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THE DIFFICULTY about collecting insurance on the Acme sawmill is another instance of how insurance companies will take advantage of every technicality to avoid payment of a policy when the property covered by it has been destroyed.

THERE is considerable interest being taken in a project for building an electric road from Florence to Eugene. Such a road would be a very great benefit not only to Florence and Eugene but to the whole Siuslaw and upper Willamette valleys.

THE Siuslaw river probably offers the best opportunity to be found in the state for a profitable investment in the lumber trade. While on many rivers the timber conveniently situated for logging has nearly all been cut, on this river it has as yet hardly been touched.

UNLESS results, if not purposes, is likely to come out of the attempts of the church people of Onalua to close the saloons on Sunday.

THE OREGON State Journal of 11th inst contained a good article pointing out the advantages offered by the lower Siuslaw for the investment of capital in the lumber business.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY PERSONS in this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties.

SUPERSTITIONS PASSING AWAY.

Another venerable rule of exclusion in China has been broken down, and after prolonged discussion and much preparation the empress dowager has received the "foreign devils" of her own sex who belong to the diplomatic colony in Peking.

THE traditions of ten thousand years were trampled upon and the sacred person was exposed to the gaze of barbarians without the slightest harm.

And now another tremendous innovation is impending. The Princess Henry of Prussia is en route to Peking and the empress dowager has consented to receive her.

It won't be long before all the old superstitions pass away and the American locomotive will be as welcome as is already the American bicycle and the flour made from Washington wheat.

PHILIPPINE ARCHITECTURE.

According to professor Dean C Worcester, the houses rest on four or more heavy timbers which are firmly set in the ground. The floor is raised some five or ten feet from the ground.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH, D C, Feb. 6, 1899.

Four or five senators kept their colleagues and the public guessing as to how they would vote on the treaty of peace clear up to the calling of their names, when the vote was taken today, and theirs were the deciding votes, too.

A very serious charge has been made by Keegan, who appeared before the senate committee on education and labor, to represent the International Mechanics' Union.

It will now only require a majority vote of the house to put Gen. Wheeler of Alabama; Col. Campbell, of Illinois; Col. Colson, of Kentucky, and Major Robbins, of Pa., formally out of congress, as the judiciary committee has reported a resolution declaring that they forfeited their seats by accepting commissions in the army.

If there is any Nicaragua canal legislation at this session, it is likely to be something radically different from either the Morgan bill, which passed the senate, or the Hepburn bill, which has been made a substitute for the Morgan bill, by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, as the matter will go to a conference committee as soon as the house passes the Hepburn bill, which it will do as soon as given an opportunity, and what the conference committee will agree upon is purely a matter of conjecture, by judgment from the past, it will be sure to differ from either of the original bills.

The house adopted Chairman Burton's motion to strike out of the congressional record the remarks made by Representative Hawley, of Texas, about the item in the river and harbor bill appropriating \$250,000 for improvement of the channel to Texas City, Texas, an alleged boom town, which Ohio capitalists are exploiting as a possible rival to Galveston, because they reflected upon the integrity of the members of the committee, but Mr Hawley finds consolation in the fact that his speech caused the appropriation in question to be struck out of the bill before it passed the house.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murray Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department.

GLENTENA ITEMS.

BY J. U. S.

Editor West: If you will permit me I will endeavor to furnish a few local items in and about this neck of the woods.

Mr A C Barbour who has been teaching in California for the past summer returned home last week.

Miss Rosa Barbour who has also been engaged in teaching in California also returned home a month previous to her father's return.

Mr Ames Buchanan of Moscow, Idaho who has been spending the winter with Wm Sutherland and family is still enjoying the mild Oregon climate.

J U Sutherland has just finished a log contract on Esmond creek, having cut and put into the creek 100,000 feet of fine saw logs.

Maurice Johnson is still logging on A M Richardson's place. He has in about 150 logs, with quite a number yet to put in.

Maurice Johnson will start this afternoon for the big jam near Alma post office to assist in trying to float the jam out. There has been a considerable amount of work done on the jam this winter in the way of cutting it loose, and it is claimed by those who know best that a good raise will take it out.

The first of February appeared in a mantle of white and for two days after still added to its then ever sufficient robe until the thickness reached to a cool 6 inches. The mercury ranging from Friday morning until Monday morning as follows: Friday morning 14 degrees above zero. Saturday morning 10 degrees, Sunday morning 16 degrees and Monday morning 18 degrees.

The coldest spell of weather that has visited this section for several years, and quite a lot of apples, potatoes and canned fruit were frozen. By Monday night it began to moderate the mercury began to rise as a reminder of milder weather and by Tuesday morning it began a gentle but steady rain and up to this writing (Feb. 8th) it is still raining and the snow is disappearing very rapidly, the river rising at the rate of about 8 inches every hour today (Feb. 8th, 1899.) This will in all probability insure us a good logging raise for the first time this winter.

FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

Representative Brattain has introduced a bill which limits the number of witnesses in a criminal action before a justice of the peace to be paid by the county to five on each side, unless otherwise ordered by the county.

The old mortgage tax law was passed by the house with the additional feature calculated to make the mortgage pay the tax. This so provides that if the mortgagee does not pay on the mortgage, the mortgagor may pay and have such payment endorsed on the record as a partial payment on the mortgage.

Governor Geer filed the reapportionment bill in the secretary of state's office thus allowing it to become a law without his signature.

REPRESENTATIVE McQUEEN, in speaking upon the mortgage tax law, has raised himself in the estimation of his constituents upon a higher plane if possible than ever when he said he would vote for the bill because he knew his constituents wanted the law enacted although it was against his mental protest.

Two HUNDRED million dollars in government bonds were issued during our war with Spain. On those interest at three per cent will be paid, for many years. If the amount of interest they annually earn had been spent each year during the past two decades upon an American merchant marine, Spain would never have ventured to go to war, for any reason, and we would have been saved the losses in lives and treasure that war has made necessary.

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WHO IS TO BLAME.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, and it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs.

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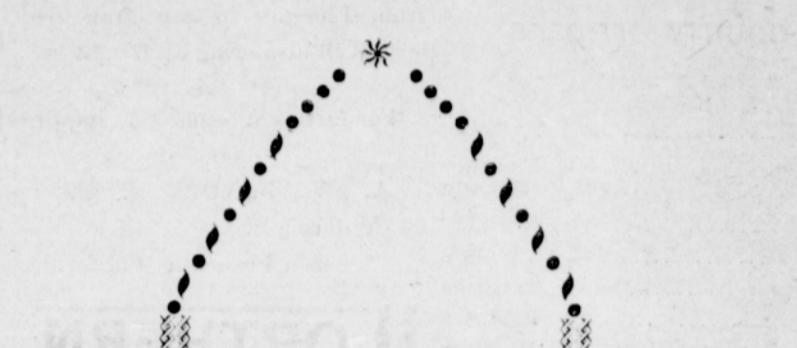
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