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EDITORIAL NOTES & NEWS.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY is not going to stand any more nonsense, for the cabinet has sent the Peace Commissioners in Paris positive instructions as to the disposal of the Philippine question.

In an interview Senator Hanna said the war revenue law would have to be revised to meet existing conditions. "The war revenue measure," he said, "must be revised, but we will keep many of the original features of the law, simply because it is now necessary."

The Spanish soldiers at Puerto Principe refuse to return to Spain until they receive their back pay, who are on the verge of mutiny. They number 9500.

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The situation at Havana is very grave. Anarchy and revolt have prevailed since Wednesday night. Havana's militia have been in a state of riot for twenty-four hours and have been practically joined by the regulars, leaving Blanco with but little force to maintain order.

The elections last week resulted in a complete victory for the republican party, so much so that the republicans will have 54 members in the United States senate against 24 democrats and 10 populists. The republicans also con-

trol the house. This is as it should be. The elections resulted in fully endorsing President McKinley's policy, which every patriotic citizen must admit has put the United States upon a loftier platform, making the Stars and Stripes to be respected by all the European nations.

JOAQUIN MILLER, the poet of the Sierras, has done many things to mark him as a man of rare eccentricity, and as a last crowning act of his strange career he has perfected all the arrangements for his own funeral and the incineration of his mortal remains when his soul shall have escaped to the great beyond.

IMMIGRANTS to the United States the last fiscal year numbered 229,299, a decrease of 1,593 from the previous year. It is interesting to know that 3,030 were declared, thus showing that the utmost precaution is being taken to keep out people who are likely to become a public charge.

THE MARIA TERESA was reported to have foundered at sea in a gale. This is not correct, however, but her condition is almost equally as bad. The ship was abandoned by her crew because it was considered unsafe to remain on board.

PROF. CHAS. H. CHAPMAN, president of the State University, has resigned, which is to take effect the end of this school year. Very few will regret his departure from Eugene, where he is decided unpopular. All we need add that the State University needs a better man than Chapman to be its president.

THE PHILIPPINE PROBLEM.

Professor Dean C. Worcester of the University of Michigan, in the October Century: Can we withdraw and restore the islands to Spain? To do so would be to stultify ourselves in the eyes of the world.

But the Cubans have not been the only Spanish subjects to suffer oppression. By a strange chance we have it in our power to strike the shackles from other millions of unfortunates. What then are we to do? Has not every crime against civilization in Cuba been duplicated in the Philippines a hundred times?

Is it an answer to say that Cuba is near and the Philippines are distant? How many degrees of latitude and longitude measure the difference between right and wrong? True, we might have thought it hopeless to attempt the improvements of conditions in the Philippines, had not fate placed the power in our hands.

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HOW TO ASSESS.

Mr. Newell and the Headlight makes Practical Suggestions.

Mr. P. D. Newell was in Tillamook last week from Nehalem, and hearing he had some good ideas on how to assess property, we buttonholed him. At first he was reluctant to say anything for publication for fear that it might be thought he was complaining of our county officials, whom he has great confidence in doing what is right.

"The letter of our county judge in a recent issue of the Headlight calls to our minds that the difficulties encountered by the board of equalization arises from the fact that while all our assessors for the past ten years have been men of good judgment, they have never worked on the exact theory of assessment. Meeting a man away from his property, or on a different day from that on which he valued that of his neighbor, his memory cannot be depended on, and he puts an entirely different valuation on it to that of the property adjoining."

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One thing is certain, an immense lot of work must be done, and as time passes, a great deal of money expended to enable this town to hold the prestige that it now has. A few days ago the Dewey was landed at the mouth of the Tillamook river, and her cargo was discharged there, costing 60 cents per ton to be hauled up to the city.

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so, but a prosecution for making out and signing a false statement would have the desired effect. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to propose something in advance of the above suggestions, and if they have we feel sure our county officials would be glad to know, for they are all desirous of putting people's property on an equality now that public sentiment is in favor of a radical change to the plans previously pursued in making up the assessment roll.

SHIPPING FACILITIES.

Mr. Thayer gives Some Light on the Port Commission Proposal.

TO THE EDITOR TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT. SIR.—At the calling of the legislative session I was in Salem, and Senator Maxwell told me that any special legislation that was desired for Tillamook city could be easily obtained.

I prepared, very hastily, a bill for an act authorizing a commission to be called "The Port of Tillamook Commission." Upon reflection, I decided that it would be rather presumptuous in me to procure the passage of such a law without more consultation with my fellow citizens.

For intelligent, fair discussion of the subjects, our fellow townsman, Mr. A. W. Severance, has written a business-like communication in regard to it, while the other comments have been, so far as I have seen, entirely without appreciation of the subject and apparently contributed by people who imagine that in every proposition there must, of necessity, be some dishonesty upon the part of the proposer.

