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SIX years suspension is the penalty President McKinley has imposed upon Commissary-General Eagan.

WITH President McKinley at one end of the line and Dewey and Otis at the other there are few nations that will undertake to knock the Philippine chip off our shoulder.

THE practicing physician who openly advocates the passing of that outrageous and decidedly inhuman doctor bill will have ample leisure from this date on for regrets.

"THE spots on a man's reputation look about ten times larger to others than to himself," says an exchange. True, brother, and the spots on what little reputation some of our legislators have has ossified their whole carcasses. For example those fellows who fathered and fostered the doctor bill, the hatchery graft and divers others of that ilk.

"DOUBLE my order for ammunition" was the last sentence in a cablegram from Dewey. There is something convincing in every utterance of that man Dewey. The above quoted sentence will undoubtedly convince Filipinos that they are not monkeying with Spanish band wagons—and that things which once were are not now what they then seemed.

AGONCILLO took a very hasty departure from Washington when he learned that General Otis and Dewey were whipping the stuffin' out o' his fellow countrymen over in the Philippines, and he hit only the high places between that city and Montreal, Canada. Agoncillo is from a hot country but the temperature about Washington he figured was decidedly too "warm a number" for him.

A DOCTOR'S prescription for a corn plaster, a little carbolic salve for a cut on baby's finger, or arnica for a sprained wrist would be a very desired condition of affairs, now wouldn't it? If Oregon representatives did not have more sense than Oregon senators have one might seriously contemplate such a condition, but that bill will never draw more than two breaths in the house. THE MAIL publisher has never knowingly violated a law of the land but he stands ready to violate every section of that doctors' graft and to ostracize every physician whom he knows is favoring it.

THE main plaza of San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the morning of December 9, saw a strangely unwonted sight—the presentation of American flags to the various schools of the city. Principals, teachers, scholars—even the small lads of the orphan asylum—all were there. Marching at the head of each school was a youthful and—who can doubt?—supremely proud bearer of the standard—the emblem of new hopes, aspirations and wider possibilities. There are, it is stated, 600 schools—public and private—on the island, and to each a flag is to be given. Is it too much to hope that, in due season, childish voices will make its significance vocal in mind and heart?

THE mayor of Minneapolis, Minn., James Gray, was formerly a newspaper man but at this he was not a success—that is, his business was not a success—he may have been but his patronage went a glimmering. As the result of Jim's hot paragraphs, so many subscribers stopped the paper that it suspended publication the next spring. Everybody except the man written up liked to read the stuff when it was on the other fellow, but as the town was small he soon got around and there were no subscribers left. The hot paragraph man is always in demand by some but his territory must of necessity be a whaling big one else his material run short.

Probable Colony for Southern Oregon

From Sunday Oregonian.

"A colony of 'Christian Social Economists' is seeking a tract of 5000 acres of farming land in Oregon, upon which to locate. Three agents of the colony are now in Portland, having just returned from Rogue river valley, where they have a tract in view near Medford. These advance agents are registered at the St. Charles as J. C. Zimmerman, Milwaukee, Wis.; H. Heibert, Mountain Lake, Minn., and Julius Schubach, Chicago. They think they prefer Southern Oregon to any other portion of the state they have yet seen, as the fruit trees there seem devoid of moss, which suggests that there is less rain in that part. Besides this the price of land in Rogue river valley comes nearer the figures they have set their hearts on—$5 an acre. They think they can buy 5000 acres, partially improved, and all in one body, at that price.

"The colony comprises forty families, about 200 persons in all, and the members are socialistic in their tenets. Each member will have an equal share in the colony's earnings and profits, and bear equally the burden of what losses may occur. The headquarters of these people is at Alleghany, Pa., where they publish a monthly periodical, the 'Ant-Sickel.' The members of this particular colony, however, are scattered through various Mississippi valley states and are mostly Germans or of German extraction, though as Mr. Zimmerman expresses it, they are all Americans now.

"The spokesman of the party says they encountered an adobe section in Southern Oregon which nearly stopped their progress. The wheels of their hired hacks gathered great chunks of the soil, which was filled with stubble-field straw, and it became necessary to stop and clean the wheels off with a fence rail about every two wagon lengths they traveled. The horses' hoofs gathered the adobe to the size of pillows, and when the colonists got out to clear the obstructions they were as so many flies on sticky fly-paper. This did not discourage them, however, as they had good evidence of the productiveness of the soil, in the fields all about them, and the adobe only acts that way when dampened to a certain consistency.

"They were in Minnesota looking for land before they came here, and could get improved farms for $5 an acre, but the climate of that state is considered too rigorous, though they feel the present little cold snap in Oregon pretty keenly. They were surprised when told that these chill periods may be ten years apart out here. The visitors leave today for The Dalles, where they are going to look over some lands for sale in Wasco County."

J. S. Howard, of this city, was out in the country with the above named gentlemen and showed them land in the Table Rock and Eagle Point country. Owing to the bad roads he was unable to visit several localities which he wished to but the visitors were well pleased with what they saw and chances are more than even up that they will be here again and the next visit will be for an investment.

