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While the American newspapers are roasting William W. Astor for giving up his American citizenship to become an English subject, the Prince of Wales has made friends in America by his reported snubbing of Astor who was continually boring the Prince by his snobbish attentions.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal to accept the invitation to attend the laying of the corner stone of the Chicago Post Office building, or to consider social invitations from our side of the border, is viewed in Washington as an indication that the prospect of an early peaceful settlement of the Alaska boundary question is more remote than ever.

Congressman Tongue sounded the correct key-note to the situation of affairs today, when he said in his remarks Saturday, that if the lawless element of the country gets control of our affairs, it is the fault of the better classes, as they are largely in the majority and are capable of ruling this country if they will assert their power.

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Heretofore the watchers in the Old World have considered the United States as a granary to which they could come in times of famine to keep their poor from suffering, if not starvation. But new conditions in the export of manufactured goods have given them a rude awakening.

The Salem Sentinel says Lane county will urge A. C. Woodcock as a proper person to succeed Congressman Tongue. Mr Woodcock would make a splendid member of Congress. He has the requisite ability, besides he is a friend of the producer. His politics is the only thing on earth against him.

Instead of Mr Woodcock's politics being against him that is another strong point in his favor. If Congressman Tongue retires from the race, Lane county will do well to push forward Mr. Woodcock as a suitable candidate for that office.

It is said that some of the South American "Republics" are about to enter into an alliance, presumably hostile to the United States. They cannot remember the fact that they would all have been swallowed up by European powers long ago, only for the United States and its Monroe Doctrine. Venezuela would be British territory, and would have a far better government, and be much better off generally than it ever will be under the management of its own hybrid talent.

One of the greatest difficulties which the teacher in the Florence school has had to contend with in the past has been a lack of time to give the necessary attention to each class. With a school of fifty pupils or more of all grades, the time that could be given to each class was of necessity very limited, and one consequence has been that the children have not progressed in their studies as rapidly as they should have done.

Now that several more families have moved or are soon to move into Florence, the prospect is that there will be more pupils to attend school here in the coming term than ever before. Some of the patrons of the school have urged that two teachers be employed and the school be divided into two grades and it probably this will be done.

FRANCE AND ITS MALCONTENTS.

So far the disturbers of the peace in France have acted an opera bouffe part not easy to conceive of serious revolutionists. The spectacle of M Guerin and his associates barricaded in an office, peeping through iron gratings at the police and shouting for France to rise is one calculated to make even the Dreyfusards grin sheepishly.

Revolutions to amount to anything must have secrecy, firmness, dignity and, above all, numbers. But in France no anti-Republican leader has yet demonstrated his ability to put a thousand men on the firing line. As a result the government has brought few if any fresh troops to Paris and is showing no signs of panic.

Generals of the Mercier and De Negrier class frighten nobody. They are very wooden Napoleons indeed. As for the leader of the Bonapartists, Prince Victor Napoleon, he is a man who, but for his name, would not command notice anywhere.

The only danger that appears is the indefinite one that some unknown leader of the first rank may come to the front as the Corsican artilleryman did and "restore order" to his own advantage. But history only repeats itself in this respect at long intervals and under circumstances that are not manifest in France at the present time.

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This is rather a knockdown argument for the silver calamity howlers, whose strongest argument against the gold standard was that it meant contraction of the circulation of money and consequently hard times for everybody.

These bare statistics printed side by side with the assertions of the fusion campaign orators, should be enough to decide the coming elections overwhelmingly in favor of honest money.

ONE WASHINGTON writer says: The disparity between a \$75,000 reception in New York and a \$11,000 gift house in Washington, will doubtless cause Admiral Dewey to wonder why the figures were not reversed.

WHO IS TO BLAME.

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JUST AFTER mailing last week's issue of THE WEST we met a friend from the Willamette valley who with several companions had been camping in Florence for a few days.

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.

ACME ITEMS.

By X Y Z.

Mr and Mrs Chamberlin have moved to Acme again. Miss Irma Saubert is visiting at the life saving station.

The machinery is being placed in the new mill as rapidly as possible. Kind feelings may be paid with kind feelings but debts must be paid in hard cash.

Every man should try to live so that the world will not be made any better by his getting out of it.

Mr and Mrs Boyle are living in Acme. We guess Harry is glad of it; he looks pleased about something.

Sunday school at two o'clock in the school house. A special invitation to all parents. Come and bring your children.

Vacant houses are getting scarce. It will be a surprise to most every one in town if the first years east of the new mill is used for building right here in town.

Every one in Acme seems to have some particular object in life lately; the future looks brighter and every one is happy. When the stomach is full the heart is glad.

A man cannot build up his character without fulfilling his social obligations; he can not progress in solitude; he can not attain his highest good without furthering that of others.

We can not too strongly emphasize the fact that it is our duty to endeavor to make others happy and cheerful, but it is no less a duty that we should be happy and cheerful ourselves.

Frank Sweet was in town Sunday. He is working on the new road. The work is being pushed to the greatest extent. The double assessment is a little rough on the boys but we guess it is all right.

