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The supply of Oregon hops outside the hands of the Oregon Hop Growers' Association is growing smaller. Perhaps more hops are going to be used in the United States than has been estimated.

Salem needs not so much more people as more work for the people already here. New industries will provide this. The Salem Chamber of Commerce is laboring to secure more industries. Stand by this organization.

Inhabitants of Mafeking gave a baby show to decide which was the best baby born during the siege. The student of parental influence should find material for interesting conclusions in that show and the subsequent history of those participating.

The New York legislators have once more defeated the bill which comes before them each year providing for a state board to examine and license barbers. The Oregon legislators were more kindly disposed to their good friends, the tonsorial artists.

The important thing in the case of Porto Rico is for congress to reverse the right to provide for our new possessions governmental regulations fitted to the especial needs of each. The conditions are not the same; neither should their laws be all framed after the same dead-level of uniformity.

Chicago is smarting under the probable effects of the German government's meat-inspection bill, which contains a provision that is intended to deal a stunning blow to the American sausage. The Inter Ocean of that city says: "In attempting to injure the character and cripple the prospects of that interesting article of commerce, it may be truthfully said that our enemies in the Reichstag have done their worst."

The Salem Chamber of Commerce is expanding, as it should. Every business and professional man, and every property holder of the Capital City, should participate in the organization. It can be made a power for good. This is an excellent time for Salem to enter upon a period of substantial growth, by securing new industrial enterprises, to work up the surplus products of our farmers and provide employment for more laborers in city and country. Salem is the geographical center of the great Willamette valley. It should be kept the commercial center, and its position as such more securely established from year to year.

The improvements to be made in the state house are very much needed. The library will be placed over the representatives' hall, and the weight will be supported by steel pillars independent of the walls. This will be an economy of space, too, and it will likely improve the acoustic properties of the hall of the house of representatives, which have been very bad. The weight of one book, or a case of books, is not large, but, one by one, these have been added and are being added to the state library, until there has arisen a fear that the weight is too much for the support or that it will ere long. It is a relief to know that this danger, if danger it is, will not much longer be hazarded.

The Brooklyn Eagle, a democratic newspaper, has the following to say concerning the Macrum case: "The moral of the Macrum case is clear enough. The consul at Pretoria instantly became of governmental size. He knew it all and a little more. He knew his country was all wrong and was unalterably determined to make it all right. Nothing could be more incongruous than to keep such a big man in such a little place as Pretoria. In a short time he will tell the remainder of the story. It will then become clear that he knew practically nothing about exact South African conditions. The net result as far as Macrum is concerned, however, is that he now has nothing to do, and the moral is that it is not always a good thing to know more than anybody else."

THE TWO BILLS.

There are two Nicaragua canal bills before congress. They both contemplate virtually the same route, from Greytown by way of the river San Juan and Lake Nicaragua to Brito. The senate bill provides that the president shall

negotiate with Great Britain for the abrogation or modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty so as to enable the United States to own, construct, maintain, and operate the canal under its exclusive jurisdiction. When the treaty shall be abrogated and the president shall secure control of the territory necessary for the construction of the canal, he is to direct the secretary of war and three commissioners to construct a waterway along the route indicated.

This is a straightforward, practical measure, recognizing the difficulties in the way and providing for their effacement. In accordance with the provisions of this bill, the president, through Secretary Hay, has negotiated a treaty for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850. This new treaty has been referred for amendment to the committee on foreign relations, including Senators Davis, Frye, Cullom, Lodge, Foraker, Wolcott, Morgan of Alabama, Daniel of Virginia, Bacon of Georgia, and Money of Mississippi. It is hardly to be doubted that this committee will recommend such changes in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as will make it satisfactory to the American people. The next step will be to pass the senate bill, and the way will then be open for the construction of the canal.

