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The Philippines are ready, if not willing, to receive the news of Spanish defeat and slaughter of Adam.

Bryan is the last man in the world to be the center of a political storm, and yet he is known as the cyclone that will be the most of political storms.

There will be some hard nuts for the next legislature to crack in the form of bills for the relief of the farmers. There will be a great deal of legislation demanded for the benefit of the farmers.

Senor Don M. Romero, the Mexican ambassador to this country, died at Washington, October 2d, from effects of a surgical operation for appendicitis, thus closing a long and active career as a servant of his native land.

Senator Justin S. Morrill, the oldest United States senator from Vermont, died recently at his residence in Washington. He served in congress 40 years, longer than any other man in that body, and always voted as he spoke, for his country. The nation has lost a patriot and a great citizen.

Last Wednesday night the first snow storm of the season occurred in the Cascade range. Some inches of snow fell at Ashland, Medford and other points in Southern Oregon. It is the earliest snow for years, farmers report, and it is thought that the fruit crop will be injured by the cold weather. The snow did not reach the valleys, however, although it was cold enough to freeze ice a half inch thick in this valley, at times. The ground was covered with a heavy frost and there was a heavy fall of sleet.

There will be only one more issue of this paper before the election, next week. After that we will have to suspend publication for a time, owing to the absence of our foreman, who will be in the clerk's office during the election, and W. H. Odell and his assistant, deputies, George H. Brown and J. Wagner, are busy as bees in a hive now in writing up the voters' lists. Salem Journal.

The Oregon legislature should be sensible enough to pass a law that will cut down the appropriations for the state institutions, and the normal school, appears to be chronically in debt, and needs less commissioners. Let some economy and reform be practiced in the management of our state affairs, and the people will be much more willing to pay cash for all expenses. It may be forever too late, but it is not too much to expect.

The Cuban patriots should be satisfied to entirely at the mercy of the United States authority during the war, and to be guided by the advice of the President. It is certainly in their interest to allow the United States to celebrate the evacuation of the Spanish troops from Cuba. It is also clear that they ought to do this quietly, and not by a public demonstration, which would be important to every one that has taken their recall against Spanish troops, they ought to consider it a great favor the fact that without the aid of the United States they would be in no condition to rejoice. They ought to be thankful to America, and let them to manage things for a while without any complaint.

WAR AND ITS COSTS.

Mr. William T. Stead writes in the Boston Society of Christian, that "in the last nine years the European governments have spent more money on armies than for any nine years previous, to the amount of $5,000,000,000." This is about $500,000,000 in excess of the amount of the ordinary money in the years. The Christian government of Europe, therefore, in the short space of nine years, expended on war a sum 20 per cent greater than the entire wealth of the world of the civilized nations. Period 1890-1899 inclusive has been productive of unusual take and a part of the proceeds of new bonds. Old issues of bonds were paid by new issues, upon the principle of Micawber that "when you are in difficulty, borrow a pound and give your creditor a new bill for twenty one."

In the nine years Mr. Stead mentions there has been no war of any considerable magnitude. There was the Greek war between Turkey and Greece, but the still less costly war between Spain and the United States. The great European nations have lived at peace with each other, and yet they have continued to expend more money on preparation for war than they did in the years of their peace. Instead of being able to show what effect war would have on financial situation, Europe has been much longer spending $500,000,000 a year in preparation for a state of peace lasting. In the armies there must be a large number of bonds outstanding. The face value of such bonds is to exceed $150,000,000. The interest at 4 per cent would be $1,200,000,000. In some cases this interest is paid out of current revenue, in others, out of the proceeds of the sale of new bonds. In either case the interest on outstanding bonds must be added to the cost of maintaining the military establishments.

A Mr. Pennington, a member of one of the Hebrew congregations in this city, being asked to contribute to a petition for a Russian loan of 1860, said, "Not one, sir. Vendetta is our watchword." Tribune Herald.

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