

Czar Reed has been unanimously renominated for congress. A good job.

Our exhausted army commanded by General S. after its now being moved to Montauk Point, Long Island.

If we are not to have and hold the Philippines, the longer Spain puts off her reply to our terms of peace the better it will be for the peace of the nation.

General Miles and his troops are having a walk-over in Porto Rico so far. The Porto Ricans claim they are Americans, and are glad our troops are there to liberate them from Spain.

There seems to be some prospect of a special session of the legislature being called to clean up the work so that the regular session will be able to get through with its labors within the constitutional limit.

At Guaco, Porto Rico, the people turned out in gala day attire and welcomed Gen. Miles and his troops as liberators, and the alcalde issued a patriotic proclamation, urging the people to obey all orders of the illustrious Miles, and expressing thanks that they were a part of the United States. He dated his proclamation, Guaco, U. S. of America.

Joint occupancy of the Philippines with Spain is preposterous. Surrendering them to Spain is impossible. Releasing them to the insurgents and Aguinaldo barbarous. Allowing the nations of Europe to divide them among themselves would be political suicide and national degradation. If any one of these courses is followed we will lose our own self-respect and the respect of the world.

Sunday has been a great day in American history. Donelson surrendered on Sunday, the Monitor turned back the terrible Merrimac on Sunday. Dewey whipped the Spanish fleet at Manila on Sunday, and Schley sunk Cervera's fleet on Sunday. The Americans are first in peace, first in war, and general get there on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

Mrs. Lease, the eloquent Mary Ellen, has given up locating in Oregon since she received the news of the June election held in this state. We are willing to have our Penoyer, ex-governor and sawmill genius, located in the same flat in New York City that is occupied by the versatile Kansas female of cyclonic habits. The change might make it a little breezy for Sylvester, but then his urbanity, his statesman-like qualities, which shone so brilliantly in his first message to the Oregon legislature, and his chivalric attention to Presidents Harrison and Cleveland would enable him to usefully employ the Kansas zephyr in filling his now useless and flapping sails.

The Maine has been pretty well avenged. Here is the record: American ships destroyed by the Spaniards: At Havana harbor—Battleship Maine, blown up by treachery. Spanish ships destroyed by American navy: At Manila—Reina Christina, Castilla, Don Antonio de Ulloa, Isle de Luzon, Isle de Cuba, General Lezo, Marquez del Duerro, El Cano, Velasco, Isle de Mindanao, one other boat not named, all cruisers and gunboats. At Santiago—Vizcaya, Cristobal Colon, Oquendo, Maria Teresa, Reina Mercedes, armored cruisers; Furor, Pluton, torpedo boats. At Havana—Alphonso XII, cruiser. Besides a large number of valuable prizes taken by our blockading squadron.

Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor, the greatest of Germany's statesmen, the staunch, cold and unconquerable prime minister, is dead, at 88. His was the mind that conceived the plan, and by his determined efforts, against great opposition, unified Germany. He will be missed from the ranks of great men in the world. He was never loved, but feared by his own people. He was the power behind the throne when occupied by William and Frederick, but he was set aside by the present sovereign. As the British empire reached the zenith of its commercial supremacy and national glory under Disraeli, so Germany was united, strengthened and cemented in the strongest ties of federation, and with the cry of Fatherland rose to the supreme height of its power under Bismarck.

A TIMELY CONFESSION.

The People's Press of Albany says: "Tom Tongue is a typical Republican. He can 'bamboozle' fool Populists and Democrats into supporting him."

The GAZETTE had not supposed that our Populist brethren and Democrats were desirous of being classed in that category. In fact, just such organs as the Press have been trying to make the voters of Oregon believe that all the wisdom of the state was safely wrapped up in the Demopopulist party, and that the other fellows were the fools. It is quite refreshing to hear such an open and voluntary confession of imbecility from one of the organs of the coalition.

The same organ also utters with solemn unction that "Tom is the greatest humbug Oregon has been afflicted with since the day of John H. Mitchell." Admitting that John H. was a humbug, and yet our Populist friends followed blindly in his lead, were willing and expected to support him for senator until he came to Oregon and stumped the state for McKinley; and had it not been for Mitchell's failure to support Jonathan Bourne for speaker of the house in the last legislative session their votes would have been recorded for John H. Mitchell, whom the Press freely admits was a great humbug. The Press, in its admissions, gives away its entire case. The Press argues that Tongue is a humbug because "Dude" Lewis of Washington secured an appropriation for his locality and Tongue failed to get one for Yaquina.

