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KICKERS CONTINUE TO KICK.

When the crisis was pending and with war staring him in the face the president of these United States was endeavoring if possible and without tainting the honor of the nation to avert its terrible approach and settle the questions confronting us in a more desirable manner, all over the states were the ever-present fault-finders—the "kickers"—who demanded war and war at once. No sooner had war been declared than they began to kick because it had not been averted. Then because it was not carried on in a manner to suit their pleasure. And so the kick continued.

And now, after our boys have fought well and returned with honors, they must needs be the butt of the kicker because we had seen fit to arrange the manner of their muster-out, where it should be and how, and they had chosen otherwise. We acknowledge it is a grievous disappointment to Oregonians that they should have desired to be first welcomed in another state than their own; but certainly they have the right of choice, and their wishes should be the law and receive due deference.

The childish part of the whole affair seems to us to be the course some of our state papers are advocating of taking our "doll rags and going home," and not "playing with the soldier boys" when they return to their own state. Another thing is the attack which is being made on the presidio at San Francisco. Surely it is not a disease-breeding pest hole as it is described. Those who have visited it have never seen the least sign of such a condition of affairs, and while our boys may feel the chilly atmosphere the more on account of the climate they have left, and are in need of more clothing, we cannot but feel their need of supplies will be met.

Why be always stirring up dissension, and crooning "double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble?" Why rend the heart of parents and friends over the imaginary woes of our returning soldiers? Is it not childish to rake up every mole hill and make a mountain of it? The boys are undoubtedly all right and will take care of themselves without the interference of a few petty kickers.

Ancient this question of "kicks" the Spokesman-Review has the following sensible article, which hits the nail on the head:

There are some ugly stories coming from Manila in regard to the Washington volunteers, but at this distance it is perhaps just as well not to form any premature judgments until the regiment returns home and all the facts are known. There has evidently been some friction, and Colonel Wholley does not appear to be as popular as some other commanding officers may have been with their men, but on the whole it does not seem to have seriously affected the efficiency of the regiment. From all the accounts that have been recently given to the public by the returned Oregonians the troops from this state are well drilled and among the most reliable fighters now in the eighth army corps.

There are bound to be dissensions among the volunteers. Probably every regiment that has gone out to the Philippines has had its internal difficulties. It is impossible to escape from the jealousies, bickerings and friction that invariably arises among men recently from private life who are new to the service and unaccustomed to the restraints of army discipline. This has resulted in writing home long tales of woe with accusations of every sort against the officers in command. Perhaps there may be some truth in it; no doubt a good deal of it is made up of imaginary grievances that have

been fostered by disappointment, ill-health or homesickness. At any rate it is well not to take snap judgment at this time when the evidence is based largely upon rumor, hearsay and ex parte statements by correspondents. A time will come when all these matters can be looked into and the true facts known, and then praise or blame will be accorded to those deserving it.

A NEW GOLDEN AGE.

The term golden age, with a different significance from that which it has in poetry and romance, will have to be revived, and be applied to the present day in the United States. Every week nowadays, and sometimes several times a week, brings news of the discovery of gold or silver mines somewhere in this country. All the dreams of national wealth which the gold discoveries in California aroused half a century ago are revived, with the certainty that this time they will come nearer to fulfillment than they did then. The certainty comes from the circumstance that the discoveries cover a larger extent of territory than they did then, though, of course, none of them are so rich as some of those were, and by the further circumstance that the methods of extracting the pure metal from refractory ores is far in advance of what it was formerly.

By a striking coincidence, too, the present golden age, like the earlier one, begins at the commencement of a period of great national expansion. The manifest destiny idea was receiving its most conspicuous and extensive manifestation around the time when the Sierras began to give up their secret to the world. At the time that Marshall and Sutter were making their gold discovery the region in which they lived was, less than a week later, to become part of the United States through the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo with Mexico. With California came New Mexico, which comprises several states and territories at the present day. Preceding by three years the cession of these localities came the annexation of Texas. About the period when the great gold discoveries of half a century ago were made a vast empire, extending from the Sabine to the Pacific and from the Gulf of Mexico up to the Oregon line, was being added to the domain of the United States.