The house bill introduced by W. P. Hepburn of Iowa provides that when the president shall acquire from the states of Costa Rica and Nicaragua control of territory necessary for the canal he shall direct the secretary of war to excavate and construct the canal. No step is to be taken toward the construction of the canal until the president shall acquire the territory. No provision is made by which he can acquire the territory. Moreover, Mr. Hepburn makes no secret of his opposition to the Hay-Pauncefote or any other treaty to secure the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. This is plain bad faith. It is an effort to bury the whole canal enterprise. It is a demand that the president do a thing which he cannot do.

An intelligent observer and friend of the canal project thinks the senate committee having the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in charge should amend it so as to eliminate all references to the Suez canal or European concert; so as to limit the signatory powers to the United States and Great Britain, and so as to provide that Great Britain shall not fortify any points in Central America, and then the senate should ratify the treaty and pass its own canal bill. The measure would then go to the house with such a public sentiment behind it that Mr. Hepburn and his transcontinental allies would not dare to oppose it.

It is the sincere hope of the great majority of the people of the United States that prompt action may be taken in the matter, to the end that there may be no unnecessary delay in entering upon the actual work of building the water way connecting the two oceans. This is important, too, for the welfare of the republican party, which is under solemn pledge in its national platform to construct the canal. There is no good reason at all for delay now. No one is interested in procrastination excepting the selfish transcontinental interests; those men concerned in the management of some of the railroads who hold narrow views and cannot see their greatest profits in the highest prosperity of all the American people.

THE SUN ON PORTO RICO.

The conflict that was fought out in 1898 between Spain and the United States in the West Indies was irrepressible. Cuba and Puerto Rico were as certain to be transferred in some way to the sovereignty or protection of the United States as the day is to dawn over the Atlantic.

In view of the fact that Puerto Rico was bound to become American and that she is American, the proposition to keep her in some degree a foreigner, excluded from the circle of United States trade, is repugnant to this country's sentiment and belief. This nation must necessarily, from its conception of itself as the dominating nation of the continent, object to maintaining a commercial barrier against an island that politically as well as geographically is a part of it. No local interest can prevent the rearrangement of our relations with Puerto Rico that justice and common sense together prescribe. Americanism is too strong to sanction a scheme so essentially un-American as not to bestow upon the conquered Puerto Rico all the American rights and privileges that she can advantageously receive.

Puerto Rico is as ready for free trade with the United States as she is for sunlight.—New York Sun. But how about the extension of the internal revenue laws also to Porto Rico? And how about the Philippines? There is a tail to this kite. This wooden horse of justice for Porto Rico may contain gifts that will not be appreciated by the people of that new insular possession.

It is said in political circles in Rome that King Humbert has decided to visit the Paris exhibition. He will be accompanied by the Prince of Naples and the Duke of Genoa. Communications on this subject have passed between the French and Italian governments.

Legal blanks. Statesman Job Office.

THE REAL CONVERSATION

Which Admiral Dewey Carried On With the Other Vessels of His Fleet on That Eventful May Morning in Manila Bay.

Here is the story of the Battle of Manila Bay, May 1, 1898, as Told by the Signals Sent and Received by Admiral Dewey's Flagship, the Olympia, during that Historic Engagement. It Has Never Before Been Related in this Form.

OPENING THE ENGAGEMENT.

- 12:25—To McCulloch: "Take station on port side."
1:35—To fleet: "Speed four knots."
1:40—From McCulloch: "Chief engineer dangerously prostrated; doctor desires consultation."
To McCulloch: "Impossible."
5:05—To fleet: "Prepare for general action."
5:15—"Port battery."
To Baltimore: "Take station on port beam." (Baltimore did not do this.)
5:30—To fleet: "Close up."
5:35—To fleet: "Speed six knots."
6:00—To fleet: "Pass." (Not answered on account of smoke.)
6:45—To fleet: "Close up."
7:00—To Baltimore: "Don't turn so quick." (At west end, Olympia turning; Baltimore started to turn out soon.)
7:40—To fleet: "Withdraw from action."
7:45—To McCulloch: "Take" (Not finished.)
8:35—To fleet: "Let the people go to breakfast."
8:35—To Concord: "Go in and ascertain, if possible, which ships are on fire."
8:40—From McCulloch: "Chief Engineer Rand died at two a. m."
8:45—To fleet: "Stop."
8:50—To fleet: "Commanding officers repair on board flagship."
8:55—From Boston: "My boats won't float."
9:00—From Baltimore: "Send me McCulloch's gig for commanding officers."
9:20—From Baltimore: "My last message is annulled."
10:45—To fleet: "Get under way."
10:46—To fleet: "Follow course and motion of commander in chief."

