

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The business department of the WEEKLY GUARD is caused considerable trouble by correspondents addressing the proprietors personally. Address all letters referring to the newspaper or business connected therewith to THE GUARD, Eugene, Oregon.

To Correspondent.

The WEEKLY GUARD goes to press early Friday morning. To insure the insertion of correspondence it should reach us not later than Thursday morning.

Correspondence which reaches this office late Thursday and on Friday and Saturday, unless important, will not be published. It would be old when the paper went to press a week afterward, and making allowance for the several days time required to reach subscribers throughout the country would be stale and of little interest when the paper was received.

Correspondents should mail their contributions to reach us Tuesday and Wednesday, and early Thursday. Later than Thursday they may not be used.

OUR RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The question of our right to hold the Philippines through conquest from Spain is not easily answered in the affirmative. What had Spain to cede? This is an important question. If Spain had nothing, what other than an ugly fight do we get for the people's twenty millions to be paid to Spain? The Philippine Islands belonged either to Spain, to the Filipinos, or nobody at all, which last is absurd. If they came to us by conquest—which they could not unless we assume that might makes right—from whom did we conquer them?

If we conquered them at all, we did not conquer them from the Filipinos, but from the government with which the Filipinos were at war. But we did not, in fact, conquer them from Spain, for Spain had never conquered the islands in their entirety. She was holding them by force of arms alone. Therefore, her arms overthrown, and her military rule ended, Spain had nothing except an excellent opening for a fight to cede.

COMPARISONS SETTLE DEWEY.

Admiral Dewey is reported as being in favor of expansion, and having remarked that the United States can do what England has done in the colonial line of government. The fighting Admiral should remember that England's only hope lies in expansion. Her hive of workers has been full to overflowing for centuries, and it is only through the swarming process that she maintains her prestige at home. The United States has room at home for the energies and activities of her population for many years to come. The vast expanse of country west and south has but a small percentage of the population it is capable of sustaining. Here are some suggestive figures:

Population per square mile of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, 310. Of United States, 22. These figures effectually settle any argument in favor of expansion drawn from comparisons with England's colonial policy. Some other argument must be used.

The event of the literary year will be, undoubtedly, the great novel upon which Count Tolstoi has been laboring in order that he may devote the proceeds to the transportation to Canada of three thousand Russian Quakers. It is generally believed by his friends that this work will probably mark the conclusion of Count Tolstoi's literary career. Not merely on this account, but because of the subject treated, it will attract the widest attention, the world over. The Cosmopolitan Magazine announces that it has secured the sole right of publication.

Portland meets her citizens with a 32 mill tax—three and one-fifth per cent. The Times says superfluous officials and high salaries should be cut off. It says heads of departments each has a \$150 a month clerk, and suggests that the chief do the work himself. A comparison is made with this high salaried officialdom,—the poor man with a \$500 home paying \$16 for taxes.

The Oregon state board of pharmacy has officially recognized the course in pharmacy prescribed by the State Agricultural College at



The mystery of life and death has puzzled many a wise man. The alchemists of old searched in vain for some combination of drugs that would prolong life indefinitely. Common sense, chemistry and medical science have combined in this age to show man the way to a long and healthy life. Common sense teaches that a man should not over-work or over-worry; that he should take ample time for his meals, for resting and for recreation and sleep; that he should not neglect the little ills of life, because they are the precursors of serious and fatal maladies. Chemistry has enabled men to make combinations of drugs that were impossible in the days of the alchemists. Medical science has taught when, how and why these combinations of drugs should be used. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the most valuable of all health-restoring medicines, and the most effective. Its first work is upon the fountain-head of life—the stomach. A man who has a weak and impaired stomach and who does not properly digest his food will soon find that his blood has become weak and impoverished, and that his whole body is improperly and insufficiently nourished. This medicine makes the stomach strong, facilitates the flow of digestive juices, restores the lost appetite, makes assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver and purifies and enriches the blood. It is the great blood-maker, flesh-builder and nerve tonic. It makes men strong in body, active in mind and cool in judgment. It does not make flabby fat, but solid, muscular flesh, nerve force and vital energy. All medicine dealers sell it. J. W. Jordan, Reg. of Corbin Whitley Co., Ky., writes: "About two and a half years ago I was taken with severe pains in the chest, began to spit up blood, was troubled with night-sweats and was so short winded that I could hardly walk half a mile. Tried Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and have improved both in strength and weight."

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Corvallis and will recognize its diplomas. Heretofore it has been necessary for students in that line to leave the state to procure regular collegiate instruction else be content with the training to be secured in a drugstore. One Eugene young man, Fred Herbold, is now in the East taking the course in pharmacy which was not procurable on the Coast at the time he commenced his studies.

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Ex-governors Thayer and Penoyer are neighbors in Woodstock, a Portland suburb on the east side. Gov Geer has not yet asked their advice on questions of public import. The governor business is one in which past experience counts for little, at least with the incumbent.

Coburg Items.

Jan 25, 1899. Mrs Wm Vanduyt is on the sick list.

