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COMPLAINTS HAVE been made by the patrons of a certain post office a few miles distant from Florence that for some time past, letters received at that office are not always immediately delivered to the person to whom they are directed when he calls for his mail but are frequently with-held from him for days or perhaps weeks. This is a violation of the duty which the persons handling mail in the post office are sworn to perform and should subject the offender to severe punishment.

IT HELPS us to realize more forcibly what it means for a nation to be at war when we see our neighbors and friends leaving their homes and the scenes they have known, in response to the call of the president for soldiers. The readiness of the young men of today to enter the service of Uncle Sam and fight a foreign foe shows that they are fully as patriotic as were their fathers and grandfathers and great grandfathers who fought for our country in preceding struggles. Can anthing show a nobler spirit than the spectacle of our young men offering up their lives if need be on the alter of their country?

FEW PEOPLE ralize the pleasures of an editor's lot. Whether he is or not, he should be one of the happiest mortals in the world. Every body wants to see him prosper and will do all they can to help him. What does it matter if delinquent subscribers do criticise him and his paper. It is all done for his good. His hide is thick and their shafts do not hurt him. Of course he never has any bills to pay and it ought not to cost him anything to live, so what reason can he have to complain if a few subscribers should become delinquent. No reason at all, but when you feel like criticising a paper just go and pay up your subscription and the editor can stand as much abuse as a mule even if he can't live on pine shavings.

WAR NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Dispatches from Madrid dated June 18th say that there is good reason to believe that the Queen Regent will abdicate in favor of Infanta Isabella. Also that prominent statesmen and representatives of the Spanish people are holding a peace conference to discuss the best means of ending the war.

The government has seized all the coal in Havana for the war ships and a coal famine is likely to follow. Since the fast bombardment of the Cuban forts all resistance to invasion by American troops has been abandoned.

The Spanish government has issued an edict refusing to include Hobson and his companions of the Merrimac in the proposed exchange of prisoners.

Reports are current that Spanish power is weakening fast in the Philippines. Gen. Pena and 1000 Spanish soldiers surrendered to the insurgents at Santa Cruz and similar surrenders are reported in other places. The insurgents propose to form a republic under Anglo-American tutelage. Food is scarce and Spanish officers are to be seen loafing around the saloons while their men are starving.

June 20th, news was received that the troops from San Francisco had reached Manila safely.

Grest excitement prevails at Key West occasioned by Morro Castle at Havana firing upon the blockading fleet.

June 21st it was announced that the U S had direct cable communication with Sampson at Guantanamo and Gen. Blanco was cut off from communication except by cables under the U S control.

The insurgents proclaimed a provisional government in outer Cavite June 12th amid great ceremonies. A declaration of independance was read renouncing Spanish authority. Aguinaldo was made president and Don Pirondo vice president. They will not oppose an American protectorate or occupation.

Report comes via the British consul at Santiago that Hobson and comrades are safe, but Spain's refusal to exchange them was that unavoidedly they had learned many things about which our naval and military authorities would like information.

Food is very scarce at Havana and it is believed that in two weeks more the whole population of Cardenas will be starving, even now they are living on palm buds and dog meat.

COLLECTION OF WAR TAX

Instructions Sent to Internal Revenue Collectors.

Oregonian:

Washington, June 18th—The following circular has been issued to collectors of internal revenue:

The act of June 13th, 1898, providing stamp taxes on the documents, articles and things enumerated in schedules A and B of said act becomes operative as to such taxes on and after July 1st, 1898. In view of the public demand for information relative to the method of affixing and cancelling said stamps, the following instructions are furnished, with the request that you give it the widest publicity possible.

Adhesive stamps of the following denominations will be supplied collectors before July 1st, 1898, for sale: Documentary stamps under schedule A, 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents, $1, $3, $10 and $50. Proprietary stamps schedule B, ⅛, ¼, ⅜, ½, 1, 1¼, 2, 2½, 4 and 5 cents. These stamps may be sold to any person, whether for use or resale, and when purchased in quantities of $100 or more in value at one time, a discount of 1 per cent is allowed.

