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SPANISH WAR BURDENS.

History will probably record America's war on Spain as an unjustified attack of a strong nation upon a weak one. It will also mark down some of the penalties of retribution that are already appearing upon us. In the Philippines another Cuba, a heavily growing load of taxation for far-flung naval defenses and serious responsibilities in new spheres of international rivalry.

DOCK BONDS AND OTHERS.

Just as well, and better, that the so-called dock bonds have been offered for sale. So bad a time is it for selling bonds that even tenders for water bonds—best of all descriptions of bonds offered—are far below par; and bridge bonds bring no offers at all.

CANDOR AS TO PROHIBITION.

The Oregonian has not said state prohibition would "ruin" Oregon. Dr. Clarence True Wilson and similar goodly men to the contrary, notwithstanding. Not has it said liquor prohibition would ruin any community or state.

A LESSON FOR WOMEN.

The highwayman who attacked the Montavilla schoolteacher, a night or two ago, departed from the ethical standards of his profession in two particulars at least. He did not care to let up man ever tries to rob a woman, for one thing, and in the second place he never uses blows upon either a man or a woman. If it is essential to a highwayman's purpose, your ethical highwayman will kill you, but he will not strike a person with a vulgar weapon like a hammer.

SETTLERS ARE NOT "GUGGENHEIMS."

Mr. Louis W. Hill, head of newly-projected railroads in Oregon, believes that this state needs for its upbuilding and for traffic of his lines settlers and homebuilders on the public domain—that is, return of Pinchotized "conservation" to homestead entry, at \$2.50 an acre, in accordance with law. This is the well-founded opinion of a railroad man for whom Eastern Oregon has long waited with vast areas of conserved wilderness.

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THE PANAMA EXPOSITION.

If there is any good reason why the Panama Exposition should be considered in any way dignified as the 1915 Panama Exposition, it is not easily discernible. The Panama Exposition is to be held for the purpose of celebrating completion of a waterway between the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. Washington is on neither the Atlantic nor the Pacific, and is not even accessible to the big ships which will form such an important part of the celebration. Viewed from either a historical or a commercial standpoint, no reason exists for considering Washington as a site for the great show. The contest is accordingly narrowed down to San Francisco and New Orleans. Both of these cities are making a strenuous fight for the honor, and there is so much money and so much public pride behind the movement in each of these cities, that it is not an easy matter to dislodge either of them from the position they have taken.

INSURGENTS ARE LAYING CLAIMS TO ROOSEVELT.

Insurgents are laying claims to Roosevelt. But the Colonel is too strong a fighter to believe in the rule of the majority by a minority. Certain persons say the earth passed through the comet's tail, but they are the ones who know least about it.

country. They deny people of the Far West and newcomers alike joining them the opportunities that have made all the older states strong and great. They have reserved one-third of Oregon and 350,000 square miles of land in the far West for homebuilders. This area is nearly twice that of France or Germany or Spain. It is three times that of Great Britain or Italy and half again as large as Austria-Hungary. It is one-eighth the surface of the continental United States. The policy that locks up such a vast region from pioneer settlement marks one of the most monumental blunders of present-day statesmanship or popular craziness.

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caped, so that the precincts of our Police Court need not be defiled by his insufferable presence. Can we not discern in this event a lesson which every woman ought to heed? Those who have hitherto neglected to provide themselves with wide and ample hats should do so without delay, and those whose hair is by nature too scanty to ward off the blows of a shoemaker's hammer ought to fortify themselves with wigs.

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considered by the House foreign affairs committee Thursday and by the Senate Foreign Relations committee a day later. California has already made a strong demonstration and the Kahn resolution now before Congress, if it passes, will give the Pacific Coast city liberal Governmental support.

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