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All communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name of the writer. We must know the names of our correspondents.

The Statesman thinks it is high time the death penalty were abolished, when the gallows is arranged so that the trap is sprung by cutting three ropes, by three persons, as for Wade and Dalton at Portland, so arranged in order that no person may have the execution of the sentence on his hands and mind.

Representative Thos. H. Tongue has vigorously protested to Secretary Hitchcock against the creation of the proposed forest reserve in Southern Oregon embracing a large section of Josephine and Curry counties and smaller portions of Coos and Douglas. Mr Tongue says no reserve is needed there for the protection of the water supply and to preserve the rich timber lands of that section would work a great injury to the lumbering interests.

The present winter is the driest known for many years. The placer mining enterprise is almost at a standstill, only those mines which secure their water from large streams being able to operate. It is not yet too late for a good and profitable run between now and spring if the rains should come soon. Otherwise it will materially lessen the gold production of Southern Oregon for the year, though not to the extent that would have occurred in previous years, as there are more quartz mines in operation than ever before. The ratio between the quartz and the placer is steadily changing in the direction of the former. The quartz mines run independent of dry winters or climatic conditions. Their output is steady and continuous. In all ways the industry is more important than that of the placers though the importance of the latter is not to be minimized. Placer mining has been an industry of inestimable value to Southern Oregon and will be one of great importance for many years yet, though the future of the country is rightly said to lie in its quartz mines.—Grants Pass Courier.

The plan of segregating large areas of land in certain localities for timber reserves has many objections and is peculiarly detrimental to the business interests of the locality affected by the order. It invariably happens that there are many settlements and some villages and towns included in these reserves. The order creating the reserve is a ban upon the advancement of the entire community, in every particular. It not only prevents the extension of church, school and business facilities, but it allows the improvements to rot out, which the pioneer had built with much sacrifice to himself in the reasonable expectation that the advance of civilization, of which he was the vanguard, would overtake him, bringing with it some of the comforts necessary to the happiness of himself and his family. The man who establishes himself in a forest, miles away from any other settler and hews out not only his own house logs, but miles of passable roads, has a right to demand that his welfare be considered when it comes to denying him the privileges which he might reasonably expect would follow as a result of his own unremitting labor and self sacrifice.—Public Land.

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—It has been definitely decided that the treaty with the United States providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies is to be signed at Washington this week. All the formalities here are completed.

The New Tax Law.

Every Taxpayer should become familiar with the law passed at the last session of the legislature, which, in substance, is as follows:

1 If you pay your taxes on or before March 15 you will be allowed a rebate of 3 per cent.

2 If you pay your taxes between March 15th and up to and including the first Monday in April, there will not be any rebate and neither will there be any penalty or interest added.

3 If your taxes are not paid on or before the first Monday of April, they will become delinquent, when there will be added a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at rate of 12 per cent per annum in addition to the penalty.

4 If you pay one-half of your taxes on or before the first Monday in April, then the remaining half may run up to and including the first Monday in October following; but if the last half of tax due is not paid by the first Monday of October, it becomes delinquent, and there will be added to such balance, a penalty of 10 per cent, and in addition, such balance will bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the first Monday in April until paid.

5 On all personal property taxes, if one-half is not paid on or before the first Monday in April, the law compels the sheriff to levy upon and collect the same after May 1st it will be necessary for one half to be paid as above stated.

6 The law compels the sheriff to sell all lands on which taxes have not been paid, and that such sale shall not be held later than March 1st of the year in which the tax levy is made.

7 The property will be sold to the person bidding the lowest rate of interest, and certificates will be issued therefor, and deeds given to such property sold, unless redeemed within three years from the date of such sale.

Myrtle Point Enterprise. About 50,000 acres of timber land changed hands in Coos county last year.

The total tax levy for the county, including state and school tax and indigent soldiers' fund, amounts to 28 mills. A ten mill school tax will be levied for this district which will make the total assessment on city property 38 mills.

The Sons of Perpetual Rest is the name of an organization at Crowdfordville. Myrtle Point has a number of young men that would make number one members of such an order. A big charter list could no doubt be secured here.

On visiting the mines recently known as the Divilbuss property your correspondent found work progressing rapidly under the management of George Hall. Mr. Hall has twelve men under his employ and in connection with preparing the quartz mill for running order, is running out quartz from the Little Mary and coarse gold mines respectively.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The President today transmitted to Congress the supplemental report of the Isthmian Canal Commission on the proposition of the Panama Canal Company to sell its property to the United States for \$40,000,000. The Commission unanimously reports that in view of the conditions that now exist and all the facts and circumstances upon which its present judgement must be based, the Commission is of the opinion that the most practicable and feasible route for the Isthmian Canal to be under the control, management and ownership of the United States is that known as the Panama route. The report is signed by all the members of the Commission. It was accompanied by a letter of transmittal from the President to Congress.

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Washington, Jan. 21.—The President today nominated Dr. Presley M. Rixey to be Surgeon-General of the Navy.

It is estimated by Lloyd George, the pro-Boer member of Parliament, that the war will eventually cost England \$2,000,000,000.

Gladstone's prophecy that America would eventually outstrip Great Britain in the race for the world's commerce has become a fact.

