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A Great Clean Up Sale This Week...

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The A. Dunbar Co

Headquarters for Dry Goods on the Lower Columbia.

GOVERNMENT FOR PHILIPPINES.

Commission Will at Once Issue a Proclamation to the Natives and Take Charge of Affairs.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Another effort in the direction of the establishment of civil government in the Philippines will be inaugurated tomorrow, when the Taft Philippine commission arrives at Manila.

As soon after its arrival as possible the commission will issue a proclamation embodying instructions under which it will act.

It will inform the Filipinos that it has been appointed to establish civil government throughout the islands, and will urge their co-operation.

It will co-operate with the military service until September 1, by which time it is expected the municipal and provincial governments will be in operation. The commission will then separate, Judge Taft remaining in Manila and the four members being distributed among the four departments and acting independently in the capacity of governors.

The authorities have also established a system of espionage in China, designed to apprise General McArthur and Rear-Admiral Remy of filibustering expeditions.

VALUABLE COLLECTION OF GEMS

Morgan's Magnificent Gift to the Museum of Natural History in Washington—Worth Many Thousands of Dollars.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The American museum of natural history will be presented by J. P. Morgan the finest collection of gems and precious stones in the world.

The collection is now in Paris, and will soon be exhibited in the United States section of the departments of mines and metallurgy, in the palace of forestry, hunting and fishing, with the Tiffany exhibit at the exposition.

It was gathered by George F. Kunz, under authority of Tiffany & Co., Mr. Morgan recently purchased the collection with a view to presenting it to the museum of natural history after the Paris exposition. Precious stones from North America are an important feature.

VETERANS ARE DYING OFF.

Percentage of Mortality Rapidly Increasing in Their Ranks—No Survivors of War of 1812 Left.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Veterans of the civil war are dying off at the rate of about 3½ per cent per annum. Commissioner Evans estimates that there are about 925,000 survivors of the civil war. Of this number there were on the pension rolls last year 742,467.

During the year 24,787 pensioned veterans died. Assuming that the death rate among those not pensioned is the same as among the pensioners, the total number of veterans who died during the year would be about 20,853.

The average age of the veterans who still survive is about 59 years. The last survivor of the war of 1812 died last summer, 75 years after the close of that war. At the same rate there will probably be a few survivors of the civil war still living in 1910.

TO THE VOTERS OF CLATSOP COUNTY.

Allow me by this advertisement to bring to your attention my candidacy on the citizens' ticket to the office of superintendent of schools of this county, which I filled from 1892 to 1898; not running for the county office in 1898, but carrying the county on the state ticket.

I need only say that if you elect me I shall give to this office my first attention; administering the provisions of state and county for education, according to the intent of the law—the best under free government; visiting the schools personally, encouraging

the teachers and pupils, supervising their work; seeing that the new state course arranged by State Superintendent Ackerman, is well introduced and followed, and that some plan of registering in the superintendent's office the progress and department of pupils, is carried out. Other advantages, such as school libraries, or library, already to some extent enjoyed; and the best possible arrangements for institute work for the teachers will be given the attention within my means; and the more liberal provisions of the new law will make it possible to perform these duties with more ease and dignity than heretofore.

Some objections brought against me I think will be found trifling, and made chiefly for the purpose of a little campaign amusement. It is hardly necessary to assert my loyalty, or to say that with all Americans, I approved the war of liberation for Cuba, declared by congress, or even in the Philippines, if prosecuted for the same ends. The thought of the poem, for which I have been bantered, was of sympathy with a man who was reported in the dispatches as refusing to give up his struggle, even though offered money and office; and that for this act he was entitled to the name of hero rather than enemy, and therefore it was no treason to send him greetings of even aid and comfort. Whether or not the sympathy was justly placed, all intent of disloyalty was disclaimed in the piece itself; and, indeed, who cannot but deplore the policy that has made enemies of a struggling people, or not wish that the policy declared as the will of congress in Cuba, had been announced to the Filipinos as the policy of the administration?

However, these events are now past, and the liberty and good will that the American people intend for the Filipinos, must be reached in ways not yet clear; neither is this any matter for the public schools.

I can rely with great confidence upon the fairness and good judgment of the voters of Clatsop county, and if elected it shall be my aim and pleasure to serve you to the best of my ability. H. S. LYMAN.

SUMMER RESORTS.

