

SENATOR MCBRIDE has been particularly favored by appointment on committees in the senate. He has been made chairman of one of the most important committees, that of coast defenses, and is a member of six other committees. His abilities are recognized and his usefulness as a valuable senator, for the nation and this coast in particular, is the heartiest endorsement he can have. The senator was chairman of one of the most important committees in the last session, and his appointment to the chairmanship of so important a committee in the present session is just cause for congratulation for the people of this great and good commonwealth. Nor is this all. Senator McBride's appointment to a place on the committee to outline a policy and style of government for the Philippine islands is due recognition of his ability. Today there is no more important work for the American congress than that of properly preparing for the great increase in our volume of business and strength and importance as a nation than the manner in which the Philippine problem is solved. McBride's appointment is a credit to himself and to the people he represents.—Oregon Mist.

The above voices the sentiments of the Gazette. Knowing Senator McBride as we do, we feel safe in guaranteeing his loyalty to our state. He is first, last and all the time with us. His recognition in Washington is but a repetition of his appreciation by the representative men of Oregon. Senator McBride will not be deserted by those who have Oregon's best interests at heart.

THE PROBLEM OF PEACE.

The campaign of the American forces in the Philippines since the end of the rainy season has been a short one, but it seems to have been so successful that the oft-repeated assurance that the rebellion is crushed can now be accepted. With the insurgent army scattered, its military leaders and its civil founders and directors prisoners, Aguinaldo fleeing with a small band of followers, there is nothing left on which can be based the semblance of a claim to an opposition government. There will be fighting for some time to come, so long as the scattered companies of Tagals can find enough in the country to forage and thus secure a living, and military rule will still, of necessity, be maintained. But the organized force of insurgents in the islands has ceased to be the problem confronting us, and the authorities at Washington will have to turn their attention to the real and more important question of the Philippines—the establishment of a stable government which shall guarantee to the natives of the island as well as to every foreign interest there just and equal rights. The problems of peace are much more difficult than those of war. In a measure the same questions will appear a to the future of Porto Rico and of Cuba, but the problem of the far east is a much more serious one. In the nearer islands there is a better understanding of American institutions and methods, and already the readjustment of customs in public and private life to meet new conditions has so far progressed that the anticipated future seems almost certain. In the Philippines an entirely different situation meets our representatives, and progress must necessarily be slow, with impatience there and at home as well. The cry of the anti-imperialists seems to have spent itself, and there is no shadow of doubt as to the endorsement by the country of the policy of the administration thus far in maintaining the supremacy of the United States in these islands, and the people are now looking for the indication of the policy of the future. There ought to be no waiting now for the hand of destiny to lead, no further vacillating, but a careful determination of the course in which this country shall mark out its own destiny in the eastern hemisphere, a careful consideration of the rights of these people, who have lately come under our flag, and equally careful consideration of our own rights, and then a going forward in the

work of establishing a government that shall maintain these rights. Firmness and justice must go hand in hand in whatever is done, the advance toward the higher plane be made with a recognition of the limitations of the people, and above all there must be absolute honesty in our dealings with them. The task of the newly appointed insular committee of the senate is by no means a pleasant one, but the personnel of the committee gives assurance that it will be met by earnest and able effort. Around Senator Lodge as chairman the republicans of the senate, in placing upon the committee Senators Allison, Davis, Proctor, McBride and Beveridge, have gathered the ablest among their number and have thus recognized the importance of the question. It is to be hoped that the democratic members of the body will meet the problem in the same spirit, and place upon the committee as the representatives of their party not those who will seek to block progress by quibbling and carping, but those who will lend their aid to the solution of the problem. No party can afford politically to assume such an attitude, but above all that is the call of the nation for the service of its best men of all parties in this direction.—The Haverhill Gazette

