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AKASKA.

In the debate in congress over the annexation of the Philippines, reference is frequently made to the purchase of Alaska, and since the late war Alaska is attracting the attention of the world, as never before, though the territory has been a source of profit to us for many years.

GOV. GEER'S MESSAGE.

A number of the legislators at Salem took offense at Governor Geer, claiming that in his message he encroached upon the constitutional rights and prerogatives of a co-ordinate branch of the state government.

involve questions of endless confusion and annoyance, the public discussion of which would be neither profitable nor edifying.

Governor Geer's recommendation as to the state printing is sound. "The taxpayers," he says, "have a perfect right to the advantages accruing from the improved methods of printing."

Prof. C. H. Jones, a teacher in Salem, has been arrested for severely punishing a boy. It is not claimed that the punishment was undeserved, but that it was too severe.

Nelson Dingley, congressman from Maine, died in Washington, January 13, from pneumonia. Mr. Dingley has been for years a republican leader in the house of representatives, and is better known as the late chairman of the ways and means committee and the author of the Dingley tariff bill.

We call attention again to our editorial in the PLAINDEALER of Jan. 12, advising the organization of a local historical society for Douglas county.

After holding on to the office of school superintendent for six months beyond the term for which he was elected, and knowing that the superintendent elect will soon be home with his regiment from Manila, Douglas Waite has resigned and had himself appointed by the county court to fill the vacancy.

When it was known that Mr. Waite had resigned a petition was circulated and numerous signed, asking the county court to appoint Mr. John Hamlin to fill the position until his son's return.

Neither can the action of the county court be commended. For mere partisan reasons they have defeated the will of a majority of the voters of Douglas county expressed by their ballots in the last election.

The appointment of Joseph Hoogs Choate, as ambassador to Great Britain is very satisfactory to Americans generally and especially to the legal fraternity.

who refuses to advise against it, no matter who it hits. His oath makes it his duty to call these matters to the attention of the legislature, and that is what I tried to do in some way that would be effective.

I found it true to my cost. At one time in an adjoining county, I had an ambition to hold a certain office. I tried for the nomination twice before the county convention, the last time with fair prospects of success.

TIME FOR EXPANSION.

Pressure of Population Beginning to Tell in America. Fourteen years after the inauguration of the first president of the United States, the republic began to expand.

When Jefferson bought Louisiana the density of population in the old United States was between seven and eight to the square mile. It could hardly be said that there was any pressing congestion within our old boundaries, but Jefferson had an eye that could see into the future.

When we purchased Florida we had between four and five inhabitants to the square mile. When we annexed Texas the density of our population was not quite ten. When we took California it was about twelve.

What I Know About Politics.

Mr. Enton:—The spirit moves me and I must tell you what I know about politics, though what I do not know about politics would make a great many books.

At a criminal trial in the Willamette Valley a number of years ago, one of the principal witnesses for the state was put upon the stand and asked to tell what he knew about the case.

Uncle Sam and Billy Bryan. Uncle Sam—I believe in expansion, both far and wide. I'll enlarge my old mansion on every side.

Billy Bryan—I'm opposed to expansion, I am, I am, big enough is our mansion. For you Uncle Sam: For if you enlarge it, old boy,

Uncle Sam—Oh, tut, tut, Billy Bryan, why speak you so? Your patron saint kept tryin

Uncle Sam—Oh, yes, but hold a minute, hear me, hear me, you've nothing good in it, as you must see.

Uncle Sam—Oh, he is sparing no pains to rule you and me, Washington, Jefferson, Polk, would not do it, and if Mack does—it's no joke, and you'll rue it.

Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for Douglas County. Susan Smith, Plaintiff.

Oh, How Thankful. Pain Was Maddening and Hope Had Been Abandoned—Wonderful Results of Purifying the Blood.

The Uniform Shoes That Flake Friends are the only kind we wish to sell. They are the only kind we do sell, and with each pair we sell we make a new friend.

One day last week a hoarse limped into a Roseburg attorney's office and stated that he had a cause for damage suit against the railroad.

Very grave charges are made against Ex-Secretary of State Kincaid. If they are true, he is unworthy to hold any office of public trust, and there were good reasons, aside from the fact that his home is in Eugene, for withdrawing his nomination as regent of the State University.

President McKinley's expansion views are in touch with the popular pulse. Where the stars and stripes have once waved let them fly forever. Our new territories in a few years will be a source of great revenue to the nation, and the blessings of Freedom will shower prosperity over the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Let's talk about bicycles. A little early perhaps, but—now is the time to get the good points and decide what wheel to buy. We have the agency for The Crescent and can recommend it as a strictly high grade bicycle in the true sense of the word, and better still, THE PRICE IS RIGHT.

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