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THE announcement is now made that England proposes to evacuate the Island of Cyprus, it being further asserted that this has cleared the way for common action of the powers in Turkey. It was in June, 1878, that England agreed to protect Turkey against Russia by force of arms if necessary, and in return the Sultan ceeded Cyprus to the administration of the English, promising at the same time full protection to the Christian and other subjects of the Porte in all Turkish territories. A month before the treaty was agreed upon Lord Salisbury wrote in a dispatch that before her Majesy's government could enter into an agree ment for the defense of the Asiastic territories of the Porte in certain eventualities, they must be formally assured of the intention of the Porte to introduce the necessary reforms into the government of the Christian and other subjects of the Porte in these regions. There certainly could not, therefore, be any doubt as to the intent and meaning of the treaty in question, and yet Lord Rosebery in his recent speech at Edinburg declared it as his understanding that as the the convention, England had been vention had been a dead letter ever since it was signed. This is strange conclusion to arrive at, that so long as England keeps Cyprus the Sultan can go on massacring as he pleases. Still, if the withdrawal of England from the islands clears the way for a concert of action, it will be approved, although it is certainly a feeble argument that the evils against which the Cyprus convention was intended to guard cannot be done away with except by an abroga-

GENERAL MILES, comanding the army again presents his annual recommendation that the regular forces of the United States should be increased. The law now limits the army to 25,000 enlisted men. General Miles thinks the minimum should be one soldier for every 2, 000 of the population and the maximum one for every 1,000 of the population, the increase of the army to maximum being at the option of the president. A law in accordance with the recommendation would allow the president to create a standing army of about 72,000 men at present. In the same document General Miles points out that the Indians are becoming less troublesome every year and that fewer soldiers are required to handle them. Why then would it be necessary to nearly trible the size of the army? Merely so that more troops may be available to a "strong central government," to overawe strikers and the like-to be used when great capitalists and corporations ask for them. The recommendation is directly contrary to true American principles which include home rule to the largest possible extent in every division of civil government down to the smallest, upon the theory that the people are able to govern themselves. The European theory, which goes hand in hand with large standing armies, is that the people are not able to govern themselves and must be kept in the narrow path of order by a hedge of bayonets on each side of it.

tion of the treaty.

tion has been before the people of ment for a clerk to take an active Umatilla county. Mr. Hull fur- part in the campaign for free ther states in his paper that he coinage, it seems that it shold also has become tired of the question. So have all of us, and in the name of common sense, it occurs to us what a rest it would be to the people of the county to have it said that the legislature had adjourned for once without having to ans." reject the proposition to cut Umatilla county in two. It would be a rest. wouldn't it? To be sure it would, but fate seems to have decreed otherwise, for the good people of the county are again doomed to be confronted with the division nightmare, and perched on her back rides the Eagle editor, who says he is "tired of it."

THE civil service law will be very inpopular with office hungry rethe civil service laws are ignored | there are none on this earth. as they were by President Harrison until he filled the offices with republicans. In the railway mail service 95 per cent of the employes were republicans when Cleveland's administration began, and very few changes have since been made. In the state of Washington it is said to be doubtful whether there is single democratic railway mail clerk. In the departments at Washington, a majority of clerks are republicans who were protected by the civil service law. In the subordinate positions in the government service therefore there is little chance for the office seeker unless old-time republican employes are removed to make way for new ones.

MR, HANNA is degenerating into the national turkeycock. Since Mr. McKinley was elected he has been strutting around over the country in a way to show that whatever strong qualities he may possess there is a big streak of vanity Porte had not fulfilled or tried to in his makeup. The address at ry product last year was worth fulfill any one of its pledges under Cleveland about being the keeper \$34,000,000. of McKinley's honor and about the qually released from hers and the struggle to preserve that honor unspotted against all the world is a nauseating bit of maudlin bragging. If McKinley committed his honor to Mr. Hanna's custody he was taking a risk that could be assumed only in view of the great financial services rendered him by Hanna. Honor is a sacred thing and the parading of it by such men as Hanna is repugnant to all sensitiveness. We begin to doubt that Hanna will cut a big figure in polities after all.

> THE people of Oregon have no use for the numerous commissions which are drawing fat salaries from the taxpayers, and rendering but little or no service therefore. The members of the last two and the next legislature were elected on a pledge that they would abolish some of them. The past legislature failed in keeping the promise. It is hoped the next will not neglect this duty. There is no more useless expense than the \$10,000 annually expended on the railroad commission and \$5,000 for the attorney general. They should be abolished. The legislature will find ample opportunity for reform without touching those that are deserving and of common interest.

