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The task that lies in the hands of United States Sendtor Charles W. Fulton, the sole representative of the great state of Oregon in the national legislature, this winter, & one that will not only tax him to the verge of endurance, From Our Local Druggist, Charles Rogbut will be a supreme test of the man's splendid ability. Every influence, every aid, every atom of encouragement that know that we believe the most valuable can be afforded him from home should be preparation of cod liver oil-the best his, and in season.

The ambiguity attaching to the present status of Senator Mitchell and Representatives Williamson and Hermann, will have the effect of nullifying, if not destroying, their prestige, and the work of securing proper recognition of the state must fall directly and weightily upon the man from Astoria.

That Mr. Futlon will do his best none that know him will doubt for a moment, but even his best will need the bolstering of timely co-operation and unfaltering backing by every Oregonian with a grain of influence at Washington,

The German Kaiser made a remark lately that was not intended for the not benefit at this season of the year, ears of Japan's ruler or representtives; he did not make it in confidence, nor with any suggested reserve; it was heard by an American congressman, and others, and, going the way of all careless speech, finally arrived just where it was not intended to go; the Kaiser heard of it, officially and protestingly; he kicked, and charged the American congressman with bad faith; the charge is denied and resented, and the American colony at Berlin is in bad odor again and cannot play in the imperial back-yard. But the Kaiser has brought it upon himself, so they say, by using language chosen for the express purpose of influencing the mind of the American representative, to whom it was tacitly, Millions Paid to Widows and Oraddressed, and must square himself at Tokio as best he can.

Wilhelm's tongue was ever a bit un-

Having taught Japan all she knows, other nations are now learning from her. During the war in Manchuria many military men of other nations took observations. They learned nothing from Russia, but they did learn from Japan. Announcement is made from Washington that the new manual for the sabre and bayonet drills for the army on which the officers of the general staff have been working for some weeks will soon be given out. Hitherto these manuals have not called for much skill on the part of the enlisted men, so much, indeed, that few of them were ever able to acquire the art of wielding either weapon in a satisfactory manner. It is proposed to omit from the new mannal everything of a fancy fencing char-acter, such as is taught in the private show the order in the Gold State is in nal everything of a fancy fencing chardrill rooms. It is intended that there shall be a return to the simplest meth-

als, and that everything shall be on the most practical and useful basis. Both weapons are intended for use in time of war, especially the bayonet. The officers who have been on duty in Manchuria with the Russian and Japanese armies have furnished special reports on the subject to the general staff, and slich experts as Captain Herman J. Koehler, the master of the sword at the military academy, and Civil Engineer Cunningham of the navy, who is an expert swordsman and who had charge of the naval academy fencing last year, have also given valuable advice along the line indicated. The war department recently adopted a new type of sabre, which will be kept with sharpened edge and carried in a wooden scabbard. A new bayonet was adopted several weeks ago, based on the results of the observations of our military attaches with the troops in Manchuria,

The storm which prostrated hundreds of buildings in Manila on Wednesday last was a true tropical cyclone. It belongs to the same class of disturbances as those which, late in the summer or early in the autumn, makes such havoc in the West Indies. These hurricanes form a sea, usually ten or twelve degrees above the equator, and, if they live long enough to do so, describe a parabolic course. In the majority of cases they are travelling westward when first observed. Some of those which invade the Caribbean sea keep to the south of Cuba and Jamaica and reach the Gulf of Mexico before curving to the northward and northeastward. Others sweep up near Porto Rico and then move off toward Bermuda. The majority of them pursue a path lying between these limits. Inasmuch as Manila is in about the same latitude as the island of Martinique, it seems probable that the typhoon which has just visited the city advanced upon it from the eastward and crossed the island of Luzon from the Pacific.

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The Bowen-Loomis controversy and the mention in connection with it of the name of General Alejandro Ybarra, minister of foreign affairs of Venezuela, recalls an interesting romance in the career of the South American warrior and statesman. General Ybarra belongs to an old Spanish family and



GENERAL ALEJANDRO TBARRA.

was born in Caracas in 1848. His ancestors fought in the revolution of 1810 to 1812, by which Venezuela was freed from Spain, and his father was a noted scientist and president of the University of Caracas. The general himself studied at this university and also at the military academy at the Venesuelan capital and has traveled extensively and acquired a knowledge of many languages. He has served in all the grades of the army from sergeant to general in chief. He held an important position in the army in 1878. when the minister to Venezuela from the United States was Judge Thomas Russell of Massachusetts. In the latter's family was a lovely daughter who captured the proud warrior's heart. Guzman Blanco was then president,

and his powers were almost those of an absolute monarch. It chanced that one of Judge Russell's reports angered the dictator, and he ordered Ybarra to break his engagement with the American's daughter or go into exile. Ybarra refused to renounce the beautiful Miss Russell and in an indignant rage broke his sword across his knee in the presence of Blanco and left the country with his bride. They lived for a time in Boston, where General Ybarra taught, lectured, wrote books and

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