

**GOVERNMENT WORK.**

**Hoquartion Slough to be Cleared Out.**

The Port of Tillamook Commission has received the following letter from Captain W. W. Harts:

United States Engineer Office, Portland, Oregon, April 18, 1899.  
Port of Tillamook Commission,  
Mr. A. J. Cohn, Vice President,  
Tillamook, Oregon.

Sir,—Your letter of March 30 was duly received. As you perhaps know, Mr. J. G. Holcombe, Assistant Engineer, is now engaged in making sounds in Hoquartion Slough and Tillamook Bay, from Tillamook City down to Bay City. I wrote him on March 30 to obtain the commercial statistics of Tillamook Bay for the calendar year ending December 31, 1898, for incorporation in my next annual report, and, therefore, it will not be necessary for your Commission to duplicate this work.

Please assure your Commission that the work of clearing out obstructions in the channel from Tillamook City to Bay City, and the construction of such structures as may be found necessary to improve matters at Dry Stocking Bar, and at the other bars, will be commenced as soon as the equipment required to do the work can be determined on and obtained—plans for this equipment are now being prepared.

Respectfully,  
WM. W. HARTS,  
Captain, Corps of Engineers.

It appears that some of the cyclists in Multnomah county intend testing the bicycle law. We are inclined to think that before the courts are able to render a decision whether the law is constitutional or not, some counties will have expended quite a sum of money constructing bicycle paths. So, no matter which way it is decided, the cyclists get the paths and in all probability the taxpayers will have to foot the bills.

What a bugaboo Secretary Alger is getting to be. One day it is stated that the president is going to dump him out of his cabinet, and the next day Alger boastfully remarks that he is going to stay with the republican administration to the end, or, in other words he declares himself a sticker and refuses to be dumped. Now Senator Hanna is going to try his hand, and if it is not in his power to dump Alger, he may be successful in sidetracking the bugaboo.

From General Lawton's statement that it will take 100,000 men to bring the natives in the Philippine islands into subjection is a good indication that the end of the war is not in sight. It was feared that it would develop into a guerrilla warfare, which is exceedingly aggravating to our army in a country like that, but whatever the difficulties to be overcome he natives must be brought to respect the United States.

**His Hope Wrecked.**

"Nelle," spoke the youth with an air of confidence, "only say the word and you and I will sail together on the rough sea of life, bravely buffeting its waves, trimming our sails to meet the adverse winds that—"

"No, Geoffrey," interrupted the maiden, "Not in this age of the world. The man who offers me that journey must offer me the first cabin passage on the steamer."

Whereupon Geoffrey sailed out of her presence with a decided list to port.

"Is he doing anything in politics?" asked the chatty friend.

"Absolutely nothing," answered the man who reads newspapers all day long. "Why he can't even get himself mentioned as a possible presidential candidate."

"You think you have good soldiers!" exclaimed the Filipino scornfully. "Why, I can beat any one of them in a 100-yard dash and give them weight for age."

**TWO LIVE PAPERS.**

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and

**WEEKLY OREGONIAN**

One Year for \$2.25.

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**SAND LAKE.**

Mr. James Atkinson was taken dangerously ill on Friday last, and at this writing is but little improved.

W. C. King has finished planting 25,000 cranberry plants, of the celebrated McFarland variety, the largest cranberry grown.

T. J. Harris lost a valuable cow recently.

One of our neighbors was seen carrying home a deer he had shot in the hills a few days ago.

Sandlake is without a school teacher. Is it a fact that the teachers of Tillamook co. have all got schools? And will our school board be obliged to send to the valley for a teacher?

Grass on the tide lands is nearly a foot high and the stock are looking fine.

Fruit trees were never as full of fruit buds. If we have no late frosts there will be abundance of fruit of all kinds.

**SPRUCE.**

Mr. James Christensen caught one bear and got the toes of another one this spring, and he also had the misfortune to get his own hand in the trap and was laid up some time with a sore hand. Better look out jim, bear traps are dangerous when you get your hands in them.

Mrs. Antone Shorton was visiting with Mrs. Otto Walther last Sunday.