Now, as then, gold discoveries and territorial acquisition came together. On the south and on the west the boundaries of the country are being extended outward. Mineral wealth, unsuspected previously, is being brought to light in various parts of the United States, with a possible chance, as in the Alaska case, that the new territory will add to the wealth contributions of the parent state. Not since Spain's galleons, over 300 years ago, carrying their boards of gold and silver from the mines of Mexico and Peru, set the world's imagination and cupidity adrift, has there been such discoveries of the precious metals as are being revealed at the present time. The United States, which was long in the lead of all the rest of the world in the extent of its gold output, has now fallen to the second place, but the stories which the prospectors of Colorado, Alaska, California, Arizona and other states and territories tell every few days indicate that this country is likely to soon pass again to the front. The story of the industrial expansion and prosperity produced by the gold discoveries in California and Australia, which cast a glow over the social history of the United States and Europe forty or fifty years ago, is likely to be repeated on a broader field at the present day.

ANOTHER ANTI-EXPANSION LIE

Another anti-expansionist lie has been nailed to the counter, says the Chicago Tribune. The accusation has been made by the aunties that four Filipino prisoners were slaughtered by Kansas soldiers, acting under orders of Captain Bishop, of the Salina company. Now comes Captain Bishop, writing to a friend in Salina, and says: "I see by the American papers that I am

charged with ordering or permitting prisoners to be killed. I do hope the good people at home will not think for one moment that I am such a brute. The insurgent wounded and prisoners are well cared for—we only wish that all of them would surrender and end this awful affair." The aunties should be satisfied with Captain Bishop's concession that the "affair" is "awful," without lying so wickedly about him. They derived their information, it appears, from a soldier's letter. Will they never learn to suspect the truth of these gruesome romances which come from the front? Or are they so malicious in their prejudices and so determined to stamp our brave fellows in the Philippines as assassins that they are willing to swallow any story that is printed, no matter how absurd it may be?

The bodies of the dead of the Second Oregon, who died and were buried in Manila, will be returned in due time to the United States for burial. This is following the precedent set in returning the bodies of the soldiers who fell in Cuba to their native land for final interment. It respects a sentiment especially dear to our people, and assuages to some extent the bitterness engendered by the thought that privation, which it was in the power of the commissary department to prevent, sent many a soldier to the hospital and from thence to his grave. All honor to those who gave their lives to the service of their country. The measure of this honor would not be full in the estimation of those nearest to them in kindred ties without the return of their bodies to graves in their home land.—Oregonian.

The skipper of the 12-foot cockleshell who attempted to cross the Atlantic was picked up in an exhausted condition seventy miles from the Irish coast. He is not deserving of any more sympathy than the man who jumps from the Brooklyn bridge or he who tries to go through the whirlpool rapids at Niagara in a barrel.

DR. SIDDALL RETURNS.

Not Overly Enthusiastic Regarding Atlin—Not What It is Purported to Be.

Dr. Siddall is again seen on the streets of The Dalles after three months spent among the so-called abundant gold fields of the Atlin district. About two weeks ago he came down to Seattle and has spent the time since in Ellensburg. He will soon be ready to begin work in his profession and his patrons will no doubt claim the distinction of carrying about in their teeth fillings of Alaskan gold. The doctor wears a pretty nugget in his scarf, and beside, wears a unique button showing that he belongs to the order of Artie Brotherhood. It represents a pan containing three gold nuggets and bearing the letters A. B. The organization was begun on the "City of Seattle" last year and now numbers 1200 members, who are pledged to protect any brother who may be in need when prospecting through the northern land, or wherever found.

Dr. is nothing if not honest, and none need fear of being misled by his statements. He is not enthusiastic in his praises of Atlin, but says while he knows there is much gold there, reports have been grossly exaggerated and that he believes there is as much gold in one claim in Dawson as in a dozen at Atlin.

