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Considering the size of the armies in South Africa the fighting that has gone on in the past several weeks must be called light and desultory.

War taxes collected in the United States during the last two years amount to \$183,000,000. A big sum, but Uncle Sam has got his money's worth.

We predict that the building boom opening up in Salem will last a long time. The country is growing, and the city must grow to keep up with the increasing business that will be centered here.

Says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "In the greatest year of prosperity the United States has ever known the Democratic party will nominate a calamity for President. It's queer, but characteristic of that kind of politics."

It is stated that this country last year exported more meat products, leaving out sheep and mutton, than all the rest of the world combined. On account of the revival in the live stock industry, Oregon and the other Pacific Northwestern states will in the future play a much more important part than heretofore in the growing totals—especially as regards the markets in the Orient.

J. N. Hart, the Republican candidate for Prosecuting Attorney is a young man; but he is able and trustworthy. We believe he has much more ability to perform the work of the office than the young man who is running against him, from the reports coming from Southern Oregon, where the Democratic aspirant served a term as District Attorney. Evidently, he made a sorry botch of his work and showed himself almost totally unqualified for so important a trust.

The fact that the Nicaragua canal bill is likely to be held up and smothered to death in the Senate, after its overwhelming victory in the House, would tend to make one want the members of that body elected by direct vote—even though his sympathies had been against the proposition. The people of this country want that canal, and they do not want to wait for the report of any of the various commis-

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sions, created for the express purpose of delaying or defeating the project. There has been all too much dallying and in sincerity already.

This should be a straight Republican year, in respect to the support of any man who may have a voice in determining or directing national policies. The issues are too important to trust to luck or accident—or to the Demopopulist party. Free silver is dead beyond the remotest danger of resurrection. But we have the large questions of national and business expansion, the construction of the Nicaragua canal, and other important issues. Do not think of voting for a candidate for the Legislature or for Congress who is not a Republican, and in full sympathy with his party on these great questions.

THE FARMER'S OPPORTUNITY

Those who have been looking into the matter report that there is every indication that the wool clip in the Northwest this year will be the heaviest that there has been for many years. This means that the farmers of the Northwest find it more profitable to raise sheep for wool growing purposes than to kill them for mutton, or not to raise them at all. When the Wilson law, with its free wool policy, went into effect there was a rapid diminishing of the size of the flocks of sheep of the Western farmers. It no longer paid to feed sheep for the wool they yielded when our market was flooded with the cheap wool of Australia and Argentina. The only thing to do was to kill them for mutton, and even that brought little return so low had the price of sheep fallen. Things are different, though, today, thanks to the protection which the Dingley law gives to the wool growers. It pays to raise wool now, and the farmers are taking advantage of their opportunities.—American Economist.

Yes; it pays to raise wool, and the time is coming fast when there will be no farmer in these Northwestern states who has not at least a few sheep or goats, or both. It pays to raise wool and mutton; and it pays to have sheep and goats to eat the things that are not needed on the farm, and to enrich the land. We have heard of no free traders owning sheep. There were a few up in Eastern Oregon in 1892. But none in 1896, or since.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

It is generally known that among the five proposed amendments to the Constitution of Oregon, to be voted on at the coming June election, is one proposing to give the right of suffrage to women. But very little is being said about it here. There is every indication that it will be allowed to go by default by the few persons in the state who are in favor of the proposition. Indeed, there is an organization of women, with headquarters in Portland, opposing the adoption of the amendment. Several of the most prominent women in the state are connected with it. Just how active they are, or will be in the coming campaign, we have no reason of predicting.

But here comes a man from far away Boston, promising great things for Oregon in the event of the adoption of the amendment. The following communication appears in a prominent place in the columns of the New York Sun of April 23d:

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND GROWTH OF POPULATION.

