

PASSING REMARKS

By the Tillamook Headlight Pencil Pusher.

NICEL-IN-THE-SLOT machines are not worth much now that the game is prohibited.

THE Oregon boys have been ordered to the front at Manila. Well, they're just the right kind of lads to sustain the honor of Old Glory.

THERE is a large amount due the state from the various counties for current and back taxes. Tillamook is owing the state \$11,646.58.

It will be noticed that the increase of \$8000 for Tillamook harbor in the appropriation bill for harbors and rivers is the result of the recent agitation by Tillamookers for the improvement of the harbors of this county.

THE board of county commissioners at its meeting next month should take up the matter of assessment in Tillamook county. The assessment, where property owners are not paying their just proportion of taxation, should be raised.

If the insurgents in the Philippines intend carrying on a guerilla war with our soldiers we shall lose many valuable lives in the struggle, not so much from the bullets of the enemy as from the dread climate fighting in the swamps, excessive heat and rain.

WHAT a golden opportunity some of our evangelists missed by not going to Salem for the purpose of converting, from the error of their ways, the grafters, the lobbyists and immoral routine who infest the state capital during the meeting of the legislature.

A DAIRY and food commissioner for Oregon is now assured. The bill establishing the office not having been signed by the governor when the legislature elected J. W. Bailey, a joint resolution was introduced confirming such election, and it was adopted by the senate.

AFTER the grafters have done their log-rolling at Salem then the purloiners get their work in and carry off everything they can pack away. There is some satisfaction they have left the capital buildings, but there is no telling but what the ingenuity of some of the legislators may do this at some future date.

If it is not considered to be a military honor to be court martialled in the army, nevertheless there is a financial "honor" about it if all officers receive the same liberal treatment as General Eagan, who has been granted six years' vacation with full pay after being found guilty of conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

TILLAMOOK is one of the counties exempt from the tax to be placed upon bicycles by the provisions of the bill which passed the state legislature. It would hardly have been right to have taxed bicycles in this county, for the small amount of money derived would go but a small way in constructing bicycle paths.

Poor devils! The Spanish captains who lost their ships after receiving hell fire from the American battle ships, are to be court martialled. Surely the American gunners punished them enough. If Spain is on to herself, she should locate the reasons why her fleets collapsed so suddenly with comparatively no injuries to the American fleets.

SINCE the ratification of the treaty of peace the majority of the great papers of the country have fairly blistered the hides of Senator Gorman and the other senators opposed to the ratification of the treaty, except as it should be conditioned upon a partisan resolution. They have been called traitors and every other name in the dictionary of invectives. Perhaps this is putting the matter a little too strongly.

THE attempt of certain politicians to deprive Salem of the appropriation for the state fair failed to accomplish their object. It was a sectional fight, or we should say the Portland graft against the Salem graft, in which the former was worsted. However, we cannot see why Salem should always receive this appropriation, for other parts of the state are just as much entitled to the money. It is time the state legislature was limited to the amount of money it could appropriate for graft purposes.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has decided to carry on an aggressive campaign in the Philippines and to rapidly extend the jurisdiction of the United States over the Philippine group in its entirety, acting on the theory that delay in this crisis is dangerous, and that anarchy and general paralysis of such interests as the islands support would be brought about through failure to promptly replace Spanish sovereignty over the islands with that of the United States. This is right and proper, and had not the United States senate fooled so long with the treaty of peace the president would have by this time had the insurgents subdued.

FAURE, president of the French republic is dead. In the present chaotic condition of that country, this may lead to serious complications. It would take but very little to plunge France into a revolution or European war. Strange as it may seem, the person who holds the position of president of France occupies an un-

stable station in life, for it is a most extraordinary fact that since the beginning of the present republic of France, with the first exception of the first term of President Grevy, not a single president has completed his term of office in a normal manner. Even Grevy resigned in the middle of the second term because of the scandalous proceedings of his son-in-law Wilson.

It don't look as though Tillamook city is getting a fair deal. The continued delay in getting freight by the steamers from Astoria is decidedly irritating to the business men who have to stand this kind of annoyance. If this continues longer the business men will be quite justified in making an agreement with another line of steamers. The products from Tillamook county's creameries require quick transportation to market, and if this cannot be obtained, then let us agitate for an extension of the railroad from Seaside into this county. Then, and perhaps, not till then will the creameries of this county be able to put butter sweet and fresh upon the market daily the year round and receive in return the highest price for the same.

