FLORENCE, LANE COUNTY, QREGON

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wool, hops, lumber, etc., command ex- Northwest. cellent prices with an upward tendency along all lines. It has been a long time to its utmost. The pulse of commerce is fair a credit to the entire Northwest. only this complaint; laborers are scarce Oregon." and wages high. Surely in the presence of all these facts and the general admission of the democratic fusion press that times are much better in the last six who will still stand up and assert that the people are in destitution, and the Plaindealer.

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IF THE opinion of Attorney General Blackburn in regard to taxing mortgages is sustained by the courts of the state it will be likely to bring about the re-enactment of the old mortgage tax law or some similar statute.

Under that law all mortgages were subject to taxation in the county where the mortgaged property was situated. assessment and taxation as personal property in the county where the holder of the note resides. Mortgage notes belonging to parties residing in Oregon will be taxed unless the owners of such notes resort to some means to conceal their property and so evade the law while mortgages held by residents of other states against property in Oregon will entirely escape such taxes. This will make a difflerence of from 11/4 to 3 per cent - whatever the rate of taxation may be - in favor of non resident money loaners, and will be a strong temptation to people of this state when loaning money on mortgages to have such mortgages drawn in favor of their friends in other states in order that they may dodge the assessor and escape paying taxes on the mortgage.

## INDEPENDENCE FOR CUBA.

Tacoma Ledger.

up by Secretary Root will be to devise a plan of government for Cuba which will be acceptable to its inhabitants and conformable to their future social and commercial relations with the United States. This will be a difficult task, although Mr. Root possesses peculiar

qualifications for the work. The change of the status of the people from their having been educated by years of Spanish corruption and customs, and to upon themselves for government and prosperity, will be a radical one, and the laws for their guidance should be carefully adapted to all the condi-

The people of Cuba have learned many things during the past year under the last lands on the earth for the poor the prosecution of the war. An undue the control of the United States authorities, and are advancing towards the plane when they may safely be left to themselves in a large degree. Their advance would have been more rapid and satisfactory but for the obstruction of some of the graftin', self-constituted so-called athletic associations. Prizeleaders. However, the influence of these fighting of any kind appeals to the men is lessening and the people are lower instincts in mankind and has no coming more and more to appreciate place in civilized communities but the business-like methods and policy of should be left to the barbarians where the United States,

EXPOSITION.

Products of the Northwest will all be Exhibited at the Fair this Fall.

People who attended the exposition at Portland last autumn were pleased and satisfied with the sights they saw, and the instruction and amusement afforded. And they will be pleased to learn that the exposition to be held this cessors. It will begin Sept. 28 and end THERE ARE a few significant facts star- Oct. 28. and its success is already ing us in the face, which cannot be long- assured; enterprising men of affairs are er ignored by the most unthoughtful, at its head, and the various committees Cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, poultry, the best exposition ever held in the

The business men of Portland have already subscribed a guarantee fund of since the S. P. company did as much \$12,000 to provide for the expenses freight business as it is doing at the incident to inaugurating such an exposipresent time. The carrying capacity of tion, and this is a sure indication that that he, if not other members of the departmental business in the next two

throbbing with a vigorous, healthy The products of the farm, forest, movement, indicative of real growth of mine, stream and factory are all going prosperity. The great army of labor to be on exhibition at the exposition, seekers has vanished. There is not a which will make it an object-lesson corporal's guard left to tell the pitiful instructive and invaluable to all. The story of starving wife and children; exposition management will take to only now and then the contemptible, Portland free of charge all exhibits; professional tramp, without excuse for shipping tags and full particulars will being hungry and in rags. In making be sent if you will drop a line to "Seca general tour of the county we hear retary Industrial Exposition, Portland

Gold, silver and bronze medals and diplomas will be awarded for the best who send exhibits will be doing good months than in times previous, the man work for themselves and the whole North Pacific coast-work that will result in bringing here people and country rapidly going to the dogs must wealth and development. It is intendbe blind and deaf and daft .- Roseburg ed to have on exhibition a sample of ticulars as to its growth, yield, etc.

Bennett's full military band of 32 pieces, which furnished such splendid music at last season's exposition, has and steamboat lines will give specially low rates, so that the enjoyments and benefits of the great exposition will be within the reach of all.

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## SHOULD RETAIN PHILIPPINES.

to use his influence to check the brutal early in his administration what he custom of prizefighting conducted by proposes to do. the custom originated.

## ROAD DISTRICT POLITICS.

Greenleaf Aug. 1, 1899

Editor of THE WEST :- I was glad to observe that your Deadwood correspondent thinks it would be well for the county commissioners to boost the today, and will, tomorrow be sworn in follow the municipal election. Mapleton-Florence road before election as secretary of war. Everybody is if they want Deadwood votes again. trying to find out how much, if any, I thought perhaps those democrats and foundation there is for the story about the county had been made sure on the and to introduce a more modern system. Marshall Everett entitled "Exciting Exare working in a wav that guarantees Joe Whisman lost his four horse stage changes in the business methods of this team and nearly lost his life there.

