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## THE MILITIA.

The militia boys are at Hood River experiencing a little camp life. It is true that it will cost the people a little something, but a very little, and who knows but that it will be money well spent? "In time of peace prepare for war" is an old maxim. If the United States government had been prepared for war when war was thrust upon it in 1861 the humiliation of Bull Run might have been spared. The raw recruits, unused to military discipline, made but a sorry effort in their first attempt to repel the foe. Training and discipline were lacking. The object of encampments like the one at present being held at Hood River is to supply both these necessities in a soldier. There appears no immediate need of a militia, but emergencies sometimes arise with appalling suddenness. There is a spirit of unrest in the air. There is discontent and anarchy, and rebellion wrangling in the bosoms of men. There is a breeze here and blow there, and always the possibility that these influences may work themselves into frenzy, and death and devastation result. Then the machinery of the law is impotent without the military, and no inconsiderable part of this is the militia. It may be needed sooner than anticipated. A few more years like the four last passed would make the situation serious. But a return to the protective policy, and a settlement of the currency question will make better times and destroy those influences. We invest in a militia company the same as we do our insurance policy; not because we want it but because we might.

The democrats took advantage of the agreement of the republican senators to shorten the tariff debate as much as possible by not making speeches or taking part in controversies, to make a number of statements concerning the sugar schedule which has been adopted by the senate, that they must have known were untrue. The only one of their statements that any attention was paid to was that asserting that the new sugar schedule for which it was substituted, and that was only replied to indirectly by Senator Allison, who stated that the new schedule would give the American sugar refiners less protection than the one abandoned, and that it would be shown by indisputable evidence as soon as a statement now being prepared by unprejudiced experts could be completed. Senator Allison's word was enough for the senate which adopted the new schedule.

After all the fuss that has been made at Eugene, and in which the people of the entire state are interested, concerning affairs at the State University, it has all ended in smoke. At the meeting of the board of regents held at Portland on Tuesday evening the charges against President Chapman were dismissed. A respectable communication certifying to the integrity of the college president was received from citizens of Eugene. The charges against other professors were also dismissed and everything moves on as before. Yesterday's Eugene Guard, that has led the fight against Chapman, is editorially silent on the outcome.

The advocates of the free and unlimited coinage of silver are finding good comfort in the figures just announced by the director of the mint, which indicate that "the gold productions of the United States in 1896 were \$33,088,000, and are likely to be over 60 million in 1897. They are further troubled by the additional fact that the gold productions of the world are likely to reach the unheard of figure of 250 million dollars in the present year. When they further learn that the money in circulation in the United States today is \$138,119,612 in excess of that of one year ago, they find difficulty in sustaining their position of last campaign with reference to silver."

The silver-plated mouth piece of the popoeratic horn, W. Jennings B., ought to be in Chicago with his "bazooka." The republicans elected all their candidates for judges at the election in that city Monday last week. The silver ticket wasn't in it.—Klamath Republican.

The jubilee festivities are over and the Briton can now pursue his usual vocation for another indefinite period. How he must envy the American who jubilates every fourth of July and in November every fourth year.

The assessor and the Review are having a little controversy over the question of raising the valuation of the road-bed of the Southern Pacific from \$3500 to \$10,000 per mile for assessment purposes. The assessor does not say this will not be done but he asks for a reason why it should be done. This reason so far has not been forthcoming. The assessor wants to do his whole duty and if a reason can be given for raising the value of the railroad property to three times the former figures he will likely consider it. But an arbitrary raise might not be just. It is pretty safe to say that when a private individual gives in his property he does not consider what it cost. Values rise and fall. The question is, what is it worth? There is a mile of road in this state that cost \$146,000 yet not one would pretend to say that it was worth that sum for assessment purposes or one-tenth of it. It seems that the value of a railroad property can only be considered from its earning capacity when being operated, and if one year would not be a reasonable criterion then put three or four or more years together and get an average.

