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Admiral Dewey's salary amounts to \$37,500 a day; that of President McKinley is equal to \$132 a day; cabinet officers, the vice president and speaker of the house, get \$52 a day; senators and congressmen, \$13.90, and the chief justice of the supreme court, \$29 a day.

As if he had not sufficiently insulted public opinion, Polygamist Roberts has the execrable taste to permit his daughter to defend him through the public press. While all must respect the personal devotion of a daughter to her father, however erring he may be, the expression, "We of the West are freer in our mental make," is a trifle unfortunate. It is freedom in the physical makeup that the American people will not tolerate.—Tacoma Ledger.

THE LAST legislature passed a law providing that one-quarter of a mill tax be levied on the property of each county and goat to provide a fund to be used as a bounty for wild animals killed. Lane county will be compelled to "dig up" \$1800 for this fund, for which she will receive \$200. The law was made for the benefit of Eastern Oregon sheepmen, who graze their herds on Uncle Sam's domain. It ought to be repealed.—Guard.

All druggists guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

STATE SENATOR G W Patterson of Washington county, who has been on a trip through Jackson and Josephine counties, stopped over in Roseburg Dec 7th to visit the Plaiddealer editor. Senator Patterson who is an enthusiastic supporter of Hon Binger Hermann for U S Senator, says that he finds the sentiment in favor of Mr Herman very pronounced in all parts of the state.—Plaiddealer.

C A Snow & Co, Patent Lawyers, opposite the United States Patent office, Washington, D C, who have actual clients in every city and town of the United States and Canada, report that never before in their 25 years practice has the work of the office been so well up to date. They claim that patents can now be procured in less than half the time formerly required.

THE TRANS-PACIFIC CABLE.

Astorian. Secretary Root recommends the building of the Philippine cable from Seattle and in his report states that the cost will be less by \$2,000,000 on that route than if laid from San Francisco. The secretary in this recommendation has not regarded politics. He has been looking for the nearest and cheapest route. But he has not yet found it.

There can be no question that it will be cheaper by far to lay the cable from the mouth of the Columbia. Why has not this been discovered? It has not been the fault of the secretary of war. He is impartial. The trouble is, we are asleep. We let the world forget that we are on the map. It is not to late to agitate this cable question. Let us begin.

Will the Oregonian aid in securing this cable for the mouth of the Columbia? Has it any reason to offer for declining to throw its powerful influence in favor of this movement? With Oregon united Secretary Root can be convinced that the route from the mouth of the Columbia to the Philippines is the most expedient, and when he is convinced he will recommend that route.

The time is short and immediate, energetic action is necessary. Will the Oregonian say what it thinks of putting in a bid for Oregon in this important undertaking.

STOP SMOKING. Several weeks whether you continue the habit or quit. It is a disease that is spreading rapidly. It is a disease that is spreading rapidly. It is a disease that is spreading rapidly.

WANTED SEVERAL PERSONS FOR DISTRICT OFFICE. Several persons for district office. Several persons for district office.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4, 1899.

Few of the old-stagers who attended the opening session of either the house or the senate,—there are many persons in Washington, who could not be paid to miss an opening day of congress—regretted that the President's message was not sent in, for it is a wearisome task at best to sit through the sign-song reading of a message by the reading clerks, which few ever perform to the extent of following intelligently all the way through, it is so much more convenient to read it at your ease, in the newspapers—and the message to be read tomorrow, in both house and senate, is unusually long, more than 20,000 words—and although it is a very important document, will contain little that has not been outlined, through the president's speeches and the remarks of his advisers in and out of the cabinet, by the ever-vigilant newspapers of the country.

With the exception of the skirmish in the house, which for a time threatened to become a pitched political battle over referring the case of Roberts to a committee before allowing him to be sworn in, there was nothing exciting in the opening session of either branch of congress. The session of the senate, which had no organization to perfect, was very short, adjournment following the announcement of Vice President Hobart's death. The house, after electing speaker Henderson, and the officers of the last house, with the exception of Mr Henry Casson, of Wis., who was elected sergeant-at-arms, in place of Mr B F Russell, of Mo., who held that office in the last congress, and swearing in its members, also adjourned after the announcement of Mr Hobart's death. Representative Richardson, of Tenn, received the minority nomination for the speakership.

Senators Gallinger and Hansbrough, sitting as a sub-committee of the committee on pensions, under the resolution adopted by the senate at the last session of congress, directing an investigation and report on the advisability of a revision of the pension laws, have heard Secretary Hitchcock, and Assistant Secretary Davis, of the interior department, and Commissioner Evans and Assistant Commissioner Davenport of the pension bureau, and the views of the commander-in-chief of the G A R are to be submitted in writing. The officials named were unanimous in saying that the pension laws ought to be thoroughly revised by a non-partisan commission.

