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DEWEY, as admiral, will draw $14,500 a year, all of which he earned on the first day of last May.

THE recovery of Kipling will be received with joy the world over. The interest is almost personal wherever the English tongue is spoken.

FRANK ROGERS, of this city, has been placed by the governor on the barber board of examiners. This is recognized as a good appointment and will tend to make the law a success.

THE embalmed beef investigation goes to show that the contractors got their work in with Alger. The quality of beef furnished was a disgrace, but the government paid the contractor for a good article.

HOBSON'S advancement in the navy will gain him 26 years and make him rank as a captain at 31 years while the youngest captain in the service is 56 years old. Hobson remains in the construction department.

SENATOR HANNA denounces the people of Boston for "insulting Secretary Alger." They did, indeed, manifest some displeasure, but they restrained themselves very much. They didn't lynch him.—Oregonian.

THE rate this country is growing is nowhere better shown than in its exports. These have increased sixty-five per cent in the last ten years. Calamity howlers have grown in volume if not in number at the same rate.

CECIL RHODES predicts that eventually the United States will control all of America unless it be Canada. That this country is only on the eve of its colonization schemes. He holds that it is the duty of the civilized countries to give a white man's government to the rest of the world.

THE present congress spent a large amount of money, something like a billion and a half. At the present session 675 millions were appropriated. This to a great extent was caused by the war. Although this country has forged ahead so rapidly that it has been hard to keep pace with legitimate expenditures. A great reform is needed and will have to be made in the spending of national funds.

DEWEY is now admiral of the navy and ranking officer at Manila. He is the third man to hold this place. Farragut and Porter being the other two. At their death Congress abolished the office and it is now revived. Dewey raised his admiral's flag of four stars Monday at Manila and was saluted by the foreign warships and his own fleet. He will direct the movements of the Philippines, as he outranks Otis, who has been made a major-general. Never has a promotion met with more favor.

THE COURIER-HERALD wants to know why we did not cut down certain expenses concerning the sheriff's office in Marion county as well as in Clackamas at the recent session of the legislature. Our answer is that Marion county had seven members in the legislature to look out for her interests. They cut the salaries of the officers of that county $10,000. Ours were cut $900 and this paper objects. We wish to say that we are willing to stay by the record of the recent session. We did not suppose the Courier-Herald wanted to go on record as objecting to economy whether it was in printing, salary of officers or board of county prisoners. We are in favor of economy in these things; therefore supported these measures as did the whole delegation from this county, nothwithstanding one is not a republican.

IT is belived that Reed goes too far in his methods as speaker of the house. He has undoultedly done the country great good by ruling the house without precedent, especially in saving money on appropriations bills. He is not the whole of the house and has no right to arrogate to himself all the virtue of the house. If he is opposed by a member, that member will suffer, not only in not being able to get the floor but will be passed over on committees. To his door can be laid the defeat of the Nicaraguan canal bill. The idea is rapidly spreading that he is not a great man and he is occupying as high as a position as he will ever get. There will probably be an effort made to defeat him for speaker of the next house and if it succeeds he will have himself to blame. He is no longer a presidential possibility.

THE recent bill passed by the legislature concerning the state fair does not seem to be understood. The fair grounds are not owned by the state but by the trustees of the society. In making the appropriation to the fair the legislature provides that it should only have the money on condition that the grounds were deeded to the state. These grounds are valuable, consisting of a large tract of land, 160 acres, we believe, lying in the suburbs of Salem, which can be hereafter sold if it is desirable to discontinue the fair hereafter. The management of the fair is changed. There are to be five directors, only one of whom will be a Salem man. If the fair does not do better under these new conditions it should be discontinued, which can be done without so great a loss to the state.

THE following is from Freedom published at Manila: "Aguinaldo should post himself on Yankee history and mediate thereon. On the first page he would find the story of the noble but unfortunate red man, how he rebelled and how we took his scalp, his pony and his land. Then how, when we had punished him, we sang the doxology and sent missionaries to Christianize what remained of him. Then when we landed at Plymouth Rock, first we dropped on our knees, and second we dropped on the aborigines. If Aguinaldo is wise and will be peaceable, Uncle Sam will come over and spend the evening with him and bring his knitting along. If he will work and not fight, serve and not shirk, Uncle Sam will put him on his feet, stregthen his knees, lift up his chin, open his eyes, give him a home, a flag, a faith, a God and a country. If he rebels, Uncle Sam will give him what Sherman said war was and what Dewey gave his oppressors.