RENEWING THE BATTLE.

- 10:55—To fleet: "The vessel designated will lead." (Baltimore designated.)
11:00—To Concord: "Go inside and destroy transport."
11:05—To fleet: "Attack the enemy's batteries or earthworks." R (Baltimore began firing 11:15.)
11:30—To Petrel: "Pass inside and destroy" (Smoke rendered signal invisible.)
11:45—To Concord: "Go inside and destroy ships."
11:50—To Concord: "Destroy transport." (Mindanao.)
12:00—To Boston: "Pass inside; destroy vessels."
12:05—To Boston: "Pass inside; destroy vessels."
12:15—From Baltimore: "Have only twenty more 8-inch common shells left."
12:18—To Concord: "Proceed on service with dispatch."
12:25—To Petrel: "Go inside; destroy shipping."
12:40—From Concord: "Shall I send boat to burn vessel on right?" (Transport Mindanao.)
12:42—To Concord: "Yes."
12:45—From Boston: "Our engine telegraph is disabled."
12:55—From Raleigh: "We cannot go inshore any further."
12:57—To McCulloch: "Come within hail."
1:10—To Petrel: "Bring off boats of Spanish ships."
1:15—To Raleigh: "Repeat signals." board Baltimore.)
1:20—To McCulloch: "Send boat for consul." (Consul Williams.)
1:20—To fleet: "Prepare to anchor."

SURRENDER ANNOUNCED.

- 1:25—From Petrel or Concord: "White flag showing on government building."
1:35—To Baltimore: "Anchor ahead of this vessel."
2:00—To fleet: "Anchor at discretion."
2:18—To Nanshan and Zafiro: "Anchor at discretion."
2:24—To Baltimore: "Anchor at discretion."
2:40—To Boston and Raleigh: "Anchor at discretion."
2:45—To Baltimore: "Don't anchor too near."
3:00—From Petrel: "There are eight ships behind breakerwater."
3:00—From McCulloch: "Send boat for officers."
3:10—From Concord: "Has admiral orders for me?"
3:25—From Concord: "Communicate; will send an officer."
3:30—To Boston, Raleigh and Baltimore: "Bank fires."
3:40—Concord to Olympia: "I report in obedience to signals to Captain Walker."
3:50—To Concord: "Commanding officer, repair on board flagship."
3:52—To Concord: "Anchor at discretion."
3:55—To Boston: "Take the guard." (Duty.)
4:10—To Concord: "Come within hail."
4:11—To Boston: "Get under way."
4:12—To Boston: "Excused from guard." (Duty.)
4:13—To Raleigh: "Take guard."
4:30—To Raleigh: "You had better coal from Nanshan tomorrow."
4:45—From McCulloch: "Permission to anchor." (Request.)
4:47—To McCulloch: "Yes."

5:24—To McCulloch: "Be ready to get under way."
11:00—From Concord: "We have Spanish officers with important letter for commander in chief on board."

MADE A PAYMENT.—One insurance company filed a statement of its 1899 business in the state treasury yesterday, together with the amount of its tax. The statement shows the following statistics: Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, of Liverpool, England—Gross receipts, \$54,431.38; premiums returned, \$7589.70; losses paid, \$24,361.92; net receipts, \$22,579.62; tax paid \$451.60.

