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A leading Porto Rico paper advises raising revenue for the island by continuing the present 15 per cent duties on imports and exports.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill that reduces the war taxes of 1898 by \$40,000,000. The senate now has the measure. Many persons have been met, citizens in private life, who would prefer to have the tax remain as it was fixed in 1898, but they would use the money for building additional battle ships, and otherwise strengthening our navy.

A mixed quintet of gentlemen were discussing politics in an office recently when a gold man asked his free silver colleague neighbor if he was not satisfied with the outlook. "You know we are exporting iron to England and losing that country the money with which to pay for it. The prospect is certainly encouraging." "No, I think differently. We are in dangerous places." "Why you complained a while ago, when we borrowed money, and now you see as forbidding calamity when we loan money. Are the European nations bad security?" "Oh, no, the security is good enough, but if we loan our money to England we will soon have none for ourselves." Here another free silver advocate let his sharp business judgment get the better of his political principles and took part by remarking, "I never have known a man to bankrupt himself by loaning money on good security." That ended the calamity walling.

Six years ago the INDEPENDENT suggested and urged that all caucus votes taken to nominate a candidate for U. S. Senator be viva voce for the reason the men who cast them are representatives and should observe practices that can be observed and approved or disapproved by constituents. The same question is up for discussion again. The Eugene Register thus discourses on the matter: Let the members of the next legislature be honest and above board in all their doings. If they intend to support Corbett let them do so openly. True, the contest has been so shaped by Mr. Corbett's retainers that every man who espouses his cause is a subject of suspicion, but that is no reason for helping all such to hide their shame by a resort to the secret ballot. Corbett has unlimited money, which is being freely disbursed by trusted servants. He seeks election by secret methods. Let every man who advocates such methods assume responsibility for them and come out into the light of day and show himself. If honesty is the rule there is no reason for concealment; if it is dishonesty, publicity should be forced.

STATE PRESS.

County courts all around us are slashing and cutting at their assessment rolls with a view to the avoidance of the payment of state tax. This method, besides being decidedly dishonest, is a bad thing for the counties and for the state generally. The newcomer in search of a home never asks what is your total county assessment, but "what is your tax rate? What do you have to pay on the \$1000?" They do not know that a ridiculously low rate of assessment makes the tax rate appear higher than it really is. Oregon needs some remedial legislation along the assessment line more than she needs "primary reform." No doubt both reforms would be beneficial in their way, but some action in regard to assessment and taxation is absolutely necessary.—Yamhill Reporter.

The Oregonian notes the fact that Senator Lodge's daughters, who in Massachusetts are weak lunged have sought the high dry climate of Colorado and will take up their permanent residence at Colorado Springs in a house which their father will build for them. The paper quoted concludes that climate, to be of benefit to the health seeker must be made permanent, but after tuberculosis has fastened itself on its victim there is no climate, that can loosen its tentacles and that "there is no place like home" for the patient.

A boy at Sweet Home, Linn county, during religious service threw a chew of tobacco at the minister hitting him in the face. He was promptly arrested and fined \$16 and cost. We do not believe in corporal punishment as a rule, but if this boy is not over a hundred years old a good dose of hickory would fit the case better.—Eugene Guard.

THE CANAL AND THE TREATY.

The amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty has been sent to England and will be placed in the hands of that government a few days after Jan. 1. Will England agree to the amendment? The right to fortify the canal is a matter of national vanity perhaps more than of material advantage. No man really wants to own a property unless his title is perfect, and it is so with us as a nation. Unless we have the greatest navy of the world it would be to our advantage to have the neutrality of the canal guaranteed by the nations. That guarantee would mean material assistance in maintaining it. Suppose we fortify the entrance of the canal. In the event of war with England whose navy is greater than ours, it would be the battle of Santiago de Cuba over again. A blockading fleet which we could not drive away would hover about the entrance and destroy any ship that might emerge. "But the same could happen if there were no fortification." True. So if fortifying can accomplish nothing in the way of defense why fortify at all? Suppose England refuses to ratify the amended treaty. We cannot dig the canal. As has been said, we are a treaty observing nation and to prevent England from digging and controlling a canal we entered into the Clayton-Bulwer treaty over forty years ago. On two occasions since England has wanted to be released from the treaty but our administration has successfully objected. We therefore cannot now, with consistency do what we were not willing for England to do. To be sure we have the power to do so and just now when England is between wind and water we could probably do so without a war. But suppose England, not choosing to go to war to maintain the Clayton-Bulwer treaty should join France and dig the Panama canal. Then there would be two canals always providing that we construct the Nicaragua ditch. Would either pay? The opponents of the Nicaragua scheme seem to have managed well for their interests and now if they can succeed in preventing the ratification of the amended treaty by England, they have delayed the canal construction, possibly indefinitely.

