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BISMARCK'S INGENUITY.

A writer in the Times says that Bismarck, in his younger days at least, did not scorn to attain his ends by devices that owed more to well-call it ingenuity, than to the dignified exercise of resistless strength.

Austin's official newspaper says the peace terms between the United States and Spain will be settled by these two countries without any outside interference.

In a democratic country all localities have to be recognized in selections of bodies to represent the whole nation. The peace commission meets all the requirements in this direction.

The anti expansionist Springfield Republican remarks that "the president might as well take the Island of Luzon as the City of Manila, and all the Philippines if he takes Luzon."

In our possession and will not be given up, the case looks simple. All the Philippines which is worth anything is now practically American territory, and neither the anti expansionists nor Spain ought to grumble if we take the rest of the islands in order to relieve Spain of her embarrassment.

VOLUNTEERS HEARD FROM.

For a week or ten days the public has been sickened by the inventions and falsehoods of sensational correspondents and yellow journals as to army conditions. Changes have been rung on stories of starvation, exposure, and suffering, and the public has been forced to read such transparent exaggerations as were never before foisted on a sorely tried people.

Captain Thomas S. Quincy, also well known in Chicago, declares that the rations issued by the government at Camp Thomas were all that any reasonable man could ask for, both as regards quality and quantity.

All dispatches from Montauk Point on the arrival of the First Illinois infantry report the regiment in good condition and as having been well cared for on the trip from Cuba. No complaint comes from this regiment that has seen extraordinary hard service at the front.

WAR HUMOR AT SANTIAGO.

Capt. Evans is responsible for a choice bit of sailor humor which deserves to be rescued for history before it is lost in some dusty pigeon-hole in the navy department.

On the day after the destruction of Cervera's ships the Spanish war ship Reina Mercedes was discovered in the Santiago harbor channel, evidently intending to finish what Hobson with the Merrimac had begun.

Even the business-like Jacky who was fastening the signal flags to the banyards must have laughed as the captain ordered the letters which spelled out the last three words.

Of course a fleet officered by Americans was not slow to act on the piece of grim humor, and a minute after the signal was hoisted the Iowa, Massachusetts, Texas and Vesuvius were giving the Reina Mercedes all the "help" she needed.

Everybody reads THE CHRONICLE.

NO "SUPERFLUOUS WOMEN."

The government has published a map showing for each state in the union the number of unmarried men and unmarried women over twenty years of age.

With a peculiarly childlike faith the census officials believe they know the exact ages of all the "unattached females," and accordingly they are grouped in five-year periods. In that particular the statistics are manifestly untrustworthy, but apart from that the figures are absolute.

And they are very astonishing. They show definitely that the "surplus woman" is a myth. There is no surplus of women. There is a shortage of 2,200,000. There are in the United States 5,427,767 bachelors over twenty years of age, and only 3,224,494 unmarried women above that age.

But this is the least astonishing part of the matter. The chart shows that in absolutely every state there is an excess of bachelors over maidens. Even in Massachusetts, where tradition fixes the home of the "surplus women," there are 126,084 available bachelors and only 219,255 spinsters.

In Rhode Island there are 2 per cent. more bachelors than unmarried women, in New Hampshire 9 per cent., in Connecticut 20 per cent., in New Jersey and Virginia 22 per cent., while in Idaho the excess of bachelors over maidens is 1,000 per cent., their being 16,584 unmarried men and only 1,426 single women.

Wyoming and Arizona closely follow, while all the far western states have reason to regard women as one of the "precious metals" because of her scarcity.

VIRGIN FIELDS FOR TEACHERS.

Dr. Harris, the United States Commissioner of Education, has been diligently searching into the condition of public education in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. Thus far he has been able to find out absolutely nothing as to the literacy or illiteracy of our new fellow-citizens of Porto Rico or of the Filipinos, who are in such an interesting state of suspended citizenship.

Reasoning by analogy, Dr. Harris would be justified in concluding that educators will have a virgin soil in which to labor in those islands. Our first educational expedition, if wisely assembled, will consist wholly of expert kindergartners.

As to Cuba, Dr. Harris has found some facts which raise the gloomiest suspicions as to the whole truth. Ten years ago—the date of the last so-called Spanish educational report—less than 4 per cent. of the inhabitants attended such wretched public schools and almost useless private schools as Spanish rule permitted.

This means that only one child out of five hundred was learning even reading and writing. Taking the whole population, less than 15 per cent. of the colored and less than 45 per cent. of the white could read and write.

Clearly the first result of American influence in Spain's late possessions must be the "little red school house." The other questions, however vexing, will solve themselves if this right beginning is made.—New York World.