THE MOTHER-COUNTRY.

Warwick—England keeps getting friendlier than ever to us since she got into trouble with the Transvaal. Wickwire—Yes. She now claims that she sympathized with us in our war with the Hessians last century.—Judge.

THE CASH BALANCE

MARION COUNTY'S FUNDS ARE RUNNING SOMEWHAT LOW.

Treasurer A. L. Downing, in His Monthly Statement, Shows the Condition of the People's Money.

The cash balance in the treasury of Marion county is gradually declining, and has reached a lower level, by about \$2300, than the amount on hand February 1st. County Treasurer A. L. Downing gave out a statement yesterday, showing the condition of the various funds in the treasury, the amounts received and disbursed, and the balance on hand. As the collection of taxes has not commenced yet, and the amount of fees received is insufficient to meet the expenses of the county offices, the balance on hand will be almost entirely obliterated before the collection of taxes will again reimburse the treasury. As the collection of taxes will probably begin by the 10th of this month, there is no fear but what sufficient funds will be on hand to meet all demands by March 31st.

The outstanding indebtedness of Marion county is gradually being reduced, the county being very little over a year behind in its warrants, and it is expected that one more year of careful management of the financial affairs of the county will result in the taking up of the last of the interest bearing, outstanding warrants.

The statement given out by the county treasurer yesterday gives the following statistics:

Table with columns for fund names and amounts. Includes Special City and School Dist. Fund, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Disbursements, Cash on hand March 1st, General Fund, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Disbursements, Total, Cash on hand March 1st, Indigent Soldier Fund, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Disbursements, Total, Cash on hand March 1st, Institute Fund, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Cash on hand March 1st, Tax Sale Fund, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Cash on hand March 1st, Bicycle Fund, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Disbursements, Cash on hand March 1st, Summary of Totals, Cash on hand Feb. 1st, Disbursements, Total, Cash on hand March 1st.

PROPERTY SALES RECORDED.

Other Documents Filed at the Court House Yesterday—Several Mortgages Received.

In the department of records, at the Marion county court house, yesterday, four mortgages were filed, aggregating \$2580; one chattel mortgage for \$234, and a balance of \$771.91, on a \$300 mortgage. Four deeds were filed aggregating \$1925, as follows: Charles Scott, assignee of the Oregon Land Company, to Eber J. Pearson, the east half of lots No. 1, 2, and 6, Sunnyside Fruit Farm No. 13, assignee's deed \$1105; Charles Scott, assignee of the Oregon Land Co., to L. M. Crozer, the west half of lots No. 1, 2, and 6, Sunnyside Fruit Farm No. 13, assignee's deed \$818; W. P. McMillan, and wife to the Salem Building and Loan Association, part of lot No. 1, block No. 8, Salem c. d. \$100; Oregon Land Company to Charles Scott, lots No. 1, 2, and 6, Sunnyside Fruit Farm No. 13, correction deed \$1925.

Grief and pain come alike to all, and cannot be escaped by any; broken hearts are to be found in palaces as well as in cottages, and the bond of brotherhood seems strongest when love and pity unite all hearts and reverence for what is good lifts up our souls.

That best becomes a man which he is by nature intended to perform.

A SUSPECT JAILED

STAYTON MAN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH STEALING A WATCH.

Was Later Released for Want of Proof—Social Bits from That Interesting Little City.

STAYTON (Or.), Feb. 28.—Ed Lang was taken into custody Tuesday, by Marshal Smith, for the larceny of a watch from the Farmers' hotel. The land lady heard him entering various rooms after the other guests had arisen in the morning, and later discovered the absence of a watch from Frank Sylhavia's room. The arrest was made about 10 o'clock, and Lang was lodged in jail till afternoon when he was searched. No trace of the missing property was found on his person and he was released, for lack of proof.