DISTRICT SCHOOL LIBRARIES. The state department of public instruction has prepared a bill which it will cause to be submitted to the legislature which if enacted into law will provide for creating in each county of the state a public school library fund. The county court will assess, at the time other taxes are levied, on the taxable property of the county a sum that shall be no less than ten cents per scholar as appears by the enumeration of school children as reported to the county school superintendent. This money is apportioned to the districts on the 1st Monday in August of each year according to the number of scholars. The directors assisted by the county superintendent of schools between August and November of each year select from a catalogue of school library books prepared by the State Board of Education, as many books as the money on hand will purchase. But if the district neglects or refuses to buy the books and thus establish a library, the money goes back to the county library fund to be re-appropriated at the next division. There are some other sections regulating the manner of keeping the library etc. The INDEPENDENT is not favorably impressed with the scheme though radical modifications might remove objections. Washington county is not the largest or most wealthy in the state, but it is about an average. The levy in this county would raise this year about \$500 to be divided among 5075 children. Five hundred dollars would buy quite a box of books if they were for one library, but when divided among a hundred districts the volumes would be too few to amount to anything. Take the two largest districts in the county Forest Grove with 440 scholars and Hillsboro with 435. The former would get \$4.00 and the latter \$43.50. The two libraries that these sums would buy would be far from respectable. Take district No. 1 with 57 scholars, the library fund would be \$5.70; District No. 76 with 8 scholars and a fund of 80 cents or District No. 83 with 12 scholars and a fund of \$1.20. The plan becomes too trivial to seriously consider. Men in trade or manufacturing enterprises fail when they have not enough capital invested. So would this library project. One of the first questions Bradstreet asks in taking items for rating a business proposition is "Has he sufficient capital?" In this enterprise who would say that 80 cents or \$44 is enough.

CHINESE NOTE—FULL TEXT.

The joint note of the Allied Powers was signed and presented to the Chinese Ministers last Saturday. The full text follows: "During the months of May, June, July and August of the current year serious disturbances broke out in the northern provinces of China in which atrocious crimes unparalleled in history and outrages against the law of nations, against the laws of humanity and against civilization, were committed under particularly odious circumstances. The principal of these crimes were the following: "First—On the 29th of June His Excellency, Baron von Kottler, while on his way to the Tsung Hsi Yamen, in the performance of his official functions, was murdered by soldiers of the regular army, acting under orders of their chiefs. "Second—On the same day the foreign legations were attacked and besieged. The attacks continued without intermission until the 14th of August, on which date the arrival of the foreign troops put an end to them. These attacks were made by the regular troops, who joined the Boxers and who obeyed the orders of the court emanating from the Imperial Palace. At the same time the Chinese government officially declared, by its representatives abroad, that it guaranteed the security of the legations. "Third—On the 11th of June Mr. Sujiyama, Chancellor of the legation of Japan, while in the discharge of an official mission, was killed by regulars at the gates of the city. In Peking and in several provinces for eigners were murdered, tortured or attacked by Boxers and regular troops and such as escaped death owed their salvation solely to their own determined resistance. Their establishments were looted and destroyed. "Fourth—Foreign cemeteries, at Peking especially, were desecrated, the graves opened, and the remains scattered broadcast. "These occurrences necessarily led the foreign powers to dispatch their troops to China to the end of protecting the lives of their representatives and that national order be restored. During the march to Peking the allied forces met with resistance from the Chinese army and had to overcome it by force. "Inasmuch as China has renounced her responsibility, expressed regret and evinced a desire to put to an end the situation created by the aforesaid disturbances, the powers have determined to accede to her request upon the irrevocable conditions enumerated below, which they deem indispensable, to expiate the crimes committed and to prevent their recurrence: "I. (a) The despatch to Berlin of an extraordinary mission, headed by an Imperial Prince, in order to express the regrets of His Majesty, the Emperor of China, and of the Chinese government for the assassination of His Excellency, the late Baron von Kottler, Minister of Germany. "(b) The erection on the spot of the assassination of a commemorative monument, befitting the rank of the deceased, bearing an inscription in the Latin, German and Chinese languages, expressing the regrets of the Emperor of China for the murder. "II. (a) The severest punishment for the persons designated in the Imperial decree of September 25, 1900, and for those whom the representatives of the powers shall subsequently designate. "(b) The suspension for five years of all official examinations in the cities where foreigners have been massacred or have been subjected to cruel treatment. "III. Honorable reparation to be made by the Chinese government to the Japanese government for the murder of Mr. Sujiyama. "IV. An expiatory monument to be erected by the Imperial Chinese government in every foreign or international cemetery which has been desecrated or in which the graves have been destroyed. "V. The maintenance, under conditions to be determined by the powers, of the interdiction against the importation of arms, as well as of materials employed exclusively for the manufacture of arms and ammunition. "VI. Equitable indemnities for governments, societies, companies and individuals, as well as for Chinese who, during the late occurrences, have suffered in person or in property in consequence of their being in the service of foreigners. China to adopt financial measures acceptable to the powers for the purpose of guaranteeing the payment of said indemnities and interest. "VII. The right for each power to maintain a permanent guard for its legation, and to put the diplomatic quarter in a defensible condition, the Chinese having no right to reside in that quarter. "VIII. The destruction of the forts which might obstruct free communication between Peking and the sea. "IX. The right to a military occupation of certain points, to be determined by an understanding among the powers in order to maintain open communication between the capital and the sea. "X. The Chinese government to cause to be published during two