> proof that he was not bribable. But credited with the intention to do so. Nelson and Chickahominy road a good sense to publicly say so.

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TO PUSH THE WAR.

The statement is made that Secretary Root is in favor of an energetic prosecution and a speedy ending of the war in Luzon. We believe this to be the position of the majority of the American people. They have no taste for war for notes secured by mortgage subject to sleeping cars, with through sleeping its own sake, and attach no value to it civilization. Having come into the possession of the Philippine Islands, they demand the restoration of order at the earliest possible moment, and the establishment of just such a government a the natives appear to be fitted for. A realization of this demand will necessitate energetic preparation for a renewal of military operations at the close of the rainy season. All the volunteer soldiers that want to come home should be allowed to do so. Their places should be filled with men more anxious to serve their country. As we have often pointed out, no attempt should be made to get With a view to obtain reliable inform- along with a minimum force. That ation regarding the agricultural and plan has been tried, and except as other wealth producing possibilities of affording an opportunity for brilliant the Philippines, the Call has interview- exhibitions of heroism, it has not been ed a number of the Oregon volunteers a conspicuous success. Despite repeatwhose long stay on the islands afforded ed defeats, the Fillippinos appear to be them excellent opportunities for observ- as determined as ever to hold their own. tion. Most of the troops believe that The murderous conduct of the so-called One of the earliest tasks to be taken the land of the Philippines is well "amigos" that find themselves within adapted for American agriculture with the American lines indicate that the the exception of wheat, but they add terrorism exercised by Aguinaldo is not that nearly all of the agricultural land the only influence that unites them and certainly the best of it is the pos- against 'the American forces. The session of the church authorities and greatest headway is to be made by aswould have to be purchased by intend- suming that he and his followers have a common purpose, and that they will The soldiers of Oregon almost to a not surrender until compelled to do so. man are emphatic even to the suggestion Before that can be done' they must be former condition, their moral sense of making natives of the Philippine citi- driven from point to point, Every inch zens of the United States, although the of territory occupied must be held. opinion seems to prevail that American Eventually nothing will remain for that of an independent people, relying labors laws could advantagously be put the Filipinos but to surrender to the in operation on the islands. As for United States. But a plan of this kind Americans working in the Phillippines, will require a large force, perhaps the soldiers declare that it is utterly out 100,000 men, which should be raised of the question. The heat is too intense and forwarded as rapidly as possible. and the climate generally too enervat- Otherwise the rainy season will be at an ing. The Philippines, they say, are end and inadequate means provided for men to seek with a purpose of improv- prolongation of the contest is certain to produce dissatisfaction. It is doubtless a realization of this fact that has led MAYOR JOHNSON of Denver is another Secretary Root to make known thus

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

July 31 1899. Secnetary Root arrived in Washington populists of Deadwood who voted for his intending to inaugurate a general enother party's candidate for commis- shake-up of the much-criticised bureau- in which the people of this country are sioner because he lived in this end of cratic methods of the war department, interested at this time is one edited by eve of another election by the letting of Mr Root has the art of saying nothing a contract to bridge Deadwood creek, down to perfection, and he is practicing Filippinos." It gives the official messwhich has been a dangerous ford since it. Most of these stories doubtless have ages of President McKinley in regard to

the bridge went out ten years ago and their origin in the well-known need for the war. department. Secretary Root has the Last fall it was current report that reputation, in his profession, of being deal of information about the late war. the money for blasting on the Mapleton- able to get at the bottom of things as Florence road would be promptly forth- quick as the next man, and it will not that tells how to cure diseases by the coming from the county. Then came be surprising if he recognizes many use of water. It is a method that is not a rumor that County Judge Potter said weak spots in his experiences with the understood by many people yet but all sea-going and coasting vessels is used nothing will be left nudone to make the court, had been offered money to ob- weeks, and has some change to recomstruct and delay the opening of that mend by the time the President returns road. If that were true, the fact that from his vacation. Gen. Miles can give for these books in this vicinity. He he exposes the attempt is pretty sure him a number of pointers, and he is also carries a number of other things to

this spring it was given out that county Nobody in Washington believes that help for the blasting could not be had, Admiral Dewy used the language attribwhich leaves the road no better off, uted to him in an interview, cabled to though Judge Potter's skirts are clear. this country and widely published. It may interest the Deadwood corre- Even if he thought our next war would which the writer severely criticises spondent and others, who use the be with Germany, he has too much Commissioner Bailey and intimates