Conditions when he came out were not encouraging. For thirty-six hours rain had poured down, loosening gravel and dirt and causing sluice boxes to be washed out and men to lose the work of months. Many men with families are in there and have not the wherewithal to get out.

There are perhaps fifty children in Atlin, which is one of the worst places in the world for a child to receive the comforts necessary. His opinion is that there will be much suffering in the fall.

Every spot of land, of all sorts and descriptions, is asked out, until it would seem that there were enough stakes used to keep New York in wood for two years.

Dr. did not invest much in that section, but has a quartz claim near there. The law regarding the right of ground was so unsettled when he was there that it was impossible to make any headway or get at the true state of affairs.

His trip, however, (although when he went in he rode 150 miles over ice, perched on the top of three bales of hay) was an interesting one and well worth the while, and he saw much that was very grand in the way of scenery.

It is not unlikely the doctor will return and go into Dawson next fall.

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Aermotor Windmills.

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WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Grand Lodges Proceed With Routine Work With a Vigor.

Wednesday's Daily. The grand lodge A. O. U. W. is getting down to business, and from this morning on their session will be full of important business in connection with the welfare of the order.

Among other matters coming up at yesterday's afternoon session the question of changing the date of the yearly meetings was discussed, and also changing them from annual to biennial meetings. After some discussion it was decided that they remain as at present.

The following committee on good of order was appointed: Messrs. Nickerson, Belknap, Allen, Watters and Daniels.

A special committee on Grand Medical Examiner's report was appointed, consisting of Dr. Nottage, Dr. Mason and C. W. James.

The committees on good and state of the order were made a joint committee on the subject of extension of work.

This morning Supreme Master Workman, D. H. Shields, of Hannibal, Missouri, was a visitor in the grand lodge and to him was extended the courtesies of the lodge, and he presided over the morning session.

The hospitalities of the D. C. & A. C. of this city were extended to the lodge, and accepted with thanks.

In the case of E. P. Hughes, a suspended member of Prosperity No. 75, whose beneficiaries were claimed at \$2000, it was decided adversely on the ground that he was suspended before the time of his death.

Charters were ordered issued to thirteen new lodges which had been instituted during the year.

The case of J. H. Bingham, of Eureka, No. 125, as appealed from the decision of the grand recorder, was reviewed and referred to the committee on appeals and grievances. A majority report in favor of sustaining the report of the grand recorder was brought in, also a minority report adversely. He is therefore now a member in good standing.

D. OF H.—TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The grand lodge session of the D. of H. was taken up reading the grand officers reports. The summary of the grand chiefs' work during the year showed that five new lodges had been organized; had written 1043 letters, granted twenty-three dispensations; that 241 certificates had been issued, and the beneficiary department had now 984 members. All death claims had been adjusted excepting one, which had, after due consideration, been deferred until the meeting of this grand lodge for a decision. The reports of the grand recorder and receiver showed that the business transactions had been efficiently and faithfully performed. The reports of finance and law committees showed that good work had been done. The committee on laws were authorized to proceed and have at least a thousand copies printed for this jurisdiction until the superior lodge has laws provided for the government of subordinate as well as grand lodges.

A pleasant feature of the afternoon was the introduction of a quartet from the grand lodge A. O. U. W., consisting of Bros. Dr. David Walker, of Portland, Dr. Doane and C. J. Crandall, of The Dalles and Nickerson, of Klamath Falls, who entertained the Degree with choice musical selections which were heartily enjoyed.

Mrs. Mamie Briggs—superior representative, gave a very interesting account of her trip to the Superior lodge and spoke in gloomy terms of the reception tendered the superior and supreme

lodges while in Indianapolis.

Bro. Stephens made himself popular by giving out tickets to all who desired to attend the evening excursion.