BRITON AND BOER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

All the Boers, of both republics—men, women, and children combined—hardly begin to equal in number the population of the obscure suburban town of West Ham, near London. Yet the very same London papers which a few days ago thought the Boers could not and would not fight, and that a few British regiments could go to Pretoria without firing a shot, had now gone to the opposite extreme of regarding the Boer armies as the most formidable ever known in the history of warfare, and were begging their readers to consider that the British empire was engaged in a life-and-death struggle. This tone merely invited the contempt of the world, while it also provoked the freer expression of enthusiastic admiration for the magnificent stand of the Dutch farmers against such overwhelming odds. A race that can show such qualities as the Boers have exhibited in the last three months ought not to be exterminated. Its hardy stock is needed in the work of developing the Dark Continent. We all know well that the English in the course of a few more weeks or months can hammer and blunder their way through to Pretoria, for the simple reason that they have money, ships, and guns without limit. They can, if need be, transport a million fighting men to Natal and Cape Colony; while the whole Boer nation is already in the field, so far as the two republics are concerned, and the prospect of assistance from any outside quarter is to remote to be seriously considered. The war against the American colonies was a shameful thing for England, and about the only Englishmen who have come out of it decently on the page of history are the Chathams, Foxes, and Burkes, who saw the truth and spoke it with courage. England lost in that war, and her Burgoyne, Howe, and Cornwallises won no glory for themselves or their country. England will win in the present war, but it will be Commandants Joubert, Cronje and the other Boer leaders who will come out with military renown, rather than the Bullers, Methuens, Gatacrees, or Whites. And there are Boer statesmen, too.—From "The Progress of the World," in the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January.

Something for the New Year. The world-renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for near half a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets Hostetter's Almanac. This medical treatise is published by the Hostetter Company, Pittsburg Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing sixty hands in that department. The issue of some for 1900 will be over eleven millions, printed in nine languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The almanac for 1900 can be obtained, free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM. Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never fails to restore Gray Hair to its youthful color. Cures itching scalp, dandruff, and all hair troubles.

REV. DR. DOANE. Rev. N. Doane, D. D., Dean of the Theological School of the Portland University, Celebrated his Golden Wedding Last September. This worthy man has been at the head of Methodist church work in the Northwest for 43 years. He had a double reason to be congratulated on this occasion as he had been almost totally deaf for years, and in spite of his advanced

REV. DR. DOANE'S CARD. University Park, Portland, Or. April 26, 1896. To whom it may concern and encourage, to friends who have suffered like myself, the loss of hearing. On April 24th I called on Dr. Darrin, whom I believed to be a skillful aurist and applied his remedies and electricity to one ear and cured the deafness in a few minutes. Then he turned his attention to the other ear, which did not seem to yield so readily. For this ear the doctor gave me medicines to use at home which I am now using. I think it the duty of all who are afflicted to have their hearing restored if possible, and I know no one whom I think more skillful than Dr. Darrin. NEHEMIAH DOANE.

What Further Treatment Did for Rev. Dr. Doane. To the Editor: Some two weeks ago or more I said something of regaining my hearing under the treatment of Dr. Darrin, of which I had suffered for several years. On the first application the deafness of one ear (the left) was remedied. The difficulty with the other was more serious. I applied the medicine faithfully and went again to the doctor, who succeeded entirely in restoring the lost sense of hearing, so that when I went out upon Third street—Portland—it seemed to be the largest city I was ever in. My hearing still remains distinct, in both ears equally good. NEHEMIAH DOANE.

TO REPUBLICAN CLUBS. The following call has been issued to the republican clubs of Oregon: In pursuance of the provisions of the constitution of the Republican League of Oregon, there will be held the regular biennial meeting on the first Tuesday of February next, and a certain amount of preparatory work must be done by each club in order to entitle it to be represented at the meeting. Your attention is invited to article X of the constitution, which is an amendment thereto adopted February 1, 1893, and provides that no club shall be entitled to representation unless it has been organized at least four months prior to the meeting and shall have filed a list of its members with the League secretary at least 30 days prior thereto. The importance of the double campaign next year, one in the spring and one in the fall, renders it especially desirable that every genuine republican club in the state be put into condition to participate in the League meeting, and thus enter with enthusiasm into the work of the campaign. CLAUD GATCH, President HARRY L. WELLS, Secretary.

WHEAT CROP OF UNITED STATES. The Agricultural Department's Statistician Places it at 547,300,000 Bushels. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—The statistician of the department of Agriculture reports the wheat crop of the United States for 1899 at 547,300,000 bushels, or 12.3 bushels per acre. The production of winter wheat at 291,700,000 bushels. Every important wheat growing state has been visited by special agents of the department, and the changes in acreage are the result of their investigations. The newly seeded area of winter wheat is estimated at 30,150,000 acres, which is about 200,000 acres greater than that sown in the fall of 1898. The sowing of wheat is still going on in California and some of the Southern states, and the estimate is subject to correction. The average condition is 97.1. The acreage sown with winter rye is estimated at 7 per cent less than that of last year. The average of condition is 98.2 per cent. The compilation of the annual returns from individual farmers is approaching completion. Any slight changes that may be called for in the average yield per acre of corn, oats, barley and other crops as published October 10, will be made at an early date, and the final figures will then be available.

