

It is stated that Hanna regards the beef combine as the largest prospective contributor to the McKinley slush fund of 1900.

Texas judges may yet have to require lawyers to give up their guns before addressing the court, in order to escape being shot, as Judge Cochran was.

The administration is said to have changed its mind about downing Gen. Miles and decided to make Egan the scapegoat of the beef scandal.

It is now admitted by war department officials that the government has a much larger job on its hands, in the subjugation of the Filipinos, than was at first anticipated.

Committees in search of material for a tip-roaring Fourth of July fireworks exhibit should not overlook the active Mexican volcano that is offered for sale at a bargain.

Col. Bryan's harshest critics, individual and editorial, are men who aided, directly or indirectly, in making Mr. McKinley president. This fact is worth making a note of.

The greatest insult yet offered Czar Reed lies in the suggestion that he lay down the scepter of speaker of the house to accept second place on next year's McKinley ticket.

The cost of ordinary cablegrams to or from the war department at Manila is \$1.57 a word, and if marked "urgent" which rush it through in one hour, the cost is \$4.71 a word.

Recent events make it appear that in some instances corporations are willing to pay more for votes than senatorial candidates; at any rate the corporations got the votes they were after and the candidates didn't.

The Louisiana board of health is giving practical evidence that it takes no stock in the bouets exchanged by U. S. officials, including a member of the cabinet, on the almost perfect sanitary condition of Havana.

Messrs. Gould & Clark are boring a well at the residence of Cal Geer in this city. It is their intention to sink it to a considerable depth, as an experiment for artesian water. The well is now 90 feet deep and the water is within four feet of the surface.

If in less than one year 21 per cent of our soldiers in the Philippines are victims of a loathsome disease, as Senator Mason says he was informed in the Surgeon-General's office, what percentage out of a permanent garrison can be expected to escape?

We see no reason why cattle should not command as high, or even a higher, price this spring than last fall. Reports from Montana and the section north are to the effect that there has been great loss—in fact it has been a hard winter everywhere—but the stockmen of this county have been more fortunate than those sections and their loss is not more than average. There is little doubt but the buyers will offer higher prices when it is found they cannot purchase at prices offered now.

Representative Livingston, of Ga., told a Washington reporter that the negro secret organizations of the South were seriously considering the advisability of going over to the democratic party in a

body, in hope of bettering their condition. It all depends upon what they mean by changing their condition, whether such a hope could be realized. The democratic party certainly has no political inducements to offer negro recruits—that is to say offices.

Hon Grover Cleveland, who recommended to congress that the U. S. withdraw as a party to the Samoan treaty, is probably not greatly surprised at the present diplomatic tangle with Germany on account of that treaty, to which Great Britain is also a party.

Gen. Otis continues to be victorious, which is natural for an American general in command of American troops, but the same proportion of killed and wounded in a few more victories would make it necessary to send a new army to the Philippines.

The opening of the Port-Arthur Ship Canal was a big commercial event to the great states of the Southwest. It will increase transportation facilities and at the same time have a tendency to keep down freight charges.

If Mr. Hobart is wise he will not bank too heavily on the re-nomination of the old ticket. Mr. Levi P. Weston could give him some interesting experience in that line.

Ohio is in no position to point the finger of scorn at Texas or Arkansas when it comes to shooting matches, with human with human targets.

Col. Watterson's prediction of squabbles within the democratic party is certainly not calculated to aid in the establishment of party harmony.

ANNEXATION OF CUBA.

The Policy of The McKinley Administration.

The following appeared in last Sunday's Oregonian:

Washington, April 1.—(Oregonian bureau, Post building)—Complaints have been made by certain Cubans that the lack of a policy on the part of the American government respecting Cuba will continue to be a source of considerable trouble in the settlement of Cuban affairs. The men who have made these complaints think that the United States government should outline definitely what it proposes to do, whether to annex the island or to grant independence to the Cubans.

This complaint, which was made not long ago with considerable vigor, has not called forth any response from those who are authorized to speak for the president. But those who know something of the administration's intentions say that the annexation of Cuba will be the ultimate result. No independent government is to be formed, but matters will be allowed to remain as they are, with the island in control of the United States troops until such time as the Cubans themselves, or representative men among them, seek annexation as the best solution of the existing problem.

It is quite likely that the democrats will raise objections to this policy, and claim that the Teller addition to the Cuban war resolution prohibits the United States from annexation before an independent government is established.

The non success of the emissaries from the Cuban assembly to get more money to pay the Cuban army may hasten things to a crisis. The delegates have hastily left Washington, very much dissatisfied, and will possibly try to stir up the Cubans to revolt against American control. One of the delegates said, before leaving Washington, that it was evident from the improvements that the United States was making in the island that the intention was to hold Cuba as a permanent possession. He also said that the Cubans love liberty above all else, and he could not say whether it would cause trouble or not. If the additional money had been given to pay

the officers of Cuba, they would, in a little while, be happy and prosperous, and the cost would not be so great to the United States as it is to maintain an army to keep order in the island.