Ingenious Appeal of a Woman Suffragist to the Voters of Oregon.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: One of the most striking effects of equal suffrage for women in the state where it exists is the extraordinary growth of population and material prosperity which have resulted. Wyoming granted full suffrage to women with less than 9,000 inhabitants; today it has more than 100,000. Wyoming, Colorado, and Idaho combined had only 247,746 in 1880; today they number nearly a million. Many people in the Eastern and Middle States are annually driven by the advancing wave of European immigration to make their homes farther west. In their choice of residence they are attracted by the fact that equal suffrage has been adopted in certain localities. That speaks well for the chivalry of the men and for the intelligence and public spirit of the women. A decadent community has no use for a movement to enlarge liberty and promote free institutions. When people read that the Oregon Legislature, by an overwhelming majority of both houses, in two successive sessions, has voted to submit an equal suffrage amendment next June, they say: "Why is not Oregon the best of all states in which to make our homes and educate our children?" If the suffrage amendment is carried it will be worth millions of dollars to the state within the next five years in the increased number and superior quality of immigrants and in the advanced value of real estate that will follow.

Attention is turned at this time, as never before, to the Pacific slope. The annexation of Hawaii and the Philippines will stimulate the growing commerce between the United States and the swarming populations of China and Japan. It will give the Western farmers new markets for their products and a free exchange of these for sugar, tea, coffee, tobacco, hemp and spices. Great cities will grow up on the Pacific seaboard. Portland, Me., has grown rich on West India commerce; why should not Portland, Or., grow rich on her East India connections? The possibilities of Portland as a manufacturing and commercial center for the western half of the continent are not yet fully appreciated. San Francisco on the south, Tacoma and Seattle on the north, have been more widely advertised and have achieved greater notoriety. Yet the intermediate locality may prove in the long run more available. New York on the Hudson river was once a smaller city than Philadelphia or Boston; yet it has surpassed them both. Portland, in the Columbia River Valley may also some day distance its northern and southern competitors. The soil and climate of Oregon have great advantages. Free from drought and dust, blessed with an equable temperature at all seasons, unsurpassed in healthfulness and fertility, Oregon is capable of supporting a great farming population and Portland, as its business and social centre, may yet become the metropolis of the Pacific coast.

Oregon is exceptionally fortunate in the character of its people. They have not been suddenly drawn to it by the greed of precious metals or the excitement of speculation. Its early settlers were adventurous pioneers, men and women who preceded the introduction of railroads. They crossed the desolate plains for 2,000 miles in wagons with ox teams, rifle in hand, guarding their families and live stock against hostile Indians. Their worth is shown by the ability of their public men and the superior merit of their newspapers.

The advantages of Oregon are being talked over today in hundreds of families throughout the states east of the Mississippi river. These people are about to decide whether their future homes shall be in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota or the Dakotas, or whether they will cross the Rockies; and if the latter, whether California, Oregon or Washington shall be their destination. If the equal suffrage amendment carries, the popular choice will be Oregon.

HENRY B. BLACKWELL.
Boston, April 21.

A PECULIAR SUPPORT.

The leading newspaper of Oregon is giving the Republican party, in this Presidential year, a very peculiar "support." It will advocate the re-election of President McKinley, if renominated, but it is opposed to his renomination, and also, openly denounces two of the more important measures upon which the party will go before the people this fall—the Puerto Rican bill and the ship subsidy bill. The former is now a law, and the option is with the Puerto Ricans to "vindicate" the Oregonian by local enactment within ninety days from its coming in force. It would seem that this provision alone should have saved the bill from severe condemnation, and it doubtless would have, had its opponents not well known that the Puerto Ricans would be satisfied with the measure and would have no desire for its repeal. A law that levies a duty of about 6 per cent. on goods imported and exported, devotes the entire revenues to the betterment of the condition of the islanders, and exempts them entirely from the payment of the internal revenue taxes to which we are subject, is more than fair—it is generous; and the sentiment against it was, to a large extent, manufactured for selfish purposes.