A farewell party was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Davis, at their home in this city, Monday evening, it being the eve of their departure for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they expect to take up their abode. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have won many friends during their two years residence in Stayton, and will be greatly missed from social circles.

An old fashioned charivari was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fisher Saturday evening at their cottage on 2d street, in honor of the return of Mrs. Fisher, from an extended visit in Washington. As the charivari party brought the "treats" with them, Joe opened the doors in his hospitable manner and bade them enter. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Frater, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, Edythe Caspell, Lillian Elder, Earnest Long and Jake Missler.

E. F. Bennett, editor of The Stayton Mail, has leased the building formerly occupied by the Derbyshire drug store, and is having it fitted up ready for occupancy.

Some villainous person has been administering poison to valuable dogs of late; several good dogs have died from the effects and others have been violently ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leffler, of Scio, visited at the home of Henry Follis in this city Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Brown is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Harden, in Corvallis.

J. E. Yeoman has purchased the little cottage just back of the livery stable and has moved his household effects there.

L. A. Thomas is papering and otherwise touching up the home recently purchased on First street, preparatory to moving in.

Miss Alta Waters, who has been in Corvallis for several months past, returned to her home here last Friday.

Ora Cowder returned to this city Tuesday, after an absence of almost a year, spent in Idaho and Washington.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS TRIP.

Rev. G. W. Grannis Returns from Eastern Oregon, Where He Worked for the Old Willamette.

Rev. G. W. Grannis, financial and endowment agent of Willamette University, has arrived home from a trip to Eastern Oregon and Washington. He was gone twenty-three days, and in that time he made twenty-three addresses, in each of which he told of the merits of our big institution. Mr. Grannis also distributed many copies of a new folder which has recently been one of the advantages and the work of the different departments of the University.

He reports a decidedly favorable interest among the people east of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington concerning the advantages and the welfare of Willamette University. He says all the ministers of the Methodist church there are decidedly in favor of Old Willamette, and that they think this church organization should throw its strength towards the one big school that has stood the test of time and is now entering upon a broader field of usefulness than ever before. Mr. Grannis thinks there will be many students from those parts to enter the shades of old Willamette next fall.

SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN SALEM.

A Mysterious Woman in Black, Representing Herself to Be a Hobson, Is Doing the Valley Towns.

The following paragraph, which appeared in the Portland Oregonian yesterday, has reference to a mysterious woman, who recently spent several weeks in this city:

"The young woman at the St. Charles hotel who says her name is Miss Louise David has not always gone by that name. A short time ago, when she came down the river by the O. R. & N., stopping at Walla Walla, Wallula, Pasco and Arlington, she said her name was Hilda Hobson, and that she was a cousin of Lieutenant Hobson, of the United States navy. Her leg was not broken then, and she required the use of no crutches in walking. She also stated that she had been in the Philippines and had received four gunshot wounds in her arm. Her arm was in bandages then. She easily imposed on the people of the inland towns, who contributed liberally to her support. Several railroad men looked at her yesterday and said that the Louise David at the St. Charles hotel and the Hilda Hobson who came down the O. R. & N. road were identical. She is still at the St. Charles."

This same young woman spent a number of weeks in the Capital City, going from here to Albany a few weeks since. She first registered at Hotel Salem under the name "Miss Mariah Anderson," but after a very short time she went to a private boarding house and subsequently took quarters in the Salem Lodging house. She was generally considered a "gratier" of the worst type, but did not succeed in landing many victims in Salem. She always had plenty of money and paid her bills, leaving no debts in the city. From Albany it is presumed she went to Portland. While in Salem the woman represented herself as plaintiff in a suit for damages against a railroad company, for personal injuries. She walked with the aid of crutches and was very desirous of securing the services of a number of prominent Salem attorneys to aid her in bringing her suit to a successful issue. The members of the legal profession surmised her game and refused to become in any way connected in a business relation with the stranger. She succeeded, however, it is reported, in winning the affections of a local Celestial whom she assisted in separating from his money. While she also had some admirers from among the local street population, who contributed to her support. In Portland, in addition to using her crutches, the woman carried an arm in a sling and appeared to be in a very sad plight. Chief of Police McLaughlan, of the metropolis, communicated with Chief Gibson, of Salem, with the result that he yesterday ordered the woman to leave the metropolis.

