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A QUESTION OF VERACITY.

County Clerk Gazley called at the PLAINEALER office last week, during the absence of the editor, and we are informed complained of our reference in this paper to the statement alleged to have been made by him during the campaign, that if elected he would run the county clerk's office with the assistance of but one deputy. Mr. Gazley, we understand, now denies that he ever made such a statement or that he ever in any manner found fault with or criticized the manner in which the office was managed by his republican predecessors. We have no disposition to do Mr. Gazley an injury or to in any manner misquote him. We have been informed by a large number of persons in different parts of the county that he did make the statements, and it simply became a question of veracity between Mr. Gazley and numerous citizens of Douglas county. We were led to believe that the statement was true, from the fact that the party to which Mr. Gazley belongs, claims to be the only genuine, pure republican party on earth. They claim that their party was born because of the extravagance and corruption of the republican and democrat parties, and that its mission on earth was to reduce expenses and lift the burthen of taxation from a people groaning under the oppression of the plutocrats. This has been their doleful song, sung wherever the populist party had an existence. True, as soon as they get into office they sing another song, just as they are now doing in this county. Before the election they told the people that the railroad assessment was outrageously low and promised that if placed in power they would do great things in the way of raising the assessment. After the election they think the assessment made by the republicans was about right, and make a great parade of virtue because their board of equalization has not lowered the assessment just lower. When you say that their reform sheriff is paying an exorbitant price for publishing sheriff's sale notices, they reply that it is no more than was paid by republicans. When Mr. Gazley is reminded that as a reformer he promised to cut down expenses, his answer is: "I am doing as the republicans did before me, and I never promised to do any better." We are glad, however, that Mr. Gazley has the good sense to throw off the mask of hypocrisy and admit that he is no better than others. As we have said before, we have the highest regard for Mr. Gazley as a man and citizen. It is only as a fake reformer that he makes himself ridiculous.

The members of the recent legislature, are now charged with looting the halls of epitaphs. The populist brethren thought they were inkwells, and the clerkship "reforms" were enough to make any man spit.

Mr. Simon, who was lately elected United States senator from Oregon, is the fourth Jew upon whom that honor has been bestowed, the other three being David Yale, Florida; Judah P. Benjamin and B. F. Jones, Louisiana; Jewish Times and Observer, S. F.

We are sorry that nothing was done at the late special session of the legislature by either our republican senator, or the so-called reform members of the lower house in the way of the enactment of a law reducing the salaries of county officers. Nothing was to be expected from the fusion members, but the people had confidence that Senator Reed would at least make an effort to carry out the will of the people as expressed by the convention that nominated him. Senator Reed, however, explains his failure to take any action in the matter by saying that he did not think there would be time at the special session to get a bill through, but that he will surely attend to the matter at the regular session. The people of Douglas county are in earnest about this matter and will not lightly pass over the failure of their representatives to carry out their express wishes in the matter. The failure of the legislature to do any business two years ago, has continued this heavy load on the taxpayers for two years longer than it should have been, and the people are impatient for relief. Perhaps the best way to reach the clerk's office would be to repeal that part of the law which provides for the payment of deputies by the county. With the \$2500, allowed the clerk by the present law, he could employ such help as is necessary to run the office and yet have left for himself a fair salary for the work performed. Then equalize the work and pay of the two offices, between the sheriff and treasurer, by making the treasurer the tax collector, and the remaining offices could be let alone as their compensation is little enough.

The legislature at the special session just closed did much to redeem the promises made to the people during the two preceding campaigns. If the legislature had done nothing more than to abolish the board of railroad commissioners and the board of equalization, it would have earned the gratitude of the people. But much more remains to be done at the regular session. One deplorable feature of the special session was the shameful abuse of the priv-

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Geography.

