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THE annexation of Hawaii by this country was a foregone conclusion abroad. Foreign papers hardly make a reference to the matter, and none has offered an objection.

ONE of the signs of prosperity is the revival of railroad construction. The estimate is that \$60,000,000 will be expended on new roads in 1898, the largest showing since 1893.

THE conviction is growing in Spain that a tremendous mistake was made in courting war with the United States. Even Spanish foolishness can be modified with 13-inch guns.

AMONG the cities of the United States, Honolulu will be one of the first favorites as both a winter and summer resort. The thermometer there is noted for its moderate range and uniformity.

SWIFT & Co. of Chicago have secured the contract for supplying refrigerated beef for the troops in Cuba. The government guarantees the demand will last for three months and estimates that before the time is up more than 100,000 pounds will be required daily, as it is expected that much will be needed for Cuban soldiers and for starving Cubans in addition to that required for our soldiers.

CONGRESSMAN TONGUE arrived home last week. No announcement of his vacation plans has been made, but presumably he will need most of the time to look after his private affairs. He is entitled to it, having labored energetically and to good purpose for the public during the important session just closed.

THE movement for organization of the Native Sons of Oregon is meeting with no little adverse criticism. There are some things pleasant to contemplate in connection with such an order, and there are grave dangers also to be avoided. The danger is that it would sooner or later invade the field of politics, as it has done in the state of California, and become a disturbing factor in social and business circles as well.

THE first installment of troops for Porto Rico has gone forward, headed by Gen. Miles. Operations may not begin for several days. It is the avowed purpose of the war department to send an overwhelming force to the island, and it is hoped that the Spanish forces will be induced to capitulate without bloodshed.

THERE has been no unfavorable criticism of the conduct of the war from any eminent military authority, American or foreign. In fact, such seem to agree that it has been planned and carried on with remarkable brilliancy and dispatch. The world never saw an army of 300,000 men recruited, drilled and equipped in three months. It never witnessed such stupendous achievements in naval warfare, in as brief a space of time and with so little loss to the victors.

WHAT next? The government is capturing Spanish soldiers and sending them home on Spanish ships. Why not hire Spaniards to fight the battles?

THE tremendous exports of manufactures show that the United States will not have to depend in the future upon its agricultural products for its balance of trade. In spite of war and the increased home demands for products, America is the creditor of the world by an enormous amount.

THE war with Spain has taught us that merchant ships are quite as much a portion of the nation's military equipment, when engaged in a foreign war, as are armies and navies themselves, and that trained American citizens who are competent to perform the duties of engineers, seamen and firemen are just as necessary as is any other portion of our naval resources.

By turning to the county court proceedings in another column you will see that the deputy salary of clerk and sheriff is to be paid by the county. This may be politics but it is not business.

It only appears that way to persons who thought a majority of the voters could be induced to surrender their political convictions for a ten-cent bribe. If the fusion crowd had offered to run those offices free of charge for the next two years the result would have been the same.

THE dispatches state that the Cuban troops were very much chagrined because they were not allowed by Gen. Shafter to enter Santiago. Their course in putting to the sword helpless refugees from the Spanish fleet, showed what would have been the result of turning the Cubans loose in the city. Had President McKinley yielded to the loud clamor for recognition of Cuban independence, General Shafter would simply have been an assistant and the United States a helpless partner to every atrocity inspired by Spanish cruelty and injustice in the insurgent heart.

THE Oregon Agriculturist thinks that as a general thing the best time to sell wheat is just as soon after harvest as possible. We doubt if the aggregate of experience among farmers would justify the opinion, but as to this season's crop it adds: "There is a pretty general impression that wheat is not now selling at as high a price as the conditions of the markets of the world would justify. It has also been a long time since the farmers have before been in as good condition to hold wheat as they are at the present time.

NAVAL departments abroad are asking themselves the reason for this wonderful triumph of American arms. The answer will not benefit them much, because they cannot utilize the information in their own navies. To get at the true answer, it is necessary to go back to the early settlement of the country and study the character of the men who founded its institutions and left their impress upon the generations that followed them.

THE LAST DOWN-HAULER.

