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The news from Pekin has evidently been Shanghaied.

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The white man's burden is getting somewhat strenuous in these days.

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Roosevelt, (loq.)—No pent up front porch confines my powers: a whole unbounded continent is mine.

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Yes, yes, the weather is too hot for working in the blazing sunshine. But it is just about right for golf.

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It is to be hoped that the Sultan is not too much interested in events in China to remember about that little bill of ours.

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It seems that the battery sent from Manila to Taku has no guns and little ammunition. Is it possible that the fool mistakes of the Spanish war are to be repeated?

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Bryan may be wrong, but he certainly has a backbone. If he said something was "plain duty," he would eat nails to see that it was done. The question is whether the country would prefer him to a man who is "amenable" to reason.

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General Miles wants to go to China and it is probable that he will be allowed to do so. No gain of military glory nowadays could possibly make him a candidate for the presidency this fall.

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The Christian Scientists are trying to save Mrs. Conger, a sister of their faith, by means of "absent treatment." It is to be feared, however, that absent treatment will stand a poor chance against present force.

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Mr. Astor, it is said, has taken offense at his exclusion from English society and will return to the United States and become naturalized over here again. This is all right for Great Britain but has Mr. Astor thought of what he is imposing on this country.

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It is too bad. Here is Neely using up his half the postal receipts of Cuba in paying expenses while he waits to be extradited, and there is the government spending the half that he allotted to it, in arranging for his extradition and yet nothing comes of it all.

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Last year the wheat crop was large but the total price it brought was less than that of some former years when it was smaller. This year it will be still larger but the farmers want to know what its price will be before committing themselves.

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Time was when the church counseled peace and protested against nations going to war for revenge. But nowadays, the religious bodies which have missionaries in China are leading in the cry for vengeance. Believer and agnostic, Christian and pagan, we are pretty much the same when anybody tramples on our toes.

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There are two periods at which the American voter cannot be depended upon to stick to his old political opinions—when he has a full dinner pail and when he has an empty one. Either gives him time to study over the situation and may therefore cause him to change sides. But when his pail is half full, he is too busy to think.

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The Woodburn Independent says: "The Oregonian pretended to be against McKinley in order to secure a large list of democratic and populist subscribers, so that it could have the right sort of an audience at the proper time. Financially and otherwise, its tactics met with much success. It is now sizing up Bryan for the benefit of its numerous readers, and especially for the edification of the new subscribers." Oh, rats. The Oregonian has the subscribers because it furnishes the news, and that's what readers want. There are hundreds and hundreds of men who damn the Oregonian for its independent and free expression of opinions and yet pay their money for the privilege of reading what "Uncle Harvey" writes. Its readers comprise all classes, and populists and democrats are not the least.

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The Sunset Telephone company's failure to reach a settlement of the strike of its employes, with consequent poor service to patrons, has led many business houses at Seattle to order their phones removed and to employ bicycle messengers. Resolutions adopted indicate that the business men are not pleased with the company's course, but side with the girls who are out.

The Oregon senatorial campaign is opening up early this year, with several candidates in the field. Besides Senator Geo. H. McBride, who is a candidate for re-election, there are Binger Herman, and H. W. Corbett, who would like the honor.

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W. W. Wade, of Enterprise, claims the record for a large hay stack. It is 24 feet wide, 30 feet high, and 340 feet long, and is claimed to contain approximately 750 tons. The WEST SIDE's mathematician says such a stack would contain only 478 tons.

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The victory at Tien Tsin has been immensely valuable in arousing caution in China. Already the Boxers have learned that civilization strikes hard and promptly when occasion demands it.

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A fair specimen of what the yellow papers sell to the public as news is the many stories of massacre purporting to be specials from Shanghai, but written in back rooms in New York.

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At the present time the United States has more war-ship tonnage under construction than ever before in the history of the country in time of peace. The new vessels building or authorized include seventy of all classes, twelve of which are battle-ships, six armored cruisers, nine protected cruisers, four monitors, sixteen torpedo-boat destroyers, fifteen torpedo boats, seven submarine gunboats and one lake boat.

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The Oregonian says that it doesn't place a high value on the appeal for the "unsuspecting victims of the gambler." These "victims" may keep away from the gambler, if they desire. But they hunt up "the game of robbery" because they hope to be the robbers themselves. Then the pitiful cry is raised that they are undone. The so-called "unsuspecting victim" is just as much in fault as the man who "runs the game," and quite as dishonest. The man who wants a hand in vice will always find his opportunity.