"Sockless" Jerry Simpson's sixteen year old son is wearing diamonds as a result of his father's mitted by promoters. election to congress. He bet every thing he owned on his papa and of voters, and particularly to prevent course came out ahead. He first great corporations of a quasiput up his saving's bank account, public character like railroads and and then his watch, ring, pony, banks from exerting under influence saddle and shot gun soon followed in election. suit. All he had left was his suit of clothes and an extra laundried away entirely with the free pass shirt. This was the condition of system for public officials and will affairs when his father returned also recommend the appointment home to Medicine Lodge the night of a bureau to take accounts of before election. The boy confessed prices paid for all states supplies. his enormities to his parent, who thereupon furnished him with 300 bright silver dollars. These were very soon staked by the lad and the end proved his good judgment.

A NUMBER of clerks in the treasury department have been summarily discharged because they violated the rules of the department by taking an active part in the campaign for the free coinage of THE Milton Eagle again ressnr- silver. How the President or Mr. ects the time worn division ques- Carlisle can justify such dismissals tion. For the past eighteen years, is not explained. If it was a results, easily and thoroughly. Mc. All druggists according to the Eagle, this ques- violation of the rules of the depart- The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

have been a violation for a Secretary to take an active part for the gold standerd. If President Cleveland wants to be consistent he should remove Mr. Carlisle along with the other "offensive partis-

resorted to a system of warfare that, while it is barbarous, will no doubt prove effectual. They have employed a number of Texas rangers to climb into tree tops and shoot Spanish generals, putting a price of \$1,000 on each general's head, and have offered \$5,000 to the man who kills General Weyler. The rangers are armed with rifles that weigh 28 pounds and will publicans after the 4th of next throw a ball five miles. The March. Tens of thousands of them | Cubans evidently believe in "fightwill expect office where there is no | ing the devil with fire," and if the chance for them to get it unless Spanish generals are not devils

CONGRESS will not have to do much during the coming session if it leaves things in a shape to prevent the calling of an extra said day being the first day of the next succeeding term of the above entitled court, and you are hereby notified that if is inaugurated. About all that is necessary to do is to pass a dozen or more general appropriation bills, reform the currency, increase the revenue, do something for Cuba, settle the Hawaiian question and pass 10,000 pension bills. If all this is done in three mounths, McKinley will have clear sailing until December. 1897, but if not,

ings and machinery of \$1,800,000, with an annual output of 40,000,000 pounds of butter valued at \$7,000, 000. The industry in that state is the growth of a very short period, and two years has witnessed an increase of nearly 100 per cent in the matter of production. Iowa's dai-

THE school question in Manitoba s not yet settled, and we very much doubt if it will be. This is a knotty problem. The protestants are opposed to making any concessions, and the Catholics will not be content with things as they are. This question may break up a half dozen administrations be fore it is finally disposed of.

Pingree's Plan.

Col. John Atkinson, who is recognized as Gov.-elect Pingree's nearest friend and legal adviser, when asked to state on what lines the governor-elect proposed to urge legislation, named them as follows;

Primary elections; doing away to a great extent with conventions for local offices and giving the people themselves more control in the selection of candidates.

Two cent fare on all the roads of the lower peninsula, at least. Taxation of railroad property the same as other property.

The application of the principles of the Interstate Commerce act to commerce within the state.

A vote of the people upon public franchises, such as street railway

The suppression of trust and monopolies as far as the state can go in that direction.

Laws against over-capitalization of corporations and swindles com-

Laws against the coercion of

The governor also proposes to do accept none for himself. He will The corporation are endeavoring to secure an organization of the house and senate hostile to the

Constipation

representative of the East Oregonian, said in relation to the pork packing establishment. recently established in

"We propose to make it permanent, and only failure to find hogs and a market for packing house products will cause us to cease carrying on the busi ness. Permanency depends, in a measure, on how the people here stand by the company. We do not propose to ask for any help from anyone, excepting that we want our stuff sold in town and are going THE Cuban insurgents have far the merchants have taken our lard and we have but a limited quantity left. When our other stuff is ready we propose to put it on the market and sell it

Regarding the report that Eastern capitalists are behind the enterprise Mr.

Mosgrove said: "There are none behind it now, but there will be by the time another season comes around if we make it go this season, as I think we will; and, in that case, a plant will be put in and the capacity increased until the company will do a very extensive business."

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Umatilla in the sixth Judicial District.

Millicent A. Willchen, Plaintiff

Robert W. Willchen, Defendant To Robert W. Willchen, the defend

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the above enti led court for the relief prayed for in her complaint, viz: For a decree of divorce—forever disolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the custody and control of the minor child. Ada B. Will-chen and the plaintiff may resume her maiden name of Millicent B. King, and and for such other and further relief as to this court may seem meet and equi-

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. Stephen A. Low-MINESOTA has 475 creameries tilla county, Oregon, on the 30th day of November, A. D., 1896.

PETER WEST, Attorney for plaintiff.

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tember 10, 1896.
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ber 15, 1896, viz: EASTER ENGLISH, H. E. No. 5564 for the swi sec. 32 tp. He names the following witnesses prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joshua Ambler, Josiah Colby, Benjamin H. Decker, Andrew J. Pierce, all of Vansy-

ole, Oregon.

B. F. WILSON, Register.

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