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Wednesday last was the anniversary of the Maine disaster in Havana harbor.

In the one short year that intervenes since that occurrence, many stirring events have followed each other in quick succession.

A war has begun and ended, in which our sailors have destroyed two Spanish fleets and paid back the deep debt due for the destruction of our splendid battleship and avenged the untimely death of their comrades who perished with the vessel.

Our soldiers have driven the Spaniard from Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, the treaty of peace has been ratified by our government, and Spain is no longer a power in the Western Hemisphere.

The chain of events arising from the tragedy in Havana harbor have not yet come to an end; the policy of expansion has been accepted by the American people.

This will involve the United States more or less in a complicated foreign policy. We must have the power to govern and control the territory we have acquired; steps must be taken for the judicious increase of our standing army, so that there be no lack of troops for garrison duty in our new possessions.

Our navy, though efficient, is far too small for the wants of a first-class nation. The American merchant marine is fast increasing, and will need protection should we become involved in a war with a European power possessed of a large navy.

The facilities of transportation have increased to such an extent that the United States cannot expect to continue in that exclusiveness which she has enjoyed in the past. Let the destruction of the Maine and the historic occurrences which accrued therefrom be an incentive to those in authority to be fully prepared if occasion required to hold their own against any nation on the face of the earth.

It is rather melancholy to notice that a great many of the pioneers and old-timers of the West are passing away. Hardly a newspaper that does not chronicle the departure for the great spirit land of some rugged frontiersman who, with ox-team and wagon, crossed the plains to California and Oregon in an early day.

What a journey it was, full of vicissitudes and dangers—not only from the accidents and chances that befall by the wayside, but also from the attacks of the bloodthirsty Indian. Looking back at the achievements of these men, we ask ourselves, have we degenerated? Surely not. Look at the numbers who have dragged their weary way over the passes of the frozen north in search of that same gold which lured so many venturesome spirits to leave the dangers of the overland route to California in the days of '49.

He who was captured without the loss of a man on our side.

The legislative session closed at Salem on Saturday last at seven o'clock.

Our lawgivers have proved themselves a most generous body so far as the profuse disbursement of the taxpayer's money is concerned. They have to be congratulated on the way in which the "combine and graft" have been sustained throughout.

It has been a plain case of you help me, and I'll see that your little game goes through. It is to be deplored that men honest in their convictions are forced to fall in with this order of things, and although knowing themselves led away from a strict path of honor, say it has to be done, our constituents want so and so, and we have to get the measure through at no matter what sacrifice to our better judgment; and so it goes—the many are fleeced for the benefit of the few, and the graft strikes, blooms and flourishes like a green bay tree.

On the 14th day of the present month, the 40th anniversary of Oregon's admission to statehood, a gathering of the state's brightest orators and sweetest singers assembled in Salem to do honor to the day on which Oregon was admitted within the folds of the Union.

The occasion brought forth some appropriate remarks from Governor Geer, and some well-chosen and eloquent addresses by such renowned speakers as Judge Williams, ex-Governor Lord, Hon. L. B. Cox and Mrs. Scott-Dunaway.

The proceedings were enlivened by a series of patriotic songs, amongst which we noticed "Peerless Oregon," "Just as the Sun Went Down," and the "Sword of Bunker Hill." The closing number was a repetition of "Peerless Oregon," the opening strains of which were interrupted by three hearty cheers for the soldier boys at Manila.

Twelve hundred and fifty carcasses of mutton sheep were recently shipped to Seattle from Australia.

What does this mean in a country so well adapted to the sheep industry? It means, among other things, that the enormous demands for Western sheep in the East has cleared our ranges to such an extent that we cannot supply home markets, and it points out the fact that the sheep business here is a safe thing, even though the price of wool is not what men in the business think they ought to receive.

The London Outlook says: "To leave the Philippines derelict now would be to let hell loose on the world." The Outlook has taken the wrong view of the case. If the United States would withdraw its protection from the islands, the hell of the world would be let loose upon them.

There will be a meeting of the gentlemen of Wasco county at Durfur, Saturday, February 25th, at 1 o'clock p. m. The purpose is to consider the question of keeping the Cascade timber reserve as a reserve for the ranging of cattle and horses.

SHERMAN COUNTY BOY CHOSEN. Oregon received a compliment at the great banquet of the Loyal Legion held in Manila some time past that should not be overlooked.

General Anderson was chairman of the committee on arrangements, and selected Major Eastwick as one of his co-workers. The major was asked to provide a guard of honor, consisting of one sergeant, three corporals and nine privates. He was informed that men of the best appearance were required. One of the men chosen was Corporal E. W. Booth, of Co. M, Oregon Volunteers, son of J. W. Booth of Wasco. Corporal Booth was well known in this county, and is remarkable for his fine appearance and soldierly bearing.