years in all the sub-prefectures an Imperial decree—(a) embodying a perpetual prohibition, under penalty of death, of a membership in any anti-foreign society; (b) enumerating the punishments that shall be inflicted on the guilty, together with the suspension of all official examinations in the cities where foreigners have been murdered or have been subjected to cruel treatment; and (c) furthermore, an Imperial decree to be issued and published throughout the empire ordering that the Governors-General (Viceroy), and all provincial or local officials shall be held responsible for the maintenance of order within their respective jurisdictions, and that in the event of renewed anti-foreign disturbances or any infractions of treaty occurring, and which shall not forthwith be suppressed and the guilty persons punished, they, the said officials, shall be immediately removed and forever disqualified from holding any office or honors. "XI. The Chinese government to undertake to negotiate amendments to the treaties of commerce and navigation considered useful for the foreign powers, and upon other matters pertaining to their commercial relations, with the object of facilitating them. "XII. The Chinese government to determine in what manner to reform the Department of Foreign Affairs and to modify the court ceremonies concerning the reception of foreign representatives, in the manner to be indicated by the powers. "Until the Chinese government has complied with the above conditions to the satisfaction of the powers, the undersigned can hold out no expectation that the occupation of Peking and the province of Chi Li by the allied forces can be brought to a conclusion."

Their [Normal school graduates] ability as teachers in the common schools compares very favorably with that of the college graduates who have not received the normal training.—Astorian. We want the normal school graduates to compare more favorably than College graduates. What is the use of having a professional training if it does not improve the world? The graduate of a law school is a better lawyer than the graduate of a college. The graduate of the medical school is a better doctor than the college graduate. The attorney general in his interpretations of the act restricting state diplomas to qualified Normal school graduates, performs a service not only to the children of the state but to the thoroughly equipped teachers themselves. It is hoped that our representatives will support our bill making it easy for imperfectly trained people to get life diplomas entitling them to teach in the public schools.

E. Hofer, the ardent free silver luminary of the Salem Capital Journal is vigorously supporting Oregon's staunch old gold standard advocates. Hon. H. W. Corbett, for United States senator. Verily politics make strange bed fellows.—Roseburg Painesdancer.

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Advertisement for Baldwin's Cold Cure. Text: "Take them to-day and you'll be well to-morrow. Baldwin's Cold Cure. Tablet No. 33B (old in head). No Cure No Pay 25c." Includes logo and contact information for Delta Drug Store.

Advertisement for Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Text: "To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c." Includes logo and contact information for Delta Drug Store.

Advertisement for English Remedy. Text: "Aches, English Remedy will stop a cough at any time. It will cure the worst cold in twelve hours, or money refunded. 25c and 50c cents at Delta Drug Store." Includes logo and contact information for Delta Drug Store.

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Advertisement for Castoria. Text: "CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams." Includes logo and contact information for J. W. Sewell.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of W. R. Lewis, deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court of Washington county, Oregon, on the 21st day of December, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the time for hearing said account.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the estate of Henry Buxton, deceased, have filed on final account as such executors in the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Washington County, and that said Court has set Monday, Feb. 4th, 1901 at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day as the time and the County Court room as the place for hearing objections to said account and the final settlement of said estate. Dated December, 19, 1900.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION IN decree and order of sale, issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Washington county, in favor of Mary Yanson and Jennie L. Hapgood, executors of the last will and testament of Mrs. Nevada Nelson, deceased, and against S. H. Humphreys and Araminta E. Humphreys, et al., the sheriff of said county, I will on Monday, the 27th day of January 1901, at the south door of the court house in Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property to-wit:

Tracts 22, 23, and 24 of Amended Plat of Fairview addition, to the town of Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, to-wit: three-fourths of block "A" as the same appears on Plat of Fairview addition to Hillsboro, Oregon, Washington county, to satisfy the heretofore mentioned judgment, and for the costs and expenses of said sale. Witness my hand this 16th day of December, 1900.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ATTACHMENT IN execution decree and order of sale, issued out of the county court of the state of Oregon, for Washington county, in favor of E. H. Humphreys, executor and Araminta E. Humphreys, executrix of the last will and testament of Mrs. Nevada Nelson, deceased, and against Lucy E. Yates and Chris F. Yates, for the sum of \$27.50 U. S. gold coin, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the 21st day of July, 1898, and for the cost and expenses of said sale and of said writ: Now therefore, by virtue and in pursuance of said judgment, I will on Monday the 21st day of January 1901, at the south door of the Court House in Hillsboro, Washington county, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., of said day sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real property, to-wit: The West half of the West half of Section 14 and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 15 all in Township 2 North Range 4 West, containing 24 acres. Also the North and Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 15 all in Township 2 North Range 4 West, containing 24 acres. 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