"To the mountains our people in increasing numbers yearly look for those days of relaxation and recreation necessary to maintain the human machine in fair working condition. The languorous sloth of the seashore proves very seductive while it lasts, but many have decided that the annual outing should provide not only radical change of air and surroundings, but also such stimulation of flagging energies as will provide brawn and vigor for the return to labor. For this they urge the mountain climb and ramble, the balsam of the mountain pines, and the clear, unadulterated mountain air.

"In this direction the Shasta Route now affords a wealth of attractions. The entire line of road from Ashland to Redding is studded with charming and accessible hotels and camps, where are cheer and comfort and healing at reasonable cost, and where you can hunt, fish, ride, loaf, or play with equal facility.

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"Before visiting Europe, the people of the Northwest should see the glories of Yosemite valley, and the wondrous groves of Mariposa and Calaveras; the Parisians are likely to make inquiries concerning these attractive resorts."

Send to Mr. C. H. Markham, general passenger agent, Portland, for new booklets on Castle Crags, Shasta Springs, McCloud river, Yosemite, and excursion rates thereto.

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The new schedule of the O. R. & N., which went into effect April 22nd, shortened the time to Chicago 12 hours, and gives a double daily service between Portland and Chicago.

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YAMHILL DIVISION, Passenger depot foot of Jefferson St. Leave for Oswego daily at 7:30, 9:45 a. m.; 12:30, 1:35, 2:35, 3:35, 4:35, 5:05, 11:20 p. m.; and 9:50 a. m. on Sunday only. Arrive at Portland daily at 8:25 a. m.; 10:50 a. m.; 1:35, 3:15, 4:20, 6:20, 7:40, 10:00 p. m.; 12:40 a. m. daily except Monday; 5:30 and 10:30 a. m. on Sundays only.

ASTORIA, May 31.—Editor Astorian—I have received letters and requests from all parts of the city and county for a copy of my statement of the financial condition of Clatsop county, in answer to the charges of the "Citizens" which read as follows:

"It. The reckless extravagance of the county court, the wanton expenditure of the people's money, and the constantly increasing indebtedness of the county, the employment of unnecessary deputies in the various county offices demand a change in the administration of county affairs. The indebtedness of the county is over \$100,000, necessitating the payment of a large interest account, and no effort has been used to decrease this indebtedness, while the taxpayers are burdened with excessive taxation."

Briefly answering the above clap-trap, I wish to again inform these would be leaders that the present county administration found Clatsop county \$103,322.83 in debt when it took charge July 1, 1894. Upon this amount there has been paid \$40,911.97 interest, and the county's debt was reduced \$23,351.62.

In the semi-annual sworn statement of the county clerk, dated December 31, 1899, the following showing was made:

Outstanding warrants December 31, 1899	\$106,630.92
Warrants issued since January 1 to May 7, 1900	9,778.75
Total warrants outstanding May 7, 1900	\$116,409.67
U. S. F. warrants paid since December 31, 1899	\$ 28,477.37
Y. B. bridge warrants paid since December 31, 1899	5,155.83
Special road " " " " " "	458.89
Public road " " " " " "	55.05
Warrants paid since December 31, 1899	\$ 34,147.14
Total warrants now outstanding May 7, 1900	\$ 82,262.53

As follows: Y. B. bridge non-interest bearing warrants \$10,811.66 General fund and road warrants 71,950.87

Cash on hand to pay warrants called \$82,262.53 As follows:— Cash in hands of treasurer, general fund \$ 8,903.05 Cash in hands of sheriff, general fund 2,107.75 Cash in hands county clerk 225.43 Cash in Y. B. bridge fund 134.43 Cash in special road fund 313.84

Total warrant debt less cash on hand 70,578.53 Balance due state, tax 1892 7,359.68 Estimated interest outstanding warrants general fund 5,000.00 Total county debt May 7, 1900 \$ 82,938.21

SUMMARY. Total debt July 1, 1894 \$103,322.83 Total debt May 7, 1900 82,938.21 The reduction of the county debt \$ 20,384.62

The present county administration has paid interest upon debt prior to July 1, 1894 40,911.97 Chargeable to former administrations \$ 61,263.59 And the Y. B. bridge costing 82,155.41

The above total represents the amount which should be credited to the present administration as compared to former management.

This statement can be verified by any competent "citizen" who wishes to know the truth, if he will call on the county clerk and treasurer, who keep a complete set of books and the cash, or warrants required to show that they are correct. If it is doubted, I invite Col. E. C. Hughes, Duncan Stewart and Thos Dealy, or other competent democrats to call, and with me examine them at any time.

Very truly yours, J. H. D. GRAY, County Judge.

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