

## Daily Astorian.

JOHN T. LIGHTER, Editor.

Telephone No. 46.

## TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

DAILY.	\$5.00
Bent by mail, per year.....	40
Bent by mail, per month.....	40
Berved by carrier, per month.....	40

## WEEKLY.

Bent by mail, per year, in advance... \$2.50

Postage free to subscribers.

All communications intended for publication should be directed to the editor. Business communications of all kinds and remittances must be addressed to "The Astorian."

The Astorian guarantees to its advertisers the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river.

Advertising rates can be had on application to the business manager.

The Weekly Astorian, the second oldest weekly in the state of Oregon, has, next to the Portland Oregonian, the largest weekly circulation in the state.

A large number of Portland-made barrels are being shipped to Astoria for the salmon-packing trade. The staves are of Oregon fir and the heads of native spruce. They will ultimately find their way to France or Germany, rule of delicious Columbia river salmon—Portland Tribune.

Now, if Portland will only send down the salmon to go in these barrels, and furnish the hands to put it in, Astorians may be depended upon to stand around and see that the job is well done.

President McKinley has been very liberal in his appointments of civilians as military officers. Do his best, however, he cannot keep pace with the demand for army commissions. It is stated that not less than 21,000 applications for commissions, ranging from that of brigadier general down to second lieutenant, have been filed. If this would be brigadiers would enlist as privates and win commissions by performing the valorous deeds which deserve and usually secure promotion the president doubtless might sanction advancement in this way. For the present he must be very tired of the importunities of the thousands who want to wear an officer's shoulder straps without having done anything to merit them.

Camara has once more taken his ships out of the harbor of Cadiz. This time he is reported in the Mediterranean, sailing eastward. Supposing this to be true, there is yet nothing to indicate that he is going farther than to some other Spanish port. If he has started for the Philippines, he is certainly too late. His ships would be safer and more useful at home. It is a safe guess that Camara is not going anywhere; that he is merely keeping up the "maneuvers" necessary to pacify the Spanish public that this reserve fleet is still capable of action. Nominally it is strong enough for effective service, but the inefficiency of the Spanish naval administration, long known to experts, has been so flagrantly shown since the war began that Camara will scarcely cause anybody uneasiness.

Present indications are that the war will be entirely absorbed by the small bidders, who were preferred by the terms of the revenue law against the usual syndicate purchasers. It has never been questioned that this would be the case, for notwithstanding the comparatively low rate of interest the circumstances of the loan are such as to appeal directly to the people regardless of the size of their holdings. It was eminently wise thus to restrict the issue by reverting to the usual order and giving the preference to the small bidders. This process greatly adds to the labor of the government in distributing the bonds and paying interest, but it insures a closer relation between the people and the government at a time when the confidence of the citizens is one of the most valuable assets of the administration. Aside from this consideration, however, the plan of putting the bonds directly into the hands of the small capitalist is desirable. By this means the interest payments, small in proportion and in the aggregate though they may be, are sure to go where they will do most good, where the few dollars of earnings are mostly appreciated. The farmer, the workman, the small merchant, the cobbler and others in the same walks of life are now for the first time in years within reach of a means of investment that they can regard as absolutely reliable. The demand in every section for the necessary bank applications and other surface signs indicate that within a few weeks the government will be carrying on the war with Spain literally with the money of the people of the United States, loaned in sums ranging from \$20 to \$1,000. At the same time it is gratifying to note that there is no lack of syndicate offers for the whole loan or such portion as may be left after the small individual buyers are provided. This fact absolutely insures the success of the issue, and under such circumstances as will greatly strengthen the financial prestige of the nation abroad.

## CAPTURING SPAIN'S COLONIES.

The game of war is an uncertain one.

This has been demonstrated fully in the Spanish war so far. It was undertaken on purely humanitarian grounds, for the one purpose of securing the freedom and independence of Cuba. It has developed into a conquest of Spain's colonies—whether a permanent or merely a temporary one, only the future can reveal.

There was no purpose to do this in the beginning. It has been forced upon the United States as the policy most calculated to bring the contest to a prompt conclusion.

The necessity of this policy as a war measure is seen with the conditions existing on our Pacific coast.

There was fear in every city on the coast that the Spanish fleet under Admiral Montojo would attack and destroy one or more of them. It was seen to be a necessity that it should be destroyed or captured. Commodore Dewey was assigned that task, and he did it as well as Manila has become a historic name.

The need of a naval station in the Far East has already been demonstrated. Had Admiral Montojo chosen to keep at sea, instead of trusting in the forts and guns of Cavite, Dewey would have been compelled to return to San Francisco, or at least to Honolulu, to obtain coal and supplies. As it was, the only thing he could do was to establish a naval base at captured Cavite, and wait the arrival of a land force to reduce stubborn Manila. Every one understands the necessity of taking that city, but its capture necessitates the destruction of every remnant of Spanish power elsewhere in the Philippines, and their consequent occupation by our forces.

