

NEE NEWS items are more than acceptable at this office since the editor has gone assessing.

This is the first time we have met Mr. Huston but his address gave us the impression of a man who is mentally not the equal of what he has been.

THROUGHT DR. Kuykendall's address showed a spirit of fairness to the opposition and evinced no desire to take unfair advantage of them in any way.

THE FOLLOWING complimentary notice of us was found in the Eugene Register: W. H. Weatherston whose biography we published some time since, is a man who will do good, efficient work in the Oregon legislature. He is industrious, well posted, conscientious and free from any blighting political record.

EMBARRASSED.

We are still awaiting the Guard's exposition of its ticket and platform.

It should, for instance, start in with Mr. Huston's record at Salem in 1866, when he was serving as senator from this county, and bolted the senate and came home a-foot, in order to prevent the legislature organizing and electing a United States senator.

MORE VOLUNTEERS.

There will unquestionably soon be issued a second call for volunteers, according to a well-known Western republican senator, who holds intimate relations with Secretary Alger. He says that to properly hold the Philippines it will be found that from 20,000 to 50,000 men are none too many.

WAR BREVITIES.

Admiral Dewey is raising the guns from the sunken war vessels in Manila bay.

Spanish torpedo boats are sighted occasionally off the New England coast.

There is a suspicion that Frenchmen were behind the Spanish guns at Cardenas, and the matter will be investigated.

A column of 5000 Spaniards started from Nuevitas for Moron, to fight the Americans. They lost 900 men in a four day's march.

The cables have been cut and no news can be obtained from Havana except by boat.

The war department has decided to give all men enlisting their discharges at the close of the war, if so requested.

It is thought that there will be a change in the Spanish cabinet soon, and any change will be in favor of peace. The Spanish people are weary of war, and its accompanying stagnation of trade, misery and starvation.

Spanish gunboat Callao was captured at Cavite May 12. She is an iron gunboat of 208 tons, equipped with four modern guns, and a crew of 35 men.

The appropriations for carrying on the war now amounts to over \$400,000,000.

It is understood that the City of Peking left San Francisco the 19th inst. with 1,000 men for the Philippines.

Florida coast cities are fortifying, they fear an attack will be made on them by the Spaniards.

A dispatch from London says that the Spanish have seized the Grand Canary cable office.

Several Spanish warships have been sighted off Santa Lucia Islands.

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THE CAMPAIGN OPENED

Legislative Candidates Present the Issues to the Voters.

A Good Sized Audience Listened to the Discussion in Florence—The Financial Question the Principle Issue

Last Monday afternoon was the time appointed for opening in Florence the first joint discussion by the legislative candidates on the republican and union tickets of the political issues of the campaign. Quite a large audience was present when the debate commenced and the number was increased by new arrivals till the seats in the hall were filled and more were provided.

O. W. Hurd, the Florence member of the county central committee called the meeting to order and on motion Mr. Hurd was elected chairman.

In accordance with a previous understanding, the discussion was opened by Dr. Kuykendall, the republican candidate for state senator.

In commencing his address Dr. Kuykendall announced that the money question is the principal issue of the campaign. He said that as the republican party is in favor of maintaining the existing gold standard that the burden of proof that a change should be made rests with the opposition.

He then spoke of the salmon industry and called attention to that plank in the republican state platform which favors state aid in the artificial propagation of salmon.

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coinage means that any man from any part of the world may bring to the mint 412 3/4 grains of silver worth 42 cents and have it coined into a dollar. Another man who takes 25 1/2 grains of gold worth 100 cents, to the mint would receive but one dollar for it. The speaker believes in equal rights to all and special privileges to none, but this would be a special privilege to the owner of silver.

Gold is the most stable currency of the world. It is the standard of coinage for free silver countries. Experience has shown that silver will not circulate in unlimited amounts. In a short time it finds its way back to the treasury.

W. H. Weatherston, the fourth speaker made but a short address. He defined his position on the money question and said he favors the gold standard because he thinks it is best for the country. The opinion frequently expressed by a certain class that a majority of business men oppose free coinage of silver because it would help the laboring man is a mistake. When the laboring man is out of employment, the business man loses his trade and profits are diminished. When the laborer is prosperous, trade is increased and capital pays larger returns on the investment.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., May 9th, 1898.

Congress will now add its thanks to those of the president and the people cabled to Commodore Dewey by Secretary Long as soon as the official report of his extraordinary victory in Manila harbor reached Washington—a victory resulting in the destruction of a fleet of eleven Spanish vessels carrying more than one hundred guns and more than 2,000 men, the capture of heavy shore batteries, and the subsequent control of the Philippine Islands, all without the loss of a man and without the serious injury of a ship and with only six men wounded—by adopting the joint resolution reported from the house committee on naval affairs extending the thanks of congress to Commodore Dewey. It will also supplement the promotion to acting admiral, cabled to Commodore Dewey by Secretary Long, by passing the bill providing for an additional rear admiral in the navy, which will enable the president to further promote Commodore Dewey. The feeling in Washington is that nothing is too good for him. Troops are to be sent to aid him in holding the Philippine Islands as they can be assembled in San Francisco and the ships prepared to transport them.

Good news is daily, aye hourly, expected from Admiral Sampson's fleet, which is off on a mission known only to the president and cabinet. There are good reasons for the belief that Sampson's first object is the Spanish fleet reported to be headed for Porto Rico, and that if he fails to find the fleet he will turn his attention to the capture of Porto Rico. Naval officials will be surprised if he finds any more Spanish warships than the three or four that are known to be in the harbor at San Juan, Porto Rico, because the general belief is that Spain is afraid to send her big fleet into American waters. But the capture of Porto Rico will of itself be a great victory and will help to shorten the war.