Funds for a Soldiers' Monument.

Glenn O. Holman, of Portland, was in the city Tue day, looking after the interests of the fund to erect a monument in memory of the Oregon soldiers, who died during the recent war. It is a worthy object and should be assisted. He secured about fifty subscribers in Medford. The following circular letter explains itself:

TO THE PUBLIC:—A meeting was held not long since in Portland to take steps to raise funds to erect a monument in memory of the Oregon soldiers who died during the recent war with Spain. Gen. Chas. F. Beebe is chairman and M. D. Wisdom is secretary. One committeeman has been selected in each county. The undersigned has been selected in this county. I propose to get a local solicitor in each school district to solicit funds for the monument. If you can not act will you get some one to do so?

You can say to the people that it is the plan of the committee to make this a popular subscription by getting 25 cents from each person.

You will have each person contributing to write or have his or her name written down on the list with their postoffice address. When you have canvassed your vicinity send the names and money direct to M. D. Wisdom, Secretary Soldiers' Monument Committee, Room 8, Hamilton Building, Portland, Or.

Each person who contributes 25 cents will in a short time receive by mail a special monument edition of a new history of the U. S. worth their money. We want to hurry the matter so as to have monument erected so that the soldiers when they come home can dedicate it. If there are funds enough a nice picture of the monument will be made and a copy placed in every schoolroom in the state. The place where the monument will be erected has not yet been selected.

The character of the monument will be determined by the sum raised. We want Jackson County to do its share.

Very Respectfully,
G. A. GREGORY,
Committeeman for Jackson County.

The Two Medford Bills Introduced.

We publish below two bills which have been introduced in the legislature which appertain to matters which interest only Medford people.

The first bill here printed provides for an extension of the boundary lines of the city. While all the city's boundary lines are given, the only lands effected by the amendment act are those situated east of Bear creek and known as "East Medford." The bill has passed the house and will probably come up in the senate today or tomorrow:

Beginning at the southeast corner of section 25, in township 37 south, of range 2 west, in Jackson County, Oregon, and running thence west 60 chains; thence north 80 chains to the north line of section 25, in said township and range; thence west on said north line 646 feet, more or less, to the center of the county road; running northeasterly along the northwest side of what was formerly Johnson's addition to the town of Medford, hereinbefore mentioned; thence northeastwardly along the center of said county road to the southwest corner of the John S. Miller donation claim; thence east along the county road to and one chain east of the east bank of Bear creek; thence southward parallel with and one chain distant east from said creek to a point on the north line of the S. Childers tract; thence north 80 degrees, east 800 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of the W. Angle tract; thence east 1350 feet to the east line of the R. E. Packard donation land claim, number 42; thence south 690 feet to the southeast corner of said claim; thence east 434 feet along the north line of the N. B. Evans donation claim; thence south 674 feet to Lindley's southeast corner; thence south 78 degrees, west 1006 feet; thence south 495 feet to J. S. Hagey's southeast corner; thence north 78 degrees, west 250 feet; thence south 54 degrees 30 minutes west to the south side of the east end of East Twelfth street; then south 25 degrees 15 minutes east along the county road 13.60 chains to J. D. Whitman's northeast corner; thence south 72 degrees 30 minutes west 36.30 chains, more or less, to the west line of donation land claim number 44, in township 37 south, of range 1 west, of the Willamette meridian in Oregon; thence south along the west line of said donation claim to the south line of section 30 in last mentioned township and range; thence west to the place of beginning.

The other bill which here follows has also passed the house but not the senate:

That the board of trustees of the Town of Medford in Jackson County, Oregon, are hereby empowered and authorized to borrow money on the faith o the town, or the credit thereof, or both, and to that end provide for the issuance of bonds and warrants for any purpose which in their judgment is beneficial to the interests of said town, and to designate the manner and the time for the payment thereof and the interest thereon; provided, that the amount of said bonds and warrants so issued, shall not at any time exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and provided, farther, that the interest on said bonds shall not exceed six per cent, per annum, and that all moneys received by said town for the sale of said bonds, shall be applied to the payment of the indebtedness, including the payment and the refunding of the $20,000 of outstanding water bonds of said Town of Medford, and all outstanding warrants of every nature whatever heretofore issued by the board of trustees of said town; and also for the purpose of constructing water mains, improving water works, providing for electric lights and the building and construction of sewers and for other useful purposes pretaining to the interest and benefit of said town; and provided, further, that the total indebtedness of the said town of Medford shall not in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars.

Before the indebtedness of said town shall be increased under the terms of this act, the proposition for such increase shall be submitted to a vote of the legally qualified voters of said town, and shall require a majority vote only for such proposed increase; and in no case shall any issue of town bonds be made or authorized without such vote.

All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Echoes From the Street.

Horace Nicholson:—"Dick Blackwood says there are fully a dozen China pheasants up near Talent. These are from the few birds which Rev. Fisher liberated in that locality a couple of years ago."