Mr. Peter Amacher came in from Portland to live on his place and improve it.

We were informed that the Sand Lake road is getting very nearly impassable for footers, as Charles Atkinson lost one of his gum boots not long ago.

Mrs. J. D. Wallace received the sad news of the death of her sister, Mrs. John Marloff, last Saturday.

Mr. Otto Walther went to the Hub on Tuesday.

**BARNEGAT.**

Mr. Quick, of Blaine, was at Barneget visiting friends last week.

Mr. Frank Reynolds and brothers went to Hobsonville, Friday.

Mrs. Lottie Stanley is at Barneget, cooking for Frank Reynolds.

Mrs. Mary Day and daughter are visiting friends at Barneget, last week.

Mr. Frank Reynolds went to town Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. Tom Whalem returned also Sunday.

William McKenster is working for Frank Reynolds.

**GLENORA.**

Our school closed with appropriate exercises the week before last. The six months term was a splendid success and we deeply regret being unable to secure Miss Ross for the remaining three months. The folks at Garibaldi are to be congratulated, as we doubt if the state can furnish a better teacher.

J. F. Recher returned from Forest Grove, Monday. The roads are bad, but no bridges are out on the Wilson River road, notwithstanding reports to the contrary by interested parties. Forest Grove people had been informed that the big Illingsworth bridge was gone, and several others between here and Tillamook, while not a single bridge is out is the truth of the matter.

The school board have hired Mrs. Nancy Singleton, of Portland, for one spring term of school. She comes highly recommended, and is a Normal trained teacher of long experience. This district prefers Normal trained teachers, and we consider ourselves very fortunate in securing this lady.

Sam Smith is in Tillamook.

The river is quite high for April.

**HEBO.**

(This reached us too late for last week's issue.)

Mr. Geo. Nelson and his daughter Eva went to Tillamook last week.

The pretty weather started the Nestucca people to gardening last week.

The Hebo school commenced last week, Mrs. Ginn, of Dallas, is the teacher.

We need a sawmill near Mr. Ray's to saw up fine timber in about his place. Who will put one up there?

Mr. Rhoads started his cheese factory last week.

The April showers Monday and Tuesday of this week were like January storms.

Mr. Guy Ford, of Tillamook, has returned to Mr. Ray's to make cheese for him another summer.

Mrs. Redwine came up from Tillamook last week and stayed a few days on her place.

"Who will be the next?" was the question at the wedding supper Saturday night.

Mr. James Burk returned from taking Mr. Landingham to Salem, Saturday.

Truth will prevail,  
Though man doth fail,  
For she is right  
You can't put her to flight,  
If you attempt no fight  
You'll be heard into night.

YOUNG.

**Notice**

Is hereby given that I have reduced the price of the service of my horse, Solide, from \$15 to \$10. Insurance. No reduction in classes.

L. C. THOMPSON.

**BEAVER.**

Our merchant, Jos. Bixby, is still offering his entire stock of goods at retail.

Henry Elison is stopping a few days with his daughter, Mrs. Perley Hiatt.

Anyone wishing to homestead claims will do well to see C. Mills. He also knows of several good bargains in real estate. 87 acres of land, mostly level, quarter of a mile from school house, \$150; 640 acres, 200 acres in grass, 300 acres bottom lands in same. One of the very best stock, dairy, and bee ranches on the face of the earth. Price, \$2,400. A bargain.

Mr. Bixby received 1700 lbs of milk on Saturday, which he made into cheese. Some of the milk was two days old, but with the cool nights that we always have in Tillamook county in connection with the cold water, milk can be kept over one or two days. Then may we ask why, so to speak, shall we make a slave of the cheese maker? He surely deserves one day's rest out of seven, even if he does not see fit to go to church, which would relieve the church going man from hauling his and his neighbor's milk on Sunday.

**BLAINE.**

The nice weather put an extra long smile on the Blaineites.

Everybody was busy planting garden last week.

C. Ray and Mr. Commons were looking over our road last week and appointed H. L. Jensen as road boss.

Nathan and Dec. Moon went out over the trail Saturday after a blooded bull for Seth and Nathan Moon.

