

THESE ARE A FEW SIGNIFICANT FACTS STARRING US IN THE FACE, WHICH CANNOT BE LONGER IGNORED BY THE MOST UNTHOUGHTFUL, PREJUDICED, UNREASONABLE FAULT-FINDER...

SWAMP- Is not recommended for ROOT. Everything; but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just the remedy you need.

IN 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. ACCORDING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION THE REPEAL OF THAT LAW LEAVES NOTES SECURED BY MORTGAGE SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION AS PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE HOLDER OF THE NOTE RESIDES.

INDEPENDENCE FOR CUBA.

ONE OF THE EARLIEST TASKS TO BE TAKEN 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.

THE PEOPLE OF CUBA HAVE LEARNED MANY THINGS DURING THE PAST YEAR UNDER 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.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL 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 season will aim to excel all its predecessors.

The business men of Portland have already subscribed a guarantee fund of \$12,000 to provide for the expenses incident to inaugurating such an exposition, and this is a sure indication that nothing will be left undone to make the fair a credit to the entire Northwest.

The products of the farm, forest, mine, stream and factory are all going to be on exhibition at the exposition, which will make it an object-lesson instructive and invaluable to all. The exposition management will take to Portland free of charge all exhibits; shipping tags and full particulars will be sent if you will drop a line to "Secretary Industrial Exposition, Portland Oregon."

Gold, silver and bronze medals and diplomas will be awarded for the best exhibits, and the farmers and producers who send exhibits will be doing good work for themselves and the whole North Pacific coast—work that will result in bringing here people and wealth and development. It is intended to have on exhibition a sample of every variety of grain and grass that grows in the Northwest, with full particulars as to its growth, yield, etc.

Biennett's full military band of 32 pieces, which furnished such splendid music at last season's exposition, has been again engaged, and the amusement feature of the fair will be as usual, new and attractive. The railroad 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.

IMPROVED TRAIN SERVICE.

EFFECTIVE FEB. 12TH, THE NORTHERN PACIFIC WILL INAUGURATE DOUBLE TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN PORTLAND AND ALL POINTS EAST. TRAINS WILL LEAVE PORTLAND AT 11:30 A.M. AND 11 P.M. DAILY.

R McMurphy, General Agent, Eugene, Or. Palpitation of heart, indigestion, sleeplessness, melancholia. Hudyran cures. All druggists, 50 cents.

SHOULD RETAIN PHILIPPINES.

WITH A VIEW TO OBTAIN RELIABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER WEALTH PRODUCING POSSIBILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE CALL HAS INTERVIEWED A NUMBER OF THE OREGON VOLUNTEERS WHOSE LONG STAY ON THE ISLANDS AFFORDED THEM EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBSERVATION.

The soldiers of Oregon almost to a man are emphatic even to the suggestion of making natives of the Philippine citizens of the United States, although the opinion seems to prevail that American labor laws could advantageously be put in operation on the islands. As for Americans working in the Philippines, the soldiers declare that it is utterly out of the question. The heat is too intense and the climate generally too enervating. The Philippines, they say, are the last lands on the earth for the poor men to seek with a purpose of improving their conditions.

MAYOR JOHNSON OF DENVER IS ANOTHER TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO CHECK THE BRUTAL CUSTOM OF PRIZE-FIGHTING CONDUCTED BY SO-CALLED ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS. PRIZE-FIGHTING OF ANY KIND APPEALS TO THE LOWER INSTINCTS IN MANKIND AND HAS NO PLACE IN CIVILIZED COMMUNITIES BUT SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE BARBARIANS WHERE THE CUSTOM ORIGINATED.

ROAD DISTRICT POLITICS.

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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 Mapleton-Florence road before election if they want Deadwood votes again. I thought perhaps those democrats and populists of Deadwood who voted for another party's candidate for commissioner because he lived in this end of the county had been made sure on the eve of another election by the letting of a contract to bridge Deadwood creek, which has been a dangerous ford since the bridge went out ten years ago and Joe Whisman lost his four-horse stage team and nearly lost his life there.

Last fall it was current report that the money for blasting on the Mapleton-Florence road would be promptly forthcoming from the county. Then came a rumor that County Judge Potter said that he, if not other members of the court, had been offered money to obstruct and delay the opening of that road. If that were true, the fact that he exposes the attempt is pretty sure proof that he was not bribable. But this spring it was given out that county help for the blasting could not be had, which leaves the road no better off, though Judge Potter's skirts are clear. It may interest the Deadwood correspondent and others, who use the Nelson and Chickahominy road a good deal, to know that two successive road supervisors have declared that the commissioners told them to spend no money or work on the Nelson road, and that while the rest of the district has a man to the mile and all the money collected in the whole district, Nelson creek and mountains are worked by one man to six miles of road.

This is not a personal grievance with me, for I never use the mountain route. The taxes taken from it are spent on the Lake creek route, which I do use. Possibly if our county commissioners were all from Cottage Grove or McKenzie Bridge they would not be afraid of allowing the shortest road from Hale to Mapleton to be improved lest the mail might cease to be carried via the long route past their doors.

WM. H. WHEELER.

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TO PUSH THE WAR.

Toledo Blade.

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 ITS OWN SAKE, AND ATTACH NO VALUE TO IT AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING THE GRACES OF CIVILIZATION.

AGENTS WANTED—FOR "THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ADMIRAL DEWEY," THE WORLD'S GREATEST NAVAL HERO. BY MORRIS HALESTED, THE FIFTEEN-YEAR FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF THE NAVAL HERO. BIGGEST AND BEST BOOK; OVER 500 PAGES; 250 ILLUSTRATIONS; NEARLY 100 PAGES HALF-TONE ILLUSTRATIONS. ONLY \$1.50 ENORMOUS DEMAND. THE COMMISSEONERS. OUTLET FREE. CHANCE OF A LIFETIME. WRITE QUICK. THE PUBLISHER COMPANY, 333 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

July 31 1899.