One of the leading framers of Snohomish claims to have taken a net profit of \$4,000 from a 100 acre tract. Among his products are 100 tons of cabbage was raised on seven acres.

An educational convention will be held at the Willamette University at Salem in the early part of February by the Methodist of Oregon. Hon. N. M. Newport will deliver an address on the "Alumni of the University."

A Brighton, England, man invented a magnifying or amplifying trumpet through which the human voice can be heard and understood 10 miles. We are going to test one and yell the names of our delinquent subscribers from the roof every morning.

Constantinople, Jan. 20.—United States Minister John G. Leishman says the brigands who abducted Miss Ellen M. Stone and Mme. Tsilika, September 3, have agreed to accept the amount of ransom raised by subscription. The place of payment is now the only question unsettled.

Look out for the "Susie, drawer H. Chicago," ad who advertises she is the owner of a \$100,000 mine and wants a husband to put in charge of the property. It is a rank fake. We have been informed that a Coos river logger investigated to the tune of \$50, which he put up to show his good faith.—Coast Mail.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The House committee on the election of President and Vice-President today made a favorable report on the bill for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

In the Senate committee of privileges and elections there was an informal discussion today of the same proposition. There are before the Senate committee petitions from six different states calling on Congress to convene a National Convention to amend the Federal Constitution so as to change the method of choosing Senators. Thirty such petitions are necessary to insure a convention and the discussion today turned upon the point as to whether all the 30 necessary petitions should be addressed to one Congress, or whether a petition, once made, stands for all time. No decision was reached.

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Taft Says War in the Islands is About Over.

San Francisco, January 21.—Governor General Taft, who arrived from Manila last night, landed this afternoon. Governor Taft expects to start for Washington tomorrow. Discussing conditions in the Philippines, Gov. Taft said:

"I wish the press would correct the impression that there is war in all the islands. The insurrection is confined to two localities—the Province of Batangas and the island of Samar. This morning I received a most encouraging cablegram from General Wright, who is Acting Governor in my absence. It said that owing to General Bell's strong repressive measures the trouble in Batangas is being quieted. He further said that 700 rifles had been surrendered, and as there are only 1100 or 1200 rifles in the province, there is no doubt that Batangas will be as peaceful as any other provinces.

"I don't think that General Bell will have need to adopt the reconcentrado principle to Batangas. I don't see that there will be any necessity for this, as this dispatch plainly indicates that the province is in a fair way to pacification.

"The dispatch then says that there are 843 teachers in the islands in 450 places, and 200 of these places are unoccupied by United States troops. I may say that the Filipino is not hostile to the teacher. One was captured sometime ago, but he was sent back in a hammock. The inference is plain that they entertain no hostility towards pedagogos or pedagogy.

"Now, I wish to impress upon everybody that civil government is a success. There is a strong peace party in the islands, and it is composed of the most influential men among the Filipinos. They are working earnestly and zealously toward bringing about happy relations between their countrymen and the government. They are using all that is in their power to bring in the recalcitrant leaders. I have never been so encouraged as to the prospects of the Philippines as I have within the past three months. There has certainly been a great change in the sentiment of the people. They are beginning to appreciate the fact that civil government means better times for them.

"If you had seen the farewell receptions that were given me by the people on my leaving the islands you would have realized that there was sincerity in the expression of the wish for civil government to continue. Before I left I received reports from the Governors of the different provinces, and the tone of each report was most encouraging. I am encouraged, and shall so report to Washington. There are 35 provinces capable of government.

"The only place where there is trouble is in the island of Samar. That is the most difficult island for military operations. There are no roads, and the troops have to use watercourses when water was pouring down the runnels to follow the natives to their fastnesses. But we are confident that it is only a question of a short time when the island will be pacified.

"Judge Carlock, of the Court of First Instance, reported to me that the island of Cebu was quite tranquil. Mindanao, is an island of great wealth. It is as yet undeveloped, and when it is will be of great value.

"Speaking of the Moros, they are not capable of receiving a civil government. They still have tribal relations, as did our Indians, and they obey their chiefs. There are two sets of Moros—the river Moros and the lake Moros. The lake Moros have been distinctly hostile to us, and were ever active against the Spaniards. I am glad to say that a better feeling exists among them, and they are now commencing to bring in the products of their lands and barter them. The river Moros have always been submissive. I do not wish to create the impression that the lake Moros are in a state of warfare.

"The great question and difficulty that presents itself to the government is the land question. The titles to land are very unsettled, and it is a difficult matter to adjust them."

Governor Taft expects to return to the islands about March 1.

The Spirit of Winter.

The Spirit of Winter is with us, making its presence known in many different ways—sometimes by cheery sunshine and glistening snows, and sometimes by driving winds and blinding storms. To many people it seems to take a delight in making bad things worse, for rheumatism twists harder, twinges sharper, catarrh becomes more annoying, and the many symptoms of scrofula are developed and aggravated. There is not much poetry in this, but there is truth, and it is a wonder that more people don't get rid of their ailments. The medicine that cures them—Hood's Sarsaparilla—is easily obtained and there is abundant proof that its cures are radical and permanent.



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