C. Mills, Geo. Mills and Sissel went to the valley Tuesday, via the Nestucca and Sheridan trail.

The latest emigrant arrival at Blaine is a daughter at Mr. Curl's.

Rev. Armstrong preached at Blaine last Sunday to a full house.

Our road boss has given those that contemplate going off to work an opportunity to work their road tax before going.

Mr. Roland bought a nice looking cow last week of Mr. Mowers.

H. E. Chapman and A. M. Quick went to the hub last week.

Our school district is still in need of a teacher.

The good people of Brown school district spent Arbor day in improving the school grounds.

**NEHALEM.**

Commissioner Wheeler has returned. The arrival of the tug is anxiously awaited.

Blackburn's camp is taking a temporary rest during the spell of bad weather.

Will Crawford and his bride returned to Nehalem on Thursday last, and were promptly serenaded by the rest of the boys who were left.

Mr. Warren, of Warrenton and Nekahni, is in, and thinks the prospects very bright for a railroad in the very near future. Welcome the day.

An addition has been put on the building to be occupied by Mr. Townsend's creamery plant which is expected in a few days.

H. B. Kerr killed a large bear on Wreck Heap slough one day last week; he is now hunting cubs.

The Rev. Dunlap will preach in the M. E. church on Sunday next, after Sunday school.

**WOODS.**

Harrison Booth, of Amity, formerly a resident of Woods, has been visiting at his old home for several days, and has now gone up the river to look after a dairy ranch to rent. He says that Tillamook county is good enough for him.

John Lady, of Amity, was at Woods for several days last week, negotiating with Mr. Malaney for the lease of his farm and summer resort.

Mr. B. S. Clark and the Oddfellows of Woods are constructing a new road from the Clark heights to Wood, via the Oddfellows' cemetery.

Mr. Geo. Raleigh, of Sheridan, has been here looking after his ranch and making arrangements to bring in a stock of groceries and campers' supplies, and left for Sheridan last Friday.

Rev. Gove, of Sand Lake, singing Evangelist, holds services at Woods every Sunday night.

On last Friday night about thirty of W. R. Robedee's friends met at his residence to celebrate his 27th birthday. After the usual hand shaking and present making they all repaired to Tioga hall, where several hours were pleasantly spent dancing. At eleven o'clock the host treated the guests to a nice supper consisting of pies, cakes, sandwiches, candy, nuts, hot coffee and peach cider. The Woods band was present and furnished some fine music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Shaw, Misses Belle and Zella Booth, Bertha and Alice Allen, Mintie Pollard, Fulva, David, Cleora and Laura Bixby; Messrs. W. D. Pristly, W. R. Robedee, Mr. Compton, Frank Buttz, Louie Fletcher, Laurence Shaw, A. J. Heater, Rietch and Guy Allen, Joseph Frank and Byron Clark and Frank Wilchart.

Prof. J. K. Buff was visiting and doing business in our town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace, late of Montana, are visiting with Mrs. Wallace's father, Mr. A. B. Pollard, at Ocean Park.

**HOTEL PERSONALS.**

**Allen House.**

Kilchis—J. S. Ellicott, C. A. Elliott.  
South Prairie—L. C. Quick, C. D. Ward.  
Ferndale—Fred Johnson.  
Portland—George Fuller, W. H. Morehouse, F. C. Remington, D. C. Remington, A. A. Bannam.  
Forest Grove—Mrs. Chas. Dolstrom.  
Garibaldi—Grant Marshall.  
Nestocton—L. P. Roy.  
Neskowin—Will Goaris.  
Trask—W. Curtis.  
Carton—L. C. Thompson.  
Nehalem—L. Cox.  
Langlois—M. A. Cox.  
Buley—D. Marley.  
Long Prairie—Jess Earl, C. E. Smith.  
Yamhill—L. E. Thompson.  
Wellington, B. C.—M. Beyer and family.  
Fossil Creek—W. Sappington.  
Hebo—C. Jensen.  
Bay City—P. Long, C. H. Hicks.