The ship subsidy bill, which the Oregonian opposes, has the hearty support of the President, notwithstanding it is denounced by that paper as a colossal graft, and the statement is made that "fortunes are being made in the shipowning and shipbuilding business." The President, in his message to Congress, said:

"I am satisfied the judgment of the country favors the policy of aid to our merchant marine, which will broaden our commerce and markets, and upbuild our sea-carrying capacity for the products of agriculture and manufacture, and which, with the increase of our navy, means more work and wages to our countrymen, as well as a safeguard to American interests in every part of the world."

The President also calls attention to the fact that "last year American vessels transported a smaller share of our exports and imports than during any former year in all our history." This does not seem to support the Oregonian's assertions that under present conditions shipowning for foreign trade is an inviting field for American capital. As to the expense, though the Oregonian gives figures intended to show that it would be enormous, it entirely overlooks the fact that the total compensation is limited to \$9,000,000, "and if it shall appear at the end of the year that more than that amount has been earned on account of the increase of these vessels, they shall be paid pro rata."

The trouble with the Oregonian is that it has become too intensely English to view public questions from an American standpoint; therefore it favors free trade and opposes the building up of our deep-water shipping.

"I want to know," cried the irate visitor, "whether that item of yours in regard to me is an intentional slur or merely editorial asininity?"

"What are you talking about, my dear sir, and who are you, anyway?" asked the editor.

"I'm Dr. Killiam, and I refer to your announcement of the sudden illness of the Hon. John Jones, in which you say: 'Mr. Jones is in great danger. Dr. Killiam has been called in.'"

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Griggs—Gilsnap told me the other day that after ten years of married life he and his wife at last understood each other.

Griggs—Yes. I heard they are trying to get a divorce.—Brooklyn Life.

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DISCIPLINE OF POVERTY.

"We are apt to think that want of money is a great misfortune," said a well known woman recently. "We spend useless hours in repining over the lack of it and envying those who possess it. What a pity it is that we cannot have sufficient philosophy to look at the matter in its true light, and recognize that it is just the unevenness of the distribution of this world's goods of which we so bitterly complain that really keeps the world from relapsing into barbarism and insures progress."

"Want of money is really a sort of moral power of gravitation—the only thing that keeps things in their proper place and prevents the social world from turning topsy-turvy. It is the pressing need of the necessities of life that keeps men and women at work and saves them from the restlessness that would ruin civilization."

"If we all had the leisure and means to indulge fancies and yield to disgusts there would first be stagnation and afterward chaos. As it is now the really rich, in the minutest minority, so, happily, for humanity, the really poor do not count. Probably no one really does desire universal affluence. It is only for one's self and immediate family that such wishes are made. Where would we be without labor enforced by the pressing needs of poverty? Where would be our clothes, our houses, our luxuries? In fact, our very food is dependent upon the want of money."

"It is almost impossible to conceive what a complete disintegration of the fabric of our civilization there would be if every one had a sufficiency of riches. What if every one has been suddenly said that we cannot take all this into account and consider our scarcity of means as a salutary incentive instead of a paralyzing misfortune! Yet how many young spirits we see prematurely depressed by this want! How many peculiarities and tempers are produced by it! How many people are dull, proud or unsociable from the secret irritation that want of money produces! What bright intelligences are dulled and warped from the same cause!"

"An English author has somewhere said that if every man and woman on a certain crowded thoroughfare had a surplus of £10 in their pockets there would be a most marvellous transformation. The heavy, careworn look that is so noticeable in the majority of the faces would disappear, and the gravity, deepening often into gloom, which is so apparent in the appearance of a busy crowd would vanish as if by magic, and every one would look cheerful and light-hearted."

"If this imaginary £10 represents a sum over and above our necessities, such a change in the appearance of a crowd would undoubtedly be true. To feel that no work, however arduous, can be adequate, that the future holds no hope of relief, is indeed hard. Such want of money is certainly no blessing in disguise that can be philosophized over; it is a misfortune that only the finest natures can struggle against without being warped and soured."—New York Tribune.