Britanna will cut down its navy one-half if every other nation will dispense with an equal number of war-ships. England would then have 300 and the rest none, which would certainly prevent any more sea fights.

Manila's inhabitants would be sorry to hear that Old Glory is not to fly over the whole group. They have had strife enough, and are ready to welcome an era of stable government and business opportunity.

The lugubrious sensationalist is the meanest of his class. His business is to exaggerate the number and condition of the army sick, to make the well soldiers sick if he can and their relatives miserable.

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

PERSONAL MENTION.

Saturday's Daily. A. Smythe is in the city from Arlington.

C. M. Shelton, of Guldendale, is in the city.

W. H. Johnston of John Day is at the Umatilla House.

C. B. Stricklen, of Oregon City, is visiting in the city.

C. W. Conger and wife, of Long Creek, are in the city on business.

Mr. Sam Wilkeson went to Portland on the afternoon train today.

Miss Bessie French arrived from Ilwaco on the Dalles City last night.

Sheriff Newt Livingston, of Grant county is in the city from Canyon City.

John Summerville and daughter of Hay Creek, are visiting Dalles friends.

A. S. MacAllister returned from a business trip to Pendleton and Walla Walla.

Max Looney, a prosperous sheep man of Mitchell, is registered at the Umatilla House.

J. O. Mack returned last night from an extended trip to the Willamette Valley.

H. M. Beall left for Portland this afternoon to spend Sunday with his family.

Miss Eva Heppner was among the passengers who went to Portland this afternoon.

J. P. Van Houten and son of Hay Creek, are among the guests at the Umatilla House.

Mrs. Otis Patterson came up from Portland last evening and returned on the afternoon train today.

Thomas Balfour, of Lyle, came up on the Dalles City last evening and returned home this morning.

Arthur Seufert left for Portland on the afternoon train today to spend a few days with friends in that city.

Sheriff Kelly left this afternoon for Salem having in charge the Root boy who he is taking to the reform school.

Miss Maud McCray, who has been visiting Mrs. Montgomery of this city, returned to her home at Hood River this morning.

Miss Gertrude Pratt of Portland who has been visiting Mrs. Samuel Brooks for the past week left for her home in Portland today.

Monday's Daily. Dr. E. K. Swinburn, of Heppner, is in the city.

Mrs. Ben Wilson returned Saturday from Newport.

Rev. Father Bronsgeest left for Portland this afternoon.

M. J. Monteith, the popular traveling salesman, is in the city.

Mrs. James returned Saturday from a month's stay at Newport.

Judge Mays was among the passengers to Portland this afternoon.

Mrs. Captain Waud went to Portland on the Dixon this morning.

Mrs. W. H. H. Dufur is in the city from her home at Dufur today.

is in the city superintending the work of putting in the furnace in the new high school building.

Mr. Charles Reed, of Caldwell, Idaho, but formerly a Dalles boy, is in the city, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. M. J. Clarke returned last night from Clatsop Beach, where she has been since the warm weather set in.

Miss Frazier and Miss Maud Peabody, of Dufur, are in the city to attend the Institute which opens tomorrow.

W. A. Hunter, one of Kingsley's industrious and successful tillers of the soil, was in the city last evening.

Mrs. Hugh Gourlay and Miss Lillian Kelly returned last evening from Clatsop Beach, where they have spent several weeks.

Rudy B. Cradlebaugh returned this morning from the Golden Eagle mine in Baker county, where he has been spending the summer with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kuck of Rockport, Iowa, who have been visiting Mr. Kuck's brother, H. L. Kuck of this city, will leave for their home this evening.

James Mackin, a well-known Baker Oven stockman, came in from his Buck Hollow ranch yesterday and left for Hood River on the Dalles City this morning.

Captain Whitehead, of Portland, has accepted a position as mate on the steamer Dalles City in place of Captain Alden who will be transferred to the Inland Flyer.

BORN.

In this city on Tuesday, September 6, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wenzler, a son.

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. Every citizen will doubtless admit that this state of affairs should not exist, and that all taxes should be collected.

On account of hard times in the past the county court has shown leniency to taxpayers, but that leniency has reached the limit, and the court cannot wait longer on delinquents to make settlements. For this reason a warrant has been attached to each delinquent roll commanding the sheriff to collect all taxes by seizure and sale of property.

With a bountiful crop now in sight, there can no longer be any reasonable excuse for the non-payment of taxes. The sheriff is bound by oath to comply with the terms of the warrants attached to the tax rolls for the collection thereof, and has no option in the matter. Delinquent taxpayers can save the cost of seizure and sale of property by settling their taxes at once.

ROBERT KELLY, Sheriff and Tax Collector for Wasco County. Dated, August 4, 1898.

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