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NOVEMBER 22, 1901.

DO JUSTICE TO SCHLEY.

The government should pay the cost of the Schley investigation, and reimburse the gallant officer who has been persecuted, rather than prosecuted, by a court of inquiry. Admiral Schley is not only vindicated in the court of public opinion, but his record of the famous bombardment of Santiago has so refreshed the public's memory that his title of hero is not only reestablished, but new lustre is added to his name. The admiral is the victim of jealousy on the part of a handful of brother officers, jealousy of a peculiar brand known only to army and navy circles. While the people were exultant over the success of a navy of which any nation might be proud, and while the world paid tribute to gallant officers and capable men, this little coterie of naval officials, green with envy and purple with indignation, was plotting to tarnish the fair name and belittle the character of the man, who, by accident, happened to be the leader in a noted engagement, forcing him, at last, in defense of honor, to demand a court of investigation. The whole thing, from start to finish, has been a disgrace to the nation. The American navy is not composed of a flagship and half a dozen admirals, who, through prestige won by seniority, happened to be at the front in the war with Spain. The engagement was not a flagship or admiral's victory. It meant vastly more than that. The glory that succeeded was bright enough to light up the hold of every battleship, where brave and loyal men were faithfully performing the same spirit of patriotism that inspired the hearts of the men on the bridge or in the fighting top.

The victory was broad enough to cover every craft that floated, the stars and stripes, whether engaged in transport service or at the front. Back of the victory and the honor was the nation, to which the navy owed its existence and efficiency. Every shot that was fired at Manila and at Santiago with such telling effect, spoke volumes for the men behind the guns. When five hundred men volunteered to join the little blockading squadron, with the Merrimac, the act said to the world: The American navy is composed of the right kind of material. When the short and decisive war was over, the navy, not the flagships, and officers in command alone, was the pride of the nation, and a surprise to the world. It has lost none of its glory, but the unemphatic fight on one of its most gallant and worthy officers, has tarnished its name, and the victory won by either side will be destitute of honor or anything else worth recording in history. Admiral Schley was forced into this contest against his wishes. The investigation has been expensive for him, and whether he wins or loses he should not be called upon to foot the bill. Public sentiment is with him as an officer, and has been from the eventful day when he led his fleet to victory. Congress should reimburse him for needless expense. The people will approve of the act, and the man is entitled to this much consideration.

GOVERNMENT BALANCE SHEET.

The official report of the financial operations of the United States government for the fiscal year ending with June 30, 1901, just sent out from Washington, takes the mind up into the dizzy heights of mathematics. The government's net ordinary revenues for the year reached the highest mark—\$57,885,837—ever touched. These were \$2,000,000 in excess of the receipts in 1900, which exceeded all records up to that time. Expenditures, too, which were \$509,967,353 for 1901, were at high figures. They were in excess of those of any previous year except in 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1899. The three years first mentioned were the years of the highest expenditures of the civil war, when over 1,000,000 men were under arms. In 1899 the burdens of the Spanish war reached their height. In that year the government's outlay was a little in excess of \$605,000,000. In 1890 there was a drop to \$467,000,000 in the expenditures, but in 1901 there is an increase to the extent of \$22,000,000 in the outlay.

Governmental surpluses are once more the order of the day, despite the heavy expenditures. In 1901 the receipts exceeded the expenditures to the extent of almost \$78,000,000. This is a little less than \$2,000,000 below the surplus of 1900. In the half a dozen years immediately preceding, however, there were deficits, although in most of those years the country was in a condition of profound peace. The deficit began in the fiscal year 1894, just after Mr. Cleveland entered office in his second term, and they lasted until near the middle of the first term of Mr. McKinley. But in the McKinley case there was a vast increase in the expenditures of the government through the war with Spain, and these burdens continue, in a large degree, to the present time. As one of the effects of the Spanish war the expenditures of the government in 1901 have been \$59,000,000, as compared with \$88,000,000 in 1894, in the early part of President Cleveland's second term, yet there was a surplus of nearly \$78,000,000 in 1901, while 1894 reported a deficit of almost \$70,000,000. There is an impressive exhibition here of republican neutrality in governmental financing. There has been a steady and rapid increase in the country's gold stock, as well as in that part of it which is in the treasury, in recent years. The amount of gold in the country at the present time is estimated at a little over \$1,100,