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The Statesman suggests that since the enactment by the Salem city council of the new bicycle ordinance, for the information of transient as well as resident wheelmen the city authorities should indicate, by clearly painted signs or other means, conspicuously displayed, the sidewalks from which cyclists are prohibited. In the absence of any sign of warning, scarcely a day passes but wheelmen are seen speeding over forbidden territory. Signs could be established at the proper points similar to those already in use and the disposition on the part of the small boy and some of his larger brothers to displace them could be effectively overcome by severely punishing the first lad caught in the act.

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Forest Fires.

Circulars have been sent out by Binger Herman, commissioner of the general land office, calling attention to an act of congress, amending the act to prevent forest fires on the public domain, approved February 24, 1897, and calling on all officials of the general land office to report promptly all violations of the provisions of this law. The act as amended provides:

"That any person who shall willfully or maliciously set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any timber underbrush, or grass upon the public domain, or shall leave or suffer fire to burn unattended near any timber or other inflamable material, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed $5000 or be imprisoned for a term of not more than two years or both.

"Sec. 2. That any person who shall build a fire in or near any forest, timber or other inflamable material upon the public domain shall, before leaving said fire, totally extinguish the same. Any person failing to do so shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof in any district court of the United States having jurisdiction of the same shall be fined in a sum of not more than $1000 or be imprisoned for a term of not more than one year or both."

State Fair.

Unless all signs are deceptive, the state fair will this year approach nearer the accomplishment of a comprehensive exhibit of all the industries of Oregon than has been attained in any previous year, and consequently will be of more value both to the visitors and to the exhibitors. The directors are making earnest efforts to bring about such a result, and the prospects are their work will be crowned with success.

It is desirable that every county in the state should have a good exhibit. The people of all the counties are taxed to provide the appropriation for the fair, and therefore all of them should take advantage of it to make their resources and their industries known to the commonwealth. Certainly they will have only themselves to blame if they do not, for a special appeal has been made to them to profit by the exceptional advantages provided for such exhibits this year.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., July 23.

"Americans, Japanese and Chinese fighting side by side against Europeans for the maintenance of the Chinese Empire, is one of the possibilities of the near future in China," remarked an European member of the Diplomatic Corps. That is probably an extreme view, but it is certain that the European powers, whatever may be their professions, wish to divide China among themselves, while the U. S. and Japan would prefer that the Chinese Empire remain as it is.

The situation in China at this time so far as we know, is largely a matter of opinion. Officials believe that the message received from Minister Conger, saying that himself and other foreign ministers in Pekin, were safe, although much in need of assistance, was genuine, while nearly everybody else regards it with suspicion and not a few as being a bit of Chinese trickery. The one bit of absolute fact in sight is the disappointing cablegram from Admiral Remey, saying that the allied forces would not begin the march to Pekin before the middle of August, owing to lack of harmony among the allies. General Chaffee will probably arrive at Taku early next week, but he can do little without the assistance of others, as he will have less than four thosand men.

Americans do not monopolize imporant industrial discoveries and inventions. The U. S. Consul General to Germany, in a report to the Department of State briefly describes a new and successful method of welding cast iron pipes, tramway rails, etc., which is both cheap and simple. The process is thus described in the report: "Briefly stated it consists in mixing powdered aluminum with oxide of iron and adding to it an easily ignitable substance. This powder is put into a clay crucible and ignited by a match. The resulting chemical action renders the mixture liquid, and this liquid is then poured around the place to be welded, the object assumes a white heat and the welding is done by a very simple apparatus. The welded places show the same firmness as the original piece, and manifold application of the method is possible."

When the present plans of the Navy Department are carried out, there will be about 4,006 Marines in China to act in concert with the army forces. This will not only be the largest force of American Marines ever on foreign soil at once, but will be the largest force of American marines ever assembled at any one place. The full authorized strength of the Marine Corps is 6,000 and special efforts are now being made to recruit up to the limit.

Mr. C. Tower, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, who is so unfortunate as to be away from his important post at this particular time on vacation, arrived in Washington a day or two ago. He left St. Petersburg before the Chinese trouble had resulted in the attacking of the foreign ministers in Pekin. He doubts the stories of Russia's intention to declare war on China and go it alone, and believes that the powers will act together. He thinks that this government will necessarily be a sort of umpire in all disputed questions that may arise among the allies or between the allies and the Chinese government, because it is the only government which possesses the unreserved confidence of all others, and which is regarded by all as being absolutely without selfish motives in its policy towards China. Mr. Tower said of the Trans-Siberian Railway, which the Russian Government will complete in two years: "Americans will profit much by the commercial field it will open to them, although Vladivostock is to be the real end of the road, another terminus will touch Dalney on the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, near Port Arthur. That will be a free port, and a stretch of territory around it is to be set apart for the use of manufacturers desiring a base for manufacturing the products imported there from the rest of the world. That means a great opening for American materials."

