill passed at the special session of the legislature, including \$41,000 for the legislature, of 1897, which did not organize; \$33,000 for the purchase of the branch asylum site at Union; \$25,000 for the replacing of the burned buildings of the state agricultural college at Corvallis, and \$15,000 for the expenses of the Oregon commission at the Omaha exposition. The total taxable property of the counties of the first judicial district is as follows: Jackson, \$4,478,621; Josephine, \$1,141,889; Klamath, \$1,626,124; Lake, \$1,469,503.

Among the Churches.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Divine services will be held in St. Marks Church on Sunday evening, Jan. 15th. A cordial invitation to all.

ISAAC DAWSON.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Second quarterly conference next Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Services at 7:30 p. m. and the usual services on Sunday.

E. F. WILSON, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH. The services at the M. E. Church for next Sunday are as follows: Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor will not be absent from his pulpit as was announced last Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend our services.

H. N. ROUNDS, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Sin—Its Nature, Origin, Effect and Consequences." The evening sermon will be the second in a course of sermons on "O. T. Types of Character."

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. The special revival meetings in progress this week will continue over next Sunday. No service Saturday evening. The steadily growing audiences, and the excellent attention given to the sermons indicates that Elder McCullough's preaching is interesting the people, and will not be in vain. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

O. J. GIST.

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Groceries..

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Special Attention to Commercial Men

The torpedo boat Davis reached Mare Island last week from Portland. It took her two weeks to make the trip owing to rough weather.

A wall of a building being erected at Visalia fell recently burying five workmen. One, Harry Hughes, was killed and the others seriously injured.

Continued shipments of dried fruit are being made from Suisun to Hamburg, Germany. This year's shipments are far in excess of previous years, showing the demand for California products is on the increase in foreign markets.

—In THE MAIL's wood yard there is still room for a few more tiers of GOOD stove wood. Subscribers, new or old, wishing to fix themselves on our books for any length of time can do so by bringing in wood.

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