000,000, which is far larger than the stock held by France, \$800,000,000, and France leads all the rest of the countries of the world in this respect. There was an increase in the country's gold stock of \$83,000,000 in 1901, a gain of \$87,000,000 in silver coins and one of \$10,000,000 in notes and certificates. Population in the country at large is growing faster than in any other country, but the stock of cash is increasing still faster. While the per capita circulation of money of all sorts was \$21.10 in 1896, at the time of Bryan's financial reign of terror, it was \$26.80 on July 1, 1900; \$28 on July 1, 1901, and \$28.53 on October 1, 1901. The banks, as well as the government, have more gold than they can find profitable use for. The financial condition of the country is better than it has been at any previous time in the past. No other nation in the world has ever experienced anything like the prosperity which prevails in the United States at the present time. The swift and sweeping improvement which has come for the country in the past four years, is largely due, of course, to the political sanity and courage of the republican party.

Washington county authorities have retained a lawyer and started in, by the process of law, to regain title to the eleven sections of land, which the legislature of three years ago gave to that county, the territory being taken away from Columbia county. It will be recalled to this that, through the efforts of Representative Merrill, in the last legislature, title to this land was regained by Columbia county. If the act of the legislature in taking the land from this county and giving it to Washington county bore any legality or equity, why, then, certainly it is equally right, just and meet that the act of restoring the land to its original owner should not be equally legitimate and binding. By what means Washington county hopes to defeat the purpose of the legislative act is considerable mystery to a good many people. Title to the land was gained to Washington county through intrigue and chicanery in the first place, and when Mr. Merrill regained its ownership to this county by act of the legislature, Washington county took the matter with seeming indignation and instituted suit for a hopeless bluff to coerce this county to bestow upon them something to which they have no legal or moral claim.

The court of inquiry came within range of quite a new idea, one which sometimes may prove to be only too true; that there was a plot to let Oregon leave the United States with its feet in safety. Was Admiral Sampson in possession of the secret, too important to be entrusted to Schley? It looks that way. Anyway, Sampson got the opportunity of his life when he got up steam that July morning and sailed away with some trivial matter, leaving Schley to win the battle in his absence. Schley sent Sampson word the night before that the Spanish fleet seemed to be getting ready and might come out of the harbor at any time. Sampson waived the matter, and Schley, in the meantime, had his subordinate might attend to his own immediate affairs—just what he did. It is more than possible now that Sampson now feels a biting remorse which he cannot suppress. For a long time he has been in miserable health, quite broken down, and it is evident something unusual is gnawing at his vitals, and that public calumny is killing him.

It seems sad to see the depth to which Turkey has fallen. Time was when the world trembled at the progress and prowess of the Moslem arm; but now there is scarcely a nation that may without fear offer it any ineffectual ingenuity can devise. And why this change? Has the Moslem warrior lost his power? Mohammed, largely to gratify his lusts, permitted and encouraged the harem and plural marriages. This took away from woman her highest attributes of being the head and heart of the home, and made her the slave of man's fancy, and dependent for her power and respect on her ability to please the animal affection of her lord. This degraded woman, made the highest type of home life impossible, and finally paved the way for the fall of Moslem power. The history of the Mohammedan people is but a repetition of the history of other countries of the past. Any nation that has not held home life and the environment of the home sacred has not long survived in its original strength.