On account of the heat the convention adjourned to meet at 8:30, a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY

No business of importance was transacted. An invitation was read from the Commercial Club inviting the degree to inspect their club rooms and enjoy the promenade concert from 9 to 11. The Grand lodge will visit Fern lodge this evening.

Bro. C. W. Clarke of Arcadia lodge was duly introduced and given the grand lodge degree.

The secret work was exemplified by the Grand Lady of Honor. The election of officers took place this afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Was the Rule of Yesterday Afternoon in Both Lodges.

Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday's afternoon session was an interesting one to the members of the grand lodge, A. O. U. W., the occasion being the election of officers, which consumed the greater part of the afternoon. The result was as follows:

Grand Master Workman, D. C. Herin, of Temple Lodge No. 3.

Grand Foreman, Ralph Feeny, of Upchurch No. 126.

Grand Overseer, C. C. Hogue, of Safety No. 13.

Grand Recorder, Newton Clark, of Riverside No. 68.

Grand Receiver, R. L. Darham, of Hope No. 1.

Grand Guide, J. M. Dixon, of Lafayette No. 31.

Grand Trustee, Geo. W. Probstel, of Weston No. 71.

Grand Inside Watchman, C. H. Dye, of Falls City No. 59.

Grand Outside Watchman, J. E. Welinger, of Harmony No. 25.

Supreme Representatives—E. L. Smith of Riverside No. 68; Wm. Colrig, of Banner No. 23; Newton Clark, of Riverside No. 68.

THURSDAY MORNING. Evidently the A. O. U. W. members are early risers, for at the early hour of 8 o'clock a goodly number were in their places and ready for work. At the beginning of the session a resolution was offered and adopted making a special order for 8:30 this evening, for the installation of officers.

Barker, of Greenleaf No. 23.

Grand Lady of Honor, Mrs. Ollie Stephens, of Fern No. 25.

Grand Chief of Ceremonies, Mrs. Hilda Belknap, of Sunbeam No. 56.

Grand Recorder, Mrs. Margaret Herin, of Marguerita No. 45.

Grand Receiver, Mrs. Minnie Mason, of Crystal No. 50.

Grand Usher, Mrs. Laura Smith, of Golden Rule No. 3.

Grand Inside Watch, Mrs. A. P. Fastaband, of Charity No. 53.

Grand Outside Watch, Mrs. Mary Simmons, of Hawthorn No. 21.

Supreme Representatives—Mrs. Anna R. Bewley, Mrs. Martha A. Armstrong and Mrs. Maggie Houston.

The matter of the unpaid claim of Wilhemina Rosnean came up for consideration and upon deliberation it was decided to refer it to the grand chief for further action.

A per capita tax of \$1 was thus adopted.

It is a custom with the lodge to present the lodge having the least per centage of social members a broom, with which, we presume, to "brush up." For some time Upchurch lodge at Lebanon has held the weapon, but upon investigation it is found that Estler lodge No. 56 has unlawfully captured it from the present holder, and it was given to the latter.

Funeral of Mrs. Cates.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Cates took place this morning at 9 o'clock from the family residence on Seventh street. Mrs. Cates was a great favorite, especially with those who have known her since the early years of her residence here, and a large number gathered to pay the last respects to her memory.

The services were conducted by Rev. Robt. Warner, who chose as the basis of his remarks the words, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them," dwelling on the influence of such a life as that of the deceased, so full of unselfishness and loving deeds.

The choir sang hymns which were favorites of the deceased, "Asleep in Jesus," "I'm Going Home" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."

The circle of mourning relatives was large, for beside her husband, John Cates, son, Geo. Herbert, daughter, Mrs. J. H. Sherar, and step-children, Wm. Cates, D. L. Cates, Mrs. Prizell and Mrs. W. H. Wilson, there were a number of grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Friends who bore her remains as pall bearers were Robt. Mays, G. A. Lieb, J. M. Marden, C. W. Haight, S. L. Brooks, R. B. Hood.

In deference to the request of the deceased, the interment was made in the City cemetery by the side of her four children, one of whom was buried in 1851.

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