Secretary Root arrived in Washington today, and will, tomorrow be sworn in as secretary of war. Everybody is trying to find out how much, if any, foundation there is for the story about his intending to inaugurate a general shake-up of the much-criticized bureaucratic methods of the war department, and to introduce a more modern system. Mr Root has the art of saying nothing down to perfection, and he is practicing it. Most of these stories doubtless have their origin in the well-known need for changes in the business methods of this department. Secretary Root has the reputation, in his profession, of being able to get at the bottom of things as quick as the next man, and it will not be surprising if he recognizes many weak spots in his experiences with the departmental business in the next two weeks, and has some change to recommend by the time the President returns from his vacation. Gen. Miles can give him a number of pointers, and he is credited with the intention to do so.

Nobody in Washington believes that Admiral Dewey used the language attributed to him in an interview, cabled to this country and widely published. Even if he thought our next war would be with Germany, he has too much sense to publicly say so.

A matter which has given the administration a great deal of trouble and which threatened to cause more or less scandal before being disposed of, appears to have been settled by an opinion of the attorney general, given at the request of the secretary of war, that neither the secretary of war, nor the President has any authority to grant perpetual concessions of a public nature in Porto Rico. The attorney general takes the ground that previous to the treaty of peace with Spain, the privilege of granting such concessions was exclusively that of the Spanish crown, and that by that treaty it was passed to the United States, and can now only be disposed of by congress. There is some disappointment among those who expected to get profitable concessions, because of this opinion, but it is very safe to say that it is not shared either by the President or the new secretary of war, both of whom are, doubtless, very glad to escape the task of deciding who should have the concessions sought for. It would have been a thankless task at best, and full of political dangers.

That the new Dewey home will be purchased, is now a certainty, unless Dewey forbids it, but the sum contributed is not as large as the committee in charge would like to see it. In an appeal to the public, giving notice that the subscriptions will be closed before the admiral returns, the committee says: "We will purchase the home if not another dollar is received; so that the question now is whether the patriotic and generous people of the country will permit the purchase of a home at the nation's capital, for the hero of Manila with \$20,000 or \$30,000."

The man who made a success of the most gigantic job of vaccination ever attempted—that of all the inhabitants of Porto Rico,—Dr. Axel Ames—is in Washington. He talks very interestingly of that island. He said: "Porto Rico is getting in a fair shape, but there are several handicaps on the country that need immediate correction. The government is still top-heavy and needs simplifying. The mistake has been made of trying to galvanize a defunct Spanish system of laws and yoke it abreast with our progressive American policy. The natives are by no means fit for self government, as yet, and while it is always advisable to supersede a military government as quickly as prudent by civil authority, the time isn't ripe yet 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 pressing need is the abolishment of the tariff. The idea of keeping up import duties between this country and any of its possessions, is an absurdity, and it is working grievous hardships on the people of Porto Rico. A system of internal revenue fairly adjusted and honestly collected, will give to Porto Rico all the revenue it needs for the expense of administering the government."

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 policy of the administration is to carry out the expression of congress and give Cuba an independent government.

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 follow the municipal election.

NEW BOOKS.

A very interesting book on a subject in which the people of this country are interested at this time is one edited by Marshall Everett entitled "Exciting Experiences in our Wars with Spain and Filipinos." It gives the official messages of President McKinley in regard to the war.

Another fine book is the "Life of Admiral Dewey. Both books give a great deal of information about the late war. "My Water Cure" is a medical work that tells how to cure diseases by the use of water. It is a method that is not understood by many people yet but promises to save much expense for doctor bills.

CONCERNING MR. BAILEY.

We publish a letter this week in which the writer severely criticizes Commissioner Bailey and intimates that Mr Bailey is more concerned about his political prospects than about doing his duty toward the people in this portion of the county. Whether the criticism is just or not, the writer has the manliness to come out openly over his own signature instead of taking refuge in a nom de plume as so many do in such a case. But we think he does Mr Bailey an injustice in that letter. Instead of each having a certain portion of the county to look after, the members of the county court are elected by the voters of the whole county and transact the business together and are held responsible to the entire county. People are all more familiar with the needs of their immediate neighborhood than with those of more distant places. It is to be regretted that every road in the county can not have all the money that is needed to put it in good condition for travel, yet where is the taxpayer who would advocate the county court doing this? As for the Lake creek road from Hale to Mapleton about which that letter speaks, it is well known that for about eight years while the stage traveled that way, the county court appropriated large sums of money to improve that road and comparatively little was given to the main river road, though there was much kicking and fault-finding with the court for doing this.

With three post offices along the main river road and only one on the other, the intimation that fear of the mail route being changed makes any difference in the assistance given the Lake creek road is unworthy a moment's consideration. It has been earnestly desired that the road from Mapleton to Florence be opened and a crew of men have been at work on it for about two weeks. Assurances have been given that the road will be opened this fall. Hopes were entertained of having it completed before this but there have some delays. However the people will be well pleased if the road is ready for travel this year. Taking all things into consideration we hold that though Mr. Bailey may have made some mistakes, he is an efficient commissioner and has served the county faithfully and the voters of Lane made no mistake when they elected him a member of the county court.

How far that little candle throws its beams so shines a good deed in a naughty world. A little philosophy inclineth a man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion. "Great Haste is Not Always Good Speed." Many people trust to luck to pull them through, and are often disappointed. Do not dilly-dally in matters of health. With it you can accomplish miracles. Without it you are "no good."

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