**Real Estate Transfer.**

April 12.—A. W. Severance to Eliza Severance, lots 12, 13, 14 and 15, blk. 1, A. A. Miller's add. to Tillamook.  
April 13.—U. S. to W. J. Himes, Ne ¼ of sec. 27, tp. 2 N, R 7 W.  
April 13.—State of Oregon to H. D. Newbury, Se ¼ of Ne ¼, E ½ of Se ¼ and Nw ¼ of Se ¼ of sec. 17, tp. 3 N, R. 10 W.  
April 13.—L. B. Seeley to Title Guarantee and Trust Co., Se ¼ of Ne ¼, E ½ of Se ¼ and Nw ¼ of Se ¼ of sec. 17, tp. 3 N, R. 10 W.  
April 13.—J. C. and A. C. Monroe and Eli Goodspeed to A. E. Imbler, lots 3 and 4, block 9, Park add. to Tillamook.  
April 15.—J. A. Monroe to W. H. Richardson, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, blk. 10, in Park add. to Tillamook.  
April 15.—Herman Boek to Frank Ekroth, 10 acres in sec. 13, tp. 1 N, R. 10 W.  
April 17.—Alfred Newman, by administrator to Lewis Paush, Se ¼ of Nw ¼ and Sw ¼ of Ne ¼, sec. 36, tp. 2 N, R. 10 W.  
April 17.—Lewis Parrish to M. H. Repley, bond for deed.  
April 18.—Claude Thayer to N. Jones com. 600 feet S. of Se. ¼ of block 22, Thayer's add to Tillamook S. 210 ft., W. 210 ft., N. 210 ft., E. 210 ft. to place of beg.  
April 18.—C. E. Hawke to Peter Brant, com. 600 ft. S. of Se. ¼ of block 22, Thayer's add to Tillamook; S. 210 ft., W. 210 ft., N. 210 ft., E. 210 ft., to place of beg.  
April 18.—U. S. to John A. Brant, E. ½ of sec. 19 and E. ½ of Ne. ¼ of sec. 30, tp. 2 N, R. 7 W.  
April 19.—Eliza Steele to J. W. Lundy, W. ½ of Sw. ¼ of sec. 26 and E. ½ of Se. ¼ of sec. 27 in tp. 2 S. R. 10 W.

**School Report.**

Report of Union school, Dist. 42, for the term ending Apr. 7, 1899.

1st mo. No. of days taught, 19, pupils enrolled 10; average attendance 9; cases of tardiness, 6. Pupils neither absent nor tardy, Kitty Hogen, Mary and Bessie Waymire.

2nd mo. No. of days taught, 19; pupils enrolled, 15; average attendance, 12; cases of tardiness, 3. Pupils neither absent nor tardy, Harry Hogen, Mary and Bessie Waymire, Clyde Hudson, Willie Werschkul, Lura Strong, Edda Demick.

3rd mo. No. of days taught, 20; pupils enrolled, 15; average attendance 9; cases of tardiness, 0. Pupils neither absent nor tardy, Kitty Hogen, Ralph Werschkul, Clyde Hudson and Bessie Waymire. Neither absent nor tardy during term, Bessie Waymire.

LUELLA FORD, Teacher.

DAVE ELDER reports to the Lakeview Register having lost 50 head of sheep by poison on his route from the desert into the valley. The sheep are so greedy for young vegetation that they will eat almost anything, and are most liable to be poisoned than later on in the season.

The John L. Sullivan show appeared at Astoria to a packed house, but as soon as the show opened, Manager Selig, of Fisher's opera-house, was arrested on a warrant sworn out at the instigation of the Ministerial Alliance. He gave bonds and the show proceeded. Later a warrant was issued from the same source against Sullivan. The warrant against him was not served, as he left with the company on a special train as engineer, dressed in oily overalls, jumper and peaked cap.

News reached the office of the Virtue Consolidate Gold Mining Company Sunday that a strike had been made in the Collateral claim near Baker City, Or., which runs \$2 per pound. This is the richest ore ever taken from the mine. The Collateral adjoins the famous Virtue mine. The pay strike is 16 inches wide.

