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A TELEPHONE LINE.

For several years our business men have felt the need of more speedy communication with some of the larger cities on the coast and the project of a telephone line to Eugene or Coos bay has been discussed at various times and in divers places, but no active steps towards building a line have ever been taken.

A few days ago Postmaster Kyle received a letter from the Long Distance Telephone Co., of San Francisco containing a proposition to build a telephone line from Eugene to Florence if sufficient inducements are offered. The company asks for subscriptions for which coupons will be issued entitling the holder to use the line to the value of the coupons or in other words the company will pay by use of the line for whatever subscriptions are received.

Mr Kyle left for San Francisco just after receiving the letter and took it with him in the hope of interesting outside parties in the enterprise so we are unable to publish the letter at present. However we talked some months ago with parties residing along the road between Florence and Eugene and they were eager to see the line built and said they were willing to contribute towards its construction.

Let us see how much can be raised and have the line built. We have no doubt it would be used more and more as people came to realize the advantage of it.

Boys are often reprimanded for a mere repetition of what they hear on our streets every day by men whose profanity and vulgarity is enough to bring shame and disgrace upon them and their posterity forever. When even old men with gray hairs who should be honored and respected, are still so hardened by sin and vice as to be ever ready to utter an oath or express themselves disrespectfully of the opposite sex, upon every occasion, we do not wonder that the raising generation of mankind are often brought to bear a punishment which, in many cases are directly due to the evil influences of the men around them. Men, if such they may be called, who persistently continue in this habit, seldom, if ever, make a success in life. Imagine, if you will, our heroes and great men of the nation, standing around on street corners, speaking disrespectfully of somebody's mother, sister or wife. The thought of it would put to shame the heads of our most respected families and every man with true manly principles. Take warning boys! Are the men you imitate making the success in life that you wish to attain? Do they have the respect of the entire community that you wish to merit? You will need to think earnestly and seriously on this matter, before the habit has clinched itself upon you in such a manner as to leave you entirely void of charity and generosity, two things which are necessary for your happiness and true manliness.—Dain Watchman.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER says that: "The Eugene Guard publishes Harwood's entire falsehood about Yaquina bay harbor without comment when it knows whatever will injure Lincoln county will also injure Lane. Six weeks ago, too, it will be remembered, Eugene sent several of her most influential men with carefully prepared statistics, to work for the completion of the Yaquina bay harbor. Come boys, get out of that narrow rut and take a broader view of all matters pertaining to the improvement of this portion of Oregon." The above article shows that the editor of the Leader does not know what he is talking about. It is a very easy thing for the Leader to say that Mr Harwood's article is false, but proving it will be a task that the Leader will be unable to perform.

THE EDITOR of a country paper interviewed the inhabitants of his town recently, and he finds all the successful business men were freely thrashed when they were young, while among the street loafers twenty-seven were mamma's darlings, and the rest were raised by their grandmothers. This is very encouraging to the boy who gets his nightly trimmings in the woolshed.—Ex.

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RE-ESTABLISHED.

The post of Spanish minister to Washington which has been vacant since the hurried departure of Senor Polo y Bernabe on April 20th, 1898, has been re-established. The present incumbent is Duke de Aroos who arrived in New York May 31st accompanied by his wife who was formerly Miss Virginia Woodbury Lowery of Washington and Senor Juan Ruano who will act as first secretary of the Spanish legation. They left for Washington last Monday.

The duke manifested the utmost hopefulness in the results of his mission, and spoke reservedly of the outcome of the war. "That is past," he said, "Spain looks only to the future." He was anxious for the latest news of the situation in the Philippines, and upon being asked his opinion of the outcome of the campaign there, he said: "It can have but one result, this country is so powerful it will soon compel the insurgents to surrender. We in Spain are sorry for our soldiers who are prisoners there, but we believe that General Otis is doing all in his power to obtain their release and carry out the promise of the United States to send them home."

Of the situation in Cuba the duke did not care to speak, saying that he had received no recent information on the subject. "Our interest in Cuba is ended," he added. "Spain is thinking about other things."

GENERAL NEWS.

One death from yellow fever was reported in New Orleans, May 30th, by the Louisiana state board of health but said there was no other case there at all suspicious. On hearing this however state health officers, Blunt of Texas, placed guards along the Louisiana state line establishing a rigid quarantine; he also sent telegrams to all railroads entering Texas from Louisiana warning them not to sell tickets or bring freight from New Orleans to any Texas point till further orders. This ties up the Southern Pacific the same as it has been for the past three summers.

Representative David B. Henderson of Iowa has received by mail and telegraph pledges that will give him 102 votes for the speakership which is nine more than majority of the republican representation in the house and it is thought without doubt that he will be Speaker Reed's successor.

Frank Tocht of Hepburn, Iowa died from blood poisoning caused from a wound received accidentally while being initiated in a lodge of Modern Woodmen. The degree team was using a spanking board supplied with blank cartridges which were supposed to explode and terrify the candidate, but the wrong end was applied and a paper was entered Tocht's thigh which was not removed for several days.