It is hardly fair for some of our silver democratic friends to so severely denounce their brethren who are known as gold democrats, especially when it is a notorious fact that scarcely a year has elapsed since some of the former were gold democrats themselves, and eloquently championing that side of the money controversy, till whipped into line by the threat of the loss of patronage. The gold democrats, rank and file, are men generally speaking who are not candidates for office, who advocate a principle because they believe it to be right, who will not follow party knowing full well that such a course would bring disaster. The silver democrat, honestly such, is entitled to respect, but he who changes colors for personal gain is a political harlot.

The question of an extra session of the legislature seems not to have been settled yet. The powers that control apparently have not settled upon a program on the subject. The right course to pursue, in a legal and just point of view, is not so much sought after as in some individual chance for political preferment. A possibility in that direction may turn the weather vane at any time apparently. In the interim all the people can do is to patiently wait and see where the next peculiar move in this peculiar political jumble will lead to.—Albany Herald.

There is encouragement in the fact that democrats and populists are uniting with the republicans in making a tariff law for both revenue and protection. General Vest shrieks that the solid south is breaking to pieces and he states a fact at which the whole country should rejoice. No section of this country should be sold on partisan issues.

The monitors Monterey and Monadnock are at anchor in Portland harbor having arrived there on Tuesday morning and the Portlanders are happy. They wanted the battleship Oregon but could not get her, now the punch bowl and "fixins" will have to be presented by proxy.

The improved agricultural and horticultural conditions in Douglas county will materially reduce the populist vote next year. There are already numerous desertions from the army of the discontented.

A dispatch from M. Irid says the Spanish people are clamoring for a war with the United States. Spain has troubles enough now to contend with and if she gets any more on her hands she'll swamp.

The Salem Journal says matters are conducted in a primitive way at the Marion county court house, and then the Albany Democrat cruelly suggests that perhaps it is due to primitive surroundings.

If certain newspapers' editors were not so modest they would probably own up that there are no public men honest except themselves and those who believe as they do.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

## NEWS NOTES.

Col. Tom Ochiltree is dangerously ill in Washington.

The Ohio democrats have adopted a 10 to 1 platform.

The senate has determined on 67 cents per ton tariff on coal.

The O. V. A. C. regents were in session at Corvallis yesterday.

Weyler wants more troops to conquer the rebellious Cubans.

Six deaths were caused by excessive heat in Chicago Tuesday.

The president will go to Canton tomorrow to visit his mother.

Ohio democrats are for silver, and McLean, the millionaire, is in control.

William Jennings Bryan is touring the coast. He arrives in California today.

The Baker City postoffice was robbed Tuesday night and about \$1000 secured.

The Siamese invaded the French province of Gourg and sacked and burned villages.

And sheep men in Grant county. The settlers the other day killed 200 sheep in presence of the herder.

Much disappointment is felt among the British naval officers at the fact that the queen did not review the fleet in person on Saturday, especially as she goes to Alderhot on Thursday to review the troops there.

Twenty governors of as many different states in the Union have signified their intention of being present at the unveiling of the Logan monument in Chicago, July 22nd. Gov. Lord of Oregon, is among the number.

A good season for farmers, and consequently for the rest of us, is now an assured fact in old Yamhill. Let us "get in" and enjoy our property, not forgetting any of the lessons of economy and industry which adversity has taught.—Reporter.

Speaker Reed said Monday that he had the matter of the appointment of the committee on the amount of business to be had something unenforced should occur to change his personal inclination, he would prepare the list and submit them prior to the final adjournment.

Mr. Bryan will probably find that the cat calls, he has so foolishly taken for scores, come from irresponsible sources. His egotistical hallucination will have a rude awakening when the mistaken encore fails to secure even a call before the curtain by the nominating conventions of 1900.—Albany Herald.

Captain George W. Kingsbury, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Clifton Springs, N. Y., last week, aged 95 years. He had had an excellent record in the civil war, afterward served in the West, and had charge of the execution of the famous Indian chief, Captain Jack, following the Modoc campaign.

