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Dr. Edward Everett Hale says of the war with Spain: "In one hundred years God has set forward the civilization of the world one hundred years."

Chaplain Gilbert, of the Second Oregon Regiment, since being in Manila, is very thankful that he is an American, and says, "Give me America and you can have the rest of the world."

C. F. Culver, one of Benton county's fruit men, has just returned from a visit to Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, where he has sold several loads of dried prunes at good figures.—People's Press.

Our exports of cotton to Japan have increased from 32,000,000 pounds in 1897 to 100,000,000 pounds in 1898. The importance of the Pacific region to American commerce may be judged by this one item.

Attorney Benjamin F. Jones, of Toledo, has been invited by the Oregonians to furnish pictures of one or more of Lincoln county's pioneers. Ben's flowers of rhetoric so richly laden with perfume, will partially overcome the salty, fishy smell so natural to that region.

The legislature did a good thing in abolishing the useless and expensive Rail Road Commission. If several more experiences of like kind could have been relegated to oblivion, and some provision made to relieve the congested condition of the supreme court dockets, the result would have been hailed with joy.

Sugar beets grown near Ashland, Jackson county, during the last season on analysis show 18.05 per cent of sugar. The yield has been about 33 tons to the acre. This is a fine showing. The La Grande factory has already begun the shipment of sugar. The indications are that Oregon will become in the near future a great sugar producer.

The Methodist organization has gained 11,000,000 members during the fourteen years; the church has built 6500 new houses of worship; the property accumulation for that time is placed at \$48,000,000, and a gain of \$68,000 scholars has been made in the Sunday schools. It is estimated that their church and school property is worth \$150,000,000.—Roseburg Review.

Quite an amount of adverse criticism has been indulged touching the personnel of the President's commission to investigate the conduct of the war and its ability to whitewash. But just now there are indications that the commission is to be lost sight of. Jo. Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee have testified and their evidence takes the place of any report the committee might make.—Hillsboro Independent.

In a recent interview with the Eveniment, Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, British Colonial Secretary, says: "It is the imperative duty of the United States to keep the Philippines and adds, "The moment has arrived for the United States to prepare for an extension of its territory, and in order to realize this idea she will not refuse Great Britain's support. United, Great Britain, the United States and Canada will be invulnerable."

The Albany Democrat calls the act recently passed by the legislature, requiring doors of buildings to be made open outward, "A fool measure." It occurs to us that it is a wise measure, the object being to gain free access to the outside in cases of panic, thus preventing the mauling and tramping to death of helpless women, children and small weak men, by the strong and vigorous, all crazed by the cry of fire within the buildings. By opening outward the crush instead of blocking the stream of humanity keeps them open until the building is entirely emptied.

The Eugene Guard is somewhat sarcastic in its remarks about Lane county's venerable senator, Rev. Dr. Driver, absent his bill known as Senate Bill 76, "to protect citizens from scurrilous attacks from the public press." It's true that the senator's grammatical construction could have been improved in the title of his pet measure. We have not seen the bill, but have no doubt but that the composition exhausted all the pronouns in the state printing office in setting up the bill that is to put all newspapers out of the "scurrilous attack" business. No other county in the state except Lane is able to indulge in the luxury of such rare talents to represent it in the state legislative halls. If Driver is a fair representative of Lane's citizens, they must certainly be a windy set.

WELL DONE.

The special session which closed its labors last Saturday is entitled to the gratitude of the entire state. Promptly organized, was elected, and work begun with the precision and regularity of veterans. No disagreeable scenes in the rotunda of the capitol were witnessed as on the two preceding sessions. The committee were carefully selected, and promptly arranged. The session has been an orderly one, and the members have shown themselves capable and imbued with a spirit of genuine honesty, notable when compared with some former ones. Much effective legislation was accomplished, a United States senator elected, useless commissions abolished and the appropriation bill passed, all reflecting credit upon the Republican party of Oregon. It is many years since this state has had so capable, painstaking and harmonious a legislative body. Each member can look his constituents squarely in the face without blushing or being asked to explain or apologize for his course, when he reaches his home and that is something quite novel in the history of legislation in this state. No scandalous charge of being bought, no infernal wrangles have disgraced the legislative halls. The common and accepted verdict is "well done."

South vs. North No More.

Richly suggestive of the complete reconciliation which has been accomplished between the once divided sections of the country was the offer of an escort of Grand A by men to the remains of Miss Winnie Davis, tendered by Commander Chase, of Sedgwick post, Wakefield, R. I., and the acceptance of that offer by Mrs. Jefferson Davis. This exquisitely beautiful demonstration of the spirit of brotherhood which has at length blotted out the unpleasant memories of the past cannot fail to awaken grateful sensations in the heart of the entire country and to unite the North and the South in still closer friendship over the hier of the lamented Daughter of the Confederacy.

Happily for the prospects which beckon us on to future achievements we stand together once more united in the bonds of common interests as well as in the ties of common blood, and there is no power on the globe which can successfully oppose the strength which we possess.—At a Constitution.

