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We are having some very warm days for this locality but our friends farther inland would consider them delightful as compared with some of their warm days.

The Sigelaw valley ought not to let its products and resources go unrepresented at the state fair in Salem. Let us make an effort to have an exhibit. It will pay us as well as this part of the county has previously made little effort to advertise its advantages.

Governor Geer will in a few months have to appoint the school-book commission provided for by the Daily law. It is to be hoped that the men he appoints will act on their own judgment, rather than be influenced by the smooth-tongued agents of the various book concerns who will beseege them.

In spite of the increased capacity of the saw mills the loggers are increasing their output still more rapidly. In the Columbia, Gray's Harbor and Egoet Sound logs are going into the water faster than they are being hauled out. How long this will continue without mill men setting their own price on logs is a question. The logging engine has made big operators possible. There is practically no limit to what can be done by a company with plenty of money to buy timber and machinery.—W. C. & P. S. Lumberman.

WE FIND ON OUR table the June number of "The Expansionist" a monthly journal published by the Expansionist Publishing Company, 233 Broadway, New York. This number is filled with interesting articles bearing upon the past, present and future development of our country. We cannot refrain from mentioning one article, "Plain Facts About Expansion in the Pacific" written by John Barrett, late United States Minister to Siam. This piece contains a letter written to the author from Manila by Gen. Lawton a couple months before he was shot. He wrote as follows: "I would to God that the truth of this whole Philippine situation could be known to everybody in America as I know it. If the real history, inspiration, and conditions of this insurrection, and the influences, local and external, that now encourage the enemy, as well as the actual possibilities of these islands and peoples and their relations to this great east, could be understood at home, we would hear no more talk of unjust "shooting of government" into the Philippines, or of the hauling down of our flag in the Philippines. If the so-called imperialists would honestly ascertain the truth on the ground, and not in distant America, they, whom I believe to be honest men misinformed, would be convinced of the error of their statements and conclusions, and of the unfortunate effect of their publications here. If I am shot by a Filipino bullet, it might as well come from one of my own men, because I know from observations confirmed by captured prisoners that the continuance of fighting is chiefly due to the reports that are sent out from America.

THE GAME LAW.

In response to requests we give a synopsis of the game law of Oregon as it now exists:

Deer, moose and mountain sheep may be killed from July 15 to November 1. Prohibited for market entirely. Spotted fawn not to be killed at all. Deer hunting prohibited between one hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise. No dogs allowed.

Grouse, prairie chickens, pheasants Chinese pheasants, quail and partridge may be killed from October 1 to December 1. Market hunting prohibited in Chinese pheasants for three years from spring of '00, other birds from November 15 to October 15. Trap, netting and snaring of birds prohibited. Jack snipe may be killed from September 1 to February 1. Only 15 upland birds may be killed in a day. No shooting from public highways, nor on farms without permission.

Trout may be caught from April 1 to November 1, but never under five inches in length, and only with hook and line. Eastern brook trout introduced and protected for three years from spring of '00.

Washington, D. C., July 16, 1900.

Official news from China tells of the rapid spread of the Boxer movement and the grave danger that there will be a general massacre of foreigners all over the empire, and unofficial news tells all the horrible things imaginable, as having been done to the foreigners in Peking. There is very little upon which hope can be based that any of the latter are still alive, although Secretary Long insists that he believes they are. The Chinese minister, who has all along insisted that they would all turn up safe, now says that we can only hope for the best, while his manner makes it plain that he fears the worst. Many believe that the Chinese government is purposely holding back the news of what has occurred in Peking for fear of its effect upon the nations whose citizens have been murdered. There is much criticism of the slowness of Japan and Russia in placing a sufficient number of troops in China to enable the allies to take the aggressive against the Chinese and the suspicion is being aroused that there is a lack of good faith somewhere in the combination.

Somewhat the secretary of war has been pretty generally credited with favoring the annexation of Cuba and with believing it to be inevitable, although there is no record of his having publicly said as much. He said a day or two ago that he did not think the question of annexation would be considered by the constitutional convention soon to be held in Cuba; that he believed the Cubans wanted independence and not annexation; that in any event the question of annexation should not be considered, much less settled, until they had the absolute independence which this government is pledged to give them and that they would be wise to ascertain whether their request would be favorably acted upon, before they asked for annexation. Those who ought to know most about the subject, express the opinion that it will require a year or two of Cuban independent government to crystallize the annexation sentiment, on the island as well as in the U. S., and that it will be business and not sentiment that will force the matter to the front. Gen. Leonard Wood, Cuba's military governor, is coming to Washington this week to consult with Secretary Root about the rules and regulations under which the delegates to the Cuban constitutional convention shall be elected.

The president has made it plain that the newspapers which have been arranging for his speedy return to Washington, were bad guessers, when he telegraphed for Gov. Allen, of Porto Rico, who was in Washington for several days, to come to Canton to talk over Porto Rican matters. Gov. Allen will spend a week or two with his family, in Massachusetts, before returning to Porto Rico. He reports the new civil government to be moving along smoothly, and the Porto Ricans to be gradually falling into the ways of living in keeping with the new conditions, and thinks the island destined to become very prosperous.

Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, who passed through Washington on his way to Europe, where he goes on a flying trip just for the rest of the voyage, does not take a hopeful view of the situation in China. He said: "I am afraid that Minister Canger and all the foreigners in Peking have been put to death. I cannot convince myself that American ingenuity, combined with that of the foreign powers, would fail to invent some means of communication with the outside world, during this long period of silence, if any of them were alive. In my judgment, this Chinese question is more terrible to contemplate than any other question we have to deal with. Of course, it will cut no figure in the

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Secretary Wilson was probably the most shocked man in Washington, when he learned of the sudden death, from an attack of heart disease, of Senator Gear, of Iowa. The two men have been friends for many years and were out driving until ten o'clock Friday night. Saturday morning Secretary Wilson was told that Senator Gear was dead, and yesterday afternoon he accompanied the remains to Iowa. By one of those coincidences of which life is full, the dead body of Senator Gear left Washington for Iowa on the same train that he had made arrangements to go upon alive, Senator Gear was elected to a second term in the senate last winter. Although he was not a showy public man he was one of the hard workers, and his wide experience made him a valuable member of the senate, he having been mayor of the city of Burlington, member of the Iowa legislature, governor of the state, and a member of the house before entering the senate.

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Minister Wu saying that we would not allow a band of Chinese missionaries to come to New York and preach Confucianism and meddle with the government shows that similar actions are resented by the Chinese.
The administration is determined to keep aloof from any movement that would unnecessarily entangle the government of the United States in Chinese affairs. It of course must join heartily with the other powers in the effort to get to Peking, but it does not follow from that co-operation that it will be led into taking part in the bickerings or dissensions that ensue over the future of China after our people have been taken care of. It is the intention of the administration to withdraw our forces, military and naval, after the Americans in Peking have been relieved, and look only to the preservation of such privileges as it has a right to retain for Americans.
A special dispatch from Washington dated July 23rd, says: The state department has received a dispatch from United States Consul Goodnow, of Shanghai, which states that Prince Tuan has wired that an officer of the Laung Li Yamen saw all the foreign ministers confined in Peking on the 18th of July, and up to that date not one of them had been injured or attacked, except Baron Von Kettler, the German ambassador, who was killed some time ago by anarchists.

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THE WOMEN OF CHINA
In view of the probability that China is soon to be involved in a war with the great powers of the earth, a war which will in all likelihood, forever settle the question of Eastern or Western supremacy, civilization is beginning to ask what part the women of China may be expected to take during this great struggle. With any other nation the question might be easily answered. One could predict with certainty that the women of Russia, England, France, Germany, the United States—aye even the gentle-souled, half-empowered little women of Japan—would give of the swords of their husbands and lovers and send them out to battle with brave smiles and hidden tears, then courageously take up the work they lay down at home and do their best to fill the gap left by the departing warriors, contriving to send many comforts to the troops in the field and Red Cross nurses, as well as dispatching Red Cross nurses to care for the sick and wounded on field and in hospital. The extraordinary service rendered by the homely, dull, unlettered Boer women has been the most impressive feature of the contest in the Transvaal. The question as to what the women of China will do can only be answered with an interrogation point. Difficult as it is to comprehend the character of the yellow men, industrious, superstitious, thrifty, cunning, vindictive, skilled of hand, narrow and prejudiced, who make up the greater part of China's population, the women of China are a deeper riddle. Something is known of their customs, their social and domestic relations. As a rule illiterate and uneducated, wretched drudges among the poorer classes and the crippled playthings of the rich, always reckoned as inferiors and held in strict subjection to men, these women nevertheless a delicacy of sentiment, a depth of maternal devotion, a gentleness of disposition characteristic of Chinese women which is like the blossoming of a flower struggling in sterile soil and unfolding its petals in the darkness. The wonderful individuality of the Empress Dowager, herself a child of the people and enslaved in youth, whose keen intellect, indomitable will and executive ability have enabled her to cross swords successfully with the foremost statesman of the day in her empire, suggests the possibilities of development innate in "thralldom" in which she has been bound for centuries. Here in San Francisco, where mission work has opened an opportunity for the study of Chinese femininity under most adverse conditions, intelligent observers have been surprised at the originality, independence and force of character developed in girls rescued from lives of infamy and it is a singular fact that these women, marrying their own countrymen under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, almost invariably assume the mastery of their households.

Under conditions ruling in China, however, the women of the masses may safely be figured as ciphers so far as war and strife are concerned. They are not likely to help on their liege lords or to hinder them, and should reverse overtake the Chinese their army will probably have no hesitation in evacuating territory without bestowing a thought upon them, as in 1860, when the advancing British forces found villages where helpless women and children, heartlessly deserted and unprotected, were ready to commit suicide in their despair and fright rather than to fall into the hands of the enemy. The women of the privileged classes, on the other hand, possessing no useful knowledge or practical accomplishments, yet claiming exceptional consideration because of their rank, may even be reckoned a distinct negative quantity and serious handicap in the international contest whose opening guns have already been fired.

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LOGGING ACCIDENT.
One Phelps met with a very serious accident last Friday at Point Terrace in Crow's logging camp. A tree had been felled angling down the hill and sawed into logs. One took a logging-jack and started to roll out the log next to the top, the top went the faster, so he put the jack against the top and started it. Instead of rolling it gave way suddenly causing a large limb to catch him under the arm and shove him against the log; the top then rolled over the limb throwing One into the air and down hill. He fell between 25 and 30 feet, striking on his left foot crushing the knee. The cap was split and the sides of the socket to the knee joint were broken. It is thought that one of the bones of the leg below the knee is split.
He was terribly shaken up by the fall but seems not to be injured internally. He was carried to the river on a litter, then brought to Florence in a row boat by Arthur Herrington and Samuel Logsdon. Luckier, Dr. McAllister of Eugene was here and, being called, soon made him as comfortable as possible. He was cared for at the Morris Hotel until Tuesday evening when he was moved to the home of his parents who reside in Florence but were absent when the accident occurred. He is doing as well as could be expected.

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