Mr and Mrs Siedler have moved to Eastern Washington.

Master Welby Wilkins accompanied his parents to California.

Wm Bogart, who has been quite ill is able to be about again.

Rev Matthews will preach at the church Sunday morning, and evening. Mr and Mrs Amos Wilkins started today on a two weeks' trip to California.

Mr Nelson, foreman of the bridge carpenters, is able to superintend the work again.

The bridge gang that is working on the McKenzie railroad bridge spent Sunday in Portland.

Jed Skinner has over 20,000 bushels of wheat in his warehouse from which he is trying to remove the weevils.

Mr Crandal's house caught fire at noon today and for a short time Coburg was excited, but the prompt action of the citizens soon subdued the conflagration, with but little damage.

A LaGrande paper says the Salvation Army lasses never lose an opportunity to turn an honest penny for the cause. The other day two of them entered a popular saloon on Depot street to sell the War Cry. The proprietor agreed that if they would sing a song he would buy their entire stock. They complied, and when their sweet voices died away in the strains of a salvation song a dollar was handed to them and their stock of papers was returned for sale elsewhere.

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Advertisement for 'Don't Do This' medicine, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

MOTHER'S FRIEND, the good and long-tried external liniment, will relieve the early distress and the later pains better than anything else in the world. Its good effects are most marked not only before childbirth, but during the ordeal itself and afterward. Distress is ever caused by it—unless lessened—labor shortened—a safe and pleasant remedy. Sold by OSBURN & DELANO.

Ayer's Hair Vigor

What does it do? It makes the hair soft and glossy, precisely as nature intended. It cleanses the scalp from dandruff and thus removes one of the great causes of baldness. It makes a better circulation in the scalp and stops the hair from coming out. And it restores color to gray or white hair. \$1.00 a bottle. Sold by all druggists. It Prevents and It Cures Baldness. If you do not obtain all the benefits you expected from the use of the Vigor, write the Doctor about it. Address, Dr. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

The Naval Programme.

In reply to a resolution inquiring the cost of fifteen battleships and cruisers, the secretary of navy has sent to the senate the following estimates: Three seagoing slooped and coppered battleships, of about 13,500 tons displacement, \$3,600,000 each; armor, armament, ammunition and stores, \$2,200,000 each; total, \$17,670,000. Three first-class armored cruisers, of 12,000 tons, \$4,000,000 each; armor, batteries and ammunition, \$1,300,000 each; total, \$15,900,000. Three second-class protected cruisers, of 6,000 tons, \$2,250,000 each; armor and armament, \$575,000 each; total, \$8,184,000. Six third class cruisers, of 2,500 tons, \$1,141,000 each; armor and armament, \$287,400 each; total, \$8,514,300. Total for fifteen vessels, \$50,260,300.

Letter List.

Eugene, Or, Jan 26, 1899. Bartholomew Geo Borch Mrs Thos Ewers H Houghton C F (2) Koupal Thos F Lynch Fred Merriam I D Preston Fred Robinson L F Strong Mrs Agnes A Riemsnyder Mrs Ada Goede Minnie. A charge of one cent will be made on all letters given out. Persons calling for letters will please state when advertised. H. F. MCCORMACK P.M.

To the Public.

We are authorized to guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and if not satisfactory to refund the money to the purchaser. There is no better medicine made for la grippe, colds and whooping cough. Price, 25¢ by Osburn & Delano.

EUGENE PRICES.

Merchants Selling Goods Lower Than They Can Be Purchased in Portland.

In a private letter received at the office today, a lady now a resident of Portland, spoke of the large number of clearance sales at that place. Continuing she said that the prices quoted in the GUARD are lower than those of the Portland merchants, for the same goods and same quality.

This is a cause of congratulation to our merchants. They keep strictly up-to-date goods in every line, and one can make as good selection here as in the metropolis. Buyers should note this statement which has been given the GUARD entirely without prejudice.

There is not a town in the valley, Salem not excepted, that has as many large and modern stores and progressive business men as Eugene. The business portion of our city is the cause of admiration from all tourists who stop over here.

The way to answer doubts about Schilling's Best is to money-back them.

For sale by J. U. Green & Son.

You Try It

If Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure, which is sold for the small price of 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00, does not cure, take the bottle back and we will refund your money. Sold for over fifty years on this guarantee. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Wilkins & Linn.

PRUNES.—Let every one be full of them, and they will be when the fruit growers of Lane county get to using the Bean spray pump, and thereby kill the worms and blight that works such a great injury to the fruit in Oregon. F. L. Chambers is interested in this particular industry and has one of the most complete lines of spray pumps ever brought to Lane county, prices in reach of every one.

WANTED.—A good steady man to cook on a farm for several men. Inquire at GUARD office.

AT COST.

For Three Weeks Only, Our Entire Line of MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

Ladies' and Men's Mackintoshes AX BILLY.

Home WANTED.—For four boys, of good parentage, either temporarily or by adoption. Ages 4, 8, 10 and 12. Address M. care of GUARD office, for further information.