The Western roads have come to the conclusion that they will be about swamped with the amount of business to be had by the Christian Endeavor convention at San Francisco. At the time of making the plan, the general opinion was that it would bring a large amount of traffic, but some roads are now in straits to get necessary equipment to handle the traffic.

At three o'clock Sunday morning the engine of train No. 1, on the W. & C. railroad, was derailed a short distance east of Wallula, Wash., a waterpump having washed out a portion of the track. The engineer saw the danger, and endeavored to stop the train. He succeeded, as far as the rest of the train was concerned, but the engine was derailed. No one was injured in the accident.

When asked the other day if it were true that simultaneously with the signing of the Hawaiian annexation treaty at Washington plans were prepared in the war and navy departments for any possible contingency with Japan, Secretary of the Navy Long replied: "It is not true as to the navy. There has not been the slightest anticipation on my part of any war with Japan, which is a highly civilized country, and on especially friendly terms with the United States."

Copville Bulletin: A strike has been on at Libby since Monday last week. Thirty or 35 miners had been driven out by "superior" men. Henry, was hired, but to further economize the expense, if possible, while there were only about 60 men working three days in the week, orders came from headquarters in San Francisco to have the men put in the extra time in the next week.

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## Railroad Assessment.

To THE EDITOR OF THE REVIEW: I have not much time to write for the press, therefore excuse me if I leave unexpressed the slight dig you give the PLAINEALER about hiding my article in that, and the fact of your quoting my letter to what I really wanted to say and then leaving that out of the right at this matter of assessment. You say under date of June 21. "Justice demands that this railroad should pay taxes upon its property at the same ratio of assessment the people pay on their property—\$30,000 a mile upon the Review will not assess this railroad at \$10,000 per mile of roadbed. The present assessment stands at \$2500 and \$3000 per mile thus you would raise the railroad three times its old assessment and since you say that it should be taxed exactly as the people are do you mean to have me take each person's real property in this county and raise it three times the old assessment to put it on an equality with the \$30,000 per mile you wish to assess the railroad for. You say I have yet time to do this and intimate that you will "roast" me if I don't. I will admit that if you raise the real property of this county three times its present assessment and keep the same taxation at the present rate, the debt that hangs over Douglas county ought to grow less. But Mr. Editor, can the people stand such a rate of valuation and are you sure they wish it. I will admit there is yet time to do it.

One matter more and I will close. You say in your issue of June 28, "Should the assessor continue the farce of assessing the S. P. Co. at \$3500 a mile upon a roadbed that it has borrowed \$30,000 a mile upon the Review will not hesitate to denounce his act and appeal to the county board, etc., etc." I call your attention to what I always supposed was a fact before that instead of borrowing upon their road bed that they pledged their great lands, their rolling stock, depots and grounds, in fact everything they possessed down to their pick axes and shovels. Are you not mistaken about their borrowing \$30,000 per mile on their road bed?

W. S. BRITT, Assessor. Roseburg, June 30, 1897.

Granger Again.

MR. REVIEW EDITOR: Please do not understand me that I am defending the R. R. assessment or say that it is too high or too low, at the present, only that I want to know what you place your figures at, and values on to show that \$10,000 per mile is the proper figure. I fail to see what \$24,000 per mile in Pennsylvania or \$17,000 in California has to do with the values in Oregon any more than it a town lot in Philadelphia, 50x100 is assessed at \$24,000, a town lot in Roseburg 50x100, should be assessed the same; or a lot in San Francisco at \$17,000 has to do with a lot in Myrtle Creek.

Yours will notice too, that an assessment of \$10,000 per mile involves Jackson county in a law suit on account of over assessment and from your statements I infer that you recommend the same here in this county.

GRANGER.

## An Assessor in Trouble.

EDITOR PLAINEALER: Assessor Britt is in tribulation on account of youthful indiscretion. He has been playing with a tarred stick and has got his fingers befouled.

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