The New York Sun of the 11th inst. prints the following, under the heading, "No More Down-Haulers," as its leading editorial article: "The right principle to govern the settlement of territorial questions with Spain has been stated by nobody more forcibly and at the same time more concisely than by the Hon. Henry M. Teller, senior senator from Colorado: 'I believe that wherever our flag flies by right of conquest or by the consent of the people who will let it be put up, there it will remain, and the party or the men who propose to take it down will have to reckon with the great body of the American people, who believe that it is the best flag and the best government, better calculated to bring peace and prosperity than any other flag and government under the sky.'

back from Hawaii upon the Philippines, but, as Senator Teller says, they will have to reckon with the great body of the American people. They may form a party and adopt resolutions, and resort again to obstructive tactics to stay the westward progress of the flag, but the result at Manila will be the same as at Honolulu.

"The last of the down-haulers was Grover Cleveland, and the last down-hauling was performed under his orders by Paramount Blount at Honolulu on April 1st, 1893. That was five years ago, and the performance will not be repeated within the lifetime of any American now living."

THE Loganberry is a new berry recently introduced from Japan. D. W. Coolidge of Eugene, who is a horticulturist of some note, has experimented with them and pronounces them a success. The editor of the Oregon Agriculturist who recently visited his place writes as follows: "Loganberries, to the merits of which Mr. Coolidge has done much to call attention, were in full fruit, and the amount of fruit which they mature is beyond comprehension by those who have not seen the vines loaded as they were in Mr. Coolidge's garden. The berries are not very different in size and form from blackberries but in color and flavor are more like red raspberries, with also a strong suggestion of our wild blackberry which is in fact a dewberry. They are too soft for market but are excellent for dessert with sugar and cream, and when canned are considered by Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge to be fully equal to wild blackberries which are generally preferred to all other small fruits."

There are signs that the American people are hero-worshippers. Hobson is to be admired and respected, and yet the seven men who went with him faced just as deadly a death and braved just as many perils as did he. The same is true of the 400 brave unknowns who volunteered to go with him to sink the Merrimac. And what of the thousand or more gallant fellows who faced the Spanish cannon at Santiago, and died there fighting for their country. Far be it from an American to disparage the feat of Hobson, but along with Hobson why should we not give the other brave boys a share of our gratitude and plaudits. A hero is none the less a hero because he died in the act that won him glory, and we should all remember that the true insignia of a hero is not an officer's epaulettes.

A Washington dispatch of the 20th says: Arrangements practically were concluded by the government tonight for the transportation of the Spanish prisoners at Santiago from Cuba to Spain. The contract was awarded to the Spanish Trans-Atlantic company, represented by J. M. Ceballos & Co. of New York. The company agrees to carry the prisoners from Cuban ports to Spain at the rate of \$20 for each enlisted man and \$55 for each commanding officer, subsistence to be furnished by the company on the army rations as provided for in the government's advertisement for bids. The award provides also that the company shall have five ships at Santiago in nine days and enough to complete the transportation of the prisoners in 21 days.

THE Portable Pantry company have received a carload of their goods and were busy yesterday delivering to customers. Davy Caldwell took final farewell of the county treasurer's office this week, and is now looking for another job. He has made an efficient officer. Revenue Inspector Hobbs was making an official survey of the town yesterday. He says people pay the revenue tax cheerfully, and seem to enjoy contributing to the war fund. Most of them would rather lick revenue stamps than Spaniards.

LOCAL NEWS

Dr. Young's condition is reported less favorable the past few days.

Ralph Wortman and his young brother Fred are up from Portland visiting their grandparents.

Forest Narver is down from Sprague, Wash., superintending the harvest on the home place.

Morgan Baker has located an office for his private business with R. L. Connor in Union block. He has an office desk with as many conveniences as a portable pantry.

Word was flashed over the telephone Tuesday that Otis Thomas, well and favorably known in this community, where he has lived a good portion of the time during several years past, had committed suicide at the home of his parents twenty miles west of Forest Grove, while laboring under temporary insanity brought about by illness.

Judge Barnett dissolved the injunction of D'Arcy, to prevent R. P. Boise from taking his seat on the bench, and the old man is now holding court in Marion county. There are lots of people still living who believe Judge Boise is the only man who knows how a court ought to be run, and to them seeing him on the bench again will be like a reminiscence of the good old times.