THE Oregonian cracked the whip over the state legislature pretty loudly the past few weeks, and rightly too, for the business of the session devolved in legislative bill trading, consequently the legislator who was the greatest leg puller succeeded in getting his own bills passed. The merits or demerits of a bill cut but very little figure when the grafters wanted to railroad a bill through. The Oregonian undoubtedly correctly pictured the situation when it said: "This legislature, which it was hoped would be the best the state has had in recent years, is proving the very worst. Jobs of all kinds are being traded through it. Everything that carries an appropriation, or provides official places, is to go through, on the log-rolling plan. The upheaval of the politics of the state will come in time. But at the present time no argument against the greed of politicians who want places, or against the avarice of individuals and of localities that demand appropriations, can avail. The combination has complete control of the legislature."

THOSE who contend that trust companies are not a serious menace to the industries of the United States surely must be blind to facts. Right here in Oregon, on the Columbia river, we have an instance in the cannery combine. Here is what the report says: "The Columbia River Packers' Association has decided to operate canneries in its control during the coming season. Those which will be run are the Kinney, Elmore, George & Barker and Hanthorn canneries, Astoria, and the Cook cannery, at Clifton. The plants owned by the combine and which will shut down, are the Scandinavian, Eureka, Occident, North Shore and Aberdeen. The combine evidently intends making a supreme effort to secure a large portion of the season's catch, for, besides having tenders patrolling the river, receiving stations are to be established at Sand Island, Deslemona sands, North Shore, Cook's station, Knappton, Gray's river, Barney's point, Eureka. Scandinavian cannery, Seaside cannery, New Astoria and Fort Stevens."

ONE of the principal problems to be solved at the present time is: "Are the Filipinos capable of self-government?" It is well enough for Democratic leaders to stalk about the country, prating of liberty in theory, but liberty in practice is another thing. What this government owes to the Filipinos, and to the civilized peoples of the world, is a government that will guarantee liberty to the masses in the islands. It does not appear that the women over there are in the hands of liberty-loving leaders when they are compelled to don male attire and form themselves in line of battle to lead aid in opposing American troops, nor does it look like the light of liberty when hundreds of ignorant natives are stationed in front of the American machine guns, armed with bows and arrows. The Democratic leaders have failed to show us that Aguinaldo would guarantee the people of the islands a government founded upon the broad basis of the greatest good to the greatest number. The history of events, however, has shown us that he would be a despot far worse than the Spanish tyrants he would succeed.

WE hear a great deal from time to time from the pulpit about rescuing young men. Rev. F. H. Neff made an earnest appeal to a large congregation in Tillamook on Sunday to this end. We have listened to many like discourses by the clergy and have come to the conclusion that if young men are to be saved from making wrecks of their lives it requires something more than an occasion oration from the pulpit. We honor the clergy when it handles without gloves a question like this, but is not the clergy and the members of their congregations responsible for so many young men going astray? We will answer that question by asking another. Most of these young men having been under the spiritual instruction of the clergy from their early days. Why is it they let them drift away from Christian influences? Simply because the atmosphere in our churches is not made congenial for young people. There is bound to be a clash when young people, full of life, come in contact with the sanctimonious, long-faced Christians.

Almost unperceived the churches lose their young people one by one, but after doing so all the bewailing from the pulpit will not bring them back if other agencies are not used as well. It is certainly a source of much regret to see so many young men, some of whom have intellectual ability and godly parents who develop into hoodlums and then into worthless characters.

SAND LAKE.

The prospects are favorable for a new school-house here this summer.

Trout are plenty in our streams, 15 inch trout are not uncommon.

The Herald correspondent says there is to be a wedding here soon. We think he had better wait until he is old enough.

Eugene Atkinson, while fishing for flounder at the mouth of the bay last week, fell backwards out of his boat into about 20 feet of water, but being well supplied with that which whale have outside of their ribs, he finally raised to the surface and was fished out by his brother. He says if he had not one of those biscuits that Dan's girl makes in his pocket he'd been at the bottom yet.

It is everybody's business to keep the road open now.

Who can read about the snow storms and zero weather over nearly every other section of our country and then complain about our rain.

NEHALEM.

Indications now point to an early spring.

Will Reddaway took down a raft of logs on Monday.

At the regular meeting of White Clover Grange the following delegates were chosen to attend the convention at Tillamook on the first Saturday in March: Lillian M. Zaddach, J. S. Gray and Felix Roy.

