

THE WEST. PREPARATIONS FOR WAR

FLORENCE, LANE COUNTY, OREGON
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THE UNANIMITY with which members of congress of all parties united to pass without delay the bill providing means for the national defense cannot fail to be gratifying to every citizen of the republic.

There are indications that an attempt is being made to switch Hon. T. T. Geer from the candidacy for governor to that of congressman from this district.

A southern paper says: "It is not a desire to commit crime—as the negro loving northern press would have one believe—but a determination not to be insulted without resentment, that causes the colored pets of McKinley to buried soon after their appointment as postmaster in some southern town."

CAPTAIN MAHAN'S prediction that all the great wars of the future will be fought mainly on the sea has its probability greatly strengthened by the present policy of nearly every powerful nation, maintains the Atlanta Journal.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascara. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever.

GENERAL NEWS.

At Wilkesbarre, Penn., the jury in the case of Sheriff Martin and deputies for shooting strikers at Lattimer Sept. 1, returned a verdict of not guilty.

The senate passed the bill extending the homestead laws to Alaska, and providing for the right of way of railroads in Alaska, without division.

General W. S. Rosecrans died at Los Angeles last Friday aged 78 years.

Spain asked the recall of Consul General Leo but President McKinley promptly refused.

The president of the Spanish court of investigation gives it as his opinion that the explosion occurred on board the Maine.

EVERETT'S SAYS SO.

Cascara's 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.

Congress Appropriates \$50,000,000 for National Defense.

Party lines in congress were swept aside temporarily last week when Cannon's national defense bill was up for passage. The bill passed both houses by a unanimous vote and was immediately signed by the president.

It is said the authorities expect to expend \$15,000,000 or 20,000,000 in purchasing ships if such sum can be spent judiciously and to advantage of the government.

Commander Brownson of the navy has been sent to Europe to secure options on foreign war ships and to otherwise act in the interest of the navy of the United States.

The house committee on naval affairs has decided to recommend an appropriation for three first class battle ships in the bill now in preparation—one of them to be built on the Pacific coast.

The navy department is making efforts to secure the enlistment of machinists and to this end Commander Hawley, Chief Engineer Webster and Surgeon Parsons have been appointed a board to make special efforts in the middle and southern states.

SECOND HOMESTEADS.

A BILL Granting Settlers Right to Make Second Homestead Entries.

The following is the senate bill No. 384 verbatim, which, if it passes the house of representatives, will restore to many settlers second homestead rights:

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled that, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the secretary of the interior, any person, who, prior to the passage of this act, having made a homestead entry, but for any cause lost or forfeited the same, or for any reason failed to perfect or secure title in fee simple to the land embraced therein, or who, having perfected or secured such title, did so by what is known as continuation of his homestead entry under section twenty-three hundred and one, United States revised statutes, and who is not at the time of passage of this act the owner of more than forty acres of land in any state or territory of the United States, may make a homestead entry of not exceeding one quarter section of any of the public lands in any state and territory subject to such entry."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
BIBLE CLASS.
Monday 7:30 p. m. Lesson, "Jewish Sects." Pages 40 and 41.
I. G. KONITS, pastor.

DO NOT FORGET.

The change of location of the Northern Pacific ticket office, which is now with "The Eugene Real Estate Agency" on the ground floor directly opposite the Guard office, near corner of Seventh and Willamette Streets, Eugene. This is the only regular City Ticket Office in Lane County.

For full information call or address, R. McMurphy, General Agent, Opposite Guard office, Eugene

YAQUINA ALONE FAVORED.

Washington, March 10.—The senate committee on commerce has reported adversely on the proposed amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill, providing for river and harbor improvements under the continuous contract system and for which estimates have been made.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND active gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Oregon. Monthly \$65.00 and expenses.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., March 7, 1898.

There has been no perceptible change in the situation in Washington during the past week, and unless Spain is guilty of some overt act, none is expected until the report of the naval court of inquiry has been made.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-root, the great kidney remedy fulfils every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage.

There is no man whom fortune does not visit once in his life; but when she does not find him ready to receive her, she walks in at the door and flies out of the window.

It is a point of cunning to wait upon him with whom you speak with your eye, as the Jesuits give it in the pulpit; for there be many wise men that have secret hearts and transparent countenances.

The advice given by a great moralist to his friend was, that he should compose his passions, and let that be the work of reason which would certainly be the work of time.

Partiality is properly the understanding's judging, according to the inclination of the will and affections and not according to the exact truth of things or the merits of the cause.

It is with true opinions which one has the courage to utter as with pawns first advanced on the chess-board; they may be beaten but they have inaugurated a game which must be won.

Our pet opinions are usually those which place us in a minority of a minority amongst our own party; very happily, else those poor opinions born with no silver spoon in their mouths, how would they get nourished and fed.

Those orators who give us much noise and many words, but little argument and less wit, and who are most loud when they are least lucid, should take a lesson from the great volume of Nature; she often gives us the lightning even without the thunder but never the thunder without the lightning.

Let not a day pass without exercising your power of speech. There is no power like that oratory. Caesar controlled men by exciting their fears; Cicero by captivating their affections and swaying their passions.

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HOW TO FIND OUT.

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Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

The most universal quality is diversity.

Mammon is the largest slave holder in the world. It's easy finding why other folks should be patient.

Of all the sisters of Love one of the most charming is pity. It is to live twice, when we can enjoy the recollections of our former life.

Philosophy consists not in airy schemes, or idle speculations; the rule and conduct of all social life is her great province.

As the language of the face is universal, so 'tis very comprehensive; no lacoonism can reach it; 'tis the short hand of the mind, and crowds a great deal in a little room.

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