LARGE PRICE FOR HORSES. We learn from the Oregonian that Charles Chaney, of Amity, sold three horses to a Washington buyer for \$480, and that several others have been disposed of for good figures. This is encouraging to owners of horses, and clearly demonstrates that a good well-broke horse will bring a remunerative price even now. The horse-men of Eastern Oregon have for some years been unable to dispose of their stock except at a price which hardly compensated them for the expense of getting the animals off the range and having them properly broke. Within the last year or two buyers have again been looking for well-bred horses, and paying reasonable figures for a good class of animal. Notwithstanding the strides made in the efficiency of steam and electricity, there are several instances where the honest horse cannot be ignored, and it would in no wise surprise us if those men who have had the temerity not to dispose of their horses at a sacrifice realized a handsome figure for them in the near future.

Quite a sensational incident occurred during the debates on the Daily text-book bill in the house on February 15th, when the bill was passed by Editor E. Hofer to Wholly of Multnomah, and a vote of censure passed upon the former. The bill finally passed with a vote of 33 to 26.

Great Britain is preparing its most powerful battleships to welcome Uncle Sam's victorious fleet, and the old gentleman should recognize the compliment by including his best and biggest war vessels in the visiting squadron.

Silly society girls kissed by Hobson, actually wear a cornplaster patch on the part of the face Hobsonized, and call it "the Hobson spot."

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 10.—Lieutenant Howard, who was on the Boston all summer at Manila, has arrived here on a visit. He says:

"I met Aguinaldo and talked with him frequently through an interpreter. He is a mercenary, and made no secret of his real motives. The policy of the United States to crush him promptly is the correct one. It should have been put in operation sooner. Half the residents of the Philippines, and all who have any property, are eager for the United States to assume full control. The rest are influenced in some political manner by Aguinaldo, but this week's fighting will leave him without support."—Oregonian.

Willard Vanderpool, one of the principal stockholders in the Sherman County Wood & Lumber Co., is in the city. He informs us that the recent thaw has caused a considerable raise in the DeChutes, and that his company are taking advantage of the freshet to float logs from the mountains to their mill. As yet they have not had a good opportunity to try this means of transporting timber from the mountains to their milling plant, and he is waiting for the result of the present log drive. Those who are well acquainted with the river are of the opinion that the venture will be successful.—Times Mountaineer.

NEW LIFE AT HOOD RIVER. One of Oregon's most fruitful localities is about to take another step forward and have some of its natural resources developed.

Hood River is the point, and there are good times ahead for that vicinity.

The Davidson sawmill is about to be established on the bank of the Columbia river, near the mouth of Hood river. The grading is now nearly completed for the side-track that will connect the mill with the main line of the O. R. & N. system, and 17 carloads of machinery left LaCrosse, Wis., last Thursday, and will be set up at Hood River and be in operation by April 15.

Captain P. S. Davidson, the owner of the mill, is a pioneer lumberman of LaCrosse, Wis., and his mill there used to cut 60,000,000 feet a year. He is moving that mill to Hood River, and his five sons will share in its active management. The new mill will tap a vast body of virgin timber, and the current of Hood river will float the logs right to the doors of the mill.

Thirteen families, whose heads are connected with the mill, are now on their way to Hood River, and 37 additional families will shortly follow, which will make quite an accession to the population of Hood River.

The securing of this new and important industry was the work of R. C. Judson, industrial agent of the O. R. & N. Co. Last summer B. Campbell, general traffic manager of the O. R. & N. Co., suggested to Mr. Judson that he secure a first-class lumberman to develop that industry at Hood River. Mr. Judson knew of Captain Davidson's good record, and went to LaCrosse and made a showing of the situation. After a personal inspection of Hood River and the Northwest, Captain Davidson concluded to move his mill, and the results will soon show for themselves.

There is a probability that other large enterprises may soon materialize at Hood River. The Davidson Fruit Company has just bought land on which will be built a cannery in which all kinds of fruit products will be put up for shipment. The institution will have all modern improvements and plenty of raw material at its doors, for Hood river valley is famed for the large quantity and excellent quality of the fruit it produces.

Mr. Judson went to Walla Walla yesterday to visit the O. R. & N. Co.'s experimental farm, and perhaps to sow the seed for the establishment of some other new industry along the line.—Oregonian.

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A POLITICAL VALENTINE. (In Rag-time.)

(The following was received by W. H. Moore.)

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To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Michael King, deceased, will apply to the Hon. County Court for the county of Sherman and State of Oregon, and to the judge thereof, on Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1899, the same being the regular April 1899 term of said court, at the county court room in Moro, said county and state, for leave to resign her trust as such executrix; that the undersigned has filed with the clerk of said county court her final report and account of her administration of said estate, and that by an order of said court, duly made and entered on the 4th day of January, 1899, it was directed that Tuesday, the 4th day of April, 1899, be and is set for the regular April term of said court, at the county court room in Moro, said county and state, to be and is appointed as the time and place for the settlement of said final account, for the hearing and determination of objections thereto, if any there be, and for the hearing of application of said executrix to resign her said trust.

Dated at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, this 9th day of January, 1899. EMMA KING, formerly Emma King, Executrix of the estate of Michael King, deceased. J113

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