A Boy's Composition.

An editor is a man who edits a paper. Some editors use a pen to edit with, but some use a scissors. Lots of editors get news from scribbles. Some editors are barbers. Nearly all editors lie. An editor that can't be a good for an editor. An editor should like gossip. Women would make good editors only editors must keep secrets. An editor never has money. Once an editor got 10 cents and it made him crazy. An editor never wants pay for his paper and the people never think of paying an editor. When an editor gets a free ticket he has to give a dollar's worth of free advertising in advance, sometimes an editor gets cordwood and some drinks of whisky. An editor that does not drink is a dry editor. Most people know how to edit a paper better than the editors do. If an editor asks for pay for his paper the fellow gets mad, so it is cheaper to borrow some one else's. Some editors are not afraid of mice. I once knew a woman that frightened an editor and made him crawl under a table.

Soldier Describes Wolfe's Death. "When the Genl received the Shot I Cant Hold of and Carried him of the Field, he Walked About One Hundred yards And then Begot I Would Let Sit Down, Which I Did. Then I Opened his Breast, And found his Shirt full of Blood At Which he Smiled And When he Seen the Distress I Was in, My Dear, Said he, Dont Grive for me, I Shall Be Happy In a Few Minutes, take Care of your Self As I see you Wounded, But Tell me, O tell me How Goes the Battle Their. Just then Came some Officers Who told him that the French had given Ground & Our troops was pursuing them to the Walls of the town, he Was then Lying in my Arms Just Expire That Great Man Whos Sole Ambition Was his Country Glory Raised himself up on this News and Smiled in my Face Now, Said he, I Die Contented, from that Instant the smile never Left his face till he Deided."—English His torical Review.

A huge pile of fine looking white sugar bearing the significant legend "First Oregon Made Sugar," was exhibited in the window of J. A. McFerson's grocery store yesterday. It came from the big beet sugar factory at La Grande. Every body will of course want to use Oregon made sugar and the markets will soon be supplied with it. The quality is said by experts to be the very best.—Albany Herald.

Trustworthy information from the eastern oyster experiments at Yaquina bay, undertaken by Professor T. L. Washburn, of the state university, is more favorable than earlier reports would indicate. There is no reason to feel discouraged over the experiment. Capital Journal.

Letter From Manila.

John C. Delashmutt, of the O. A. C., a member of Company K, Second Oregon Volunteers, now at Manila, has written to a friend in this city, under date of August 19, as follows:

I will write a few lines, and tell you the news. We have captured the city of Manila. It was a grand sight to see a captured army lay down their arms. About a week ago Admiral Dewey demanded the surrender of the city, and received no reply. He then gave them about a week to make up their minds; when that day arrived, no white flag floated over the doomed city, and we received orders to pack up, draw rations for last three days, and two hundred rounds of ammunition. Next day we were called out of bed at 3:30, ate breakfast at 5 o'clock, then marched aboard a steamer to cross the bay. Many of the boys were sick, as our steamer lay around in the bay until the bombardment was over. The bombardment commenced by the Olympia firing upon a fort south of the city. The Charleston then opened fire, then the Baltimore, next the McCullough and the Callio last. The Callio ran in close to shore, and tried to get the batteries to open fire, but they would not answer. The bombardment lasted about an hour, firing about two hundred shots in all, then ceased. We ate dinner on board. After dinner we sailed straight for the city, passing right under the mouths of their big guns. If they had opened fire, it would have been "off" with all of us. We then landed and marched into the city, not knowing but we might be shot down any minute. After marching about an hour we came to the State House, and lined up so the captured army of about 10,000 men could march by us and sack their arms. That night we quartered in the State House. The next morning we were marched to our quarters, a place about two hundred yards square, used by the Spanish artillery. It was a dirty place, like a wagon road. We cleaned it up as best we could. There are only about 600 American soldiers in Manila, all of the 2nd Oregon. I have been on guard duty ever since we took the city. I hear that peace is declared; the terms stated here were, that the United States intended to hold Manila and the bay; if so, we are liable to have to stay here our two years.

One of the Corvallis boys has left the army, and gone to join a better army in the world above. I refer to Ed. Young. He was in the O. A. C. band, also played football. The morning of his funeral all of the Corvallis boys gathered and placed on his grave. Water is not good here; during the siege of Manila the insurgents turned the water off to keep the Spanish from getting any. As soon as we got hold of the city, our soldiers drove the insurgents away, and went to work on the water works; the water has started now, and is fine. Some of the boys think we will be home by Christmas, but I do not think so. I have just taken a bath in the rain, it rains so hard one can take a fine bath in the open air. The fourth expedition has not arrived yet. I do not see the need of so many soldiers here. We never have any Sundays, every day is just the same. Write often. Letters are always acceptable.

JOHN C. DELASHMUTT.

Philomath Public School. Average daily attendance, 62; enrolled at the close of the first month, 81.