The official announcement that this government will get out of Cuba as soon as the Cubans get a government of their own and that the election for delegates to the Cuban Constitutional convention, which will construct the framework of that government will be held in September seems to dispose of all the stories about this government encouraging the annexation movement. That annexation will eventually come is the opinion of many of those who have deeply studied the matter, but it now looks as though it would not be until after the Cubans had full opportunity to go it along long enough to determine for themselves.

If Mr. W. W. Rockhill, who has been given a diplomatic commission as special envoy, ranking something like an Ambassador, and ordered to proceed to China at the earliest possible moment, can't get information in China, which is what he is to go after, probably no outsider can. He is one of the few white men who can speak and write the Chinese language thoroughly.

HOPS.

R. A. Crossan, the well known Salem hop buyer, says the Statesman, has just returned from North Yakima, Washington, where he has been for a month in the center of the Eastern Washington hop-growing district. While in the Evergreen State, Mr. Crossan made the purchase of about 150 bales of the 1899 crop and made several contracts with individual growers for this year's crop.

In discussing the hop situation in the section he visited, Mr. Crossan says the 1899 crop has been practically all sold, there being less than 150 bales in the state. Many 1900 hops have been contracted at 10 cents although a few contracts were written earlier in the season at 9 cents. He says the Washington hop growers have not yet shown a disposition to contract for the reason that they are all very busy harvesting their crops which are unusually good this year.

Mr. Crossan thinks the prospects for a crop in the Yakima section this year are good although he expects there will be a falling off of probably 1000 bales in the yield over that of last year which is estimated at 15,000 for that section. The yards have attained about the same growth as the Oregon crop, the hops just going into the bur. Extremely warm weather has prevailed in Eastern Washington for the past few weeks, which has quite completely exterminated the few lice that had appeared and the yards are now practically free from all lice.

Many hop growers in the Yakima district have become discouraged with hop raising and are very generally abandoning the work and embarking in the dairy business which is being quite successfully introduced in that agricultural section. Mr. Crossan estimates that from 5 to 10 per cent of the hop acreage in the vicinity of Yakima has been plowed up, which is responsible for the prospect of a reduced yield this year.

Reports from Western Washington are that the 1900 crop will be about the same as for last year. In that section spraying is being more generally and thoroughly prosecuted than in other sections. The total yield for Washington this year is estimated at from 30,000 to to 35,000 bales.

The hop situation in New York is backward, which gives promise of a shortage that will materially increase the price of Oregon hops. The condition in New York state is given in the following letter received by Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey from C. Hunting, Commissioner of Agriculture of New York:

"Will you write me at the earliest moment consistent with your knowledge of the facts, the condition of the hop crop of your state for 1900: First, as to quality; second, as to the number of bales.

"The prospects for the crop in this state are that it will be small, due to the heavy winds and the cold and backward season, as the vines are short and the acreage has been reduced materially."

Mr. Bailey answered the above by saying that present prospects forecasted a crop of good quality and quantity. If the warm, bright weather continued, the quality, he said, would be excellent. The quantity, from present indications, will be from 10,000 to 15,000 bales short of last year, which yielded 85,000 bales.

Hop raising has been spoken of as synonymous with gambling, says the Chehalis Nuggett. It is quite a gamble. The brewer can be compared to the bloated aristocrat who runs the house. The dealer is the hired man who tends the game and rakes in the percentage, and the growers are like the boys who sit around the outside of the table and fritter away their hard earned money. Once in awhile they make a winning, then Mr. Dealer pats them on the back and advises them to double their bets and get rich while they can, and in a little while there is an over-production and a grand razzle dazzle in which the dealer rakes in everything in sight and the bouncer comes around to make room for a new crop of "speculators"

A hop grower, in answer to the question as to the price for picking this year, told the West Side that he thought the growers would pay 40 cents per box.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the price in different localities. It seems to be generally understood that some yards would pay 35 cents. Silverton growers met and resolved to pay but 33⅓ cents, with a $50 fine to the man who paid a higher rate.

Pickers are not engaging themselves very fast, although some of the growers have engaged all the help they need.

Hops are coming on in good shape and present indications are favorable both as to quantity and quality. Many pickers will be needed, and though the price has not yet been definitely settled it is the general opinion that it won't be under 35 cents per box.

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The general land office has sent out a circular letter to the registers and receivers of offices throughout the West setting forth the terms of the law relative to the acquirement of homesteads on western public lands. The points brought out are that persons who have already made entries are not disqualified from the benefits of the general homestead laws, but can make another entry. It also sets forth that under the law those who have commuted their entries by the payment of cash in lieu of a longer period of residence are entitled to secure another homestead. The circular letter quotes the sections of the law that apply, and then enters into their explanation. The act is that of June 5, 1900, passed in the closing hours of the last session, and the letter says:

Section 2 provides that any person who has heretofore made a homestead entry and commuted same under section 2301, Revised Statutes, and the amendments thereto, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws, as though such former entry had not been made; but commutation under section 2301, Revised Statutes shall not be allowed of an entry made under this section.