"Johnny," said a teacher to a South Side grocery man's six year old, "a lie can be acted as well as told. Now, if your father would put sand in his sugar and sell it he would be acting a lie and doing wrong."

"That's what mother told him," said Johnny, impetuously, "and he said he didn't care."

**IN REBEL HANDS.**

**Party From the Yorktown Captured by the Enemy.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The navy department has given out the following dispatch from Admiral Dewey:

"Manila, April 18.—Secretary of the Navy, Washington: Yorktown visited Baler, east coast of Luzon, P. I., April 12, for the purpose of refueling and bringing away the Spanish force, consisting of 80 soldiers, three officers and two priests who were surrounded by 400 insurgents. Some of the insurgents were armed with Mauser rifles. \* \* \* natives. Lieutenant J. C. Gilmore, while making \* \* \* ambushed, were fired upon and captured. Their fate is unknown, as the insurgents refused to communicate afterwards. The following are missing: Officer previously referred to, Chief Quartermaster W. Walton, Coxswain J. Ellsworth, Gannet's Mate Edward J. Nygard, Sailmakers' Mate Vanhoit, Seaman W. H. Rynder and O. W. Woodbury, Apprentices D. G. A. Venille, A. Peterson, Ordinary Seaman S. Brisoese, O. D. McDonald, Landsman L. P. Edwards, F. Anderson, J. Dillon and C. A. Morrissey. DEWEY."

The dispatch caused much excitement in naval circles as soon as its contents became known. It was received late in the day, and considerable delay was occasioned by the blindness of some of the cipher words. It was impossible to completely decipher it, and the asterisks indicate the unintelligible words.

The capture of the Yorktown's men was discussed with much feeling. The misfortune was felt with added keenness, as the navy has prided itself thus far on immunity from reverses. The admiral's dispatch was the first knowledge the department had that the Yorktown had gone on the special mission to relieve the Spanish garrison at Baler. That the capture should have been effected while American forces were on a mission of mercy towards the Spaniards, rather than in the prosecution of a campaign, leads to the belief that Spain will have no further grounds for questioning the good faith with which the Americans are seeking to relieve the condition of the Spanish prisoners.

Although the dispatch gave no indication that Lieutenant Gilmore and his men lost their lives, yet great anxiety was aroused by the mystery surrounding their fate while in the hands of an uncivilized enemy. This is the first capture of any Americans, military or naval, so that it is unknown how the insurgents will treat our men. If civilized methods were pursued an exchange can be quickly effected, as General Otis has a large number of Filipino prisoners, but the insurgents have been averse thus far to exchanging Spanish prisoners, and this raises a question as to what they will do with the Yorktown's men.

**Four Thousand Volunteers Ask to Be Mustered Out.**

MANILA, April 18.—Over 4000 American volunteers have petitioned the government to allow them to be mustered out on the island of Luzon, with travel pay to their homes, in return for which they promise to form local militia organizations.

The provost marshal has raided the Filipino recruiting office in Manila, captured three or four officers, and also confiscated about \$100,000 which was to be sent to the rebels.

**May Drop Him Over.**

WASHINGTON, April 17.—It is stated that Chairman Hanna intends to call the executive committee of the republican national committee together for the purpose of outlining a plan of campaign. These is no urgent need of this, and the probability is that if such action is taken it will be to have party leaders consider what to do with Alger's case, and decide if it is really necessary to drop him overboard.

A republican senator said today that he did not think McKinley would cause Alger to resign, notwithstanding the recitation of the attacks in Eastern republican papers upon the administration of the war department. He expressed the belief that Alger would not have made his emphatic declaration that he intended to stay in the cabinet if the president had not given him some assurance of his intention not to force him out. At the same time the senator regarded it as possible that the Ohio political situation would determine the matter, and if it appeared that the state was likely to be lost, the Ohio method of disregarding anything else except success would be brought into play, and Alger would have to go.

Jerry Simpson is to publish a book entitled, "If the Devil Came to Congress." Well, he'd find folks there who could sit up with him.

"Biggest revival preacher we ever had here," said the country grocer, "was Brother Jarvis. Actually, when that man got through with 'em, the whole blame community turned in an' paid all its debts!"