H. S. STRANGE has lived long enough in this part of Oregon to be well known, especially to the people of Clackamas county and hundreds of these will feel a personal loss when they hear of his untimely death. He had hardly reached the prime of life when man's ambition is strongest and his ability for usefulness greatest, when he was cut off. He was essentially a self-made man and what he was, he made by his own exertion unaided by the smiles of fortune and after the fiercest kind of a struggle with adversity. He was not a lucky man, but on the contrary ill luck seemed to pursue him, but he was gifted with unlimited perserverance and accomplished tasks that many a man under more favorable circumstances would have given up. Death is sad under any circumstances but doubly so when it comes to a young man of ability and influence. By what he had done in the past his friends believed he would have accomplished more in the future. He took an active interest in the church, secret societies and politics and make others better. A feeling of sadness settled over the entire circle of his acquaintances when it was known that he must soon pass from them. The world is better for his having lived in it.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

THE Oregonian on the 3rd inst, in speaking of the fee system makes the following statement and comment on the bill we were instrumental in getting passed at the recent session:

"What the legislature should have done was to pass an intelligible, comprehensive act for the collection of fees by court clerks, sheriffs and recorders of conveyances, covering all classes of proceedings at law, probate matters and legal instruments. This it did not do, but instead passed a number of independent measures, drawn entirely without reference to each other. The result is a sad jumble, and threatens to be something even worse.

A proper scale of fees is one providing a stated sum for every service performed, according to the expense entailed on the county in the time of the officer performing the service, and not a blanket system such as has been in vogue for several years, and is now perpetuated by the session laws, except in the case of Senator Porter's bill on the subject of sheriff's fees. This act directs sheriffs to collect a certain stated sum for serving papers, another for levying executions, and so on. Some such equitable arrangement as this should be extended to other departments of court service. The system extended to probate cases would exact payment proportionate to the work done, whether $2 or $100. Every time an order or petition is filed, a fee should be paid, as was the case for their own benefit.

Friday March 3.

Gomez wants 10,000 Cuban troops retained by the United States.

The senate and house disagree on the river and harbor bill, the trouble being the canal amendment.

Dewey askes for some light draught gunboats and the Vixen is ordered to Manila and the Wheeling may go.

Senator Gray, of the Paris Commission has been appointed United States Circuit judge.

Kipling, who has been very sick with inflamation of the lungs is well on the road to recovery.

McKinley signs the bill making the office of Admiral in the navy and Dewey was appointed to that place.

The train jumped the track in Miss., and 15 Mo. soldiers aae injured.

Washington legislature defeats the railroad rate bill.

The salmon trust have also been formed on the sound.

Saturday March 4.

This is the last day of the 55th congress.

Active work has commenced on the reorganization of the army under the new law.

It is now said that the woolen industry of the country will be consolidated into a trust.

China is again roused by Italy demanding a coaling station. She fears further demanda by other nations.

It is claimed that Hobson's advancement is the greatest in the history of the navy.

A gang of thieves at Astoria have been broken up by one of them selling twine too cheap.

Tracy E. Inman, of Pendleton, dies from wounds received in battle at Manila.

Lieut Cadner, of the army, who was believed to be lost in Alaska has turned up after terrible privations.

Arms for the insurgents are seized by the Japanese and another vessel is destroyed by the Concord.

Sunday March 5.

The 55th congress adjourns without day amid dramatic scenes in the house.

A gunboat shelled the enemy at Guadaloupe near Manila with heavy loss to them. The American loss was one killed and two wounded.

W. R. Merrian has been nominated and confirmed director of the next census.

A highway man is stabbed in attempting to hold up a rancher in Portland and is in a serious condition as a result.

The grading on the road to the Seven Devils district has commenced.

Germany is willing to make any reasonable concession to America in her trade relations as her commerce is seriously affected by the course taken.

A young woman is taken for another party and severely beaten in East Portland.

Wheat in Eastern Oregon is greatly damaged.

Monday March 6.

Italy's demand for a lease on San Mun bay for a coaling station has been refused by China.

Manila is assuming her former quiet and business is being rapidly resumed.

The queen of Belgium is on her death bed.

The damage to orchards is believed to be considerable caused by the late freeze.

A site for a quarantine station has been selected across the river from Astoria on the Washington side.

Two armed highwaymen in the suburbs of Tacoma hold up one by one seven bicyclists rob them bind them and lay them out in the brush and then the thugs make good their escape.

Tuesday March 7.

Company G Second Oregon was in a fight this morning at Manila in which two men are wounded.

There are 40,000 men at Manila or enroute and nineteen war vessels with 3500 men.

Judge E. C. Bronaugh, of Portland, is dead.

The United States is keeping her hands out of the Chinese trouble.

The Cubans are hungry and requisitions have doubled for rations since January 1st.

Fifty four persons were killed in a powder explosion at Touton, France.

Wednesday March 8.

The insurgents at Manila fire on the Americans under a flag of truce. Two companies of the Second Oregon were engaged.

M. L. Hayward is chosen by the republican caucus as senator in Neb. after a very bitter and prolonged fight.

A bitter feeling exists between England and France.

Cubans are agitating the withdrawal of the troops at Santiago by the United States.

The nine new war vessels are being designed.

Dr. Fulton has been reappointed health officer at Astoria.

Senator Harmon has been appointed postmaster at Grants Pass.

The wool growers are in session at Pendleton.

Great preparations are being made for the meeting of the editors next summer.

Thurday, March 9.

Cannon has entered the senatorial race in Utah.

Women and children are in want in Cuba.

The kingship in Samoa is in doubt.

Italy and China are on the verge of a rupture.

A tidal wave and storm kills thousands in Corea.

J. D. Lee is appointed Supt. of the penitentiary.

L. Edwyrds shot and killed his partner, C. I. Evans near Ashland in a mining camp.