Wherever practicable but one stamp should be placed upon an instrument or article, where any one stamp will denote the tax, as few stamps as possible should be affixed.

Proprietary stamps must be affixed conspicuously on the outside of the article or package and where practicable so that the opening of the article or package will destroy the stamps. All such stamps must be plainly cancelled when affixed by writing or imprinting with a hand stamp the initials of the party or firm who paid the tax and year when affixed.

Collectors should make orders at once for proprietary and documentary stamps in quantities and of the denomination desired for a two month's supply. Stamps for checks and drafts will be imprinted upon the paper or instruments in the cities of New York, St. Louis, Atlanta and San Francisco, and it is expected that such imprinted stamps will be ready for delivery before July 1st. All orders for such stamps will be made through collectors and forwarded to the stamp agent at the place where such stamps are imprinted. If necessary the two-cent documentary stamp may be used on bank checks, drafts etc.

Private dies for printing proprietary stamps will be prepared and furnished to such proprietors as desire them and comply with the provisions of section 9 of the act of June 13th, 1898.

All designs for dies and applications for stamps must be submitted to this office through collectors. All engravings will be done by the government at the expense of the proprietor, and deposits to cover cost of dies and the price of stamps, not less tha 2000 at one time, must be made before the stamps will be printed.

Manufacturers of proprietary articles will be required to use the general proprietary stamps until stamps can be furnished them from their designs. Collectors will retain applications for private dies and stamps therefrom under regulations prescribing methods and means of securing the same are issued.

The regulations relative to the stamp provisions of the revenue act, approved the 13th inst., will be issued and distributed in a few days.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c $1. All druggists.

NEARLY ALL kinds of fruit trees are carrying too much fruit in Oregon this year and a great deal of thinning is in order. This is especially true of stone fruits. The germs of brown rot are now found in nearly every part of the state and only await favorable conditions to develop and do great damage. When a large number of plums or other stone fruits touch each other in a cluster the rot is liable to take the whole cluster if a spell of damp, warm weather comes along about ripening time. It is of course well understood that the pits of stone fruits are almost as large in small specimens as in large specimens from the same tree and that the pits draw very heavily on the soil. It pays much better to sell the flesh of the fruit than the pits and by proper thinning the weight of the fruit is not reduced materially but the proportion of pits is very greatly reduced. Large fruit is always in better demand than small fruit. The vitality of trees is seriously reduced by allowing them to mature an excessive crop of fruit.—*Oregon Qgriculturist.*

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D C, June 13th 1898.

The conundrum of the day is, where is Shafter's army? That it was for some reason detained at Tampa for several days after it had embarked on the transports is known, but that is about all that is known, owing to the censorship of news. Only the very gullible accepted the story given the wide publicity, that the transports were held at Tampa because of the fear that they might be captured by a mysterious Spanish fleet that has been reported to be engaged in doing the 'Flying Dutchman" act in the vicinity of Havana. These transports are known to have gone to Key West and are supposed to be well on their way to Santiago, but it is altogether probable that the first positive information the public gets about these troops will tell of their capture of Santiago, where Admiral Sampson has so well prepared the way for them. They cannot get the honor of first raising our flag on Cuban soil; that already belongs to Sampson's marines, who are now in possession of Guantanamo bay.