The Press evidently overlooks the fact that Lewis' locality had not been put on the prohibited list by the United States engineers, and that Yaquina had. It is a well-known fact, however, that further appropriations for Yaquina had been reported against by the United States engineers in charge of this department before Mr. Tongue's last election. That in order to secure any aid from congress for the work at Yaquina not only must the effect of the engineers' report be overcome, but also the prejudice occasioned by such adverse report upon the department to which it was made, as well as upon the members of congress. By herculean efforts, made by Mr. Tongue, ably assisted by Senator McBride, it was finally secured a standing place in the general appropriation bill, having utterly failed of getting into the river and harbor bill, where it properly belonged.

Mr. Tongue fought the battle manfully and openly, being aided in every way possible by Representative Ellis and Senator McBride, and only ceased when by a very large vote it was stricken from the general appropriation bill in the closing hours of the session.

Mr. Tongue did not humbug the voters of his district. He did not tell them that he would get the appropriation, but that he would try; and he did do all in his power to accomplish it. Neither did the voters of his district vote for him because they knew he could get what they so much desired, but because they believed he would honestly try, and that he could do more than any new member, even if he was a Populist. Mr. Tongue is not a humbug; neither have his constituents been bamboozled.

Some of our contemporaries are engaged in nominating different persons for United States senator. It's a little previous, is it not? The GAZETTE has all along supposed a caucus of the legislature would not only nominate but elect a senator whenever it is convened. The GAZETTE is for the caucus nominee, whoever he may be, always providing he is a sound money Republican of character and ability.

The Populists of Nebraska made prohibition of railroad passes to officials a part of their creed. Now that the Populist governor travels on passes, the official organ says that if he did not accept passes his traveling about the state to accept invitations to speak would make serious inroads on his salary. Still, the Populist party denounces the railroad pass as official brokerage.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Philippine islands may not be worth the candle, but if so why is it that Russia and Germany seem so anxious to have a voice in their disposition?—Hillsboro Independent.

God Give Us Men. Men whom the spoils of office will not buy. Men who have opinions and a will. Men who have honor, men who will not lie.—Ex.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

Pea e terms have been agreed upon. D. Y. Eustis and Woodford mentioned as peace commissioners. Americans checked by a Spanish battery at Cayen river in Porto Rico. Seven thousand troops now at San Francisco will be sent to Gen. Merritt at Manila.

BAD PROPHETS.

We were told by our Populist brother in 1896 that if McKinley were elected the gold standard would be fastened down and clinched onto the dear people, and that this nation could not exist under such conditions. Well, he was elected, and instead of the nation stopping and every thing going to the demitition howl as predicted, gold began to flow into the national treasury instead of each day larger amounts taken therefrom for shipment abroad. Mills and factories started and tens of thousands of operators and laborers, who for four years previous had subsisted upon charity, were put to work at good wages; merchants began to report larger sales, money began to circulate, trade and commerce revived, cautiously at first, it is true, but steadily gaining strength and volume. It is a very noticeable fact that not one of these predictions have come true. Bradstreet and Dun's mercantile agencies find generally unassailable business and creates feverish excitement in the markets, report increased purchases in almost all lines, and a steady and healthy growth in all business centers. In short, the nation is carrying on a war, causing the expenditure of large sums of money, and yet at the same time its business is not harassed by fluctuating markets. Our exportations last year were the largest in the history of the nation, and the balance of trade the largest since the republic was founded.

Produce of all kinds, during the past year, have brought remunerative prices. Stock of all kinds have increased largely in value and demand, and find ready sale, while they could not be given away before McKinley's election. There have been no riots or labor disturbances, as predicted, but, on the contrary, there has been no occasion for trouble.

The country is awaking from its Rip Van Winkle sleep, bravely faces the future, and marches with steady step towards greater activity and larger results. Our poor Populist friends are left with nothing upon which to hang their doleful harps.

Does Not Fit.

C. Thrasher, in a column and a quarter in a recent issue of the Times says we refused to publish the article.

The GAZETTE offered to publish it if paid for at regular rates of advertising. Our space is too valuable to be taken up with such inaccurate statements as it contained. Besides, Mr. Thrasher, of the parties who were kind enough to prepare the article for him, are dealing with what is claimed to be the facts for the ten years between 1880 and 1890, while the statement in the Gazette, to which he undertakes to reply, spoke only of the last ten years. Our readers will at once notice that consequently the article published in the Times does not in the least affect the statement in the GAZETTE. This paper has no controversy with Mr. Thrasher or any company he may represent. We simply stated facts, which are susceptible of proof. His typewritten thunderbolts fell harmless at a distance of ten years from this paper's statements. But our readers all know how unreliable type writers are, especially so in the hands of novices who are practically ignorant of the business of underwriting, while the operator is studying to arrange figures to fit the present that are ten years too old.