The eminent legal counsel retained by the league for social service, with which Miss Helen Gould is connected—she is said to be furnishing most of the money used to pay its bills,—found when they arrived in Washington, that arrangements had already been made by members of the house, which would make their fight to keep Roberts, of Utah, out an easy one. The almost unanimous sentiment of the women of the country against allowing a polygamist to sit in the house had done its work, and the able lawyers of the house had dug up all the law and precedents needed to handle the case. Mr Roberts will never actually become a member of the house, although he had been drawing salary and allowances, as such, since last March. His case is now in the hands of a committee, and the verdict of that committee is a foregone conclusion; Roberts will be declared ineligible to membership in the house.

Secretary Hay has made a denial which may be considered official, of the story that the U S had either made an alliance or intended making one with England and Germany, for commercial or any other purposes. This story was first started in Washington, by a statement made by Judge Chambers, of Alabama, late chief justice of Samoa, under the triple government by the U S, Germany, and Great Britain. But it was statements made in London by U S Ambassador Choate, and by Mr Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the British Colonies, which brought out secretary Hay's denial. Mr Choate said in an after-dinner speech: "Let England and American clasp hands across the sea, and the peace of the world is assured," and Mr Chamberlain said: "The Union alliances, if you please, between these two great nations, Great Britain and the U S is a guarantee of the peace of the world." In official circles it is thought that Mr Choate's language had no other meaning than an expression of goodwill and friendship, and that Mr Chamberlain was playing European politics.

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Hon Webster F Davis, assistant secretary of the interior left Washington today, ostensibly to visit his friend, J G Stowe, U S consul at Cape Town, South Africa, but in reality upon what may turn out to be a very important diplomatic mission.

The state department has not been at all satisfied since the war over there began, with its representatives in South Africa, the highest of which is a consul general, and Mr Davis is said to carry in his inside pocket, credentials which will, if necessary, make him our diplomatic representative over there. Whether those credentials are used being left entirely to his discretion.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Sunday school 10 A M. Preaching 11 A M and 7 P M. Endeavor 2:30 P M. I G KNOTTS, Pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Seldom do we see it mentioned in the papers and perhaps comparatively few people are aware that five amendments to the state constitution are to be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the election next June for their approval or rejection.

The first amendment prohibits any county, city, town, school district or other municipal corporation to incur indebtedness amounting to more than five per cent of the assessed valuation of the place.

The second provides for the election of five judges of the supreme court instead of three as at present.

The third amendment makes the use of property necessary for construction of water reservoirs and ditches for purposes of irrigation, a public use and subject to the regulation and control of the state.

The fourth repeals section 35 of article I which prohibits persons of color from holding real estate in Oregon.

The fifth and most important of these amendments gives women the right of voting.

A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

Twenty-five Years' Constant Use without a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used in many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by all druggists.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ALLOWANCES.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Joseph Fowler, Wm Sutherland, WT Bailey, Herman Steinhauer, J A McLeod, J L Atkinson, H B Lyons, J M Sloan, H D Edwards, Bernhard county road No 96, W A Potter, Thomas Steers, Geo Hartley, Florence West, Fred Fisk.

The Eminent Kidney and Bladder Specialist.



There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root the new discovery is the true specific for kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. It has cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases, after all other efforts have failed. At druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. A sample bottle sent free by mail, also a book telling about Swamp-Root and its wonderful cures. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and mention this paper.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

A Question For the Assay Office of Humanity.

Discussing the question of woman suffrage, GE Henderson writes as follows to the Albany Herald Disseminator.

Value determines the amount of rational interest. A sane prospector brings his specimens to the assay office to find the amount of precious metals they contain.

In the constant cleaving and testing of souls, which we call life, questions and principles of value are continually being thrown to the surface among the fragments. It is the part of the public press to subject these to the test of discussion.

I have wondered why so little is being said in the newspapers of Oregon on the question of woman's suffrage. The time until election is short when we consider the importance of this issue.

The question of sex is a very citadel of life; ever since the author of life said, "It is not good for man to be alone." Degrade woman and you degrade the race. Where mothers are bought and sold and imbruted you do not expect, nor do you find, that they bring up any thing but a brutish race.

I am a conservative, I believe in "what Paul says." But I am in favor of woman's suffrage. Discussion means light, and light never hurts truth. Let slaves of error fear public agitation.

I exhort my readers to consider the merits of the suffrage question and not a lot of irrelevant matters. The question is not "Do women wish to vote," nor "How will they vote." It is not as to whether they will be wiser and better voters than men. I do not believe they will. But the question is: Should women take part in the consideration and decision of public questions? The proposition is not, to take the ballot from men and give it to women. So it is not a question of comparison between the sexes, which God has made to differ; but it is a question of association—whether it is "good for man to be alone" in government.

Again, it is not a question of fitness for public service. A man is not denied the ballot because he is too old to be a soldier, or too young to be president. The right of suffrage does not depend upon the kind or amount of public service for which the individual is qualified.

The purposes of government are stated by the constitution of the United States as follows: "To form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity."

Every one will recognize that these purposes are just as important to women as individuals, as to men. And it is as individuals that we are concerned in government. Good government deals with individuals, not with classes, sects, societies, or families.