supervisors have declared that the com- istration a great deal of trouble and his duty toward the people in this pormissioners told them to spend no money which threatened to cause more or less tion of the county. Whether the exhibits, and the farmers and producers or work on the Nelson road, and that scandal before being disposed of, appears criticism is just or not, the writer has while the rest of the district has a man to have been settled by an opinion of the manliness to come out openly over to the mile and all the money collected the attorney general, given at the his own signature Instead of taking in the whole district, Nelson creek and request of the secretary of war, that refuge in a nom de plume as so many do mountains are worked by one man to neither the secretary of war, nor the in such a case. But we think he does President has any authority to grant Mr Bailey an injustice in that letter. This is not a personal grievance with perpetual concessions of a public nature Insted of each having a certain portion every variety of grain and grass that me, for I never use the mountain route. in Porto Rico. The attorney general of the county to look after, the members grows in the Northwest, with full par- The taxes taken from it are spent on takes the ground that previous to the of the county court are elected by the the Lake creek route, which I do use. treaty of peace with Spain, the privilege voters of the whole county and transact Possibly if our county commissioners of granting such concessions was exclu- the business together and are held rewere all from Cottage Grove or McKen- sively that of the Spanish crown, and sponsible to the entire county. People zie Bridge they would not be afraid of that by that treaty it was passed to the are all more familiar with the needs of been again engaged, and the amuse- allowing the shortest road from Hale to United States, and can now only be their immediate neighborhood than ment feature of the fair will be as Mapleton to be improved lest the mail disposed of by congress. There is some with those of more distant places. It is usual, new and attractive. The railroad might cease to be carried via the long disappoinment among those who expect- to be regretted that every road in the that it is not shared either by the Pres- travel, yet where is the taxpayer who ident or the new secretary of war, both would advocate the county court doing of whom are, doubtless, very glad to this? As for the Lake creek road from escape the task of deciding who should Hale to Mapleton about which that have the concessions sought for. It letter speaks, it is well known that for would have been a thankless task at about eight years while the stage trave best, and full of political dangers,

> charge would like to see it. In an ing with the court for doing this. appeal to the public, giving notice that With three post offices along the main subscriptions will be closed before the admiral returns, the committee the intimation that fear of the mail says: "We will purchase the home if route being charged makes any differnot another dollar is received; so that ence in the assistance given the Lake he question now is whether the patri- creek road is unworthy a moment's otic and generous people of the country consideration. will permit the purchase of a bome at It has been earnestly desired that the

> Manila with \$20,000 or \$30,000." most gigantic job of vaccination ever ances have been given that the road attempted - that of all the inhabitants will be opened this fall. Hopes were of Porto Rico, - Dr. Azel Ames - is in entertained of having it completed Washington. He talks very interest- before this but there have some delays. ingly of that island. He said: "Porto However the people will be well pleased Rico is getting in a fair shape, but there if the road is ready for travel this year. are several handicaps on the country Taking all things into consideration we that need immediate correction. The hold that though Mr. Bailey may have government is still top-heavy and needs made some mistakes, he is an efficient implifying. The mistake has been commissioner and has served the county made of trying to galvanize a defunct faithfully and the voters of Lane made Spanish system of laws and yoke it no mistake when they elected him abreast with our progressive American member of the county court. policy. The natives are by no means fit or self government, as yet, and while it s always advisable to supersede a mili- beams so shines a good deed in a ary government as quickly as prudent naughty world. by civil authority, the time isn't ripe vet to do away with military rule on the island. Two things, however, should be done at once. The Spanish money, now in circulation there, should be withdrawn, and replaced with American currency, even if some loss resulted to our government. The next most pressng need is the abolishment of the tariff. The idea of keeping up import futies between this country and any of ts possessions, is an absurdity, and it is working grievous hardships on the people of Porto Rico. A system of inernal revenue fairly adjusted and honestly collected, will give to Porto Rico all the revenue it needs for the out it you are "no good." expense of administering the govern-

A well-known Washingtonian, who has just returned from a trip to Cuba, thus sums up his opinion of it: "Not until Cuba is Americanized will it be worth while to settle in, and it isn't definite policy is declared regarding our Intentions as to annexation." The polthe expression of congress and give Cuba an independent government, only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The plans for taking a census of the island are now being pushed and as it is completed, orders will be issued for municipal elections all over the island. That is as far as present plans go, of course, that a general election will soon

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## CONCERNING MR. BAILEY.

that Mr Bailev is more concerned about eled that way, the county court appro-That the new Dewey home will be priated large sums of money to improve purchased, is now a certainty, unless that road and comparatively little was Dewey forbids it, but the sum contrib- given to the main river road, though uted is not as large as the committee in there was much kicking and faultfind-

the nation's capital, for the hero of road from Mapleton to Florence be The man who made a success of the work on it for about two weeks. Assur-

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