Cattle Buyers Arriving.

Ontario, March 31.—More cattle-buyers arrived from the East today and although these now here are unable to fill their orders, the newcomers seem confident of getting cattle in the interior, and will push on into Harney county, despite the condition of the roads. There is an increasing demand for cattle and many who are now holding for a higher figure say that prices will reach the high-water mark in June and are willing to take the chance of holding till that time. The best price now offered is \$19 for yearlings and \$27 for 2-year-olds which is the best paid last year. Only the extreme outside districts are selling now at any figure, and it is predicted that the May shipments will be very limited this year, none of the larger holdings being out till in June, and maybe later.

D. A. Crawford and wife, of The Narrows, Harney county, who have spent the winter in San Francisco, Cal., arrived this evening on their way home. Mr. Crawford is a cattleman of the Harney lake country and, having retired from active operations in stock, has leased his cattle to his boys, and is taking a rest. The meadow lands along the Malheur and Harney lakes afford a natural pasturage for stock, and as the old gentlemen and his sons having secured several hundred acres of this land, their cattle are kept with comparatively little care. Wild hay is out in abundance along the lake front, but the natural pasturage among the tallies is sufficient to keep a vast amount of stock without feeding except in the severest of weather. Mr. Crawford says that his cattle wintered with no loss whatever, the average this season being 100 per cent. He says hay is reported in Harney valley as plentiful at \$3 per ton, and very little demand for it at that figure.

The above appeared in the Portland Oregonian of recent date. Mr. Crawford is a little mistaken in regard to the price of hay this winter, although no one suffered for hay it is sold readily for \$5 per ton.

OREGON NOTES.

W. S. Mason, the mayor of Portland, is dead. His illness lasted six weeks.

Bogus half dollars that very closely imitate the genuine are being circulated in the Willamette valley.

The town of Prineville has accepted Mr. Gates' proposition to supply it with an electric-light plant and a water system. This will cost the city \$10,000, besides the interest on the bonds.

There has been some newspaper talk that the Sumpter Valley railroad would be extended this summer so as to tip Harney county. The officials of that road say they know nothing about it, or, at least, so says the Sumpter News.

The teachers' association of Eastern Oregon will hold its first meeting in La Grande about the 1st of September next. J. A. Church of Baker City is first vice-president and Miss Gertrude Hedges is recording secretary.

The annual desert horse ride will meet at Lost creek, at the Egli corral, on April 25, and will begin riding the following day. The ride will embrace the country from Wagonside to Bear creek buttes.

Rev. H. M. Street is endeavoring to plant a colony on the prairie near Haystack, Crook county. He put an advertisement in an Eastern paper and received 88 letters from homeseekers.

Percy N. Olmstead, U. S. N., in charge of the hydrographical office at Portland, passed an examination at Mare Island navy yard and will rank in the navy as junior lieutenant. For the present he will be kept in his office but may be assigned to duty in the

navy at any time. Olmstead was formerly a resident of Baker City. A woman who gave her name as Miss Gordon was declared insane at Baker City the other day. She had been traveling about Eastern Oregon some weeks, leading two ponies, packed with provisions and clothing. One day last week she put her animals in the barn of Mr. Jackson, at Baker City, and then went into the house and began preparing a meal. All this she did without permission.

Additional Locals.

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

J. D. Moore and Charles Fry arrived in Huntington from Burns Thursday afternoon and were busy yesterday loading freight at the O. C. Co's warehouse for Burns merchants. These gentlemen are the first teamsters to come in from Harney county this spring.—Huntington Herald.

It is very probable that President McKinley will visit the Pacific Coast this summer. The Examiner will take pleasure in welcoming the royal guest to this section, and showing him the greatest stock country on earth. Mr. McKinley will no doubt come as far as Alturas by rail, and a delegation from Lake county will meet him there with John Coughlin's mule team, and a body guard of "lunkerroos" to escort him through the valleys.—Lakeview Examiner.

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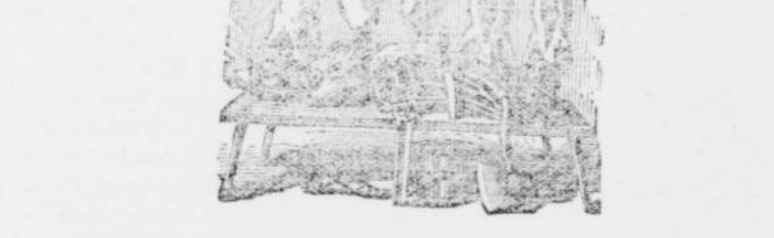
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