Section three provides that any person who, prior to the passage of this act, has made a homestead entry, but from any cause has lost or forfeited the same, shall be entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws, as though such former entry had not been made. Therefore you will not hereafter reject a homestead application on the ground that the applicant cannot take the prescribed oath that he has not previously made such an entry, or because he has perfected title under section 2301, Revised Statutes, to land entered under the homestead law; but he will be required to show by affidavit, designating the entry formerly made by description of the land, number and date of entry or other sufficient data, to enable me to identify the same on the records of this office, and that it was forfeited or commuted, as the case may be, prior to the passage of this act.

In any case where the former entry was made subsequent to the date of the act the rule of a previous circular dated July 11, 1899 remains unchanged. It will be observed that an entry made under section 2 can not be perfected by commutation under section 2301, Revised Statutes. The fact that applicants have purchased, under the provisions of the act of March 2, 1885, lands patented to the Flathead Indians in Montana shall not be held to have impaired or exhausted their homestead rights by or on account of any such purchase.

Threshing Prices.

At a meeting of Linn County threshers it was decided to raise the price 1 cent, doing oats for 5 and wheat for 6 cents. A short crop is assigned as the reason for the advance.

Some people put advertising "on the shelf" and that's where their goods stay too.

Notice of Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Polk county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Dallas, as follows:

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Commencing on Wednesday, August 8, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, August 11, at 4 o'clock p. m.

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THURSDAY—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book keeping, physics, civil government.

FRIDAY—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

SATURDAY—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

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The Southern Pacific company set a mark for liberality on progressive lines when it offered to carry all exhibits to and from the state fair free. This action of the company places every county on its line in easy reach of the state fair this year, and will enable the southern portion of the state to exhibit her famous fruits, vegetables and grains at a small expense. The following letter is so plain and to the point that it needs no further comment other than to say it is up to the people now to insure a successful fair:

"Portland, July 26. Mr. M D. Wisdom, Secretary State Board of Agriculture, Portland, Or.—Dear Sir: In order to encourage exhibitors and attendance at the state fair this company will transport exhibits originating at points on its lines within the confines of the state to Salem and return to point of origin free of charge. Exhibitors will be required to pay the charges on shipments to Salem, which charges will be refunded when goods are delivered to the company's agent for reshipment to point of origin. Yours truly, C. H. MARKHAM, General Freight and Passenger Agent."

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K. OF P.—Wednesday.

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To Mazamas.

The WEST SIDE has received a folder giving final arrangements of the seventh annual outing of the Mazamas to Mt. Jefferson, August 6th, 1900.

On Saturday, August 11, 1900, at 1:30 P. M., the society will hold its Seventh Aerial Conference on the pinnacle of Mt. Jefferson, 10,567 feet above the Pacific ocean, the object and purpose of which shall be to initiate new members, take observations, and securely inter its record box.

The trip is destined to be one of interest, not only to scientists, but also to those who love the stern wilderness, the song and echo of mountain stream, the awful canyon, the ice crested glacier, and the genesis of geology.

The permanent "Cantonment" of the society during its fourteen days' sojourn will be at Lake Parmelia, a veritable "Glimmerglass" in whose waters, at early morn, is mirrored a true counterpart of Mt. Jefferson; thousands of trout jumping and splashing and marring its placid surface at sunset, and from whose banks may be seen undulating mountains and rugged peaks gilding the horizon as in fancy.

The society is at this time in a healthy condition, financially and socially, with a membership of 230.

The "Rainier Bulletin" will be ready for press in the early part of October, and distributed shortly thereafter.

In mountaineering, the Mazamas is always the first in the van, "patient, daring, indomitable." May good luck, a merry time and God speed accompany his journey, and those who join him, in the *Nesika Klatawa Sahale*, of Mt. Jefferson on August 6, 1900.

The Hon. Henry W Corbett is a candidate for United States senator as per his own announcement. He made public his wishes when made defendant in a $100,000 suit charged with alienating a man's wife's affections. Mr. Corbett should have awaited the termination of the case before making the effort to excite sympathy on the ground of being a martyr. Because has been charged with stealing a wife's affections is no reason whatever that the people should send him to Washington as their representative in the senate. It is truly laughable. What greatly tends to make it more ridiculous is that Portland has elected a distinctively anti-Corbett legislative ticket. Why do not this old man's friends lead him to a place of retirement?—Woodburn Independent.

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