"In Europe," remarked the indigent immigrant, "such a thing as a bath tub is unknown in the houses of the poor."

The indigent native stood aghast. "Why, where, then, do they keep their coal in winter?" he demanded, incredulously.

**CORBIN IS TO BLAME.**

**Responsible for Delay in Organizing Provisional Army.**

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Adjutant-General Corbin is probably the man most responsible for the failure to organize the 35,000 troops authorized by the last congress. McKinley is no doubt glad to put it off, but Corbin has been rampant against the increase, and denounces those who want the force called out as men who want to get places for themselves or their friends in the army.

General Otis long ago asked for more troops, but they were not sent, on the ground that it was useless to then send volunteers who would soon have to be replaced with regulars as soon as peace was declared. At that time, Corbin was behind the plan for a permanent increase of the regular army to 100,000 men. He also wanted a major-general's commission, but was successful in neither.

When the army law was passed there was a rush of congressmen to secure commissions, and Corbin took great pleasure in telling them that the president had decided not to call out the extra force. The president and Corbin both wanted to get congressmen out of a so that they could fix up the officers of the new regiments without pressure for the places. So the organization is put off six weeks, and no one knows how much longer. Alger joins in saying there is no necessity for the extra force, but he would join the president and Corbin in anything they said at the present juncture.

The Evening Star tonight editorially says that the demand on the president for the return of the Western volunteers is a political maneuver, and that "these anti-administration, anti-American politicians should play their game a little more frankly. The men in uniforms do not wish to abandon their posts in the face of the enemy, and leave their country in the lurch."

This is not wholly frank itself, as there are many honest men requesting the return of the volunteers in good faith, and because the soldiers want to come home. There are some politicians who wish to make capital out of it, but in this list there cannot be included republican senators and representatives from Nebraska, South Dakota, Oregon, North Dakota, Minnesota and several other states who are known to have asked for the return of the troops at the earliest day possible.

Senator McBride, in presenting his request, suggested that as Oregon volunteers were the first to go, they should be the first to return. He says the Oregon men want to come home as an organization, as do most in the Philippines. Each man wants a share in the honor and tribute which will be paid to the regiment at the home-coming.

Speaker Reed will decide today whether he will be speaker of the house again or a lawyer of New York with an enormous yearly salary. If he decides to go to New York, as it is believed he will, take a law office with Simpson, Thatcher & Barnum.

At a meeting of the chamber of commerce at San Francisco the improvements needed to make the harbor of Yaquina safe were discussed. The local board of trade will join with the chamber of commerce in urging the government to make an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of the improvements desired and urging that the work be commenced without delay. If the harbor is improved as desired, a line of steamers would be put on between San Francisco and Yaquina.

M. C. Wetmore, who was forced to sell his shares in the Liggett-Meyers Tobacco Company by the trust, called together 3000 employes of the company at St. Louis and made a farewell address, in which he said he dedicated his fortune and life to fight trusts. The men cheered him to the echo, and all pressed forward to shake hands with him. Wetmore wired W. J. Bryan that he would aid him in any way he could in his anti-trust fight.

Experts in the signal service branch of the war department were experimenting on Tuesday with a wonderful new telegraph system. They sent 120,000 words an hour, more than double the feat of Polluck at Vienna, whose achievement was called to America. The system is known as the sine wave system. Perforated paper tape is fed into the transmitting machine, and a similar tape comes out of the receiving machine. Both are run at the same speed by electrical motors.

"Would you call Uncle Amos a stingy man?"

"No, I should say he had all his generous impulses under perfect control."

"Let us take this question of the trusts," said the lecturer. "Look, for example, at the Sugar trust. The world produces annually about 8,000,000 tons of sugar. In other words, the average supply of sweets for every inhabitant of the earth—"

"He doesn't take the 'lasses into account at all does he?" whispered young Hankinson, in one of the back seats, squeezing the hand of the pretty girl sitting next to him.

"I wonder why your neighbor put so many blind windows in his new house?" "As a sort of confession, I suppose, that the house had a poor site."