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OUR MAIL ROUTES.

Postal Inspector Burr whom we mentioned last week as being in Florence made a trip over the road from Glendora to Alene to ascertain whether it is practicable to extend the Gardiner-Alene mail route to Glendora.

Efforts have been made for about 8 years past to obtain a daily mail between Eugene and Florence. Last year the government asked for bids and a contract was let for a daily service to commence July 1st, 1898.

SOME of the Florence people have been circulating a subscription paper this week for the relief of the family of Louis Anderson.

U S Inspector Bryant of Puget Sound says they have inspected 90 more vessels in his district this year than last and only 31 of these were built for Alaska trade.

EX-SECRETARY of State Foster, who is high authority on international law, says Spain is bound by the provisions of the protocol and that it will not dare to deviate therefrom in the negotiation of the treaty of peace.

SUPERVISOR SCHULTE is preparing to do some more work at opening the road between Florence and Mapleton. Mr Schulte has been anxious for several years to have this road open for travel and has contributed considerable work towards it.

THE EUGENE papers compliment Judge Hamilton very highly on the manner in which he dispatches the business of the court. He does not seem to think it necessary to wait till a case is called before the attorneys begin to prepare for trial but considers it their place to be ready when the time comes.

AMONG the difficulties to be encountered and overcome in Cuba is the establishment of American newspapers. Such an institution has been launched on the sea of journalism at Santiago and is called the Daily Times.

PRESIDENT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The President today issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation: "By the President of the United States—A Proclamation: The approaching November brings to mind the customs of our ancestors, hallowed by time and rooted in our most sacred traditions, of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings he has vouchsafed to us during the last year.

"Few years in our history have afforded such cause for thanksgiving. We have been blest by abundant harvests, our trade and commerce have been wonderfully increased, our public credits have been improved and strengthened, all sections of our country have been brought together and knitted into closer bond of national purpose and unity.

"I do, therefore, invite all my fellow-citizens, those at home as well as those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe Thursday the 24th day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving, to come together in their several places of worship for a service of praise and thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings of the year, the mildness of the seasons and the fruitfulness of the soil; for the continued prosperity of the people; for the devotion and valor of our countrymen; for the glory of our victory and the hope of a righteous peace, and to pray that the divine guidance which has brought us heretofore to safety and honor may be graciously continued in the years to come. In witness whereof, etc.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY. By the President: John Hay, Secretary of State."

ENGLAND AND WAR CONTINGENCIES.

IF the report is true that the English nation is for war not much importance need be given the subsidiary clause about Queen Victoria's possible veto of a declaration. If war is wanted the declaration may come from the other side, but in any event the queen is not likely to interpose fiat of personal sovereignty between the nation and parliament and any policy they may choose to adopt. She values her crown too highly. Besides, it is a pleasant fiction which credits that venerable lady with any implacable hostilities to war.

However, we do not believe there will be any war of England's seeking in this instance. England might not be afraid to tackle France, which, besides being the weaker state, has valuable holdings in Africa and elsewhere that tempt British cupidity. But the power that knuckled to modern Russia on the Manchurian question and which has no friends or allies anywhere is not likely to take issue with France and Russia together. These powers are joined for better or worse, so far as Great Britain is concerned, and are strong enough in union to press war against England in every quarter of the world, from India to Canada and from Ireland to the cape. The issue of such a contest, for an island that never has more than thirty days' food supply on hand, is sufficiently problematical to warrant us in believing that the discreet Briton will find a way out of the Fashoda difficulty if he has to tiptoe down the back stairs.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH. D. C. Oct. 24, 1898.

Not one cent for Spanish bonds or territory; millions for resumption of the war, if action of Spain makes it necessary. This is a statement in a nut shell of the position of this government. Not a man in official circles believes that Spain will be foolish enough to order its commissioners not to sign the treaty of peace, unless they secure some money consideration, either as pay for the Philippines, or assumption of a portion of Spain's bonded indebtedness, although such an outcome of the negotiations at Paris appears to be receiving serious consideration in European capitals. All this sort of thing is a part of the game of Spanish diplomacy, intended to affect the position of this government. As such it is all absolutely wasted. Should the Spanish commissioners decline to conclude the treaty of peace, upon the terms submitted by the U. S. the war would at once be resumed, and this government is far better fixed to rush the fighting than it was the day the protocol was signed, and is determined to do it. The lugubrious European interference would not prevent the carrying of the fighting into Spain immediately and Spain would very soon be compelled to accept terms of peace far more humiliating than those it now has an opportunity to accept.

The president greatly enjoyed his western trip and has nothing but praise for the hospitality, prosperity and the patriotism of those with whom he came in contact everywhere he went; and if his back bone had needed any stiffening on the Spanish question, which so far as appearances go, it did not, the sentiments he heard expressed would have done the business. Others who accompanied him say that the almost universal sentiment everywhere they went, among those of all political parties and all sorts of men, was in favor of our taking the whole Philippine group.

The annual report of the director of the mint, on the production of silver and gold by the world during the calendar year 1897, has been submitted to the secretary of the treasury. It shows that the production of silver was the greatest ever known, the value being \$236,730,300, although many of the most productive silver mines in the U. S. were not working during that period. The value of the gold produced was slightly in excess of that of silver—\$237,504,800.

