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A GENTLEMAN in Sioux City, Iowa, who owns a large prune farm at Dundee, Oregon, wrote on Dec. 11th to a friend in Oregon that a carload of Italian prunes shipped from Dundee by Geo. Morrison was selling in Sioux City at that time at wholesale at 7 1/2 and 8 cents per pound.

IN REFUSING to pardon a city treasurer who violated his trust and was sent to the penitentiary, the governor of Washington lays down the proposition that convicts should be pardoned only when they are proved to have been innocent, when it is shown that the sentence was excessive, or when, while imprisoned, they are able to render the state some signal service.

NEW YEAR'S day is passed again and no doubt there were many good resolutions made for this year. A very important thing about resolutions after making them is to keep them inviolate.

A MASS meeting of the citizens of Cottage Grove and Lemati was called for Wednesday evening to hear a proposed new consolidated charter read and voted upon its adoption.

IF THE girls all over the land that are breaking their corset stays in their mad ambition to kiss Lieut. Hobson, would occasionally kiss their tired, gray-haired mothers and relieve them of untold cares and burdens of home life, not only the country and Lieut. Hobson as well, would feel greatly relieved.

A CATHOLIC priest has been elected to the degree in a Knights of Pythias lodge in Chicago but has not yet received them. He will endeavor to secure the approval of his archbishop.

THE SENATE of the United States is a conservative body not subject to sudden change but it always responds to public sentiment in the end.

THERE is no occasion for haste in deciding what shall be done with the Philippines. The longer we wait the more we shall know about the islands; meanwhile our military government is better than the islanders have ever had.

THE San Francisco Examiner and the West for one year \$2.50 paid in advance.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEXT FEB.

CANAL COST AND PROFITS.

The report of the Walker Canal Commission is not yet ready for print, but it will declare, according to Admiral Walker, that the construction of the Nicaragua canal on the route proposed is entirely feasible. The only difference of opinion among the commissioners touches the question of cost, and here the estimates vary from \$90,000,000 to \$140,000,000.

PUBLIC LAND SURVEYS.

ALTHOUGH about \$20,000 was appropriated for the survey of public lands in Oregon for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1898, large appropriations will be made for the current year.

THE unsurveyed lands in the district are increasing in value each year, and in the same rate the number of petitions and inquiries, both personal and written, concerning the survey and opening up of settlement of these lands becomes more frequent.

MANY petitions and letters of inquiry come from parties who have lived on unsurveyed lands for 10 to 20 years, asking and hoping for early surveys, in order to obtain titles to their homes.

THE unsurveyed lands of the central and western portion of the state, where the soil is of the usual alluvial character, being most fertile and productive when cleared from timber, affords splendid homes and are being eagerly sought after by a good class of people.

THE general contour of lands in Oregon is such as to favor irrigation which would convert the large semi arid tracts into fertile and productive farms, especially in the southern and eastern portions of the state, which have heretofore been considered worthless, except for grazing purposes for a few months in the year.

THE estimate of \$39,250 for the survey of 25 townships within the limits of railroad grants. The railroad companies and settlers have made many endeavors to have such surveys, to enable the settlement upon thousands of acres of fine timber and agricultural land.

ONLY ONE year after this left of the nineteenth century.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., Dec., 26th, 1898.

NEWSPAPER enterprise got a scoop on the American peace commissioners, while they were on the ocean, by cabling from Madrid a translation of the Spanish copy of the treaty and published it nearly a week ahead of the arrival of the commissioners, but that did not lessen the warmth of the welcome given to the commissioners in Washington.

IT is apparent that party lines are to be drawn in congress on the bill for increasing and reorganizing the regular army. There are two bills, and two reports from the house military committee. The majority, or republican bill, provides for an increase in the regular army to something like 100,000 men, while the minority, or democratic bill, reduces the regular army, which was increased by the last congress to 62,000 men, to 30,000 and provides for the enlistment of 50,000 volunteers, for two years, to assist in garrisoning the islands which came into our possession, as a result of the war.

THAT the administration has a doubt about our right to build the Nicaragua canal while the Clayton-Bulwer treaty with Great Britain, is in force, has been shown by its taking the initiative steps towards the abrogation of that treaty, which prohibits either country constructing or controlling the canal.

TO PROHIBIT FALSE LABELING.

REPRESENTATIVE Curtis has prepared and will introduce at the coming session of the legislature a bill to prohibit the false labeling of salmon. The measure provides for punishment by a fine of \$500 for each infraction, and for the confiscation of the salmon thus put up within the state.

INTERESTING TO STOCKMEN.

