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PROF. NORTON'S IGNORANCE.

Professor Charles Eliot Norton, of Harvard university, gave another illustration recently of his ignorance of American history and his inability to understand American spirit and character.

Those who study American history know that we have not turned our back on old ideals or departed from the paths marked out by our forefathers.

The founders of the republic inaugurated the policy which brought countless benefits to the nation through George Rogers Clark's invasion of the Northwest, the occupation of Louisiana in 1797, the invasion and occupation of Florida at a later date, the conquest of California in 1842-44, the invasion of Mexico in 1846, intervention in Samoa in 1872, and in Hawaii in 1889.

In entering Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines the United States is acting up to old ideals and in accordance with precedents that ever have contributed to the power and influence of the people.

SPELLING REFORM OBSTACLES

After struggling for a year or more with the vast and venerable question of the right spelling of English words, a committee of eminent educators has timidly suggested an improvement in the spelling of a dozen or so of notorious offenders against etymology and phonetics.

While the feeble proposition is made to spell a dozen or so easy words as they are pronounced, the pernicious influence of an effete aristocracy in England is corrupting the pronunciation of hundreds of other words, and the decree of a London fashion is absolute.

What is the use of cherishing any hope of spelling reform under such

difficulties? Why struggle to adjust the spelling of one word to its pronunciation when we are shifting the pronunciation of countless categories?

WESTERN MAN PROMOTED.

Among the western army men who have won distinction in the Hispano-American war is T. M. Anderson, whose promotion to be major general of volunteers was announced in the dispatches Monday.

General Anderson entered the army in 1861 as a private in the Sixth Ohio volunteer infantry, but was shortly promoted to be a second lieutenant in the regular army and assigned to the Second cavalry, later to the Fifth cavalry.

A TINGE OF SADNESS.

In the aftermath concerning the great naval display at New York, on the 20th inst., the Sun had the following:

"The only suggestion of a tinge of sadness in the homecoming of the fleet was in the lament of an officer on the Oregon when he said: 'Such a day as today is the one day in a man's life when he would like to have his folks looking on, and unfortunately for the Oregon men's personal interest in the reception, most of them were Pacific slope men.'"

Ever since the United States showed such powerful strength and fighting qualities the European powers are coming down from their high

roosts. The latest is the czar of Russia. He now wants an international conference looking to lasting peace and the reduction of the expensive armaments.

THE PEACE COMMISSION'S TASK

A decidedly delicate and important work is to be intrusted to the American members of the peace commission. This is the first time in half a century that the United States has been at war with another nation, but the settlement then, at the conclusion of the Mexican conflict, was a much less formal affair than this one will be.

In the present instance American difficulties will be far greater than they were then. Five commissioners will represent the United States in this peace convention; they will be confronted by five of the most astute personages whom Spain can select, and the Spaniards will be "coached" by the diplomats of the other continental European powers.

The Philippine situation, however, is shaping itself favorably for the Americans. Dewey and Merritt are in virtual control of the whole island of Luzon, which commands the entire Philippine group.

On motion a committee of two consisting of M. Randall and S. Bolton was appointed to procure the service of some civil engineer to prepare plans and specifications regarding the improvement of the water system.

Board for school children. Rates \$14 per month, including washing. 8-16-1m. Mrs. F. Drews.

CROPS AND WEATHER.

Weekly Report From the United States Weather Bureau—Splendid Grain Returns in Eastern Oregon.

The mean temperature for the week averaged 70°, which was 1° higher than for the preceding week and 1° lower than for the corresponding week of last year.

The corn crop is making good growth; it has commenced to mature. The weather has been favorable for corn throughout the entire season.

The water supply is very low, and in some localities is a serious question; it will not increase until the winter rains begin, although rain usually falls in small amounts during the latter part of September.

Stock is reported to be in good condition, with fully an average amount of feed. A very large supply of hay is being secured for winter use throughout the stock country.

MEETING OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Held Last Night. Important Business Discussed. T. J. Siefert and S. Bolton Elected President and Secretary of the Commission.

At a meeting of the water commissioners last evening the following were present: E. B. Dufur, M. Randall, T. J. Siefert, E. C. Phipman, J. B. Crossen and Simeon Bolton.

Mr. Bolton was elected secretary for the ensuing year. Mr. Shearman appeared before the commission and made application for the reduction of water rent for the Baptist Sentinel and on motion the same was reduced to \$1.50 per month.

On motion the commission decided to procure the services of J. B. Gait to make a map of the entire water system showing all mains, taps, etc.

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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY. July 1st, Cash on Hand... \$ 4391 49 July 5th, Cash from Thos Hudson's property... 100 00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST. Aug. 1st, Bal. Cash on Hand... \$ 350 78 Aug. 31st, Cash from J A Crossen, water rent... 1184 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Total Book Account... \$ 1448 50 Collected... 1184 00

BILLS ALLOWED. J F Haworth, receipt books... \$ 9 50 Mays and Crowe, supplies... 2 50 H Clough, labor... 3 00

The last three claims were ordered drawn in favor of J. A. Crossen as he had advanced them money and filed receipts for the same.

MRS. FRITZ DEAD.

A RESPECTED TOWNSWOMAN PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY.

While Attending Services at the Catholic Church. She Falls Victim to Heart Disease.

The grim hand of death seized one of our most respected townswomen this morning, and on account of its unexpected coming, the case was rendered all the more sad.

Mrs. Fritz was born in Rochester, New York, about 53 years ago. When ten years of age she came across the plains with the family of Joseph Brant, of Vancouver, and while in that town met Jacob Fritz, who at the time was serving in the United States Army.

The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz was blessed with ten children, of whom seven survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz figured among the old pioneers of The Dalles, and on account of the length of time they have lived here, they seemed like landmarks inseparably connected with the history of the city.

For the last ten years she has been subject to heart disease, and her physician, Dr. Hollister, informs us that the end was not unexpected as she was subject to fainting spells as a result of the malady which were likely to carry her away at any time.

Her death seemed to be almost painless and although there were several people in the church at the time of her death, she had almost passed away before they knew that anything was wrong.

The date of the funeral cannot be set until the different members of the family are heard from, but in all probability it will take place Monday the 5th.

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Notice to Delinquent Taxpayers.

The delinquent taxes of Wasco county, as shown on the rolls now in the hands of the sheriff are \$60,000, an amount almost equal to the indebtedness of the county.

Sheriff and Tax Collector for Wasco County. Dated, August 4, 1893.

SPECIAL EXCURSION

From Eugene, Albany, and Corvallis, Monday, September 26, 1893, to Oregon State Fair. For this excursion the Southern Pacific will make a rate of \$2 from Eugene and \$1 from Albany for the round trip, returning same day.

NOTICE.

Came to my place on 5-Mile over a year ago, a bright bay mare; weight about 1000 pounds; two white hind feet; no visible brand; scar on right hip. Owner can have the same by paying for this notice. Wm. Floyd. aug9-w4t

Aermotor Windmills. We have lately taken the agency for the Aermotor Windmill, and carry a stock on hand. We also carry a complete stock of Deep and Shallow Well Pumps, as well as Pitcher Spout and Spray Pump. Call and see us before buying elsewhere. The Aermotor Mill is considered the best machine on the market. Call and see it. MAIER & BENTON, Sole Agents for Wasco County. The Dalles, Or.

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