From the best information obtainable we are more than ever convinced that George Starmer is alive and that he will arrive at home, perhaps on the next transport to arrive from Manila. We have always doubted the reports of his death and so stated when the report was first received. A private letter from Frank Godfrey, dated September 14th, explains the manner in which his reported death was circulated. He says: "Night before last Geo. W. Starmer, was not expected to live during the night, and yesterday we received notice that he was dead and for the captain to make arrangements for the funeral." Sam was told of his brother's death and a coffin was bought. The hearse, three carriages and horses for the funeral party were engaged and when the captain reported at the hospital there was no one there that was dead, and after looking over the books, they found out that he was alive and quite a bit better. Meanwhile his name had been checked off from the list of those that are to be returned home by the next ship as dead." Another letter dated September 20th says: "George got his discharge from the army and transportation home to San Francisco and \$400.00 mileage." The fact that he was reported dead and his name checked off the list to come home, explains why he probably missed the Rio Janeiro which arrived at San Francisco last Saturday. We hope to hear of his arrival at home at an early date.

Ex U. S. Senator Stark Dead.
Benjamin Stark, at one time U. S. senator for Oregon, died at his home at New Haven, Conn., on the 13th at the age of 76. The ex-senator came to Oregon in 1845, and took up a donation claim where is now the most densely populated part of Portland. First a merchant, he afterwards became a lawyer and politician of the most pronounced democratic type. When Senator E. D. Baker was killed at the battle of Ball's Bluff Oct. 21, 1861, leaving a vacancy in the U. S. senate, Governor Whitaker appointed Mr. Stark to the vacancy and he held that office until December, 1862. Soon after he moved to Connecticut.

Those Dreadful Sores.
They Continued to Spread in Spite of Treatment but Now They are Healed - A Wonderful Work.
"For many years I have been a great sufferer with various sores on one of my limbs, my foot and limb became dreadfully swollen. When I stood up I could not walk. One day I accidentally hit my foot against some object and a sore broke out which continued to spread and was exceedingly painful. I consulted I needed a blood purifier and I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time those dreadful sores which had caused me so much suffering, began to heal. I kept on faithfully with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in a short time my limb was completely healed and the sores gave me no more pain. I cannot be too thankful for the wonderful work Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for me." Mrs. A. E. Gilson, Hartland, Vermont.

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Manila Will Soon See the Last of the Insurgents.

New York, Oct. 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila says: The insurgent general, Pio Pilar, has agreed to evacuate Paco Pace, the last suburb of Manila held by the Filipinos, October 25. This completes the American conquest of the city. The last rebel has left Cavite. The Americans now hold Cavite and Manila, the rest of the island of Luzon being in the hands of the insurrectionist faction. How little power Aguinaldo possesses is shown by his refusal to grant passes to visit the interior, on the ground that the northern provinces are held by General Makaboules, who is in revolt against the Malo Los government.

Aguinaldo has ordered the release of Spanish civilian prisoners taken at Iloilo. Steamers under the American flag are forbidden to load by the native authorities, unless they pay a tax of 5 per cent ad valorem on the coast, and 20 per cent on their freight to the local government.

A large stock of tobacco was seized at Cagayan on the Companie Generale and from the factories. Aguinaldo refused to return the prize, as he requires funds. Aguinaldo is preparing for a possible return of the islands to Spanish rule and will entertain no proposals from Spain. Every native is sworn to join his ranks in such an event. Of the southern islands Mindanao would not combine against Spain.

There are two cases of smallpox in this week, although the health of the troops shows a slight improvement, there being fewer cases of typhoid fever and dysentery. There is still need for more women nurses. Red Cross workers, after some slight hitch, are starting an ably managed auxiliary hospital for serious cases, likewise a hospital for the California troops. They contemplate opening still another home for the convalescents.

Drugs, food and supplies in the Red Cross Society's hands have been given to all aiders without stint, as the necessities of the situation demand. There is great need now for money to aid in the extension of the work, and the fact cannot be too strongly impressed upon the people.

The British warships Powerful and Rattler have been ordered to Hong Kong, it is said, on account of the number of cases of malarial fever aboard. There have been three deaths on the Powerful.

The Americans continue capturing the rebel vessels as they arrive at Cavite. Two have been captured this week.

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