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PEOPLE COMING to Oregon or those already here who intend taking up homesteads, would do well to visit the Stuslaw valley before locating elsewhere.

GLENADA POSSESSIONS.

By GLEANER.

While waiting for an "abler pen" I will tell you a few things we have in Glenda. One of the most important is our school.

ALPHA CLIPPINGS.

By EVEN CHANGE.

Mr. Fred Peil is expecting his brother Henry out from Kansas in about a week who will locate here taking an interest in the saw mill which Peil Bros. are building on upper Deadwood.

Alpha boasts of an incline railroad which has recently been completed for pleasure purposes having a train consisting of one car which will accommodate several persons who must act as conductor, engineer, fireman and brakeman the latter being the most important post as the grade is one thousand feet to the mile.

No one of our Deadwood citizens has the Klondike fever or ready cash enough to do not believe in mortgaging their homes and leaving their wives and children or sweet hearts to take their one chance in a hundred of gaining wealth in the far away frozen north.

Everybody Says So. Cascadia Candy, Cathartic, the most wonderful medicinal discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system.

WHAT WAR WOULD MEAN.

S. F. Chronicle: There is as much bad judgment shown by the jingo press in trying to force the government into a foreign war before it is ready as there was in the early days of 1861 when the "On to Richmond!" cry sent an unorganized and undisciplined force against the chosen position of the confederate army at Bull Run.

Look at the military situation as it really is. Out of twenty-eight ports, where ten billion dollars' worth of property lies exposed, but three, and one of those on the Pacific coast, are in a fair state of defense.

As a strong naval power engaged in war with the United States would make its first attack, by means of battleships, cruisers and torpedo-boats, upon the helpless seaboard cities, our infantry and cavalry resources would not count very much in deciding the issue.

We now come to the militia, which the yellow journals say is about to be "mobilized." But the militia is chiefly a social organization, with some police adjuncts, and has uniformly failed as an arm of public defense.

As for volunteers, it would also take months to weld them into a modern army.

The next consideration, and perhaps the most important one, is the navy. That defensive entity, from which must be counted the mere commerce-destructors, consists, exclusive of four torpedo-boats, of sixteen effective vessels, the Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, New York, Columbia, Minneapolis, Texas, Olympia, Amphitrite, Miantonomah, Monterey, Monadnock, Katahdin, Terror, Brooklyn and Puritan.

The annual school meeting occurs in each district in Oregon next Monday. A clerk and director are to be elected in each district. Every voter should attend and see that suitable persons are chosen for these positions.

The ROSEBERG REVIEW commenced issuing a daily edition March 1st.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT. WASH. Feb. 21st, 1898.

It is perhaps fortunate for the country that the power of declaring war is vested in congress, and not in the yellow journals, which have since the blowing up and destruction of the battleship Maine and 250 Americans, in the harbor of Havana, been busily engaged in inflaming the public mind and adding to the existing excitement by publishing sensational manufactured stories for the purpose of showing that the terrible calamity was the result of foul play on the part of the Spaniards, and demanding all sorts of ridiculous things from this government, not the least of which was an immediate declaration of war against Spain.

We do not argue or suggest that the United States should submit to every insult or any insult, or "brook the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrive may follow fawning." Self-respect sometimes compels an unprepared state to throw down the gauntlet of battle. It may yet compel us. But this perpetual demand on the part of jingo journals and statesmen for war, no matter what the occasion or the pretext may be, at a time when no adequate means are no hand to safeguard the country, is a criminal misuse of influence.

INCONVENIENCE OF COMPETITION.

American Economist.

A London dispatch states that in consequence of the approaching completion of the Siberian railroad, the British subsidized steamer companies are contemplating the necessity of building faster boats for the Anglo-Indian passenger service, adding that there is no boat in that service capable of a greater speed than 14 knots, and that the ordinary rate of the Peninsular and Oriental line is only 10 knots.

The Peninsular and Oriental line, which first commenced receiving subsidies from the British government in 1837, and has received a subsidy every year since, is the same that objected so much to the subsidy paid by the German government to the ships for the North German Lloyds running to India.

