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The Salem papers without regard to political or religious opinions, have fused in favor of a special session of the legislature in the interest of the Salem boarding house keepers.

If Secretary of War Alger can't find anybody to bear the responsibility for the bad conditions which he acknowledges have existed in the army camps, it looks as if he would have to shoulder it himself.

The Review now admits that if the affairs of the county are kept up to the present efficient standard established by the republican county officers, it will be glory enough without attempting any thing further.

The Oregonian declares that it prefers ex-Senator Mitchell to Blaine Hermann for United States senator. Very well, the friends of Mr. Hermann will join the Oregonian in making the election of Mr. Mitchell unanimous.

With an available cash balance in the United States treasury of \$300,000,000 and a gold reserve of over \$220,000,000, it looks as if this government would be able to purchase food and medicine for the sick soldiers without the assistance of the charitably disposed people of the country.

The Review stoutly declares that Gage is no worse than his republican predecessors, and admits that it will take an act of the legislature to make him any better, and yet Gage is the man, who during his canvass of the county, both for senator and for county clerk, denounced Benson and Shupe for employing two deputies.

An ordinance should be passed, and rigidly enforced, prohibiting the throwing of refuse matter in the streets and alleys, and compelling property owners to keep the ditches and gutters, in front of their property, open and free from filth. There are gutters in the city, which are reeking and festering, breeding places of disease and festering, in addition to being ill smelling and horrible to look upon. One of the very worst places in the city, is at the foot of Cass street, where everyone going to or returning from the depot, must pass it. Strangers entering the city can not help but notice this place, and their opinion of the people of a city, who permit such places to exist, must be anything but favorable.

We could stand the look and the foul odors, but later on if diphtheria should claim a score of victims, as a result of this accumulated filth, people will have no one to blame but themselves. If the men of Roseburg can't be induced to clean up the streets, the ladies should do as they have done in other cities, organize, and do it themselves, and thus shame the men to action.

THEY WANT TO COME IN.

Leading Filipinos Are Anxious for Annexation.

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warlike mountaineers, as well as those engaged in mercantile pursuits, would welcome the Stars and Stripes. They also said there are 4000 men armed with

sabres near Ililo ready to support the Americans. They refused to join in the clamor for independence, which they consider a mistake and impracticable.

The delegations propose to interview General Otis, the American commander, to appeal to President McKinley and to confer with Aguinaldo's followers with a view to arranging for a combined movement to insist upon annexation. They also ask that insurgent regiments be enrolled in the American army with American officers, and that insurgent chiefs be given American appointments under General Otis.

Aguinaldo remains at Bakoor. He recently wrote an impudent letter to General Otis, which resulted in his receiving a sharp snub. The insurgent leader will probably render himself amenable to the American authorities.

GOD RESERVE CLIMBING UP.

Prospects Are That It Will Soon Reach a Quarter of a Billion.

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Oregon Notes.

Heppner has 33 telephones. Heppner had frost last Tuesday. There are several cases of measles at Dallas.

John Mooney has been appointed city marshal of Joseph.

The heavy rain in Jackson county last Monday put out the forest fires.

Hopner has taken steps to improve the county roads leading into the country.

The new public school at The Dalles will be opened for inspection on the 30th.

Fred C. Baker of the Troutdale Champion, has bought the Tillamook Headlight.

Next Thursday the county court of Polk county will award the contract for the new courthouse.

The mountains near Joseph were covered with snow Tuesday. Sheepherders reported a fall of three inches.

Rev. A. H. Servais has been appointed in charge of the Catholic mission, embracing Grant, Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Mrs. James Lemon of Monroe was hooked in the face by a cow the other day. One horn nearly put out Mrs. Lemon's left eye.

Henry H. Stone and E. A. Kurtz are building a fruit evaporator at Corvallis. It will have a capacity of 150 or 200 bushels daily.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Hunsaker, of McMinnville, will leave September 15th for a visit to their old home in Missouri, which they have not seen for 15 years.

Weston had all kinds of weather during August. The highest temperature was 110 degrees and the lowest 61 degrees. During the month there were three thunder storms and a heavy frost.

Father T. H. Small of Silverton, who preached in the Presbyterian church at McMinnville last Sunday, is probably the oldest preacher of any denomination on the Pacific coast. He is 80 years old.

A boy named Walker, who ran away from the state reform school with a hole several months ago, was recaptured in Lane County a few days ago. He was returned to the reform school Friday.

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Arrived at Montauk.

CAMP MEADE, Middletown, Sept. 2.—The movement of the troops which have been ordered to be mustered out will begin Sunday. The troops will be given 30 days' furlough before being mustered out. Two hundred sick soldiers were transferred to the hospital at Philadelphia today.

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SPANISH PRISONERS FREE.
CERVERA AND HIS MEN WILL GO BACK TO SPAIN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Acting Secretary Allen has authorized the release of all the Spanish naval prisoners captured in the battle of July 3, from Cervera's fleet. These are now at Annapolis and Seavey's Island, Portsmouth harbor, the officers being at the academy and the sailors at the island. The condition of the men physically is in all that could be desired. The prisoners are to be returned to Spain at the expense of the Spanish government. This was the condition upon which our government agreed to release them without parole or other restriction. Admiral Cervera was charged by his government with the arrangements for the transportation of the prisoners. They are all to go together, officers and men, and it is presumed that Captain Eulate has gone to New York to charter two Spanish steamers now lying there.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The gold in the treasury is steadily climbing upward and today again broke a record with a reserve total of \$220,316,282, the highest in the history of the reserve fund. United States Treasurer Roters, in view of the upward trend of the gold in the treasury, said that out of about \$10,000,000 yet to be paid in for the new war loan, it is likely that \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 will be in gold.

"It would not be at all strange," he said, "if before the tide turns out our total gold reserve will be considerably over \$250,000,000."

The treasury's available cash balance today was \$297,742,265.

WATER TAX RULINGS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The treasury department holds, that an article of agreement or contract for the sale of real estate, is not subject to a stamp tax unless it conveys some right of title. It is also held that an inheritance consisting exclusively of government bonds is subject to the same conditions, as money or personal property, under section 26 of the war revenue act.

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ATTITUDES SHOT.

JOHN HUNT IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

MANILA, Sept. 3.—Orders have been received here from the president directing Cervera to make arrangements to proceed with his officers and men back to Spain immediately, in accordance with instructions issued by the Spanish minister of marine. The officers were greatly enthusiastic when they received the news.

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