PHOEBE BIRDS.

The phoebe bird is the first of the flycatchers to make her appearance. These birds generally arrive about the first of April. The bluebird seems to come soon after the worms and insects that infest trees wake up to activity. The phoebe comes later, when the first flies appear, those minute flies that hatch out early in damp places or appear near decaying vegetation. This valuable little bird destroys many insect pests. Though homely in appearance and awkward in form, it is a very useful little creature. Like all birds who arrive before the harsh breezes of spring, the phoebe bird builds a substantial nest of mud and sticks, in which she can rear a number of successive broods. If your piazza is likely to be infested with flies the phoebe's nest may be plastered to a raft, but generally she seems to prefer to build under a small bridge or in a shed near the water. Of the five nests which phoebes build in a certain vicinity, which were noted last season, three were in the rafters of old stoops, where the supply of fly food must have been good, and two were under bridges. This bird lies in wait for its prey, and when it makes one of those peculiar, conspicuously awkward shoots into the air, finally returning to its perch, it has been catching an unwary fly. Its clumsy nest, with its five or six eggs spotted with brown, is protected by law from marauders, and a fine of \$25 may be exacted from any one who destroys it or shoots the useful though plain little bird.—N. Y. Tribune.

"The Isles of Greece! The Isles of Greece!"

The fair young elocutionist waved her arms wildly as she hurled this bunch of Byron at her audience.

"Good gestures," said Mr. Knowsitt, "but very poor in pronunciation. Think of spending money to learn elocution and then committing such an error as to say 'Isles of Greece' for 'oils of Greece.'"

"But," said Mrs. Knowsitt, in an apologetic way, "perhaps it is a dialect recitation."—Baltimore American.

"The Crown Prince of Germany receives a salary of \$375,000 a year from the state."

"What for?"

"For being his father's son."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Love is ever the beginning of knowledge, as fire is of light.—Carlyle.

ODD ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Rain falls more frequently between 3 o'clock and 8 o'clock in the morning than at any other time during the day. A remarkable instantaneous photograph is in the possession of a Bristol, England, chemist. From some cause or another, while he was crossing the river, his camera fell over the side of the Clifton Bridge, and, as was afterwards proved, the shutter flew open as it fell. The camera happened to alight against the sail of a passing ship, and was subsequently recovered uninjured by the owner. A plate which was in the camera at the time of the fall was developed, and turned out a very clear negative of the under part of the suspension bridge.

A Chicago woman has brought suit against a letter carrier for \$10,000 damages on the ground that he incited her small son and another boy to engage in a fight, as a result of which the former had to be sent to a hospital for treatment.

The deepest ocean temperature ever recorded was taken aboard the Pacific submarine telegraph survey ship Nero recently. At a depth of 5,070 fathoms a temperature of 35.9 degrees was recorded, and at 5,101 fathoms 36 degrees. The deepest previous casts were made by the British survey ship Penguin.

Russia possesses a pipe line over 100 miles long in the petroleum region of Baku. This conduit, which is eight inches in diameter, brings oil collected in the Caucasus region to Batoum, on the Black Sea.

Colonel Girard of Neuchatel, Switzerland, has had a curious experience. On one and the same day he celebrated his eightieth birthday, his golden wedding, the silver wedding of his daughter, and the marriage of his granddaughter. His friends accuse him of unprecedented egotism, as he made one festivity celebrate all four events.

Bucharest officials are conscientious. After a revision of the registration lists in that city the following notice was sent out: "Major A. Fantuz: It is hereby brought to your notice that your name is struck off the list of electors for Deputies and Senators in the First District and will not again be inserted in it. The reason for this is the fact that your death occurred some time ago."

The branch of railroad, which will run through Bradford from Wilcox, Penn., across the ridges, by way of Lafayette, McKean County, will cross a deep and mountainous gorge in the latter vicinity with a steel viaduct nearly 500 feet high. The bridge will be more than 3,000 feet in length, and its construction will be one of the greatest engineering feats on record. It will be the highest bridge in the world.