"The family is the unit in society." True, but we do not now have family representation in government. The father of the largest family is simply an individual voter. With woman's suffrage we would have more nearly family representation than without it. "Nearly all the women would vote as their husbands do," they say. Suppose they would. If they agree in voting because true harmony in the home, that family is entitled to the double representation.

When Moses called up the "whole congregation of Israel," the women had an influence and a voice in public affairs.

In that form of church government called Presbyterianism, women have equal suffrage with men. Why men who consider these as divine models should oppose woman's suffrage is more than I can understand. Perhaps some of them will tell us why.

But this is not a question of religion. It is a question of humanity and common justice.

Are you afraid the votes of women will hurt your business? For shame! Can you trust a woman with your life, and can you not trust her with a share in the management of her own as well as your own public interests?

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President McKinley's third annual message to congress was delivered last week. The document is quite long and treats of many subjects of interest to the country at large. After referring to the death of Vice-President Hobart, he speaks of the prosperous condition of the country, is at peace with all the governments of the world. He recommends a change in the banking laws authorizing national banks to organize with a capital of \$25,000. Declares the present a fitting time to make provision for the continuance of the gold standard. He calls the attention of congress to the value of an American merchant marine to the extension of our commercial

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trade and the strengthening of our power on the sea. Speaks of the need of early amendment of laws relating to trusts. Refers to the existing relations of the United States and many countries of the globe. Gives the status of Nicaragua canal negotiations. Details the progress of affairs in Cuba and declares that our obligations to the island must be kept and that free Cuba must be a reality, not a name; that so long as we control the island, our markets should be open to its products on as favorable terms as are given to the other West Indian islands under the treaties of reciprocity. The message deals at length with affairs in the Philippines and urges a change in the laws for the government of the Hawaiian islands. It speaks of the hardships upon the Porto Ricans worked by the laws now in force. Mob law is denounced, the one hundredth anniversary of Washington death is referred to and the message concludes with reminding congress of the responsibility resting on its members.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

R D Hawley and wife to Ole P Rice, 232 acres in tp 18 s 10 w; \$3,750.

R D Hawley and wife to Catharine Hadsall, lot 5 block 4, Morse's addition to town of Florence; \$500.

Harriet Lee to A J Petner 50 lots in Frazier and Berry's ad to Florence.

GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By A WEST CORRESPONDENT.

Doc Inloe is about as spry as ever. S S Miller talks of leaving Chickahominy.

Ed Potter and wife have moved outside the mountains. Chickahominy mountain is reported impassable for teams.

We hear of a Christmas party to be given at M Alamasi's.

Elmer Lamb has been engaged to shoe stage horses at Fallman's.

Fred Austin of Alpha is home from the down-river lumber woods.

Mr and Mrs Clarence Barnett will spend the winter at J A Barnett's.

Mrs Swanson of Alpha who suffers from heart trouble, is worse again.

Frank and Jim MacVay of Alpha are home presumably for the holidays.

Leonard Tabor and Elmer Lamb have gone to Eugene on a swearing expedition.

James Johnston thinks he got 100 bushels of corn in the ear from an acre this year.

Bill Post's sawmill hasn't materialized yet, but the Alpha mill is ripping out lumber.

Lake creek came up and stopped travel at the William Johnston place for several days.

Stears and Wisdom have bought a lot of timber from James Johnston and will put it into Lake creek this winter.

Dr Mahon of Elmira passed in a few days ago to attend Mrs Swanson of Alpha, who was suffering from heart trouble. A later report represents her as improving.

Mrs John Pope, postmaster at Deadwood, has settled with all her mother's heirs and owns the home place. Thomas Tabor, her mother's widower, who was heir to half the estate, gave Mrs Pope a free deed to his share.

W H Harris of Alpha went to Eugene for a pack load of goods. On his way in his horse was taken sick. He left it at Hale to be cared for. Its hoof suppurated at the coronet and sores broke out elsewhere on its body and in a few days it died. What ailed it is a mystery.

Marion Wheeler, the mail carrier from Alpha to Mapleton, has quit and Clayton Pope is carrying the mail temporarily pending the re-letting of the contract. Wheeler was a sub-contractor and the original contractors failed by \$11 a year to pay the agreed amount. This voided Wheeler's bond and he was free to quit at pleasure.

It is told of the Eaglesham boys that when they were left alone in an Alaska settlement last winter in charge of goods some Indians came along and the boys felt the need of excitement so much that they gave the red men fifty cents to dance a war dance, but by the time the performance had fairly commenced the boys were so frightened that they paid the dancers fifty cents to stop.

I'm Coming! I'm Coming!

My Head is bowed with Care. I hear the Children calling,

Old SANTA CLAUS! Old SANTA CLAUS!

Yes Children, I'll be there, you will find me at the

"GREAT WHITE STORE,"

where I have unloaded my heavy load, and such a load it was, and such an elegant display it is. None should be forgotten and I trust none will be. I will call again at the Leading Store with another display before Christmas, and some of the fine things will be mentioned herein.

I'm Going! I'M GOING!

My head is not so low, because I'm waiting on Children you know! You know!

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