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EDITORIAL

Agumaldo has been dead about long enough for another resurrection, so news of his appearance may be looked for at any time now.

The Oregonian says: "Unfortunately, neither the Boers nor the British know when they get the worst of it."

England has fallen a little short in her pacification of the Boers and has made a call upon this country for 50,000 more horses to aid in the project.

The announcement that natives are being landed in South Africa, to work the Rhodesian mines, in chain gangs, recalls the civilization of the Dark Ages and reminds us that the search light of liberty has not thrown its piercing rays through that benighted land with any beneficial effect.

Things of a contrary nature sometimes mature almost together, for instance, the Myrtle Point Enterprise, of last week, tells us of the hills all around town being white capped with snow.

The U. S. government has planted and replanted her flag in cities and towns in the Philippines, has planted many of her citizens in Philippine soil, prepared many Filipinos for planting and to still further excitement in that salubrious clime, will now try planting seeds from America to see what plants are best adapted to that soil.

The Chinese question may take on a new lease of interest again. The envoys have failed to sign the terms dictated by the powers, and it is stated that at Siah Fu, where the court is at present, there are 85,000 Chinese troops drilling continuously.

Would Have Been Useful. The blunders of the awkward speaker always prove a source of merriment, and the ridiculousness of the following speech, made by a New Hampshire man just after the ceremony was over which united him to his second wife, is no exception to the rule.

"Neighbors," he said to those who had witnessed the simple ceremony: "you all know that this good friend that's consented to marry me is something of a stranger in our town. Now I feel kind of insufficient, being only a man, to make her acquainted with everybody as quick as I'd like to. So I'm going to depend on you women folks," he added, with a confident smile at the members of the gentler sex, "to make her feel at home among us, just as my first wife would do if she was here today. I miss her considerable all the time, but won't usual on an occasion like this!"

School Report. The following is a report of the public school at Prosper for the month ending Jan. 9, 1901.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes: No. pupils enrolled (30), No. days attendance (20), No. " absence (10), No. " taught (20), Average daily attendance (25).

Came a Week Too Soon.

So Mr. Hume is Abundantly Ready for the Session. R. D. Hume, Joint Representative for Coos and Curry, arrived yesterday morning. Mr. Hume has already established his headquarters at Salem, and will return to that city to-day.

"I shall urge upon the Legislature some measure for the relief of Curry County," said Mr. Hume. "We are a poor people, with a sparse population, and we derive no benefit, whatever from the state taxes we are called upon to pay."

"It seems to me, too, that the present game laws are ridiculous. I doubt if they are constitutional. For example, I do not know what right the law has to declare that no man shall sell game if he came into lawful possession thereof. It seems to me that it thus says to a man that he cannot sell or barter that which is his own. I think the matter of regulating the slaughter of game should be left to the County Courts, which might impose a license upon persons not residents of the county who come there to hunt."

Progress of a Century.

The population of the United States a century ago was 3,398,483; today it is approximately 76,250,000. In 1800 the area of Uncle Sam's domain was 827,844 square miles, and it extended only from the Atlantic ocean to the Mississippi river.

A century ago only six cities had a population of 8,000 or more; today there are 500 cities in this country with over 8,000 inhabitants. In 1800 Virginia was the most populous state, with 886,190 people. Pennsylvania came next with 692,545; New York next with 586,950; and Massachusetts next with 422,845.

There were in the whole United States a century ago 1,002,037 log rafts, whereas the number of them today is about 8,000,000. Though they have multiplied so largely, the proportion they bear to the white population is only about two-thirds what it was in 1800.

General Miles and Others.

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Texas a Great State.

Censusian: The census returns not only show that Texas is by far the largest state in the Union being large enough to have a great empire of its own within its borders, but is one of the most peculiar ones also.

London Tin Bits: A very witty fellow was Tom Brown, a farmer, who being out on horseback one day, was overtaken by a thunderstorm and seeking a shed by the side of the road, rode into it. There was, however, but room to get the fore part of the horse and himself out of the rain, consequently the hind part of the horse got wet.

Exchange: Perhaps the most hopelessly pauperized inhabitants of any territory belonging to the United States are the natives of Alaska, numbering 12,000. They are penniless, without food, and altogether their condition is pitiable.

Oregonian: The British were exasperated because they could not find the Boers. Now they are more exasperated, because they did find them, and they were so quiet.

MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.

Table with 2 columns: Month and Temperature. Includes: January (32.7), February (35.2), March (40.5), April (47.8), May (54.1), June (60.3), July (66.6), August (72.9), September (79.2), October (85.5), November (91.8), December (98.1).

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