THE following bill which will doubtless come before the next legislature is of interest to stockmen: "A bill for an act entitled 'An act empowering county courts to levy taxes on sheep, cattle and hogs, and also on real and personal property, to create funds for bounties for coyote, mountain lion or cougar, bear, lynx or wild cat and gray or timber wolf scalps; also providing for the necessary affidavit to be taken before a notary public or magistrate of the precinct in which the animal or animals are killed, and providing also for the evidence of such killing, upon which the county court shall pay the bounty for such scalp or scalps.'"

HON JUSTIN S. MORRILL, the senior United States senator from Vermont, died at Washington in the 89th year of his age, after an illness of less than a week.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

MORTON Douglass is one of the eleven boys from this county reported by Adjutant General Tuttle as entitled to pay as rejected volunteers as provided for by special act of the legislature. There are twentyone others whose claims are considered doubtful owing to the law providing that only those who were members of a regularly organized militia company prior to the call for volunteers are entitled to pay.

COAST MAIL: The amount of money secured by the robbers at Coquille was something over \$1100, made up as follows: \$400 belonged to Jesse Beyers, \$322 to the Foresters; \$400 to Lorenz. Mr Lorenz offers \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the robbers, and the county court \$250. Two young men, E. J. White and Tom Drew were arrested at Riverton on Monday on suspicion and brought to Coquille. The persons were held in \$1000 bonds to appear before the grand jury.

trouble in governing Oahu, because the lawless element on the island, has a wholesome fear of the U S uniform. He also says that the Cubans are in no condition to conduct an independent government, and that the best men in business circles hope it can be arranged in some way for Cuba to be annexed to the U S, although they recognize that the pledges of President McKinley and of congress make annexation impossible at this time.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Know It.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it,—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney poison in the blood is liable to attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell.

IT was for just such trouble that in His infinite power and goodness the Great Physician caused Swamp-Root to grow for the benefit of suffering mankind, leaving it for His servant, Dr Kilmer, the great kidney and bladder specialist to discover it and make it known to the world.

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ALPHA CLIPPINGS.

Jan. 2nd, 1899. Miss Elinor Hale and Clara Tabor who have been spending Xmas week at Deadwood returned home Sunday.

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Len Tabor who has taught several terms of school on the bay is taking a business course at the Wait's business college Washington.

Mr Ernest Rowe of Greenleaf who is one of our best road overseers was at Alpha having his papers legalized before Squire Lundy last week.

Because of the brewery and steamship companies and the Catholic whose interests would be hampered by the restriction of immigration to certain classes the immigration bill was defeated.

If some of the counties in California that are suffering from drought and the people appealing to the public for aid, through failure of crops only had a few of our showers that we do not need! Besides drought California is suffering from boom days.

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The young people of Deadwood and Lake creek met at the home of Mr & Mrs John Pope at Deadwood P. O. The young ladies bringing tastefully decorated baskets filled with delicious good things that the boys believed were prepared only by the girls. After supper games were indulged in and all present pronounced the party a success.

Was Almost Crazy. Gores on the Limbs Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla—Heart and Lung Troubles Overcome. I broke out with sores all over my limbs, and they caused such intense itching I feared I should go crazy. I was also troubled with a tired feeling. After taking Hood's Sarsaparilla a short time the itching ceased, and the sores on my limbs began to heal. I am better in every way since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. JAS. J. KEMER, McEwen, Oregon.

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Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Men of shining intellect are not necessarily light-headed.

What's done, we partly may compute, but know not what's resisted.

The man who wounds with a word is often too cowardly to strike a blow.

We cannot answer for our courage when we have never been in danger.

Some flowers of Eden we still inherit, but the trail of the serpent is over them all.

Genius may be swifter than perseverance but the latter wins in the long run.

It is often easier to make a statement in good faith than it is to get it accepted.

Some men never do a charitable act unless there is some one around to applaud.

Words are wise men's counters; they do but reckon by them; but they are money of fools.

How far that little candle throws its beams. So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

Great wealth often makes a man insane, if he bequeaths it in a will that can be contested.

Once in a while a man may driven to drink, but the majority walk right up to the bar voluntarily.

As Christianity gives to man the greatest of all ideas, so she is the greatest of all educators.

Every man has in himself a continent of undiscovered character. Happy is he who acts the Columbus to his own soul.

A devoted and sincere Christian life is a reserve of unmeasured blessings to its parched and barren surroundings.

Give a man rope to hang himself, says an ancient commentator, and he never will; give it to a woman, and she will hang herself as not to waste the rope.

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