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NEW FARM PAPER

THE PACIFIC HOMESTEAD BEGINS PUBLICATION IN SALEM.

It Will Be an Illustrated Farm Journal for the Northwest Field—The Initial Number.

The initial number of the Pacific Homestead, a new weekly farm paper published in Salem, was issued yesterday. The new paper contains twenty pages of four columns each, the main portion being printed on machine book paper, and the four inside pages on a better grade of book paper, in order to accommodate half-tone pictures. The paper has a circulation of 5000 copies, which is decidedly the largest issue of any newspaper in Salem, with the exception of the A. O. U. W. Reporter, published here by Frank Davey, which has about 9500, and which is printed on the big new press of the Statesman, as is the main portion of the Homestead.

The Homestead will occupy a field that has heretofore been vacant in the Northwest—that of an illustrated farm paper of general circulation. The first number is full of good things for the progressive farmer, in this section, among the articles being the addresses before the Farmers' Congress of Governor Geer, George W. Weeks, Hon. W. H. Wehrung, George L. Rees and Peter J. Shields, with a half-tone picture of each. Also an article on Red Polled cattle, with illustrations; "The Prune As It Grows in Oregon," by Charles L. Dailey; a wonderfully pretty orchard scene from Douglas county; an address delivered at the recent farm institute at Forest Grove by Mrs. Orla Buxton, on "Home Problems"—a very able paper; besides various communications, one being by Dr. Sharples, of Lane county, an authority on fruit culture; to say nothing of good things of a miscellaneous nature for the progressive farmer.

It may be truthfully said that the paper is a success from the start. It opens up business boldly from the first issue as the leading farm paper of the Northwest, and it is the purpose of its managers to maintain this place for it. They have taken care to arrange the preliminaries before commencing the publication. The price is the popular one, a dollar a year for the whole fifty-two issues. A good advertising patronage is already assured.

For the present, the business office of the Homestead will be kept in the business office of the Statesman; but its books and business are entirely separate from this newspaper, and it is the intention to have a separate place of business whenever a convenient room can be had for the purpose.

FEW WERE LISTED

TWENTY-ONE VOTERS WERE REGISTERED YESTERDAY.

A Number of Reports Received from Country Magistrates—More Expected Soon.

The registration of voters at the court house yesterday was somewhat slow, there being but twenty-one citizens entered in the clerk's records during the day. Several notaries and justices of the peace sent in registrations yesterday afternoon, made by them in their respective neighborhoods, forty-six of these reports being received. These, together with the day's registrations, will bring the total number of voters listed since the first Monday in January up to 3327.

County Clerk W. W. Hall says he is confident that a number of justices of the peace and notaries public, in the country precincts have the registrations of a goodly number of voters in their hands and are holding them for a time before reporting. He will, therefore, in the next few days, issue a circular letter to all these men, and call their attention to the law, making it their duty to report any registrations to the clerk's office immediately.

Following are those registering yesterday:

- Englewood—Wm. A. Gleason, Chas. Thacker, Charles Beesen.
Prospect—Richard Hensley, Wm. Butte.
Salem No. 1—Edward Weller, Salmon Brown.
Salem No. 2—Allan B. Gardner, Joshua W. Baker.
Salem No. 3—P. C. Hetzler.
Salem No. 4—Will Bennett, S. D. Reed, A. W. Stephens, B. Frank West.
North Salem—W. P. Ringle, L. B. Denny, George L. Neal, M. Penner, Vinson C. Beatty.
Sidney—J. F. Duncan.
Sublimity—Martin Doerfler Jr.

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