The following extract from a report sent to the department of state by U S Consul Ragsdale at Tientsin, China, a city with more than a million inhabitants, with an annual commerce of \$12,250,000, shows that China is fast waking up to modern methods, notwithstanding its misgovernment: "The Imperial Chinese Railway is without doubt one of the greatest enterprises in Northern China. Already three hundred and twenty miles of the road has been constructed, eighty miles double track, and one hundred and twenty-five miles are now under construction. The company has 64 engines of Chinese make, 4 Belgian, 21 American and 38 English. From 8,000 to 12,000 men are constantly employed, 42 of whom are foreigners. They have extensive shops at Tong Shang, where cars of all kinds are built. The cross ties and bridge timbers are imported, principally from Oregon, although small shipments, far inferior in quality are received from Japan. The road is gradually being extended, and ere long will be completed to Niuchwang, one of the terminal points of the Russian railway. The traffic for the past eleven months was 1,516,885 passengers, and 1,870,118 tons of freight, and is rapidly increasing. The road is already paying handsome dividends."

Another bureau official—James A. Dumont, supervising Inspector general of the steamboat inspection service—has condemned the civil service rules as applied to his office, in the most unqualified terms. Mr Dumont in his annual report to the secretary of the treasury says the placing of the employees of his office under the civil service rules has been a positive detriment to the service in various ways. And gives numerous instances to show that the men who have been appointed, after troublesome delays, have been less efficient than those selected before these appointments passed under the civil service rules. He says the civil service method keeps the steamboat inspection

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Maria Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in many camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of the battle at the fall of Manila, Bonanza for agents. Brimful of official pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Credit given. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Quits free. Address: F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago.

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Parsnip Complexion.

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark, puffy circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it. A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or ache in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a burning or scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit or strong odor. When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause. Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or you may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

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GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By a WEST CORRESPONDENT.

October 29th, 1898.

Henry Tabor of Alpha came home this week. Peter Hollis, the ex-hermit, will spend the winter with Emil Roberts.

A large quantity of prunes and apples have been fed to hogs hereabouts this fall. William Austin and family have moved back from Eugene to their homestead above Alpha.

A cougar got another of Fred Popiot goats the other day and Popiot got the cougar a few days later.

Herman Steinhauser is hard at work getting a kiln of brick ready to burn on his place, to test the clay. Most of the potato crops hereabouts were disappointing, but in some cases the yield was very large.

The Lake creek district school meeting adjourned to Monday, Oct. 31st. Some want to divide the district, some to rebuild on the site where the school house was burned and some to build elsewhere.

John Pope has a hog with what is believed to be a broken leg. The hogs were at his residence, at Deadwood post office and he set a trap for a bear that was robbing the orchard on his old homestead a mile or so up the creek. Next morning the hog, which had never been known to go up there before, was found in the trap. And the bear's appetite for fruit is unimpaired.

EVERY DAY gives Americans more contempt for Spanish character and Spanish methods of doing anything whatsoever. Since the Maine was blown up by treachery their program has been one continuous delay, intrigue, avoidance of doing anything decisively, manfully, as an American would do. When they lost their hold in the Philippines they tried to incite the insurgents against Americans. The peace commission policy has a decidedly hangdog air, and even now the officers of their forces in Cuba, who are allowed to remain there for a few months by the leniency of our government, are assiduously engaged in inciting ill-feeling toward America and Americans among the Cubans, and furnishing them with military equipment, that are ours by conquest. There will be a smaller lack of manhood, when are no more Spaniards.—Roseburg Plain Dealer.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY is the first president of the United States to formally recognize organized labor, as he was the first governor of his state to do so. During his term as president he has not only received representatives of labor unions upon official business, but also consulted with them in appointing the commission authorized by congress to investigate the industrial conditions in the United States. His recent speech to the railway men in Chicago shows his sympathy with and knowledge of the needs of the workingman.—Tacoma Ledger.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Grant county is somewhat behind in payments. They are just now advertising for 1891 county warrants. It is a very large county, sparsely settled, with light taxable property. Criminal trials are principally responsible for its present financial condition.

Reports from Seaton Sunday evening indicate that Ludvig Christensen was in a bad way. Our informant states that a number of friends sat up with him. Fortunately he improved with good care and by next day it was considered safe to leave him alone. Ludvig went out hunting Sunday and killed his first deer which probably accounts for his condition.

The loss by the recent fire at the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis has been adjusted at \$15,358.57, there being a reduction on account of the big boiler being saved. Regent Weatherford represents the college. Plans for the new building have been made. It is to be two stories high and 80x123 feet, light 35 feet. Mr Lazarus was the successful architect in furnishing designs.

One Oregon editor ought to get along. According to the McMinnville T. R. A V R Snyder of the Transcript, is an ubiquitous fellow in the office line. He holds an office under the U S Government at a salary of \$500 a year, is assistant clerk of the house of the Oregon legislature at \$8 a day is recorder of the city of McMinnville at \$20 a month, and we suggest that the county ought to give him an office also.—Guard.

When crossing the gravel bar between Seaton and Mapleton on her way down the river Wednesday morning the Marguerite ran aground. As it was ebb tide she was forced to remain several hours before the tide raised enough to float her off. The mail was brought to Florence in a row-boat and the Mink went to head of tide in the afternoon. The Marguerite arrived here about 3 p m and returned to Head of tide the same evening.

The Old Fellows building came near being destroyed by fire recently. There is a terra cotta flue which passes through the ceiling of the lower story and up through the roof. Some time ago the lower part of the terra-cotta pipe was cut off, and a gunny sack thrust into the opening to close it temporarily. A fire was afterward built in a stove connected with the flue in the second story. Falling sparks set the sack on fire and it fell out on the floor. After burning a hole through the floor the fire was evidently smothered by soot falling from the pipe and thus saving the building.

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