A son of R. M. Watson of Tillamook is setting type on the Republican.

Nehalem seems to be exceptionally fortunate in its acquisition of a doctor, he having been very successful in his treatment of la grippe patients during its recent prevalence, as well as others whose ailments are of long standing.

The result of the city election on Saturday was as follows: Trustees, Jacob Kamm, Nick Drestoff, John Munsinger, Burmaster; recorder, W. W. Jacobs; marshal, C. A. Alley.

Prospects are now good for another sawmill, and also a creamery. These are the things Nehalem wants. Foster and encourage the industries the needs of the county demand and towns will follow naturally. There is not a ranch on the river but what could carry from two to ten more cows at present, and with the establishment of a creamery they would soon double, besides, other ranches, at present bare, would also be stocked. And we cannot have too many sawmills as the supply of available timber is almost unlimited and easy of access.

Mr. Geo. Broaden, of Oregon City, an experienced sawmill man, is here for the purpose of locating and building a mill. He can be sure of a welcome for this is just what Nehalem needs.

BLAINE.

Blaine people are enjoying pure Tillamook weather.

Born, Feb. 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Cady, a nine pound boy.

Rev. Dollarhide and family, of Beaver, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Blaine.

Rev. Dollarhide preached Saturday night and Sunday to a full house.

Rev. Swabb will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

Mr. John Brody and family, of Bowlder Creek, spent Sunday with friends at Blaine.

Miss Fannie Smith is now possessor of a first grade certificate. Success to Miss Fannie, and success is sure to the district that employs her.

Mr. H. E. Chapman started to the valley this morning over the Blaine and Sheridan trail to attend the bed side of his mother who is quite sick.

Blaine school house is now supplied with a new stone flue. The quite often occurrence of scaling the roof and extinguishing fires is a thing of the past.

EMMA.

The weather is a little stormy in this section.

The grip has been using the people quite rough around here lately.

Mr. Bush is laid up with a big boil under his left arm.

Mr. W. Groshoff has taken the mail off the hands of Mr. John Sloan, Emma's mail carrier.

John Sloan has been quite sick but is better now.

WILSON RIVER.

John Zurker moved his band of cows down on the B. Alderman's place on Tuesday.

Henry Leach bought several cows from Mr. Kelso last Tuesday.

Lewis Anderson went to Nehalem Tuesday morning.

Edwin Blomquist has returned from Sea Side.

Pete Norberg came down from Nestcott Monday and went back Tuesday.

Howard Thorell is working at the mill at Hobsonville.

Scott Boatman, who went out side little over a month ago, came back last week.

If it is rainy and muddy the Wilson river people are going to the meetings any way.

Andrew Anderson is doing considerable work on his place. Industry of this character is what makes a man, and goes a long way to build up the country.

L. G. Freeman's nephew, from the Columbia river, is visiting him.

The settlers around here will be glad when Rev. F. H. Neff resumes his religious services at the school house.

Mr. Nelsen expects to build a barn on his place in a few days.

Joe Freeman is out with his gun and he is making it lively for the ducks.

Gust Wicklund lost one of his most valuable cows the other night.

WOODS.

The emigration is still coming to Tillamook. A few days ago an eight horse team arrived at Mr. Kennedy's containing Mr. Mark and family and B. F. Mitchell and family, of Eastern Oregon, and J. W. Mitchell, of Salem. They were ten days making the trip from Salem to Woods. They are relatives of Mr. Kennedy's and all hunting locations.

G. T. Shaw returned from Salem last week, walking the whole distance in 2 1/2 days, and reports the roads not the best.

Orlo Chamberlain passed through Woods yesterday on his way home from Salem.

W. R. Robedee has moved his stock of merchandise into the Maud Compton building.

The cold snap caught almost every body with their potatoes very poorly protected, causing a shortage of potatoes in this vicinity.

A. J. Heater returned from Tillamook last Saturday, where he had been on a business trip.

Chas. Williams started Monday for Tillamook with his little pack train.

Joseph Clark, while throwing stones on the beach last Sunday, had the misfortune to dislocate his arm at the shoulder.

W. R. Robedee attended a Baptist meeting last Sunday and came home badly disfigured. Another case of poor tray.

Miss Fulva David, of Beaver, is visiting Mrs. G. T. Shaw this week, at Woods.

Miss Lottie Riggs and Miss Maud Knifong, of Nestucca, are visiting at Grandpa Ray's for a few days.