Shipbuilding Good in Portland.

Keels for twenty-two merchant vessels have been laid within the last twelve months in the shipyards of Portland, Oregon. Our trade is going to have even greater victories than our war.—St. Louis Republic.

Besides these, several torpedo boats are under construction for the government at Wolf & Zwickler's, Portland. Portland cannot only build a grain fleet, but it can build first-class fighting vessels, that will help to sustain our flag wherever it floats.

It takes a big building to accommodate a vast gathering of people, and the Portland Exposition Building has always been equal to the occasion. It can hold all who go, and give them seeing room, sitting room, standing room, and promenading room, and people who visit it this fall will find it a very pleasant place during the month of the Oregon Industrial Exposition, September 22 to October 22.

Republicans will wage a vigorous campaign in Florida. Missouri Democrats for national expansion. Dick Bland turned down.

Wyoming Republicans endorse the St. Louis platform and the administration.

THE GALLANT MAINE.

Calmly sank the sun to slumber. Peacefully the twilight fell; Gently broke the foamy billows In the harbor; all seemed well. Bent upon a friendly mission, Thought of treachery from Spain Entered not the quiet quarters Of the doomed, the gallant Maine.

One by one the stars of heaven Clearly on night's curtain shone; One by one the ship's crew rested— Dreamed of native land and home; Dreamed of childhood's days, and marbles Played on schoolground, as of yore; Not a doubt disturbed the slumbers Of that band on Cuba's shore.

Who could so far forget his honor, So disgrace his country's name, As to harbor wish for injury To the unsuspecting Maine? Who could steal about in darkness And the hand of friendship smite? Were questions not considered By the crew that fatal night. Quiet reigned. The night guards, watching. Paced their beats—the day was done— When upon the heavy silence Fell a sound, perhaps a gun— Then another, loud and rending; There were screams and cries of pain, Shrieks of "Fire!" wild, hurried orders, And death and ruin on the Maine! The morning sun gazed calmly down Upon the sickening sight; Only a shapeless wreck at buoy four, Where lay the Maine last night; Only a crew beneath the waves, Dead, on a foreign shore; Only a dastardly, murderous deed— Just that, and nothing more! Our flag of freedom, freely stained By patriot blood again, Shall it be sullied by the hand That wrecked the gallant Maine? Or shall we, rallying to the call, Of "Cuba Libre," stand For God and right, as heretofore, And fight for native land?

PHILOMATH ITEMS.

Robert McFarland, of Summit, is in the city. J. F. Maness and F. Pettit and wife are stopping at the hall. Miss Myra Davis is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Nash, in Alsea.

The Misses Eva and Fannie Akin are the guests of W. T. Bryan. Mrs. Ella Jones, of Portland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boles.

J. J. Bryan, Ed. L. Bryan and George Brown returned from the coast Monday. There was quarterly conference at Keezel Chapel Saturday and Sunday, Elder Clark presiding.

Mr. Campbell, of Corvallis, began the erection of J. E. Henkle's store buildings Wednesday morning.

Hon. Benton Kiln spent a few hours in town Monday last. He had been in the hills north and west of Fine saw timber which he owned. But Mr. Kiln's most earnest work this summer is devoted to the interests of the agricultural college of Corvallis. He is quite well satisfied with the literary department of the school, which is under the immediate supervision of President Hatch but the industrial departments are more puzzling. It has been thought sufficient to make the agr. cultural department a model farm, but the department at Washington is objecting. An experimental station is that for which the appropriation was made. The criticism coming in plain language induces the regents to organize the agricultural department somewhat divergent from those heretofore marked out. A superintendent of animal industries will be secured if the right man can be found, and the fields that have heretofore been filled will be seeded to grass and forage.—Hillsboro Independent.

The Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft of Lane county are going to join in a grand picnic at Meriau's park September 7th. M. O. Wilcox, W. O. Trine and W. E. Wilcox were appointed a special committee on grounds and concessions, and other committees were appointed on literary programme, refreshments and sports and games.—Eugene Register.

Bushnel & Mahon have begun the erection of an evaporator of 400 bushels per day capacity at Junction City.

Every Month. The August number of this popular magazine, on its title page contains an excellent photo-gravure of Miss Maud Hoffman, a former resident of this city, now in London acting as leading lady in one of its fashionable theaters. The entire number is finely illustrated, and contains engravings of many prominent persons and short sketches of their lives. Besides several very good instrumental compositions, and one song and chorus, "My Grandfather's Sword," words and music by Charles Bingham. Those of our readers who know Miss Hoffman will want this number to preserve. Con Herd this city has it for sale; to cents a number.

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