

Br'er Talmage is again without a church, having resigned his Washington pastorate.

Present a bill to the average republican and it is dollars to burnt matches he won't talk prosperity.

The Cuban assembly evidently regards Gen. Gomez, whom it has deposed as Cuban commander-in-chief, as a carpet bagger.

Mrs. Gen. Pickett has written a readable newspaper article on the injury inflicted upon Christianity by the increase of "Churchianity".

With senators elected by direct vote there would be no failure to elect and no state would be deprived of its full representation in the U. S. Senate for indefinite periods.

In view of what he had done for the administration, it seems a little ungrateful for Mr. McKinley not to gratify Gen. Joe Wheeler's desire to participate in the fighting in the Philippines.

The ordering of American women away from Manila, by Gen. Otis, because it is too dangerous for them to remain, doesn't see with the claim that the trouble will all be over in a few days.

Gen. Fitz Lee's formal withdrawal as a candidate for the senate from Virginia, probably means that he is out of politics entirely, and that he expects to receive a commission in the regular army.

What in the deuce have the newspapers got to do with where a girl gets vaccinated? It is an infringement of feminine rights for a newspaper to say that girls are limping on account of vaccination.

Democrats can afford to stand pat and yell "go it Reed" and "go it McKinley" as the fight of the administration upon Czar Reed waxes warmer. The warmer it gets the more probability there there will be of democratic success next year.

If the California voters do not call down the men who tried to gag the press by enacting the anti-cartoon law, we miss our guess. The people have no weapon so effective against public rascals, of all kinds and conditions, as the newspaper cartoon.

The taxpayers of this county, especially those who had not noticed the amount of the levy, are "knocked off the Christmas tree" when they go to the sheriff's office to pay taxes. We do not know whether the board intended to pay off the entire county indebtedness this year or not—it certainly looks that way.

It is said that individual lobbyists have acknowledged pocketing from \$25,000 to \$250,000 each as their "whack" for legislation secured from the last congress. That's where some of the taxpayers money goes. Every Washington lobbyist is willing to testify that era of unusual prosperity is on.

The snow has gone off so slowly this spring it has not, as yet swelled the streams, but the ground in the bunch grass section is well soaked which will insure an abundance of range this season. Many cattlemen have turned their stock on the range which is not so good as usual on account of the dry season last year. There is very little old grass and the new is not sufficient growth as yet to be of much benefit.

The military court of inquiry ascertained, in Chicago, that tip top meat is now being sold to the government, but it ascertained very little about the meat sold to the government while the war was on.

If somebody isn't careful, those \$3,000,000 sent to Cuba by the administration, without a scrap of congressional authority, to pay for the disbandment of the Cuban army, will be worse than thrown away.

Thoughts and Opinions.

Most men are like horses—not much good for work until broke.

Although few people take it, they dearly love good advice.

"It's the little things that tell,"—especially your best girl's little brother.

People seldom improve when they have no other model than themselves to copy after.

"All's fish that comes to the net." Yes, but you hate to land a shark when you are fishing for suckers.

It was a mean man who excused himself from attending his mother-in-law's funeral on the plea of business, saying "business came before pleasure every time."

There are a great many men with axes to grind who never intend to chop wood; and a great many labor reformers who don't know how to draw water—nor peel turnips.

OREGON NOTES.

The Gilliam county court has indefinitely postponed the proposition to build a courthouse.

Portland has a curiosity in the shape of a blind man who uses a type writer with ordinary speed and accuracy.

E. H. Test has been elected chairman and H. DeJersey secretary, of the Ontario executive committee having in charge the establishment of a beet-sugar factory in Malheur county. The full membership of the committee is: J. M. Duncan, of Nyssa; T. T. Danilson, Arcadia; J. S. Millikin, Owyhee; A. H. McGregor, White settlement; E. H. Test, William Moffit, H. DeJersey, G. L. King, C. W. Platt, J. S. Pinkston and Stephen Carver, of Ontario.

Further arrests for violations of the nickel-in-the-slot machine law, says the Astorian, are not likely since the acquittal in the justice's court of the cases recently tried before Judge Hughes. Constable Wickman has endeavored to enforce what is believed by many to be the law, but the prosecuting attorney's statement to the jury that no such law existed is accepted by the constable as meaning that such cases will not be prosecuted. No further efforts will be made to abolish the machines.

A new Episcopal church is to be built at Heppner. Work will begin on it right away. The order for the lumber and other material has already been placed with Robert Forster, of the Pendleton planing mills. The structure is to cost about \$1500, and will be a very pretty church. Its construction is due to the energy of Rev. W. E. Potwine, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, of Pendleton, which is the first Episcopal church built of stone in Oregon and a handsome edifice. It is also due to Mr. Potwine that this church was built, his perseverance alone accomplishing the undertaking with the assistance of those who contributed the funds.

