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## SUSLAW HATCHERY.

Oregonian: "Fish and Game Protector H. D. McGuire attaches but little importance to the reports which have been circulated to the effect that the state is about to lose the hatchery on the Siuslaw. This, Mr. McGuire says, is the best hatchery building in the state, and cost the state \$2,000. The land on which it is located was presented to the state by Mrs. Bean, the mother of Judge Bean, and the deed, as usual in such cases, provided that if the state ceased to operate the hatchery the land should revert to the donor. The legislature owing to circumstances over which it had no control, did not make any appropriation at its last session for operating the hatchery, and, of course, it has been lying idle. It has been stated that on this account a claim has been set up that the land has reverted to the original owner, Mr. McGuire says that he has no idea that any attempt will be made to enforce such a claim, and he has no idea that it could be enforced. The next legislature will without doubt provide for the operation of the hatchery, and this will doubtless be more satisfactory to all concerned than the reversion of the land."

The Oregonian is somewhat mistaken in stating that the Siuslaw hatchery has been lying idle. It has been operated the past two seasons with funds furnished by the national fish commission. The amount allowed was not enough to run the hatchery to its full capacity but about 600,000 spawn were taken there last season. We have not heard anything before of any claim being set up against the land and doubt the truth of the report, as it was chiefly through the efforts of L. E. Bean, a brother of Judge Bean, that the national fish commission was induced to examine the river and later to furnish money to operate the hatchery.

## SHOULD MAKE OUR OWN SUGAR.

There are eight beet sugar factories in this country, as against 1,245 in Germany, France, Russia and Austria, and as a consequence we pay one hundred and twenty-five million dollars a year to foreigners for sugar. A large proportion of this might be produced at home, for this country has good land, climate, and everything that goes to make beet raising profitable. The talk of the influence of Hawaiian annexation disturbing the beet sugar industry is the veriest rot, for out of the 2,500,000 tons of sugar annually used in this country, Hawaii has never produced more than 275,000 tons, while the product of this country is about 400,000 tons, leaving nearly two million tons to be imported from Europe. The bulk of this foreign sugar comes from Germany, which discriminates against American products in every possible way. The lesson of the situation is to increase our beet sugar farms and factories.

ONE MISTAKE many people make when they go to a strange place is, not to stay long enough to learn something about the country. Especially is this true when they go to a point hundreds or perhaps thousands of miles away, where the environments and perhaps the climate are entirely different from their former location. They do not stop to consider the difference in the surroundings and to learn that what is a disadvantage in one place may be an advantage in another. Few people, particularly those who have travelled but little can go into a place and form a correct opinion of it at once. Nearly every one when he goes to a new country has formed some idea as to its appearance and natural advantages, but to get a correct idea simply from description is well nigh impossible, especially for one who has never seen any similar country. Some, finding things different from what they expected, will at once leave in disgust, while others liking the place no better at first, will after being there a few weeks or months, learn the advantages of the country and conclude to make it their home.

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## POPULIST CONVENTION.

The populist convention held in Eugene last week adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The people's party stands pledged to do all in its power to restore the policy of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the existing ratio, which was substantially the policy of the government from the administration of Washington to that of Grant, and which was advocated by statesmen of all parties for more than 80 years of our national existence, and

Whereas, The republican party has now thrown off the mask and stands avowedly for the single gold standard, and for the further demonetization of silver, and the retirement of greenbacks and other currency, and converting the same into interest bearing bonds, and is for establishing a reputable banking system, all of which is destructive to the mass of the people, and beneficial only to the moneyed class; and

Whereas, The democratic and free silver republican parties agree substantially with the people's party on the financial question, and as to the necessity of reform in state and county government.

Resolved, That the people's party of Lane Co. is in favor of uniting with the democrats and free silver republicans in the approaching election, and that the delegates elected by this convention to the state convention are hereby instructed to use all reasonable efforts to effect such a union of reform forces.

Resolved, That this convention is unalterably in favor of the system of direct legislation or the initiative and referendum.

The following delegates were then elected to the state convention.

G. U. Snapp, F. M. Nighswander, R. P. Caldwell, G. W. Weider, A. A. Foster, Frank Kirk, J. C. Richardson, A. J. Zumwalt, W. W. Withers, J. E. Yarnell, D. R. Lakin.

Harvey Taylor of Cottage Grove was nominated for surveyor.

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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Lane county democratic convention which met in Eugene the 16th inst., chose the following delegates to the state convention which convened in Portland the 23rd.

George W. Whitsett  
H. J. Day  
John Edmundson  
Robert M. Clow  
C. M. Kissenger  
Frank L. Woolley  
L. L. Stevens  
Wm. L. Houston  
W. P. Chasher  
J. R. Campbell  
Geo. W. Kinsey  
J. J. Walton  
H. D. Norton  
J. P. Curran.

The committee on resolutions reported the following which were adopted.