Whichever of these causes is actuating the British companies, it is plain that nothing but the force of competition can induce them to make any improvements.

It is because the British shipowners know that were Hawaii once a part of the United States a troublesome competition would cover the whole Pacific ocean, compelling them to build faster ships and reduce both freight and passenger charges, that they keep a lobby at Washington and employ the Utlander press to oppose the annexation of these islands.

Canada's attention has been called by this government to the injustice of a number of regulations it has adopted governing entrance to the Klondike country by U. S. citizens, and abrogation of some of them have been politely asked for.

Senators Pritchard, Lodge and Elkins, of the senate civil service committee, had a conference with President McKinley, at the latter's request, for the purpose of discussing the evidence taken by that committee during its civil service investigation, and the nature of the report that will be made to the senate.

Whole Family Greatly Helped by This Medicine. "I am an old run down soldier, my whole system being out of order and my right side partially paralyzed. I have tried various remedies and realized only temporary relief. I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills, and have derived more real benefit from them than anything I have tried.

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Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

In every parting there is an image of death.

Passions make us feel but never see clearly.

The cleverest of all devils is opportunity.

Everyone has a fair turn to be as great as he pleases.

Love is on the verge of hate each time it stoops for pardon.

Chance opportunities make us known to others and still more to ourselves.

You will never "find" time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

There never was in the world two opinions alike, no more than two hairs or two grains.

The feeble tremble before opinion, the foolish defy it, the wise judge it, the skillful direct it.

He that aspires to be the head of a party will find it more difficult to please his friends than to perplex his foes.

The same refinement which brings us new pleasures exposes us to new pains.

The heart has always the pardoning power.

One couldn't carry on life comfortably without a little blindness to the fact that everything has been said better than we can put it ourselves.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us and we only know them when they are gone.

The sacred books of the ancient Persians say: If you would be holy instruct your children, because all the good acts they perform will be imputed to you.

GUARD FORCE INCREASED.

The Guard force has lately been increased in number by the addition of a young man named Cogswell Fraser Campbell. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Campbell and was born Feb. 12th, 1898. Congratulations Bro. Campbell.

GLENADA SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of district No. 127 from Jan. 3rd to Feb. 28th, 1898. No days taught taught 40 No days attendance 1223 No days absence 104 No enrolled 35 General average 31 The department of the school has been good.

JAMES FUERNISH, teacher.

THE MAINE INVESTIGATION.

By LEH DIEN.

The board of inquiry appointed to investigate the sinking of the Maine finished their work at Havana last week but we have not received news of its findings yet. There are many reports in circulation of several explosions being heard, and indications that the first explosion happened beneath the vessel.

IVISON ITEMS.

By LEH DIEN.

Stock is looking well on the range here this winter. Feed is not so scarce as last winter.

Our Greenleaf correspondent must be a rustler to gather news, to send a communication each week, and always newsy and interesting—that was a good ghost story he got off last week—we had heard of that haunted house.

W. R. Hardin, the Denver, Colorado mail contractor, who secured the Ivison and Hale mail contract is trying to sublet the same. We would like to see some of those speculative bidders have to come out here and carry the mail one winter; perhaps they would then know how to bid on the Oregon routes.

Mr. Vanzon our present mail contractor is giving us good service and only gets \$81 per year which is not enough—and now comes the Denver man contracting for \$68 99.

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English-Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Penmanship, Telegraphy.

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TO OUR PATRONS. We have made arrangements by which we will furnish the Weekly Oregonian with the West for one year to any address for the sum of two dollars, payable cash in advance.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Hood's Pills. Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness, constipation.

THE GREAT WHITE STORE ANNOUNCEMENT

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE

I want to sell it, I know a "Nimble Nickle is better than a Lazy Dollar." And I shall make the nickle nimble by offering Sure, Square, Good Bargains.

I desire to sell as much of my present stock as possible within the next sixty days, in order to make room for Spring goods to arrive.

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Goods as Represented.

J. W. CARMAN, PROPRIETOR

Advertisement for 'An Old Soldier' medicine, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

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