A Straits settlement potentate has recently given a Birmingham, England, firm an order for a very large four-post bedstead, which has just been carried out in accordance with the luxuriosity of Oriental ideas. It is 9 feet 6 inches by 7 feet 6 inches, and 12 feet is measured from the floor to the top of a magnificent pearl and brass cornice, which has been chiseled in a most elaborate fashion.

The low-lying level of Lincolnshire is accountable for a curious difficulty at Sleaford, namely the absence of boys with choir voices. The influence of a hill environment in developing singing talent has long been well known, and even in the Middle Ages it was not uncommon for boys to be sent from the highlands of Scotland to supply the treble and alto in continental cathedrals.

An engine recently accomplished the feat of hauling a train consisting of thirty-three steel cars of 100,000 pounds capacity and thirty-seven wooden cars of 80,000 pounds capacity, each fully loaded with anthracite coal. The total weight of the seventy cars was 4,567 tons.

"Don't you know you are a very presuming young fellow?" inquired the stern parent of the trembling applicant for his daughter's hand.

"I admit the presumption, sir," the youth stammered.

"I think," continued the parent of the beloved one in his most sarcastic tones, "that in your youthful carelessness you must have quite overlooked the fact that I am her father."

"I tried to overlook it, sir," stammered the youth.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SALESWOMEN understand what torture is. Constantly on their feet whether well or ill. Compelled to smile and be agreeable to customers while dragged down with some feminine weakness. Backaches and headaches count for little. They must keep going or lose their place.

To these Mrs. Pinkham's help is offered. A letter to her at Lynn, Mass., will bring her advice free of all charge.

MISS NANCIE SHOBE, Florence, Col., writes a letter to Mrs. Pinkham from which we quote:

"I had been in poor health for some time, my troubles having been brought on by standing, so my physician said, causing serious womb trouble. I had to give up my work. I was just a bundle of nerves and would have fainting spells at monthly periods. I doctored and took various medicines, but got no relief, and when I wrote to you I could not walk more than four blocks at a time. I followed your advice, taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Purifier in connection with the Vegetable Compound and began to gain in strength from the first. I am getting to be a stranger to pain and I owe it all to your medicine. There is none equal to it, for I have tried many others before using yours. Words cannot be said too strong in praise of it."

MISS POLLY FRAME, Meade, Kan., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I feel it my duty to write you in regard to what your medicine has done for me. I cannot praise it enough. Since my girlhood I had been troubled with irregular and painful periods and for nearly five years had suffered with falling of the womb, and whites. Also had ovarian trouble, the left ovary being so swollen and sore that I could not move without pain. Now, thanks to your wonderful medicine, that tired feeling is all gone, and I am healthy and strong."

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MINNIVILLE NOTES.—Will Logan was over to Salem on Monday and disposed of his fine bay horse to Dent Smith, realizing \$50 for him. Lee Collard didn't get as far as Sumpter or Nome. He has found his gold mine in a livery stable in Salem. It is hard for Lee to break away from the livery business. W. A. Benedict went over to Salem on Monday, to accept and take charge of the position of elevator man at the asylum, tendered him by Dr. Calbreath. The doctor has chosen a good, faithful and deserving man in Mr. Benedict, and we are glad to see him thus favored.—Yamhill County Reporter.

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A LARGE ESTATE.—Squire Farrar, R. H. Coshaw and W. F. Boothby, appraisers of the estate of Thomas Kay, deceased, yesterday filed their report of the property located in Marion county. The property is valued at \$30,120.25.

What though the sea be calm? Trust to the shore, Ships have been drowned, where late they danced before. —Herrick.

In the eyes of a wise judge, proofs by reasoning are of more value than witnesses.—Cicero.

WOMEN WHO EARN THEIR LIVING