Whereas, We believe it is the patriotic duty of all good citizens to unite and associate themselves together for the cause of silver, in opposition to the single gold standard now advocated by the republican party of this state and nation; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the democratic party of Lane county in convention assembled, that we reiterate the principles proclaimed in the Chicago platform adopted by the national convention of the democratic party at Chicago July, 1896.

Resolved, That we denounce the present corrupt and extravagant administration of our public affairs as now administered by the republican party in this state and county.

Resolved, That we heartily favor a union of all political parties in Lane county declaring for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, the initiative and referendum, and the principles advocated in the Chicago platform; and be it further,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention, and this convention does hereby instruct its representatives in the democratic state convention, to be held in Portland, Oregon, on the 23rd day of March, 1898, to use all reasonable efforts in securing an honorable union of all silver forces in the state of Ore. on.

## THE REPUTATION OF A CHILD.

S. F. Chronicle:  
The law of the land, which, it may be incidentally remarked, is framed by grown-up people, has been carefully prepared so as to afford efficient protection for the reputation of men and women. So stern are the laws threatening the scandal-monger that those who feel it their duty to denounce the machinations of evil-doers often find it wise to fortify themselves against possible retribution by a cautious perusal of the code. But our little children, embryo citizens of the land, have no such protection, and careless tongues may wag at will concerning them without fear of punishment and with no realization of the actual injury being done the helpless victims.

A child's reputation is not only very dear to its young possessor, but it may often exert an important influence upon his whole after career. A single childish error, an explosion of temper, resulting in the injury of a playmate, the theft of some small articles accomplished in reckless merriment and without any conception of the meaning of the offense, an unblinking falsehood uttered under great temptation and audaciously maintained, cunning deception exposed, wanton destruction and a thousand more phases of childish error, are often circulated and dwelt upon by careless tongues and made to appear as constituting some little man or woman's ruling character. It is a cruel fact that this manner of judgment usually seizes upon what is merely a casual incident in the young life, and remains blind to what constitute serious defects of character, like an overruling selfishness, avarice, a cold, unsympathetic nature, morbid enjoyment of suffering, imposition upon the weak, a dishonest spirit of barter, and other intrinsic traits. The most honest and frankest of naughty impulses and open perversity, impulses that it takes years of training to successfully restrain and that we often regret when they have been cultured out of the adult, are the ones that lay the child most liable to be misjudged.

The reputation accidentally acquired in the school or on the playground often sticks to him throughout long years of residence in his native place, and will even follow him to new communities, turning the balance of judgment against him should the years lead him into new troubles or society look askance at his qualities. It may even prove his death warrant. In these days of close-searching legal investigation the career of a man who stands accused of some serious violation of the law is invariably followed back to the day of his birth, if possible, to ascertain whether, in his babyhood, he betrayed any symptom of moral degeneracy, and a single damaging incident, faithfully remembered while all the good deeds of his youth are permitted to slip from his associates' memories, may tell with deadly effect if recited in court.

Yet after all the most serious harm caused by trilling with the reputation of the child is the harm of the child itself. Under the influence of love and a cheerful confidence the child's character as a rule unfolds like a flower in the sunshine. Under the baleful spell of unbelief, harsh condemnation and aversion, all the most dangerous impulses that an inscrutable providence seems to have implanted in every child's breast, wax strong and malignant. Who among us cannot remember experience of this sort. There, far back in memory, is the day when our word was doubted, and it seems as if it would never be worth while to tell the truth again, or the day when, actually detected in deliberate falsehood uttered in a moment of awful temptation, denounced and derided and held up to the scorn of our companions, we perhaps found a vicious pleasure in a determination to pile falsehood upon falsehood and to become distinguished in wickedness if we could not in virtue, since our reputation for truth telling was forever destroyed. The child who has in a moment of passion hurt a playmate and who is pointed out as an example of ferocity is not likely to lose in savagery or to gain in gentleness through this publicity. Youth always seems to possess a foolish, unreasonable pride in sustaining a reputation once established. Human nature is always disposed, like all other entities and powers in nature, to follow the line of least resistance, and it takes heroic qualities in a child to undertake to live down an error, to combat acknowledged prejudice. On the other hand, earth can show no more pitiful instance of martyrdom than the suffering of a child misjudged. There is no libel law to protect the child, whose reputation cannot be valued in dollars and cents, public opinion rarely concerns itself about him except in his injury, he is not regarded as important enough to lay claim to open trial and investigation, and he must helplessly bear the lash of cruel tongues. It is time that public opinion should rally to his rescue, and a curb be placed upon the hasty judgment which condemns without investigation or would wreck a life because of a single thoughtless act.

## HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., March 14, 1898.

The Spanish flag must go! Boiled down that is the universal sentiment in congress. There are different opinions as to how, but there is a general agreement that the end must be the driving of the flag out of Cuba. A week ago, there was some doubt as to whether this sentiment was held by President McKinley, but his actions since congress unanimously appropriated \$50,000,000 for him to spend at his discretion in preparing for national defense, have been those of a man who expects to fight, and the delight expressed over the preparations for war, which are now visible on every hand, shows that the country's fighting blood is up, which adds a little to the certainty of war. According to the general belief, it is now only a question of how and where the fighting will begin.

Although Secretary Long has again officially denied the renewed statement that the president had been informed of the nature of the report that will be made by the naval court of inquiry, there is no doubt that the president, in common with almost everybody else, is fully satisfied that the report will be that the explosion was on the outside of the Maine. Of course, he cannot act until the official report is made, but he can get ready to back up his action, and that he is doing. Every ship that can possibly be made use of in a war with Spain is being carefully looked after by naval experts, and every manufactory with a plant for making guns or ammunition, has received assurances that the government will, until further notice, buy everything in that line they can make.

The only actual enlistments yet being made are of men for the two new artillery regiments, authorized by congress, and of men for the navy, but the war department is getting together arms, ammunition and accoutrements for 100,000 men, so that there will be no delay in getting an army together at short notice, as soon as the first call for volunteers is issued. How soon that will be will depend upon circumstances. We are already going ahead too fast for Spain, which is now showing an anxiety to delay matters.

Senor Polo, the new Spanish minister who has just been presented to the president, is either ignorant of the situation or is making a gigantic diplomatic bluff to make us think he is. Just think of the nerve of the man, now when the opinion is universal that Spain's last hold on Cuba is bound to be broken in the near future by intervention on the part of the U. S., either peaceably or by force, in giving out a column of newspaper interview in which he enlarges upon the success of autonomy in Cuba, which everybody in Washington knows to be a failure, and become enthusiastic over the reciprocity treaty, which he says he expects to aid the delegates of the autonomy cabinet of Cuba in negotiating with the U. S. If Senor Polo really expects to do as he says he does, the inside of his head would make a fine study for a specialist in brain diseases. Nobody blames Senor Polo any more for talking about impossible treaties than for being so cocksure that neither Spain nor the U. S. want war; it is the business of a diplomat to pretend to believe what he knows to be untrue.

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Nearly every day brings a new and more or less elaborate scheme for some sort of intervention in Cuba by this government before the public, but President McKinley's scheme, if he has one, is still unknown. The latest idea is that the U. S. shall demand of both the Spaniards and Cubans that hostilities must cease, and that some sort of an arrangement be made whereby the Cubans are to control Cuba, and to remain nominally under the control of Spain. The advocates of this scheme think it an all around good one because it would obviate the necessity of this government assuming control of Cuba. They say that Cubans are unfitted for independent self-government, and that until the population becomes much improved, the island would not make a desirable accession to the U. S.; therefore that the logical outcome is a Cuban government under Spanish auspices. But all this is put forward in the belief and dependent upon the contingency that Spain will satisfactorily meet all the demands made on account of the loss of the Maine, and that we shall not have to fight to enforce those demands—a belief that is heavily in the minority.

If the talk of an alliance between England and the U. S., which was started several days ago, because of a message of congratulation brought to President McKinley from Queen Victoria, by the British Ambassador, was intended as a feeler of public sentiment, those responsible for it must be convinced that no such alliance is desired by any considerable number of Americans. This country needs no assistance to whip Spain, and if it did, England would be the last country from which our people would be willing that it should either be asked or received; England's assistance is an expensive luxury for any country.

Blanche K. Bruce who next to Fred Douglas was regarded as the most conspicuous colored man of this country, died in Washington the 17th. He was born a slave but served a term in the U. S. senate and at the time of his death was register of the treasury.

## BLACHLEY ITEMS.

BY GREENLEAF.

Our Greenleaf correspondent says some tall stories are told of supernatural performances in an old log house on the Blachley place above Triangle lake. He further states that numerous people have visited the house after dark and declared that they have been scared away by a sound on the roof resembling a flogging and the story goes that a child died there years ago after having received a terrible beating from his step father. The family moved away, and so the story goes, and ever since the house has been haunted.

Answer: This is correct except we don't know of any one being scared away. The house was not built by Aaron Blachley neither did he live in the house alone, at this or any other time. There has been no new roof put on the house. The house was built about 20 years ago by a man named O'Kelly. Aaron Blachley owned the place up to the time of his death, about 2 years ago but was willed to his nephew Walter Blachley, who now owns the place. Our Greenleaf correspondent states there is a man hid in the bushes near by holding one end of a string the other end of which was attached to some object that was rattling around on the roof. This is not correct. G. W. Graham and family lived in the house for about three years, and this rattling on the roof was constantly kept up during their stay there every day and night. Every visitor who has been there can testify that there is no man in the bushes pulling on a string. The noise resembles something similar to a man standing near by and throwing a small rope on the boards.

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