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The Astorian desires to be placed on record as a republican newspaper to give relief to the Philippines by the enactment of a tariff law more just than that now in force. It is the acme of unwisdom for the republican administration to place in the hands of the anti-expansionists a club with which

The antis have always argued that the United Staes could not govern the Filipino archipelago; that it is too far away for our coagress to give it the attention it deserves. It is deplorable in the extreme that the congress should proceed to do all that was within its power to make good the contentions to accept them is indefensible.

In two respects congress did this in neglecting to pass the Philippine tariff bill, and in refusing to give Alaska a delegate. Both propositions appeal ed to the sense of justice, and refusal ot accept them is indefensible,

The tariff on products coming from the Philippines should (ideally) be duty free. But, if, as it is claimed, it be necessary to retain the duty, it it should be apon a principle radically different from that which now obtains.

The truth seems to be that the tobacco and sugar interests are dictating the Philippine tariff schedules, and the shame of congress' apparent neglect is the shame of it sreal ignominy. Rogers, druggist,

The country is justified in drawing such conclusions from the existing status. It is humiliating and it makes the honest citizen blush for his country that things so flagrant are permitted by our representatives in the na-

tional legislature. Of all the many follies of humanity probably none equals the vice of profanity as an utterly useless and inexcusable habit. It is good reason for national pride and congratulation that we do not swear as much as we used to. Once the eccentricities of certain respectable old gentlemen who interjected oft used oaths into their conversation were overlooked by their hearers-probably on the ground of early associations. Likewise the ravings of the young blood who made the amtosphere livid with profanity were attributed to his high and flery spirit. Even the business man who found difficulty in expressing his meaning under all circumstances without taking the name of his Creator in vain was not regarded with so much disfavor as at present. When men come to consider that profanity is utterly without any reason or useful purpose; that it is absolutely nothing but a habit, and a borrowed one at that; that it cannot possibly be productive of any good resuit, and that it is an indirect disobedlence to a command of the Almighty and is an insult and an offense to all well-bred and well-meaning people, it is little wonder that thoughtful mer are "cutting it out" of their conversation. The fact that a man does not believe in God, if such there be, does not justify him in ruthlessly desecrat-Ing that which his neighbor holds dear, especially when the act is of no possible benefit to himself and only stamps him as a person of coarse and Only 25 cents at Charles Rogers' drug NORTHERN PACIFIC vulgar habit and as being regardless of the feelings of others. The survival of the swearing evil is probably due more than any thing else to the fact that boys are so eager to imitate the But if you are going East write us for our rates and let us tell you about ways of men who appear to be flashy in conversation and unrestrained in ed by the ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD. THROUGH TOURIST Cars via the ILLINOIS CENTRAL is "his own boss" and has no irksome restraint, and that the way to independent manhood lies in Imitating the man, which he often does with the result that he contracts habits which not as a detriment and restraint to him as long as he is unwise enough to indulge them, and thus a useless and senseless habit is perpetuated. But swearing is no longer as general as it Cincinnati.

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President Castro is in a predicament. He is unable to call the congress of Venezuela together owing to the fact thta a quorum will not assemble. As the United States has opportune time to again extend the glad hand to the bewildered republic? There are a number of legulized statesmen in this country who might find of legislators, and we would be doing ourselves a friendliness by sending shipload of them down there.

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CONTEST NOTICE.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, February 13, 1903.

A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by William H Wilson, contestant, against homestead entry No. 14172, made June 6, 1902, for nw 1-4 section 28, township 7 n, range 9 w. by William Harrigan, in which it is alleged that contestant "knows the pres ent condition of the same; also that the heirs of William Harrigan, entryman above named, now deceased, have wholly abandoned said claim for six months or more last past, and that he or they have gever made settlement on said above described land; nor has he or his heirs ever made any improvements whatever on said claim; nor has he or they ever had any work done by other parties which would in any way constitute settlement required under the homestead laws and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States as a private soldler, officer, seaman or marine, during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged." Said parties, the heirs or legal representatives of said William Harrigan, deceased, are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on April 2, 1903, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in Ore-

gon City, Oregon, The said contestant having, in a pro per affidavit, filed February 6, 1903, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

GEO. W. BIBEE, Receiver. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City

Oregon, Dec. 27, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the tates of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all public land states by act of

August 4, 1892. GEORGE C. BAIRD. one of the heirs of Frank C. Baird. deceased, of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 5996, for the purchase of lots 1, 2, 7 and 8 of section No. 22, in township No. 6 north, range No. 7 west, and wil offer proof to show that the hand sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Oregon City. Or., on Monday, the 16th day of March,

1903. He names as witnesses: W. G. Prescott, Ell Foster, N. H. Foster, P. O.

Wage, all of Astoria, Ore. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 16th day of March, 1903. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Jan. 5, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

LAURA B. KIDDER, of Portland, county of Multnomah. state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 6005, for the purchase of the southeast 1-4 of the southeast 1-4 of section 33 and west 1-2 of southwest 1-4 and se 1-1 of aw 1-4 of section No. 34, in township 5 n, range No. 9 w of W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is none valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1903. She names as witnesses: Wm. Luce, Robert M. Fry, Lester M. Leland, and

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