The citizens of Tillamook have either got to do this work or make such representations to Congressman Tongue as will secure its being done by the National government.

In regard to the water and light proposition, that is an entirely different matter, and one which it would have been better to have left out. It may be said, however, that the adoption, or rejection, of any and all of these propositions was left to the choice of the people to be expressed by ballot, and I presume the majority of the people may be depended upon to do what is right, in spite of the malicious innuendoes of some nameless scribber.

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it took money to bring that about. So it will in improving Hoquarton Slough, but it will be money well spent from a business point of view and will show the enterprise of the citizens in making a start to bring about this necessary and important improvement. We are entirely in accord with Mr. Thayer on this proposition. No doubt it would be more economical to contract for the dredging of the slough than it would be to go to the expense of purchasing dredgers and other apparatus. This would not necessarily bond the city, unless it was proposed to do considerable work on the slough the first year. We believe it would be the best policy to raise enough money by taxation every year to do the work gradually, but to appropriate a small and insignificant amount, which would accomplish nothing, would be a penny-wise policy.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

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May the wreath Clark won never wither, Nor the star of his glory grow dim; May the service united ne'er sever, But still to its colors prove true, The army and navy for ever, Three cheers for the red, white and blue.

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UP TO DATE POETS.

Let the World go by.

Your dog's your friend in sorrow When there's nothing left to borrow, When your money's gone and friends avert their gaze; He slurs their heartless laughter And he follows closely after In the footsteps of the man he's loved since by-gone days.

When you've a wife an children It's another proposition: They'll share your grief; to cheer you they will try. But when you're poor and homely And feel old and lonely, Tell your sorrows to your dog and let the world go by.

Tho' you're not enough to eat, And may be turned into the streets; Tho' you're lost your reputation, friends and gold— He'll not stop for grief or sin, But he'll stick, through thick and thin, For he loves you just the same, tho' you are poor and old.

Your dog is always sorry When he sees you're care and worry, He'll creep up close and look into your eye. He always feels your trouble; Tho' your grief and care be double, Tell your sorrows to your dog and let the world go by.

The Latest Yankee Girl.

Her dusty tint and melting eyes Proclaim the Porto Rican touch; Her skin anointed signifies To Isle Hawaiian she owes much; Long tresses, lips of betel stains— The Filipino's maiden pride; But of New York slight trace remains— At least scarce visible outside.

Perhaps she wears for ornaments Sharks' teeth and strings of cocoanuts, And naught of clothes. 'Tis no offense; She may live where no ice it cuts, Or Skaguay gold displays upon Fur gowns mosquito-bill inlaid, With diamonds of some defunct don— The fin-de-siecle Yankee maid.

Perchance she swears a Klondike oath, If it may hap to be her way, Or in her speech she's nothing loath To turn e to t-h— Pon-tha, not Pons or Poncie; or With a Sandwich dialect makes free, Yet Cupid's tongue will win her, for The latest Yankee girl is she.

Plaint of a Boy.

I dont see why it's 'spected of boys, To be just as quiet as mice, When every thing that's a growin' Don't sit still an' be so purcise! The corn is always a wavin' At the oats across the way; And I know when I've bin a-fishin', That the streams sing all the day.

Fact every thing keeps a movin' An' a-makin' lots of noise, An' the birds sing just as plain like, "Come, have lots of fun, little boys!" An' even the little boy sunbeams That came from 'way up in the sky, Always dance! An' they never get scolded Or put in the corner to cry.

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A Darktown Lullaby.

Sleep time, mah honey! evening' shadows fallin', Sun sinkin' down in 'a skies; Sand Man done reckons time now fo' callin'— Close yo' 'f' coal-black eyes! Close dem, mah honey! Sand Man wont' lub yo' Ef yo' 'sists to chat'nah dataway; Yander he's callin'! "Derry dum! derry dum; derry ditty ditty dum!" Dat's what a Sand Man say! Sleep time, mah honey! shadows am creepin', Creepin' up aroun' a cabin do'; Down in 'a meadow dem bullfrogs am weepin' Weepin' kase de sunlight had to go. Sand Man am walkin', sweet dreams he's bringin'— Doan yo' blink dem l'il eyes dat way Yander he's singin'! "Derry dum! derry dum; derry ditty ditty dum!" Dat's what a Sand Man say! Sleep time, mah honey! shadow done; foun' yo', Foun' yo' an' yo' po' ol' mamm'y too! Whippo' will am singin', singin' all aroun' yo'! Dess a sweet goodnight he means fo' yo' Sand Man! How do' sub! l'il one am ready, Ready fo' to dream 'a night erway; Chune up yo' singin'! "Derry dum! derry dum; derry ditty ditty dum!" Dat's what a Sand Man say!