Court Hall:—"I believe, judging from the several reports, thas there are now fully fifty China pheasants scattered over the valley. Some of these are up near Talent, others at, or near Tolo, some more out on Frank Morine's place, at Table Rock, and John Barneburg has seen three near his place."

P. B. O'Neil:—"I came up from the mines near Leland Sunday. This cold snap was a cincher on miners. We were everlastingly washing out the gravel but Saturday morning everything was frozen solid and we were compelled to shut down. We have made no clean-up as yet but we have enough gold in sight to convince us that the clean-up, when it is made, will prove very satisfactory. I was told before I left that there were fifteen feet of snow in the mountains, near where our ditch heads. Yes, the mountains pretty generally are well filled with snow. A couple or three days of warm weather and the pipes will be started again."

Advertised Letter List.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Medford postoffice on February 8, 1899.

Howell, A L (2) White, J D

A charge of one cent will be made upon delivery of each of the above letters.

Persons calling for any of the above etters will please say "Advertised."

M. PURDIN, Postmaster.

County School Notes.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.

Nellie Towne, of Phoenix, has been engaged for a term of school in the Table Rock district, to begin February 27th.

Extra blanks for census reports did not reach us from Salem, so have sent in another order. Hope to have them in time for any who need them.

Before the annual school meeting in March some changes affecting voters may be made by the legislature. If so attention will be called to the changes.

Carrie Sackett has been engaged to teach the spring term in North Phoenix district to begin March 6th. She succeeds her sister who taught there last fa.l.

The question, "Can any one not a free-holder be a legal school officer?" has been asked. Any person who is a legal voter at a school meeting is eligible to any office in the district.

The next local institute will be at Jacksonville the latter part of February. There are a number of teachers within easy range of that point who are especially invited to be present.

"Can a tax voted at a special meeting, the notice of which was posted and records kept by a clerk who had ceased to be legally qualified, be collected?" We think it can. The notice having been posted by order of a legal board it is of minor importance who tacked it to the tree or on the school house door.

We once heard of a teacher who in making application for a position wrote a business like letter, and enclosed a stamp for a reply. She received the reply she wanted. We know of another who in writing used poor English, misspelled three words and did not enclose a stamp. We understand that no reply has yet been sent.

The W. C. T. U. of Ashland believes that one good turn deserves another. Hearing of the generous act of district No. 7, in giving the proceeds of their library entertainment to help a worthy young man who is blind to secure treatment that may restore his sight, they have donated several volumes to help start a library in that district.

One of the best school officers in the county in a letter full of good ideas, among other things, asks if we have read the article in the Ladies Home Journal for February entitled, "The Murder of the Modern Innocents," by Mrs. Lew. Wallace. We have and wish that every teacher and patron in the county would read it. A copy can be had for ten cents if your neighbor has none.

A visit in the Talent school left the impression that the school is in charge of two teachers who are not only anxious to secure good results but know how to do it. Sickness is interfering with regular attendance so that some pupils find it difficult to keep up with classes. The teachers were doing what they could to help such keep in touch with the work. Some rumors, concerning improvements to be made in the school building, were gladly heard. There is imperative need of better seating for the whole building and we believe the people will provide for it in the near future.

Last Friday evening the pupils and patrons of district 73, under the skillful leadership of the teacher, Miss Homes, gave an entertainment for school library purposes. The little folks were prepared with a number of songs, recitations and drills which they rendered to the edification and delight of the audience. Miss Warner, from the Neil district, assisted with two solos and a duet with Miss Homes. The gramaphone manipulated by the superintendent was one of the attractions and received the hearty approval of the delighted listeners. Pupils in that district will soon have some good books for spare moments.

The following four rural districts have libraries in hand or under way: Willow springs, Independence, Belleview and Neil. Several others are making plans and have consulted with the superintendent regarding assistance with the gramaphone. In the towns, Medford has an excellent foundation for a general library and through the energy of Prof. Narregan the Warner library of thirty volumes and the Students Encyclopedia have been added. Ashland doubtless has the best school and literary reference library in the state south of the one at the state university, and now they are to put $60 more into it. Gold Hill has started with the Students Encyclopedia and is preparing for more. Jacksonville and Phoenix are on the way, and we have heard a rumor about Central Point. Jackson County is coming to the front rapidly.

Among the Churches.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

The meeting will continue through the week. Services Sunday morning and evening. Sunday will close the series of revival services at that place.

E. F. WILSON, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Services next Sunday as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; communion, 12 m.; Junior C. E., 3 p. m.; Senior C. E., 6:30 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m.

O. J. GIST, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Morning subject, Feb. 12th—"The Vicarious Atonement." In the evening the subject will be "Solomon, the Philosopher, Rich Man and Statesman. All are welcome. Evening service begins at 7:30.

Taken Up.

On or about the 25th of December 1898, there came onto my premises, near Prospect, a red cow about 10 years old, crop off right ear and slit in left. Branded on left hip with inverted horse shoe and bar. Owner is hereby notified to call, take property and pay charges.

R. W. GRAY.