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FUNSTON is a featless, fighting soldier, all right, and deserves a rich reward for with his limited military training, is a

THE city council will do a just and wise thing by passing the ordinance allowing that from the latter part of this week she members of the fire department pay while working at a tire. They are faithful and hats every few days throughout the intelligent firemen; none better can be found anywhere, as their record shows,

EVERY one interested in the development of central and eastern Oregon will be pleased to learn that the suits pending against the Columbia Southern railroad have been settled out of court, and all the stock of the road is now held by that prince of rustlers, E. E. Lytle and his associate, W. H. Moore, the Moro banker. The toad will now doubtless be extended,

THIS morning's press dispatches say that the war department has received information from General MecArthur that Aguinaldo has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, under the terms of amnesty offered by General MacArthur by direction of the president. The dispatch conveying the information contained much more than was given to the public. The portion withheld related to the future disposition of Aguinald) and made suggestions as to what the late chief of the insurrection might accom-

MUCH pressure is being brought to bear on the insurance companies doing business in Sumpter, to make the rates other than prohibitive. Many of the local agents admit that the past and present scale of rates are unreasonable; likewise do the adjusters, one or two of whom have had to come here in the past year. The fact has become generally known to insurance men that. Sumpter has a water power and supply second to none in the state, and a volunteer fire department which can be mentioned in a like manner, and now that the city has what is virtually a paid fire department, its efficiency is yet further strengthened, making the fire protection such that no one is justified in paying bonfire rates any longer.

IF REPORTS be true, commissary offi cers of the American army, now operating in the Phillipines, have been doing all kinds of stealing. It is a noticeable fact that those accused of the crime are all volunteers; no Westpointer is mixed up in the scandal. The demagogues who assail that institution for political effect are forced to confine themselves to charges of hazing and the "aristocracy" scare crow, With the exception of Captain Carter, in charge of government work down in Georgia, no recent accusations of dishon- WILLIAM H. STROUT & SON esty have been brought against any graduate of the military academy, and even in his case the opinion is growing that he is being sacrificed to shield some influential politician. "The Point" turns out honorable gentlemen, as well as good soldiers.

THE Oregon Press Association announces that it will go to the Pan-American exposition in a private car, and its leading spirits are now hustling to raise Center, cor. High St.

money for the purpose of employing a band of musicians to accompany the aggregation of opinion moulders. The ridiculous pretext for this musical attachment is that it "will help advertise the state." The plan is to distribute advertising literature at the stations passed, to the music of the band. It is a fool idea from start to finish. The country press will never amount to more than it does at presentwhich is not so much as a tinker's damas long as it pursues this free lunch, free ride, dead beat policy Country editors will never be in position to demand their rights as long as they beg for and accept such courtesies, so long as they assume this role of objects of charity. If they would only stand pat for what is legitimately "coming" to them and refuse to be the beneficiaries of grudgingly granted having captured Aguinaido. Whether or tavors, they could pay their own way, not he is capable of handling a brigade, travel like other professional and business men-with a sense of self respect, even if assumed.

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