A large class expects to complete the course this year. Not tardy or absent during the month: Lee Sawyer, Una Dixon, Gertie Weed, Winnie Newth, Kittie Bales, Olive Davis, Cecil Cooper, Calvin Ingle, Willie Palmer, Lela Scott, Ethel Weed, Mand Guthrie, Ora Gibbons, Hazel Moryman, May Allen, Alice Ferris, Nellie Clark, Johnnie Crabtree, Charlie McElroy, Homer Allen, and Charlie Parks. A. C. GUTHRIE, principal. ORMA LEWIS, assistant.

Lafayette Day was observed in both departments of the public school of Philomath, and a handsome sum was raised for the memorial fund.

An Oregon volunteer writing from Manila says: If there are any silver men left in Oregon, send them to Manila. If, after viewing the poverty of the masses and getting 24 Mexican dollars in exchange for an American \$10 gold piece, they still cling to it to put them down as past redemption." This state should enlist a regiment of fusionists from Baker county and send them to Manila to receive a few practical financial lessons.—Ex.

In a diagram published by Bradstreet it is shown that lumber leads the list as regards value. The value of lumber of the United States in 1890 was nearly \$600,000,000, followed by flouring and grist mill products and clothing, each with a product exceeding \$500,000,000. Iron and steel were fourth, having with foundry and machine shop products, a value of over \$400,000,000, while the cotton and woolen industries followed with products valued at respectively \$270,000,000 and 220,000,000.

PHILOMATH ITEMS.

W. H. Bryan has moved to Jefferson. Dr. Newth made a professional visit to Alsea last week. Maj. Davis and Nye Scott returned from the Peak Tuesday.

The United Brethren annual conference, Bishop Mills presiding, will convene here on the 27th.

A merry party of young people assembled at the residence of Mrs. Palmer on last Friday evening, to assist her son Willie celebrate his sixteenth anniversary.

John Croft, of Portland, came up here on matrimony intent. After considerable skirmishing he captured Mrs. Melissa Lytle and left for Portland Tuesday, where they would be married and make their home.

PHILOMATH COLLEGE. Philomath college opened more encouragingly this year than ever before. A large number of old students are already in and an equal number of new students are here from different parts of the state to commence the work of the year. The teaching force has been increased, and considerable in the way of improvements has been done during the year. The students, both new and old, seem to be here for business, and Pres. Miller has deemed it wise to advise more exercise, and less application to study, which is rather unusual advice. The literary societies have opened with more than ordinary zeal, giving promise of excellent work in this department.

The training department in its new room is proving to be one of the most useful and interesting features of the school. Here the Normal students receive practical experience in teaching.

Mrs. Emma L. Walker, the new music teacher, is here, and is arranging for her work. A very enjoyable social was given in honor of the new students last week. After the rendering of a literary program, cocoa and cake were served at the boarding hall.

Geo. McDonald, who has been spending the summer in Eastern Washington, is the latest rival and will matriculate this week.

Lafayette Day Exercises. Lafayette day exercises were held in the O. A. C. chapel, Wednesday afternoon last, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, and an address by Hon. John Burnett. Two piano solos by Master Mordant Goodnow were excellently rendered. The touch, expression and harmony was almost faultless. Miss Ella Casto and Miss Frankie Cauthorn recited "Liberty Bell" and "Joshua" very creditably. Mr. Burgess, in "Everett's Welcome to Lafayette," and Mr. Stovall, in "Everett's Eulogy to Lafayette," acquitted themselves well. Prof. Fulton's solo, "The Monks," was sung in the Professor's quaint style, elicited a hearty, well deserved encore, to which the Professor responded. Miss Lulu Spangler's solo was well rendered. Judge Burnett's address was timely and was full of tender and patriotic references to Lafayette.

An indulgence in canned beef and bottled spirits, it is said, is causing the troops of the English and Egyptian army, which have returned from Khartoum, to die off like flies from enteric disorders. The only wonder over the reports is that the yellow journalists have not been laying the blame of such a condition in Egypt to Secretary Alger.—Albany Herald.

The reason is apparent. They have bit off more than they can masticate at home.

Benton County's Finances. The financial exhibit of Benton county for the six months ending September 30, 1898, shows that the county treasury, handled during that period of the general fund, \$58,510.34, all of which had been paid out but about \$390. School fund, \$18,835.26, all of which had been paid out. Sheriff had handled \$47,952.11, all of which he had paid out except \$1,167.99. Estimated accrued interest thereon, \$2,997.35. Total liabilities, \$40,383.16. Cash resources, \$3,809.05. Net indebtedness, \$36,574.11.

There are insurance companies, building and loan associations, and fraternal and beneficiary orders doing business in Oregon, which should be required to publish a statement once a year for the protection of the public. The statements should be published in two papers in each county in the state of Oregon where such company do any business, said papers to be named by the county court of such county, and to be of opposite political party.—West Side.

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