The secretary of war has issued an order that no persons dying on board transports either going to or coming from the United States to Manila shall be buried at sea.

The S F Chronicle of June 2nd, gives an account of the robbery of the Union Pacific passenger train just west of Wilcox, Wyo. The train was held up by six masked men. They blew up the express car with dynamite, severely wounding the engineer and escaping with their booty to the mountains.

Spain has ceded to Germany her remaining Pacific possessions—the Ladroneas, Carolines and Pelius. These islands are of no importance commercially but Germany intends to use them for naval purposes.

The monument to Thomas Paine started 60 years ago at New Rochelle was completed by the placing of the bust on the shaft May 30th.

President Tyler is the only one of our presidents who has neither stone nor monument to mark his resting place.

June 2nd, according to previous orders all the restaurants rented from the railroad company along the Southern Pacific railroad ceased to sell liquor. The purpose is to prevent the railroad men from drinking while on duty. For many this will be a kind act, for it will put a large amount of temptation out of the way. Those who are responsible for the welfare of so many of their fellow beings, as railroad men are, should have clear brains and steady nerves.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH. D. C. May 23, 1899.

Indications point to a call for volunteers in the near future, although officials will not admit it. Gen Otis has asked for more troops and expressed doubts of peaceable surrender of the Philippines. All of the regulars that can possibly be spared are to be sent to him as fast as they can be transported, but they will not increase the total of his army unless his project of persuading the volunteers to re-enlist as organizations, instead of coming home, can be successfully carried out. There is also some anxiety felt over the situation in Cuba. It is known that the Cuban leaders who have persuaded the Cuban soldiers to retain their arms rather than surrender them and get their quota of the \$3,000,000 now in Havana, awaiting distribution, are not friendly to the U S and that they would willingly make trouble, if they dared. There are also mysterious hints of outside influence and money being used in Cuba to foment dissatisfaction. And well-informed men are expressing fear that more troops are likely to be needed in Cuba as well as in the Philippines.

Commissioner General of Immigration Powderly, is wrestling with a knotty problem—whether natives of the Philippines have a legal right to come to this country without complying with the immigration laws. A New York amusement manager engaged a party of Filipinos said to be actors, in Manila, and brought them to San Francisco, where the immigration commissioner refused to allow them to land on the ground that they were destitute aliens. The New York manager appealed to Commissioner Powderly, making the argument that the Philippines being a part of the United States the natives have the same right to travel from one part of the country to another part that is possessed by the natives of any of the states or territories; he also claims that the immigration laws do not apply to actors who come to the country for the purpose of exhibitions. Mr Powderly has the case under consideration and his decision is expected in a few days.

Representative Zenor of Indiana, occupies a sort of neutral position on the general question of expansion, but quite certain that we do not want the Philippines for keeps. He said: "I am not what you would call an anti-expansionist. We can hardly get out of the Philippines without first giving them a lesson in civilization. That means that we must go on until we can compel them to look at the matter in the proper light. Still, I don't believe that in the end we want the islands. The oriental character is something that we, as Caucasians, have no conception of. It is because it would be impossible for us to gauge the character of the inhabitants that the islands would make dangerous possessions for us."

Paper money cannot be safely used in the Philippines. Uncle Sam has recently gained this information and it came near costing him a million dollars. Knowing the prejudice the average American has to carrying around a lot of coin, the war department shipped \$1,000,000 in paper money of small denominations to Manila, to be used in paying off the troops. By good luck the money was saved from destruction by the myriad of ants which attacked it where it was stored after its arrival at Manila, and if they had not, at once been discovered, would have eaten the notes up entirely. The information was got to Washington in time to stop another big shipment of paper money. The troops in the Philippines will hereafter be paid exclusively in gold or silver.

Up to this time, the various hints that are to be used for brass-band and hurrah welcomes to Admiral Dewey, in various places, are many, many thousands larger than the fund that is being collected for the purchase of a home for Admiral Dewey in Washington. The comparatively small total

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE.

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of the contributions received by Treasurer Roberts indicates either apathy on the subject or a general belief that so many contributions would be made that it was useless for any single individual to bother about making one. The value of the fund will lie more in the promptness and spontaneity with which it is contributed than in its grand total. Thousands remember the disgust that was left at the slowness with which the money for the Grant tomb in New York was collected, and care should be taken not to allow the Dewey home fund to get into any such condition. Only a little more than \$5,000 has yet come into the custody of Treasurer Roberts.

The long-talked about civil service order has been issued by the president. Although it is very conservative in its exceptions, it pleases neither the spoils-men nor the civil reformer. The former object because its exceptions are so few, only about four thousand places in all, and the latter because it is used at all. No exceptions are made in any branch of the service that were not approved by the member of the cabinet at the head of that branch. The employees of the government printing office are left under the civil service rules, notwithstanding an opinion by the attorney-general that they never should have been placed under them.