There has been numerous reports recently, originating in Europe, that Spain had or was about to ask Austria, or some other nation to ask the U S to state terms for peace. These rumors were believed to have been started for the purpose of feeling public opinion in this country. Not only has the Austrian minister not made any peace overtures to this government but he evidently does not expect to have any important business in Washington before fall as he is going to the New England coast, with his entire staff, this week, to remain away all summer. According to prominent European diplomats, no peace overtures will be made on behalf of Spain until this government intimates to the diplomatic corps that such will be acceptable and that it would be willing to discuss the terms upon which it would agree to peace. If that is really the view of the European nations, Spain would better deal direct with this government. We did not seek this war, but have got into it, and have won nothing but victories, it would be absurd to expect us to ask for peace. It is the whipped power that must ask for peace, and the longer Spain defers the asking the worse she will be licked. The fighting power of the U S grows stronger each day, while that of Spain grows weaker.

If there had been no bond clause in the war revenue bill, as reported from conference, it would have come very near to receiving a unanimous vote in the senate, instead of going through by a vote of 43 to 22. The opposition to any other clauses of the bill was nominal, although a number of them, including the coinage of $1,5000,000 of silver every month, some of the stamp taxes, and the tax on tea, were not altogether satisfactorly. President McKinley promptly signed the bill, and now the people have the chance to buy at par one-half of the $400,000,000 in bonds authorized to be issued by the new law—it is hoped that it may not become necessary to issue the other $200,000,000. Although these bonds will only pay three per cent interest, the big financiers are so certain that they will soon command a premium that they will gladly take them all. Small investors will have the first opportunity to buy. What they fail to take in 30 days will go to capitalists in big blocks. Senator Wolcott is one of those who believe that the people will take them all. He said: "The people of the country will take up these bonds as a manifestation of their patriotism and their pride in the country."

It is now settled by agreement of the house, after a large majority, including members of all parties, had shown its power, that the Hawaiian annexation resolution shall be voted upon Wednesday afternoon. Its adoption is certain. Speaker Reed's friends are trying to square him with the friends of annexation by declaring that he has been misrepresented, that he never had any idea of allowing his personal opposition to annexation to cause him to try to stand in the way of a majority of the house getting to a vote on the resolution. Some of the leading annexationists assert that the speaker has killed his political future, but wise politicians are not yet investing any money in mourning for the alleged corpse.

Secretary Alger thus answers the critics of the war department: "I do not believe that history records an instance where so much has been done in a military campaign of this magnitude in the brief time that has elapsed since hostilities began. I challenge the records. There is abundance of supplies at the disposal of the government. Everything needed for the army is either on the ground or in the process of transit. Within a week, or a fortnight at most, the required supplies and equipment will be delivered to the troops. In two weeks every man in the army will be fully equipped for the war."

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ODDS AND ENDS OF NEWS.

The most notable amendment to the war revenue measure just passed is the placing of a duty of 10 cents a pound on all tea imported into the United States.

The flag to float over Morro Castle, Havana, when Blanco surrenders is already made. It was donated by a Wall street man and is 120x43⅓ feet. Special bunting had to be made and it is believed to be the largest flag in the world.

The S F Chronicle says that since the war began several California born Spaniards and Mexicans have enlisted with the volunteer companies, but Ong Q Tow a merchant of Santa Ana is the first native born Chinese. He is twenty-five years old and was born in California.

An earthquake shock was felt June 14th, in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. No damage reported.

Leiter, the great wheat dealer, has had his property attached owing to his refusal to pay $793,925 advanced by parties in Chicago. Armour is king of the wheat market again.

Hurry orders have been sent to Generals Coppinger and Lee, who are to command the army sent to capture Porto Rico, to get the men ready for embarkation with as little delay as possible.

It is reported that while the City of Peking was at Honolulu she came near being blown up by a half Spanish soldier. He was caught arranging a fuse with the magazine.

The navy department has issued advertisements for the building of three great battleships authorized by the last naval appropriation bill. Bids will be opened Sept. 1st. Speedy construction is likely to be one of the determining factors in awarding the contracts.

The steel armor plates for the Wisconsin should have been at 'Frisco six months ago. Work will have to be suspended till they arrive.

All the bunting factories in the U S are running 24 hours a day yet cannot supply the demand for Old Glory.