The wild and angry outcry made by Spain showed that we had touched her in a vital point. It was clear she intended to make a kind of guerrilla war or, at least, to avoid decisive engagements and prolong the contest in the hope of causing intervention in her behalf from some European nation. It was plain that the quickest way was to deprive her of colonies. And the splendid success of Dewey at Manila revealed to the astonished nations of continental Europe that we are a naval power of the first class. Increased their respect for our prowess, and ended all probability of intervention in Spain's behalf.

There is little doubt that the fall of Santiago and the capture or destruction of Cervera's fleet will be followed by overtures for peace on the part of Spain. But her principal colonies will be in our possession, and she will find us in a position to not only dictate terms of peace, but to insist on retaining what we have captured, by way of indemnity for the expense of the war, if we shall choose that course.

## DANGEROUS APPARATIONS.

Every once in a while a ghost creeps up in the columns of the daily or weekly press. This ghostly spirit sometimes assumes the part of a promulgator on some lonely road, who terrifies isolated travellers out of their wits. Again the vision from the mazes world-haul furniture, smashes windows, and injures unshod travellers at midnight.

Elith Thompson, towing the steam-cook and Steghound, sailed for the Victoria on June 23 last night.

The Bailey Galatea arrived yesterday afternoon in place of the Telephone which is making slight repairs.

Schilling's Best lemon is 20 to 30 times as strong as common flavoring extracts.

Try a drop in a tumbler of water.

## Money-back.

Failure by Ross Higgins & Company

to pay back the amount of

any sum paid to them

for services rendered

will entitle the customer to a

full refund.

They are 13x10 inches in size, and are entitled as follows:

Lilacs and Pansies.

Pansies and Marguerites.

Lilacs and Iris.

These rare pictures, four in number, by the renowned pastel artist, R. E. Koy of New York, have been chosen from the very choicest subjects in his studio and are now offered for the first time to the public.

The pictures are accurately reproduced in all the colors used in the originals and are pronounced by competent critics works of art.

Pastel pictures are the correct thing for the home, nothing surpassing them in beauty, richness of color and artistic merit.

One of these pictures will be given away with each package of pastel-based starch grocer. It is the best laundry starch on the market, and is sold for 25 cents a package. Ask your grocer for this starch and get a free picture.

All Grocers Keep Elastic Starch. Accept No Substitute.

ELASTIC STARCH

A GREAT INVENTION

FOR LAUNDRY USE

BY CHUBINGER & CO.

ASTORIA, OREGON

MID-WIFE

MID-WIFE MARY MAKE,

Midwifery offices,

HUPTURE CURED.

Dr. Battie's remedy for ruptures has

wrought an efficient cure in 98 per cent

of the cases. It is a great improvement over anything ever invented for the absolute retention of ruptures in any and all positions of the body for which it is positively guaranteed. Dr. J. E. Battie, Astoria, Ore.

## PROFESSIONAL.

H. T. CROSBY,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

62 Commercial Street.

JOHN T. LIGHTER,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Office, upstairs, Astoria Building.

C. C. BROWER,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

Gunderson Building,

Astoria, Oregon.

DR. G. B. ESTES,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Special attention to diseases of women

and surgery.

Office, over Dandier's store, Astoria.

Telephones No. 42.

J. Q. A. HOWLEY,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR

AT LAW

Office, Bond Street, Astoria, Or.

DR. JAY TUTTLE,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Office, rooms 5 and 6, Python Building,

11½ Commercial Street. Residence same.

Telephone No. 42.

Acting assistant surgeon United States

marine hospital service.

## AGENTS WANTED.

Agents and canvassers to sell Dr.

Kirk's Pocket Nose Inhaler for catarrh,

asthma, and lung and throat diseases.

Bells easy for H. Big profits. Write for

sample and terms. Dr. Kirk Medical

Company, Cincinnati, O.

## It's a Mistake

To suppose that all the choice fat stock has been purchased by Uncle Sam to feed the army. We have in pasture a number of the best cattle that ever reached the block in Astoria. They are selected stock, the best grain to be found. Ours is excellent meat, tender, sweet and luscious. We are selling at the usual prices.

ROBB HIGGINS & CO.

## THIS RAILWAY COMPANY.

Operates its trains on the famous black system.

Lights its trains by electricity throughout.

Lays the celebrated electric steel road.

Runs speedily equipped passenger

trains every day and night between St. Paul and Chicago; the

CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL.

Also operates steam-powered passenger

trains, carrying the latest private com-

partment cars, library, buffet, smoking

cars, and parlor drawing room sleepers.

Parlor cars, free bedding, chairs and

the very best dining car service.

For lower rates in any point in the

United States or Canada, apply to

the local agent, or address

C. J. EDDY, General Agent,

J. W. CASEY, T. P. A.

Portland, Oregon.

## THE NEW NORTH WESTERN LIMITED

(20TH CENTURY TRAIN.)

Between Minneapolis, St. Paul and

Chicago, is, I think, the most enter-

taining and comfortable train in the

country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is

the most comfortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and St. Paul, the

20th century train is the most com-

fortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is the most com-

fortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is the most com-

fortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is the most com-

fortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is the most com-

fortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is the most com-

fortable in the country.

Between Milwaukee and Chi-

cago, the 20th century train is the most com-

</div