We expect quite a number of newcomers. Business centers always have a large population. We are afraid Chicago will never amount to much; it is so far from Acme. Some people don't like to see it rain this time of year.

WILL CHANGE HANDS. Guard: J. L. Zeigler, of the Hotel Eugene has purchased the furniture in the Hoffman House from S. E. Brown and has leased this popular house from Hoffman Bros., the owners, for a term of five years.

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HOW TO REACH THE TRUSTS.

The Political Science Quarterly of March last contains an article on the "Taxation of Securities," by F. W. Taussig, which abounded in valuable suggestions, some of which, if attentively studied and acted upon, may help to solve the trust problem.

Professor Taussig remarks: "The country grows space, and numbers and wealth accumulate at a rate unexampled in the world's history. Corporate enterprises extend over a larger field and the securities issued by them swell in volume until the enterprises concerned sometimes burst with the tension. But the tax returns, if any one believed, would indicate that personal property is barely holding its own—nay, is commonly decreasing—and that a veritable blight has fallen on this kind of wealth."

So far as the first clause of the sentence is concerned, it may confidently be answered in the affirmative. The single taxers are in the habit of asserting that it is impossible to fairly ascertain the value of personal property of any kind, and they claim that special difficulties occur in the case of securities; but there is no ground for their assumption, as the recent action of the assessor of San Francisco demonstrated.

"The advantages of this mode of taxing corporate property," Professor Taussig says, are obvious. As to most corporations, the facts needful for a rigid assessment of taxes are easily procurable. The capital stock and the bonds outstanding, the gross income and the net income are often matters of public knowledge; and where not so can be ascertained by the taxgatherer with comparative ease.

There is one advantage about the proposed reform that should not be underrated. It is obnoxious to the charge that is an innovation. Ever since 1876 the United States Supreme Court has been on record as approving the principle of valuing franchises and has laid down a plain rule for doing so.

If the plan is generally adopted by the states, and the taxgatherer does his work faithfully, some of the disadvantages under which the individual laborers when competing with the corporations will disappear and the temptation to combine will prove less irresistible than at present.

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FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Manila, Aug. 21.—While a reconnoitering party of the Twenty-fourth infantry under Captain Crane, was crossing the Marikina river on a raft today, the jawners broke. The current, very swift at that point, caused the boat to capsize drowning nine enlisted men.

The recent falling off in enlistments is no doubt due to the demand for men in the harvest fields, but it is noticeable that recruiting for the Thirty-fifth regiment, to be raised on the Pacific coast, has been slower than in any other. There are no idle men on the coast, and the employed are receiving good wages.

PERSONALS.

Ses Martin returned last week from a trip to Salem. E B Miller is fireman in the cannery again this year. Nellie Rice went to Mapleton yesterday for a few days visit. Water Saffley started to Eugene Sunday on a business trip.

Frank Fox and family are again residents of Florence, having moved into the Alley house. George Nicolle arrived home this week after a year's service with the Oregon volunteers.

Stella Whitaker of Walton was a passenger to Gardiner on Barrett's stage Wednesday morning. Riley Bean and family of Portland are taking their summer outing and visiting relatives at Mapleton.

Mrs Lombard and children of Eugene are spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr and Mrs Stibbins. George Chamberlin and wife moved to Acme this week. George will work in the mill there as tallyman.

Milton Nicolle arrived at Eugene from Dawson city last week and is soon to visit his parents at Mapleton. Olaf Peterson, who served in the Oregon regiment at Manila, is visiting his sister Mrs C G Wilson and family.

M O Warner the well known piano tuner was doing some work in his line in the lower Siuslaw country this week. L E Bean was in Florence Saturday collecting the amounts subscribed for work on the road between Mapleton and Eugene.

Mrs Reedy who has been visiting relatives near Elkton for several weeks returned home by way of Gardiner Tuesday. Joe Morris jr. and wife are to move to the mouth of the river in a day or two to keep boarding house while the jetty work is going on.

Mrs Nels Johnson of Astoria, nee Bertha Tripp, was a passenger to Florence on the Harrison and is visiting her mother and sisters on the river. Mr Rath and son Charlie started Wednesday for Harrisburg to work at hop-picking. They took about 350 pounds of choice honey out to market.

Ono Phelps gave us a call yesterday, this being his first visit to Florence since his return from the Philippines. He is not near so fleshy now as when he went away.

W R Hollenbeck and wife started to Eugene last Friday afternoon on receiving intelligence of the sudden death of Mr Hollenbeck's sister, Mrs E E Bristol. They turned back at Seaton on finding they could not reach Eugene in time to attend the funeral.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., of Portland will arrive this week, and preach in Florence, Sunday 11 A. M. Point Terrace 3:30 P. M. Mapleton 8 P. M.

On Tuesday the 29th, he will preach at Alpha 11 A. M. and at Deadwood 3 P. M. All are cordially invited to these services. I. G. KNOTTS Pastor.

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