G. D. Peebler of Stage Gulch was in Pendleton Saturday. He says the wheat of that section is better than it has been in 16 years. The yield will be 25 bushels to the acre, which is at least five bushels more than usual. Mr. Peebler thinks the farmers will sell their wheat for 60 cents a bushel, but before they will take less they will hold it several months. He says there is not a man in his locality who is compelled to sell, but they are all independent and can afford to wait for better prices.

While Oliver Lee and three other boys were bathing Monday afternoon about a half mile below Salem, Lee got beyond his depth and was drowned. Assistance was called, but the body had been in the water a half hour and all efforts at resuscitation were of no avail. An inquest will be held. The boy was about 13 years old. Both his parents were away from home, his father being at Grass Valley, Cal., while his mother was near Stayton, attending a campmeeting of the Saints of God.

Judge Ramsey has an interesting letter from his son, Sergeant Fred Ramsey of the battleship Oregon, dated July 7th. Fred is of the opinion shared by many others that the Oregon is the greatest boat in the world, and that she was the leading factor in the naval fight off Santiago. He mentions three shots fired from her big guns at the Cristobal Colon. The first was from a distance of five miles and went about 100 yards to the right. The next struck the pilot house and scattered death and consternation among the crew, and the third, from a distance of 7000 yards, passed completely through the Colon from stern to bow. Fred will likely be next heard from off the coast of Spain, it being understood that the Oregon will be Commodore Watson's flagship in the expedition about to start.

PAINT YOUR ROOF.

Common Sense Advice That Many are Heeding. It is good common sense everybody can understand, that from an economical point of view, the roof of a building needs paint even more than the sides. To preserve it from decay, prevent the growth of moss, and more especially to stop the present leaks and prevent others, is the mission of a thoroughly good roof paint, which until now has been rather difficult to find. So far as this community is concerned, however, Mr. A. J. Sargent of San Jose, Cal., has supplied the want by introducing his patent elastic cement. Mr. Sargent came here about six weeks ago, well endorsed by many patrons in the neighboring town of Independence, and after he had secured one job he had little difficulty in getting many others. He has covered two buildings for Elia Wright, the Cook brick, south side of Third street, Manning Bros.' block, H. C. Burns' business block, Mayor Christian's dwelling, O. H. Adams' block, Oddfellows' and Masonic buildings, both school buildings, Mrs. M. J. Clark's dwelling, and some others. To any or all of these Mr. Sargent can refer, and they are among our most substantial citizens. Fortunately for him, a brisk rain came after he had applied the cement to several of the worst leaking roofs in town and the result was that not a drop of water went through. It is just the thing for metal roofs and works equally well on wood. The ingredients which enter into it are tar, cement, brimstone and graphite, which it is claimed render it fire-proof, water-proof, very elastic and durable. Testimonials which Mr. Sargent brings from San Jose show that roofs painted five years ago are still apparently as good as new.

Hood's Pills. Restore full, regular action of the bowels, do not irritate or inflame, but leave all the delicate digestive organs in perfect condition. Try them. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Corvallis & Eastern Railroad TIME CARD. Notice. We will give one of the latest improved White sewing machines to any lady who will send us the name and number of the oldest sewing machine, no matter what make. Offer stands good for 90 days. Send address with information to Manning Bros' store or to J. K. Love, agent, McMinnville. 3m. Harry and Oscar Allen have completed arrangements for building a large twelve tunnel Allen fruit evaporator in Newberg, with a capacity of five hundred bushels of prunes a day, and will begin work at once in order to have it completed in time for the first ripening of the crop. The location of it will be at the head of the canyon near the Terrell tile factory. They will be prepared to buy green prunes and the price will probably be 48 per ton for green fruit, delivered at the evaporator.—Graphic.

Change of Climate Breaks Down the Health of an Oregon Man. What a Few Bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla Did for Him. "Our home is in Clark county, Washington. My little boy was taken with asthma when only two years old, and grew worse until he was five, when the physician advised us to take him to a dry climate. I resolved to go to the great wheat fields of Eastern Oregon and work in harvest, but I soon found my own health was falling. I could neither eat nor drink without getting sick. I was blind and dizzy. I procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it, and in a few weeks I was well and able to work every day. My little boy is now taking Hood's Sarsaparilla with good results." D. PATTEE, Wasco, Oregon.

Headache? Often a headache will not yield to favorite remedies that cure for others. The cause is not the one supposed. Defective vision causes more headaches than any other one bodily ailment. It is needless pain, too, for the proper glass will relieve.

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