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PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY.

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WHEAT has reached the silver basis since Leiter's fall, after inflated prices, and it is likely to stay there for awhile.

The exodus to summer resorts has begun, and more people appear to be going to the mountains, than the seaside. The warm weather will stimulate travel in that direction.

The big express companies are fighting the war tax. They are the patriots who are ready to thrive on the misfortunes of war, provided it costs nothing and does not diminish their dividends. Other rich corporations unload the burden on the general public, while they continue to howl for war.

The ratification of the annexation of Hawaii, caused great rejoicing and enthusiasm at Honolulu, and the Hawaiians endorse Minister Sewall for governor of the islands. This war was begun to alleviate human suffering and oppression, but it is resulting in conquest and extension of territory.

A SPIRIT of improvement in the way of road and bridges has struck Oregon City, and the municipal roadways are now to receive the proper, long-delayed attention. The singer hill road has long been a menace to travel for people going and coming to the city from the country districts, as well as a great inconvenience to traffic between the hill and lower section of the city. A piece of road along the Abernethy will be substantial, repaired, and the new stairway up the bluff and the suspension bridge improvement, are something needed.

ALL important events of the sea campaign in the present war occurred on the Sabbath. Sunday, May 1, Dewey won the great victory at Manila. Sunday, May 29th, Schley found the fleet of Cervera in Santiago harbor and said: "They will be a long time getting home." Sunday, July 3, a part of Sampson's fleet under Schley defeated the attempt of Cervera to escape and destroyed his squadron. Sunday, July 17, the Spanish flag on Morro castle, at Santiago, was hauled down forever, beginning the finale of Spanish control in the western hemisphere.

ACCORDING to the statement of Mrs. Lounsbury, at the Grand Army meeting in Oregon City Tuesday night, trained nurses from any other source than the National Red Cross Society, will not be admitted to the army lines. It was desired to send some trained nurses from Portland to the Philippines, but it was learned that the Red Cross society has absolute control of the hospital work. The various emergency Corps throughout the state, who are making preparations to send trained nurses to the front, will probably get left, unless they become auxiliary to the Red Cross organization.

At last Spain is getting, in a measure more reasonable, and the long continued rumors of peace are beginning to mean something. There has long been rumors of peace, but Spain has continued to keep up a defiant air, with a bull-dog pertinacity, even when her fleets were being destroyed broad-cast on the seas. Spain had made a direct appeal for peace through the French Ambassador to President McKinley. As yet there is considerable speculation as to the terms upon which peace may be declared. Of course, Spain will ask for more at the beginning, than she ever expects to get.

A Madrid letter in this paper last evening confirms the Telegram's forecasts during the past three weeks. The crack of a pistol may inflame the people to revolution. The Spanish artillery has grown democratic, and rather than fire upon the masses it would turn its pieces against Alfonso's throne. Sagasta is a cipher, and Madrid practically is in control of the army. This is a brief summary of the actual condition in the Spanish capital. Unless there is a speedy declaration of peace, the reigning dynasty cannot much longer survive, and Don Carlos will have a chance to play his last trump card.

FIGHTING SHIPS.

The best fighting ship in the world are built in the United States, and the best in the United States are built in California, says the San Francisco Bulletin. The Olympia made a fighting record at Manila, and the Oregon has made a record both as a sailor and as a fighting ship. The superiority in shipbuilding should be considered in connection with the fact that steel is cheaper in this country than elsewhere. It would seem, therefore, that for years to come American shipyards should be kept busy making ships for themselves and for others.

The American battleship is perfect in every respect. In armor plate, guns and machinery they are the best that have been subjected to the test of battle. The new industry thus opened to us is immeasurable in extent. No nation will be content with a second-rate battleship. The difference between the Oregon and an ordinary battleship might change the result of a war. What other battleship has steamed 14,000 miles and reported for duty the day after reaching the port of destination?