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WANT TO BECOME COLONISTS.

A special to the Herald from Manila says: Information has been received here that satisfactory results have attended the movement among members of the volunteer regiments in Manila for the establishment of a large American colony in the Philippines.

Four thousand of the volunteers now in the island are reported to have signed a petition to the president and secretary of war, praying that they receive their discharges in Manila, instead of at the place of enlistment, and that they be allowed travel pay to the places of enlistment. It was explained that they believed that the Philippine islands "offered rare opportunities for industrious and enterprising Americans to make for themselves homes," and that they desire to remain "for the purpose of taking part in the development of the mining, agricultural and industrial resources of the islands."

The petition stated that in the event of favorable action by the government, those signing it pledged their united support in upholding the laws and protecting the interests of the United States, and would, if so desired, become members of a national guard or such other organization as might be necessary for the best protection of American interests in the Philippines.

VALUABLE FLOW OF WATER.

San Bernardino, June 2.—Another big "gusher" artesian well, was struck near this city today. The well is 578 feet deep and ten inches in diameter, and flows between 400 and 500 miners' inches of water. Some time ago a gusher was struck about a mile east of town that flowed about 400 inches at once. Well are begun on all sides, and today a second well, equally as good as the first, was struck. When the tools were pulled out of the pipe the water spouted out nearly three feet above the top of the pipe, while rocks weighing over ten pounds were thrown up by the stream. The value of the two wells is almost beyond estimation, reaching up into the thousands of dollars.

FISHERMEN TO SECURE LICENSES.

Fishing Gazette: It is understood that a large number of fishermen are to organize a society for the purpose of compelling fishermen to secure licenses. It is said to be the intention of these fishermen to watch carefully for fishermen who have not secured the necessary permits, and to report all such cases to the office of the fish commissioner. The fishermen of the city are a unit in upholding the license law, realizing the great benefit which will result to them, and they propose that all who engage in the industry shall pay the license. Nothing definite as to the proposed organization has been learned, but it is likely the matter will be under the direction of the fishermen's union.

Hathred's 50 cents per package. See advertisement on page 1.

MORMONISM.

In the account of the Baptist convention at San Francisco given in the Oregonian of June 1st as part of an address on the "Aggressive Attitude of Mormonism," delivered by Rev. H B Steelman, pastor of the first Baptist church of Salt Lake, Utah. We give the extract below thinking it will be of interest to many of our readers:

At no time has Mormonism been in the prosperous condition it is today, and it is growing more and more aggressive. Word has been sent out by the head of the pernicious faith in Utah that the Mormon church is about to put two traveling missionaries in every county in every state in this country. There are at present 460 missionaries in the field, and during the past year they held 71,000 meetings, gave away 167,000 tracts, and 143,000 books. In that time they have baptized 1225 people. They are everywhere. In our colleges, in our universities, all over the country. They are preaching the veiled doctrine, and when the veil is lifted it is found that it is not God, but Adam, they are preaching. What man is, God once was. Adam is the only father with which the world will have anything to do. Jesus Christ was a polygamist and what man ought to be. That is the teaching that they are pushing with prodigious energy. They make claims of great progress, but no more evidence of it can be found anywhere than in the states adjoining Utah.

"I predict that if it makes the same progress in the next five years as it has in the past five years, Mormonism will have secured the balance of power in these states and become a controlling factor in congress. Congress tells us that Mormonism is only a local question. It is not. It is a question that concerns the entire nation. It is of vital importance to our political foundation and the basic principles of our constitution.

"You ask if polygamy is being taught? Yes, polygamy is being taught today with as much aggressiveness as it was before the manifesto of 1890; as it was when Utah begged to be admitted as a state. The president of one of the leading Mormon societies made the statement a few months ago in Logan temple that the women of Utah, as the result of polygamy, were out-heroding Herod, in order to keep out of prison. I would not make this statement did I not believe it to be true. But I must add, and I thank God I am able to do so, that there are pure and noble women among them. Women, living in polygamy carried away and swayed by their feelings and the hidden poison in their false beliefs.

"As to the fight against B H Roberts to prevent him from being seated in congress, I want to say that it is not a religious fight. It is a fight against a man who is living publicly as a polygamist; living in open violation of the law of the country. He has no right to debauch women, to seduce women, to ruin the lives of our homes. All the people of this country should arise as one and insist upon him being turned out.

JUST SO.

Send for: THE REPUBLICAN PAPERS will now quit making fun of Senator Peffer's whiskers. He has announced that hereafter he will be a republican and not play with the populists any longer.—Eugene Guard.

To which we may add that Senator Peffer has not lost his whiskers. He left them in the ranks of the populist party.—Eugene Register.

Not so, Brother Register. Governor Blaine Bailey has secured those whiskers, and hence the Guard is right—a republican will henceforth dally with Senator Peffer's whiskers.

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