Bell Luallen, of Three Rivers, is visiting at Mr. Pollard's for a few days.

Frank Norburg, of Tillamook, is shaking hands with old friends in Woods this week.

BANK OF C. & E. Thayer.
General Banking and Exchange business interest paid on time deposits.
Exchange on England, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, and all foreign countries.
TILLAMOOK, ORE.

AT THE FRONT.

Oregon Soldiers Sent to the Fighting Line.

MANILA, Feb. 19.—3 P. M.—The California volunteers abandoned Guadaloupe church at 5 o'clock this morning, which has since been set on fire, and retired to San Pedro Macati. The rebels still hold the country in the vicinity of Guadaloupe Pasig and Patero, despite the efforts of the gunboats to dislodge them from the jungles on both sides of the river.

The heat is intense, and is increasing perceptibly daily. Under present conditions, it is impossible to provide shade for the troops in different parts of the line, particular McArthur's division. King's brigade is also exposed from San Pedro Macati to Culiculi, where it joins Owenshine's brigade.

Mr. Higgins, the manager of the Manila-Dagupan railroad, is believed to be safe at Bayambang, although no communication has been received from him since Friday. He was housed at Mr. Clark's place with his wife and family, and about six other Englishmen, some of whom are accompanied by their wives. While it is unlikely that the natives of the locality will harm them, it is feared that others from distant provinces might wreck vengeance at their expense.

In view of the fact that the enemy were concentrating on the American right preparations were made last night to give them a warm reception in the event of attack.

General Owenshine's line, consisting originally of the North Dakota volunteers, the Fourteenth infantry, and two troops of the Fourth cavalry, stretching from the beach at Camp Dewey to General King's right, was reinforced by two battalions of Oregon volunteers and three troops of the Fourth cavalry, as infantry.

The Buffalo's searchlight discovering the rebels unusually active about 10 o'clock in the evening, signaled the flag for permission to fire upon them, and, this being granted, bombarded the enemy's trenches for 30 minutes. The only effect of the fire was apparently to drive the rebels further inland.

Beyond a few ineffectual volleys from the trenches, which were returned with interest, the enemy made no demonstration, and all is quiet along the rest of the line.

Scouts claim to have seen General Piodel Pilar, who commanded the rebels at Paco, with his arm in a sling, directing the troops. General Montenegro, the insurgent commander-in-chief, is reported to be personally conducting the movements in front of General King's line at San Pedro Macati.

The signal corps is arranging signals with the navy for future operations on the left.

With the exception of the port of Ilo Ilo, trade with Philippine ports is still blocked.

Guerilla Tactics.

MANILA, Feb. 20, 10:10 a. m.—The enemy have apparently realized the hopelessness of attacking the American position, and are occupied chiefly by occasional sharp shooting from the jungle, whenever feasible. Fortunately, their ignorance of the use of sights minimizes the effect of the guerilla tactics.

The retirement of General King's advance posts upon San Pedro Macati has evidently been construed by the rebels as a sign of weakness, as they pressed forward along both sides of the river, persistently harassing the occupants of the town.

Last night the rebels poured volley after volley into San Pedro Macati from the brush on the adjacent ridge; but fortunately without effect. General King's headquarters in the center of the town was the target for scores of Remington and Mauser bullets.

The rebels are using smokeless powder and it is extremely difficult to locate individual marksmen.

FILIPINO PLOT.

Rebels Planned to Exterminate Americans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon from General Otis:
"Manila, Feb. 21.—Adjutant-General, Washington.—Following issued by an important — — — officers of insurgents government at Malolos, February 15, 1899, for execution during that evening and night in this city:
"First—You will so dispose that at 8 o'clock at night, the individuals of the territorial militia at your order will be found united in all of the streets of San Pedro, armed with their balos and revolvers, or guns and ammunition, if convenient.
"Second—Philippine families only will be respected. They should not be molested, but all other individuals, of whatever race they may be, will be exterminated without any compassion, after the extermination of the army of occupation.
"Third—The defenders of the Philippines in your command will attack the guard at Bilibid and liberate the prisoners and 'presidiarios,' and, having accomplished this, they will be armed, saying to them: 'Brothers, we must avenge ourselves on the Americans and exterminate them that we take our revenge for the infamy and treachery which they have committed upon us; have no compassion upon them; attack them with

vigor. All Filipinos en masse will second you. Long live Filipino independence."

