

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Spain knows, to her cost, that there is a limit to the patience of Uncle Sam, and Turkey may have to be taught the same lesson. But there is nothing in the present relations between the U. S. and Turkey to justify the exciting stories sent out by some of the Washington correspondents, alleging that an ultimatum had been sent to the Sultan and that it was contemplated to send a squadron of warships to seize the Turkish custom house at Smyrna and hold it until the indemnity demanded for the destruction of the property of American missionaries in Turkey could be collected. Those enterprising newspaper men have got a long ways ahead of diplomacy. The ultimatum and the warships may come in time, but it is the present opinion of officials that the Sultan will act upon the sharp demand which has been made upon him for the money and that neither will be necessary. Both the President and the Secretary of State are now away from Washington, which furnishes proof that no immediate trouble with Turkey is anticipated.

The result of the conference on the House and Senate bills providing a government for Hawaii is a complete victory for the House, as its bill, with a few minor amendments was approved and will become a law. Under the new law, a complete form of government is provided for, including a governor and other executive officers, a legislature of two branches, and a judicial branch consisting of a Supreme Court, circuit courts, and inferior courts. Hawaii will have a Delegate in Congress, with the right to participate in debate, but not to vote. The U. S. tariff laws are extended over Hawaii, which is made a customs district, with four ports of entry. The crown lands of Hawaii are made public lands free of all claims whatever, and the amount of land that may be held by a corporation is limited to 1,000 acres. The Chinese on the islands are given one year to obtain certificates of residence.

More than two-thirds of the House—125 republicans and 125 democrats have signed a petition, or rather two petitions, as Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, presented that from the republicans and Representative Adamson, of Ga., that from the democrats, to the Speaker, asking that a rule be reported for the consideration of the Hepburn Nicaragua Canal bill by the House May 1. If those petitions be ignored, their signers may make trouble.

About one hundred representatives of the drug trade of the country have been in Washington all the week, trying to convince the House Ways and Means Committee that the bill for the repeal of class B of the war tax law, which provides for the taxing of proprietary medicines etc., ought to be favorably reported and become a law. It is the general impression that no legislation reducing war taxes will be put through at this session; but the Ways and Means committee will grant hearings to all parties interested, and the time will not be wasted, as the information acquired will enable the committee to act more intelligently when the matter is taken up, early in the next session.

According to present understanding, additional Porto Rican legislation is immediately necessary. The law provides that the change from military to civil government shall take place on May 1, and that means the appointment of a large number of civilians to the offices

now held by army officers, there being a law prohibiting the holding of a civil office by any army officer, under penalty of forfeiting his commission in the army. It is simply impossible to choose civilians for these offices by May 1. A joint resolution has been introduced and will be pushed through at once which authorizes the army officers to retain the places they now hold in Porto Rico until their successors are chosen. Gov. Allen is going to Porto Rico at once, in order to look over the available candidates for the five members of the executive council who must be natives of Porto Rico, but he doesn't expect to be able to make all the selections for the executive council until some time after his inauguration, which will take place May 1.

Secretary Gage has recommended the dismissal of J. R. Tolbert, collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., as a result of the investigation of the charge that contraband whiskey was stored in the custom house in Charleston, in violation of the State dispensary law.

The Naval appropriation bill, passed this week by the House, carries \$500,000, which the President is authorized to use in his discretion in case of an emergency. The minority attempted to strike out that appropriation on the grounds that it was a bad precedent but the majority pointed to the appropriation of \$50,000,000 by the unanimous vote of both branches of the last Congress, to be spent in the discretion of the President. The appropriation was made because of a statement of Secretary Long to the House Naval Committee.

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A large sale of land is reported in Lane county. The O. & C. R. Co. transferred to William G. Gasbis 8579.13 acres of land, located 14 miles east of Cottage Grove. The company received \$30,026.95. The deed carried revenue stamps to the amount of \$30.50.

Calamity-blowers in Tillamook County have had their wind shut off, says the Tillamook Headlight, by the fact that dairymen are receiving unusually high prices for butter fat, and all kinds of cattle fetch figures away up. In fact, dairymen in this county never participated in better times.

About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since—A. B. Pearsons. Sold by E. J. Eastman, Gold Hill, or Ben Haymond, Rock Point.

A large new creamery has begun business at Salem. This is one of the kinds of industries that ought to multiply and flourish in Oregon.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

By Supt. G. A. Gregory.

E. L. Ledbetter is in charge of Dist. 78. The pupils are more than usually interested under his management.

Some pupils have forgotten that a new county was formed in 1898. Called Wheeler, making 33 counties in the state.

Lila Sackett has been engaged to teach a summer term in No. 71, beginning on July 9th. She taught last fall term in the same place.

Several of the S. O. Normal teachers are in charge of schools in the country this spring, reducing the attendance somewhat at the normal but they are doing work in the schools that will help swell the numbers next fall.

The county superintendent will not be at his office Wednesday's during the spring terms of school. Many schools cannot be reached during the late fall and winter need attention in the spring and it requires hard driving to reach several of the distant districts.

The following were successful at the teachers' examination recently held at Jacksonville. Third Grade: Lucinda Reames, Gertrude Richardson, Marie Nickel, Floy McNeill, E. L. Ledbetter, Rydal Bradbury, Lizzie Gloar. Second Grade: Minnie Hockenyoos, Marie Dawson, Etta Wilson, Mabel Jones, R. H. Jones, Donna Bell, Mae Milsan, Thora Smith, Cora Masterson, Gertrude Engle. First Grade: E. L. Olwell, Ella R. Hays, Olah Mickey, Winfred Wright.

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W. C. Fairan,
G. C. Ruff.

Notice for Sale of Property

In the Probate Court, for Jackson county, Oregon, in the estate of Tobias Miller deceased.

By virtue of an order of W. S. Crowell, County Judge of Jackson county, Oregon made on the 14th day of March, 1900, notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Tobias Miller, deceased, will, on or after the 23rd day of April, 1900, sell at private sale, on the said estate or elsewhere, all the real property belonging to said estate, being the S. W. ¼, of the S. E. ¼ of Section 5, and the N. ½ of the N. E. ¼ and the N. W. ¼ of the S. E. ¼ of Section 8, Township 36, S. of R. 3 West, containing 160 acres, together with the water right and ditch thereto belonging.

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