A shipment of gold dust and nuggets estimated at $250,000 came out from Dawson over the Dyea trail June 14th. It is understood that the gold belongs to Canada.

Of the first 175 boats to leave Lake Bennett by the river, 41 were lost but no one drowned.

The report that Great Britain will not hold her usual annual naval maneuver is causing much speculation as to the reason.

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OREGON'S INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION.

We publish below a letter received at this office which explains the object of the Industrial Exposition to be held at Portland this fall, hoping it will be of interest to our readers:

The exposition to be held in Portland this year, opening September 22nd and closing October 22nd, promises to be the largest, best and most successful ever held. In 1895 and 1896 it was given under the auspices of well known business men of Portland, as it will be this year. It is conducted, not for profit or gain on the part of the committee, but to display to the people of the Pacific Northwest and to many eastern visitors who may be sojourning in our midst, the wonderful resources of this favored portion of our country. There will be given prizes, consisting of cups, medals and diplomas for all the best and most meritorious exhibits of grain, grasses, fruit, (fresh and preserved) vegetables etc., and no doubt many of your patrons will desire to make exhibits. Exhibits from your section will certainly take some prizes. Space is free; exhibits will be transported without cost and there will be no expense to any exhibitor. Any one wishing to make exhibits or inquiries concerning the exposition will receive prompt reply by addressing the Secretary of the Oregon Industrial Exposition, Portland, Ore.

Very truly yours,

B S PAGUE,

Chairman committee on state and county exhibits.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Earn your money before you spend it.

Keep your own secrets if you have any.

Lessons learned in youth bear fruit in maturity.

The man who procrastinates struggles with ruin.

Prosperity makes some friends and many enemies.

Fool:—One who shows his folly and doesn't know it.

Jealousy:—The homage paid by inferiority to merit.

All that is human must retrograde if it do not advance.

Wise man:—One who knows his folly and doesn't show it.

Great is the art of beginning, but greater the art of ending.

He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that.

Forgiveness:—The gift that only you can bestow upon your enemy.

Charity:—A service that the receiver should remember and the giver forget.

There is by God's grace an immeasurable distance between late and too late.

Promises hold men faster than benefits, hope is a cable and gratitude a thread.

The worst prison is not of stone. It is a throbbing heart, outraged by an infamous life.

In the eyes of a wise judge proofs by reasoning are of more value than witnesses.

The pathway of progress will still as of old, bear the traces of martyrdom, but the advance is inevitable.

What you attempt do with your strength. If the prospect be dark, put the fire of resolution to your soul.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and it is only by thought that labor can be made happy.

A preface, being the entrance of a book, should invite by its beauty. An elegant porch announces the splendor of the interior.

Indulge in procrastination, and in time you will come to this that because a thing ought to be done therefore you can't do it.

The gains of profligels are like fig trees growing on a precipice; for these, none are better but kites and crows; for those only harlots and flatterers.

Profligality is a vice too brave and costly to be kept and maintained at any easy rate. It must have large pensions, and be fed with both hands, though the hand who feeds it starve for his pains.

Proverbs are somewhat analogous to those medical formulas which, being in frequent use, are kept ready made up in the chemists shops, and which often save the framing of a distinct prescription.

What pains and tears the slightest steps of man's progress have cost. Every hair-breadth forward has been in the agony of some soul, and humanity has reached blessing after blessing of all its vast achievements for good with bleeding feet.

That fortitude which has encountered no dangers, that prudence which has surmounted no difficulties, that integrity which has been attacked by no temptation, can at best be considered but as gold not yet brought to the test, of which therefore the true value cannot be assigned.

What matters it? say some, a little more knowledge for man, a little more liberty, a little more general development. Life is so short! He is a being so limited! But it is precisely because his days are few, and he cannot attain to all, that a little more culture is of importance to him. The ignorance in which God leaves man is divine, the ignorance in which man leaves himself is a crime and a shame.

An Old Soldier

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