This account given by the Associated Press correspondent gives the Oregon the credit of preventing the escape of two of Gervera's squadron. The other battle ships could not stand the pace set by the Colon, and if the Oregon had not been about as fast as the cruiser Brooklyn the Colon might now be in Havana. The ability which constructs the best battleships in the world will in a short time give us the lead in the construction of merchant ships. We are now sending steel to the Clyde to be manufactured into ships. How long will it be before we shall build the ships for which we now furnish the steel?

To the Point.

The following is one of the shortest and sweetest verses in the English language. It is very brief, but conveys a world of meaning to the thoughtful reader. The reader might blush at the English, but no matter.

Wa't all,
Bill bell,
Kids yell,
Run like—well,
Pell mell,
Down dell,
Some fell,
Dark cell.

School Notes.

School teachers are now taking their annual vacations, and many of them have gone to the seaside or mountains. In Clackamas county the market seems to be over-supplied with school teachers, and many of the new ones will have difficulty in securing positions.

Millard Hiatt, who was principal of the Canemah school last year, was elected principal of the Willamette Falls school for the coming year. Miss Ella Beinke was re-elected assistant.

Miss Kate Casto, who was teacher of the primary department in the Mount Pleasant school last spring, is elected to teach the same school this fall. Only one teacher will be employed.

F. W. Cramer completed the spring and summer term of school in Beaver creek district No. 85, last week.

P. L. Coeman has removed his family from Canby to Molalla, where he will teach the fall term of school.

Military Notes.

The 12 Oregon City volunteers, who left a few weeks ago, expecting to be transported to the Philippines, are still at San Francisco, but expect to be transported to the Philippines next Thursday.

The eight Oregon City boys, who are apprentices on board the battleship Oregon, are seeing the world and having some actual war experience. Now they go to Spain, and it is likely that some of them will distinguish themselves for bravery, before they again visit their respective homes.

Another batch of letters is expected soon from the boys at Manila, and it is expected that they will give us some interesting news concerning themselves and the Philippines.

It is said that one of the Oregon City volunteers was court martialed the other day; he was sent out to carry a horse, and forgot to "remember the mane."

"Hobson's Choice" will have a new significance in this country hereafter.

Pomona Grange Meeting.

An account of the Molalla grange meeting was crowded out of these columns last week. The Clackamas District Pomona Grange accepted an invitation to meet with the Molalla grange on their regular meeting day. The worthy master, Mrs. Mary S. Howard, presided.

At the rear of the master's chair arranged on a wall of white background, bordered with pink ribbon were the words, "Faith, Hope and Charity," worked with mosses and evergreens on a pure white background bordered with pink ribbon. Four fluffy white owls sat perched above the charter. A frame with P. H., No. 40, in silver letters decorated the corner over the organ.

The hall is handsomely papered, well-seated, has a nice organ, and is comfortably arranged with pictures, hard-wood furniture, besides a spacious kitchen and dining room, completely equipped are the property of the grange. They also have a double horseshed and woodshed.

Reports were received from the various granges in the county, which on the whole, were encouraging, showing Clackamas county granges to be in a prosperous condition. At the noon-hour a basket dinner was served, the numerous lunch baskets supplying the provisions.

In the afternoon Grand Lecturer Casto discussed fire and life insurance. The matter of holding a county grange fair was generally discussed, but nothing definite was decided upon.

Supper was served from the lunch baskets, and later during the evening session, the various committees of the day reported. A class of 22 were instructed in the mysteries of the 5th degree, a very impressive ceremony. The pomona feast was one of the events of the evening. Pomona appeared dressed in a beautiful robe of silk, came forth and cut the "cake of cakes," "Pomona," and requested all to partake of the bounteous feast spread before them—composed of cakes, candies and nuts. After the feast were some songs and recitations, and when the closing time came an adjournment was taken until the second Wednesday in October. On that date the Pomona grange will meet with Oswego grange.

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The committee reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

H. E. HARRIS, JAMES ROAKE, FRED METZNER, Committee on streets and public property. Dated at Oregon City, Oregon, July 13th, 1898.

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