"Fifth—The order which will be followed in the attack will be as follows: The sharpshooters of Tondo and Santa Ana will begin the attack from without and these shots will be the signal for the militia of Trosco, Binondo, Quilato and Sampaloc to go out into the street and do their duty; those of Paco, Ermita and Malate, Santa Cruz and San Miguel will not start out until 12 o'clock, unless they see that their companions need assistance.
"Sixth—The militia of Tondo will start out at 3 o'clock in the morning; if all do their duty our revenge will be complete. Brothers, Europe contemplates, we know how to die as men, shedding our blood in defense of the liberty of our country. Death to the tyrants! War without quarter to the false Americans who have deceived us! Either independence or death!"

The portion of General Otis' dispatch indicated by dashes the officials were unable to decipher to-night. There is no "fourth" paragraph of the insurgent statement as furnished to the press.

FIRED ON RED CROSS.

Hospital Staff Targets for Rebel Sharpshooters.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, says: The enemy were concentrating all day at the water works and in front of King's brigade. They became so nagging in front of King's position that the general sent two companies of the First Washington infantry over the Pasig river. They swept the country for two miles and then swung over to the river bank, opposite the insurgent trenches facing the American position at Macati, and opened a flank fire on the insurgents across the river.

Two guns of the Sixth artillery, under Lieutenant Scott, pounded the insurgent positions, while the troops from Macati charged and drove the enemy before them. Fifteen Filipino dead were found and four wounded. Two American soldiers were wounded by the explosion of Springfield rifles.

The declaration of Aguinaldo that he has made a humane war is a fabrication. In the past few weeks the Red Cross has been like a red flag to the insurgents.

Captain Pierce, of McArthur's staff, testifies that he has been shot at 50 times by sharpshooters in the provisional hospital. Not an ambulance or litter came which was not a signal for a shower of bullets.

The surgeons of the hospital corps, who were giving aid to the Filipinos as well as to the American wounded, were a target for the sharpshooters. A wounded man being carried from the field was killed by insurgents concealed in a tree. The Red Cross people are now going armed.

MILLIONS FOR SPAIN.

House Ratifies Cash Part of Paris Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A separate bill appropriating \$20,000,000 for payment to Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris, was passed today by the house under suspension of the rules. No amendment was in order, and an attempt to secure unanimous consent to offer an amendment declaratory of our policy not permanently to annex the islands, was objected to. Wheeler, of Kentucky, upon whose point of order the appropriations went out of the sundry civil bill, made the only speech in open hostility to the measure, but upon the roll call, 34 members—31 Democrats two populists and one silver republican—voted against it. The votes of 213 members were cast for it.

The senate bill to reimburse the governments of states for expenses paid by the states in organizing volunteers for services in the war with Spain, before their muster into the service of the United States, also was passed under suspension of rules.

Real Estate Transfers.

Feb. 16.—Henry Leach to W. Johnson, Sw. 1/4 of Nw. 1/4 and E. 1/2 of Sw. 1/4 and Nw. 1/4 of sec. 15 tp. 1 S. R. 9 W.
Feb. 17.—J. P. Lucy to Eliza A. Lucy, lots 10 and 11 in block 2 in town of Ocean Park.
Feb. 20.—Hy. Toht to John Ek, lot No. 1 of block 20 Toht's add. to Nehalem city.
Feb. 20.—W. B. Alderman to John Zuercher, bond for deed.
Feb. 21.—Mary J. and W. Cone to J. J. McCoy, 320 acres in sec. 7 tp. 3 N. R. 9 W.
Feb. 21.—U. S. to John H. Morris, W. 1/2 of Sw. 1/4 sec. 17 and E. 1/2 of Sw. 1/4 sec. 18 tp. 3 N. R. 9 W.

Notice.

Parties wishing to examine my Title to Land in Tillamook Co., Oregon, will please look on page 24, in Book L, Record of Deeds of said county.
F. S. FAIRHURST, Carson, Ore.

"There goes one of the hardest worked men in this town."
"How can that be possible? He's rich isn't he?"
"Yes, but he has three married daughters who work him for the support of their husbands right along."

Throw Away
YOUR MONEY if you want to, its yours, but if you don't want to and are looking for
Bargains,
You will find none better than at the
Racket Store.

We are making some prices that will pay you to investigate. We claim that we are selling cheaper than the cheapest, and you only have to examine our goods to be convinced.