AXES SAWS FILES

Black Eagle Double-Bitt Axe At \$1.00. WARRANTED.

SIMOND'S {Crescent Ground} SAWS

Hoo Hoo Web Foot WARRANTED.

Just Received A Full Line of

Kearney & Foot Files

WARRANTED.

By the Griffin Hardware Co.,

EUGENE, OREGON.

\$13 For \$13.00 \$13

You can buy a 3-piece Bedroom Set of Day & Henderson, with 20x24 glass

Corner 7th and Willamette Streets.

\$13 \$13

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

HOMES WANTED.—For four boys, of good parentage, either temporarily or by adoption. Ages 4, 8, 10 and 12. Address M. care of GUARD office, for further information.

FOR SALE.—220 acres excellent farming lands. Inquire of JOHN VAN DUYN, Coburg, Or.

COMMENCING JANUARY 4,

S. H. FRIENDLY'S

9th GRAND ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE 9th

For 30 days we will make prices on goods that will make them move as never before. We mean to make this SALE a greater success than any of our previous sales. Every dollar's worth of goods will be marked at prices to astonish you. Cost and former prices will not be considered. We regard it as a wise loss, and take it cheerfully.

We want your money

Space will not permit a general quotation. So only quote you prices on a few articles. A call at our store will convince you that

You need our goods



GOODS ARE CHEAP



Ladies' Dress Skirts. Our \$3.50 Black Brocaded Skirt price now \$2.00. Our \$7.50 Black Brocaded Silk Skirt now \$4.75. Our Plain Black Shellian Skirt \$4.50 now \$2.75. Our \$1.50 Brocaded Black Skirt now for \$1.20.

DRESS GOODS. A great opportunity for those wanting Dress Goods. All our 25c Dress Goods in all colors at 18c. 20c Plaid Goods beautiful shades at 15c. 15c Plaid Goods beautiful shades at 12c. 35c Dress Goods black and colors at 25c. 50c Dress Goods black and colors at 35c. Every piece of Dress Goods will be sold at a sacrifice. No reserves.

CLOTHING. AT \$3.50 Our regular \$9.00 suit grey Kersey round cut. AT \$3.50 AT 4.50 Our regular \$6.50 suit brown Cheviot round cut. AT 4.50 AT 6.50 Our regular \$8.50 suit black Cheviot round cut. AT 6.50 \$9.00 and \$10.00 Black clay worsted suits, regular price \$13.50. Now is the time to get a good suit for little money.

OVERCOATS. Men's, Boy's and Children's. We have a few good things left in this line and will make specially low prices to close out.

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets and Caps. Our stock of these goods is very small, still we have some good things to offer you at temptingly low prices. They must be sold at some price: Our \$4.00 Ladies' Jacket now \$2.00. Our 5.00 Ladies' Jacket now 2.50. Our 9.00 Ladies' Jacket now 4.50. Our 13.00 Ladies' Jacket now 6.50. All garments will be sold for one-half their regular price. Misses' Jackets reduced in same proportion.

Domestics for \$1.00. 20 yds 4-4 Bleached Muslin. 22 yds 4-4 Brown Mus n. 35 yds Indigo Blue Calico. 20 yds Turkey Red Calico. 16 yds Bleached Muslin. 20 Rolls good Batting. 30 yds good Calico.

Ladies' Kid Gloves. \$1.25 Mascot Gloves at \$1.00. \$1.50 Clasp Button and Hook Gloves at 1.25.

CARPETS. Don't overlook our Carpet Department. Sweeping reductions made on all grades of Carpet.

WE ARE MAKING NO IDLE BOASTS. What We Say We Mean. We Desire to Convince You That Our Grand Annual Clearance Sales

Will surpass anything ever before held in Eugene. Remember, there is no reserve. Our entire stock is pushed to the front. We offer you values. It is your opportunity to take advantage of these sweeping reductions.

Blankets. A double Blanket in grey and white for \$4.50. A large grey, white and Vienna Blanket worth \$1.00. A white all-wool Blanket, regular price \$6.00. We have all kinds of Blankets and all kinds of prices.

Shoes. Our stock of Shoes is very low and to close out balance will not refuse a reasonable offer on them.

Hats. Don't fail to see our \$1.00 Fedoras. Hats \$2.00 now \$1.50. Hats 2.50 now 1.75. Hats 3.00 now 2.25. Hats 3.50 now 2.75. Stiff Hats at your own price.

Trunks and Valises. Linoleums, Oil Cloths, etc. are slaughtered during our Mammoth Sale.

LACE CURTAINS. See our Curtains at 45c a pair. See our Curtains at 60c a pair. See our Curtains at 85c a pair. Our better grades have all been reduced in same proportion.

UNDERWEAR—LADIES', MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S. Men's nat Wool Shirts and Drawers at 35c. Ladies' ribbed Pants and Vests, (each) 17c. Our \$1.50 garments at (each) 1.15. Our \$1.25 garments at (each) .90c. A little money will do wonders at this sale.

Mackintoshes. For Ladies and men. Our entire line of Mackintoshes at factory prices. We are determined to close them out.

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