Miss Viola Allen, the "star" of Hall Caine's dramatization of his popular novel, "The Christian," has always aspired to be an author. She has said that there are two things which she would rather do than act: write a book, or be a trained nurse. She will now make her literary debut in an article which she has written for The Ladies Home Journal, reciting and explaining fully "What the Life of an Actress Means."

STILL SCRAPPING.

Gen. Wheaton Makes an Advance and Cleans up Everything for Eleven Miles—Oregon Boys in It.

Manila, March 19, 6 p. m.—Some of the rebels recently expelled from Cavite and the small towns in the immediate vicinity of Pasig combined forces and last night attacked a company of the Washington volunteers, a detached post at the Taguig, about a mile and a half southeast of Pasig.

General Wheaton immediately reinforced the Americans with two companies each of the Washington and Oregon regiments. The post had held the enemy in check and the fire of the reinforcing companies repulsed them, driving them across to a island formed by the estuary. They were thus in front of the Twenty-second regiment.

On seeing that they were entrapped, the rebels fought desperately aided materially by the jungle and darkness, but they were completely routed with heavy loss, after two hours fighting. The Americans lost two killed and 12 wounded, among the latter Lieutenant Frank Jones.

General Wheaton determined to punish the natives, and at daybreak today his brigade started in the following order: The Sixth artillery holding the extreme right; the Oregon volunteers holding the center; the Washington regiment keeping to the edge of the lake, and they Twenty-second regulars occupying the right of the line which swept the whole country along the lake in a southeasterly direction toward General Owen's position.

The line thus extended over two miles of country, rough and covered with thick jungle, advanced 11 miles. The enemy fled. The last of them being seen about 3:30 this afternoon. At scarcely any time did the men get within 1000 yards of them.

The troops are returning to Pasig tonight exhausted by the hard work under the hot sun. The Oregon regiment had one man killed and four wounded; the Twenty-second regulars one wounded. According to the official reports no fewer than 200 Filipinos were killed.

Still in the Lead.

During the past three weeks our city has been visited by many of the leading salesmen and members of firms from San Francisco, Portland, the Sound cities, Boise, Salt Lake, Omaha and other jobbing cities figuring with the firm of Orman & Crook, contractors, who are building the Northwest Railway, each endeavoring to secure an order for his special line. During this time the leading merchant of our city was keeping his eye on all matters pertaining to the above sale, as he did not intend to be outranked by any of the above firms, and the past week was his time for action. He secured an audience with the contractors, placed his prices before them, and the many advantages his firm has over any other to handle this business—advantages which no other firm could offer and which the contractors saw at a glance when presented to them—coupled with the prices offered by J. H. Aitkin, president of the O. C. Co., secured the business, including all supplies, as groceries, hardware, coal, powder, grain etc. This is another evidence that our city has a mercantile establishment the peer of any other in Eastern Oregon.—Huntington Herald.

Additional Locals.

Wm Morrison was in town this week.

Don't forget the childrens mask ball Saturday eve.

N. Conroy and wife are over from Wagonville.

S. H. Fry, representing Murphy, Grant & Co. is showing his samples to our merchants and taking orders this week.

Miss Josie Lecher closed a successful term of school at the Sed house last week and has returned home. She expects to begin a spring term on Crane creek the first Monday in April.

No danger of us being bothered by the spring pest so long as this weather continues.

Dewey reports the arrival of the Battleship Oregon at Manila and states she is in fine condition.

Jorgensen is still in business at the old stand, where you can get jewelry and watch repairing done or have your photograph taken.

Miss Rose Venator closed a very successful term of school in the Barnes district last Friday and is now the guest of friends in this city.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from Misses Turner and Rose Venator this week. A few of the young ladies at least are taking pity on us in our "widowhood."

The geese were surely mistaken when they began their northward flight, for it seems they have arrived here in the dead of winter—they have proved themselves "geese."

The entertainment given last Thursday evening at Lochers hall by the school children was a very pleasant affair and netted the school fund \$32.25. The house was well filled with an appreciative audience which came away well pleased with the exhibition. The "Nature Play" and "Patty Hoop Drill" were simply immense and speaks volumes for Miss Maude Ragon under whose instruction the Little Fairies and Frogs were.

E. A. Fraser, of the O. F. Co., returned yesterday from an extended trip to eastern cities in the interest of the firm. He purchased several carloads of implements and large bills of drygoods, hats, boots and shoes, clothing, etc. Some of his purchases have already arrived. He spent a couple of days with his parents in Indiana and reports having a most enjoyable visit but gives eastern weather a black eye.—Ontario Mattock.

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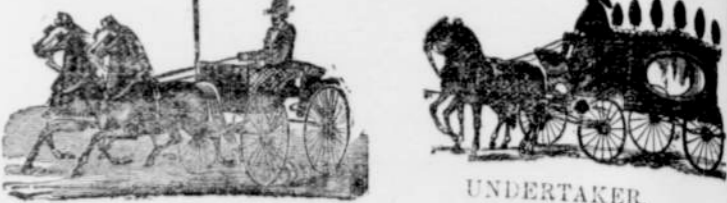
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