NOTICE. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19, 1899. To the Republican Clubs of Oregon: Your attention is again called to the fact that the regular biennial meeting of the Republican State League will be held in this city on Tuesday, February 6, 1900. In accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by laws of the league, it is necessary to entitle a club to representation, that a list of its members be filed with the league secretary at least 30 days prior to the date of meeting. J. P. KENNEDY, Secretary.

Several cargoes of American Flour Were Taken off Deigoa Bay. New York, Dec. 25.—A appeal to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary of State Hay will have a thorough investigation made of the reported seizures by British cruisers of several cargoes of American flour off Delagoa bay, South Africa. Instructions have been sent to the American consul at Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese South Africa, directing him to make a thorough inquiry and to do everything in his power to prevent illegal interference with American commerce by either belligerent. Ambassador Choate has also been instructed to make inquiries in London and to make such representations to the British foreign office as the facts in the case may justify. What action will be finally taken by the government will depend on what is revealed by the inquiries. The reports that reach Washington are unofficial and very meager. They indicate that the British foreign office acted on the theory that the flour was destined for the Boer army, but they do not indicate what evidence the British naval commanders had to justify them in reaching that conclusion. It is contended by the legal representatives of the American shippers that the flour was shipped to bona fide purchasers in Portuguese territory and that the shippers had no knowledge of any ulterior destination. If it can be shown that the flour was shipped from the United States for the express purpose of being forwarded from Delagoa bay into the Transvaal, it will be held by the British government that the shipment was technically under international law a continuous voyage, and that the flour was as clearly liable to seizure as if it had been in transit to the Transvaal. The doctrine of continuous voyage was adhered to very strongly by the United States during the civil war. The most celebrated case under it was that of the British ship Sprangok, which sailed from a British port for Nassau, another British port, with goods intended to be reshipped from that port in another vessel and carried into the confederacy. The Sprangok was captured before reaching Nassau and was taken to New York, where she was adjudged a lawful prize and her cargo was condemned. The decision was upheld by the supreme court of the United States.

Our Third Special Sale. Our former special sales of Capes, Jackets and Fascinators have proven unexpectedly popular and this week we supplement them with a Special Mackintosh Sale. We haven't a very large stock this season's stuff, with the exception of a few men's mackintoshes, and we are going to clean them out at special bargain prices. A Misses' brown mackintosh with cape, length 44 to 50 inches, double texture, velvet inlaid collar, \$3, now \$2.50. A ladies' mackintosh with cape and velvet collar, solid colors, navy blue and black, lengths, 58 to 62 inches, \$3.50 - 2.75. Men's black tricort mackintoshes with capes at the very low price of - 1.75. Men's heavy, tan colored, all wool, lined mackintoshes, cut in box coat style, silk velvet collar, were \$5.50, now 4.50.

Our 'Xmas Stock. Is opened up and you will find it surpasses them all in the matter of price. Because they are Christmas goods is not a good and sufficient reason for asking double prices. Look them over. You can Save Money. Minor & Co., Heppner, Oregon.

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GRANT COUNTY NEWS. Blue Mountain Eagle. J. D. Hanna called at the Eagle office while in town from Fox valley Saturday. He made a visit to his old home in Missouri during the fall and returned to Oregon fully satisfied to permanently reside in Fox valley. G. S. Andrus, who resides on the head of Granite creek, accompanied by his son Bert, was in Long Creek Saturday. Mr. Andrus recently located in the Middle Fork country, coming from the Walla Walla country, and is highly pleased with his new home. E. O. Stansell, who early in the year left Grant county for Bloomington, California, writes the Eagle that California is a hard state to live in, and just as soon as he could sell his property he intended to return to Oregon. He says if a person has plenty of money, it is a grand country to live in, but if not, he advises all to stay in Oregon, the land of plenty.

THE HEPPIER STEAM LAUNDRY. All kinds of laundry work done first class. Special rates on family washing. White Shirts a Specialty. White shirts..... 10 Cents. Collars..... 25 Cents. Cuffs, per pair..... 5 Cents. Woolen underwear, per piece..... 10 Cents. All cotton shirts and underclothes, per piece 8 Cents. All necessary mending done and buttons secured. Strictly cash on delivery.

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