The senatorial opponents of the bond clause in the war revenue bill are sparring for time, so to speak. They believe that the Spanish end of the war is about to collapse, and that if they can hold up the bill until the collapse comes, they can prevent bonds from being issued. If the matter was put to a vote now there is little doubt that a majority as large as that which voted against an income tax last week would vote for the bonds, not because all who would so vote approve of the issue of bonds but because they recognize that as the only sure and speedy way in which the government can raise a very large sum of money, and that if the war is to continue even for a few weeks a larger sum

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention the WEST and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

Under the new volunteer army law confirmation of the nominations of regimental officers by the senate is not required, as it is for similar offices in the regular army. The president appoints them, and in the cases of all those so far appointed he has delegated the appointing authority to Secretary Alger.

Senator Sewall has not qualified as major general in the volunteer army although his nomination was confirmed by the senate at the same time that those of Generals Fitz Lee, Joe Wheeler, James H. Wilson, and the seven brigadier generals of the regular army to be major generals were acted upon, and it is not probable that he will. If he becomes general he cannot retain his seat in the senate, and the present understanding is that he prefers the latter.

Few Americans have any idea of the extent of the Philippine Islands, a footing upon which was so gallantly captured by Commodore Dewey and over which the American flag now flies. Saturday's issue of the daily publication of the Department of State known as "Advance sheets of consular reports," is devoted entirely to the Philippine Islands, which are ten per cent larger in area than New England, New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware combined, and which have an estimated population of from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000. But probably the most astonishing thing about this publication, to most people, are the official figures showing that the U. S. has more commerce with the Philippine Islands than does all the rest of the world combined. There is a great reticence at the war department concerning the movements of the army in connection with the invasion of Cuba. Many conflicting stories are in circulation, some of them probably started by our officials to confuse the enemy, but the world is liable to learn that the U. S. troops have taken a Cuban port at any time.

A Spanish spy was arrested in Washington last night who is said to have drawings of many of the coast fortifications in the vicinity of U. S. ports. He was followed here from Chicago.

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AFFAIRS AT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

In a letter written by Hon. A. W. Reed of Gardiner and published in the Oregonian and the Roseburg Review, Mr. Reed says that in investigating the affairs at the Soldiers' Home he finds B. F. Alley and J. P. Robertson, two trustees of the home, guilty of making charges where there was no outlay and charging twice for some other items. Also that it is said, and appears to be the truth, that Mr. Alley obtained his appointment through deception therefore cannot be a legal representative of the board.

Mr. Alley resided here several years and was a member of the G. A. R. here, but it is a matter of common report that he was not a soldier and therefore had no right to membership in the G. A. R.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

STATE TICKET.

- For Governor. T. T. Geer, of Marion county. For Secretary of State. Frank I. Dunbar, of Clatsop county. For State Treasurer. Chas. S. Moore, of Klamath county. For Supreme Judge. Frank A. Moore, of Columbia county. For Attorney-General. D. R. N. Blackburn, of Linn county. For Supt. of Public Instruction. J. H. Ackerman, of Multnomah county. For State Printer. W. H. Leeds, of Jackson county. For Rep. in Congress 1st District. Thos. H. Tongue, of Washington county.

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

- For Judge. A. C. Woodcock, of Lane county. For District Attorney. Geo. M. Brown, of Douglas county.

COUNTY TICKET.

- Senator. Dr. W. Kuykendall, of Eugene. Representatives. Ivan McQueen, of Lorane. T. M. Brattain, of Springfield. W. H. Weatherston, of Florence. Sheriff. Chas. L. Scott, of Eugene. Clerk. E. U. Lee, of Junction. Treasurer. J. G. Powell, of Cottage Grove. School Superintendent. C. S. Hunt, of Eugene. Assessor. D. P. Burton, of Cottage Grove. Surveyor. C. M. Collier, of Eugene. Commissioner. H. D. Edwards, of Springfield. Coroner. J. W. Harris, of Eugene.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

F. M. Brattain, republican candidate for representative is a man who is well informed on the questions of the day, a great reader, and one of the progressive farmers of the county. He is well qualified for the office of representative and should be elected by a good majority. He is an old citizen of the state having crossed the plains with his father in 1852 and settled in Lane county.

H. N. Edwards republican nominee for commissioner has resided in Lane county for many years and is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the county. He is an honest, reliable, plain, everyday man and if he is elected the interests of the county will not suffer if he can prevent it.

Dr. Kuykendall is a gentleman of ability who stands very high in Eugene having resided there for some ten years. Elect him and Lane county will have a senator of whom she will have just cause to be proud.

Chas. L. Scott, E. U. Lee, and D. P. Burton republican candidates for the offices of sheriff, clerk and assessor, respectively are young men of ability and enjoy the respect and esteem of all acquaintances. Mr. Scott has had four years experience as deputy under Sheriff Johnson and understands the business of the office and is competent to perform the duties of the position. While Mr. Lee has not had any experience as an office holder he is well fitted by education and business experience to fill the office of clerk. Mr. Burton having been assessor for several terms is well known to the people and we believe it is a fact that he has performed the duties of that office more satisfactorily than any other assessor ever elected in Lane county. All are polite, accommodating gentlemen and if they are elected next month the people of the county may be sure that they will attend to the business of their offices in a satisfactory manner.

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