A farmer wants to know when hard times the farmer are likely to come again, assuming that the present prosperous condition of agriculture cannot continue. While lower prices for farm products are almost sure to come in the natural order of supply and demand, still think that the greatly expanded markets for the products of the American farm and factory and common sense business principles in the policies of the government will absolutely prevent a recurrence of what may be termed "hard times" for the American farmer for many years to come. The whole world is becoming dependent to a greater or lesser degree upon America. The actual foreign demand for foodstuffs, coupled with home demand from non-producers engaged in manufacturing commodities for foreign countries, is sure to make an active demand at good prices for all that the farmer has to sell. It is this fact which does much to explain the marked advance in the price of good farm land all over the country.

There is a bare possibility that some of the "settlers" who have been taking up valuable timber land in this country under the homestead act, may have opportunity to face Uncle Sam with his war paint on before very long, says the Seio, Linn county Times. There is quite a difference in taking up a homestead and living on it according to law and living in town and going out once or twice a year and sleeping on the land. Since competition has become so strong for good timber the mill men are turning every stone to get hold of the valuable timber land, and if they can show the government where fraud has been committed, and get the matter investigated and the patents set aside the land is again subject to entry, and the mill men can get men to take it up under the timber act and although they do not comply with the law in every respect they do a little better than the homesteader who never makes a home on the land more than one night at a time, and perhaps not that.

The treaty by which the United States takes and is given power to build the Nicaraguan canal was signed in Washington on Monday, and now awaits the ratification of congress. The strictest neutrality is maintained in regard to the important points contained in the treaty, but it is given out, however, that the United States is to be the sole owner and proprietor; is to permit the commerce of all nations to pass through the canal, is to pay for its own maintenance, and is to fortify and protect the commerce of all nations while in or passing through the canal. There is no question regarding the benefit to the Pacific coast by reason of such a passage connecting the two great oceans. It will be worth millions of

dollars annually to the trade and commerce of the Pacific coast, and its speedy completion may well be hoped for. When congress meets the seal of the confederate and guards so carefully and effectually the contents of the treaty will be broken, and a deeply interested public allowed to know its every detail.

Next June Oregon electors will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed constitutional amendment, providing for the "initiative and referendum." Whether the amendment will be adopted or not may very likely depend upon the construction given by the courts to the clause of the constitution defining the proportion of votes necessary to the adoption of an amendment. This requires "a majority of the electors," but whether this means a majority of all the electors, or only a majority of those who voted upon the amendment, is a point not yet settled in this state, though in some other states it has been decided in favor of the former position.

The Referendum Amendment.

Suppose, for example, that the total number of votes cast next June should be 100,000, but that only 60,000 electors should vote on this amendment, of which 40,000 should vote for it and 20,000 against, or even 49,000 for it and only 11,000 against, would the amendment be adopted? Would it not require 50,001 votes to adopt it? Or would 30,001 votes, a majority of the votes cast upon the amendment, adopt it? The question has never yet come before our courts because the amendments so far proposed all failed to receive even a majority of the votes cast for and against them. This amendment may possibly receive a majority of the votes thereon, but it is very unlikely that it will receive a majority of all the votes cast at the election.

The voters of Oregon have repeatedly shown that they are slow to change their constitution, and have rejected some meritorious or harmless amendments; and there is nothing in the signs of the times to indicate that a majority of our voters desire to saddle this constitution with an expensive and defunct populism upon the state. It is true that both the other parties have encouraged and resolved in favor of it, but this was only to curry favor with populist voters, who some years ago were numerous; and they were not sincere in their professions, and most of the republicans and a large portion of the democrats may be expected to vote No, however they may have talked.—Telegraph.

Rules of Etiquette.

Never let guests feel that they are the cause of inconvenience. Never read a letter or a postal card not addressed to you unless asked. Be courteous to all. Do not read borrowed articles without express consent. Make guests comfortable. Do not entertain a rooming party in front of persons; if unavoidable ask to be excused. Gentlemen vacate seats for ladies if standing. Answer letters promptly. Always keep engagements when possible. Do not speak of your children before strangers. Be helpful to the old. Gentlemen should precede ladies in ascending stairs; ladies precede in descending, even between strangers. Avoid allusion to other persons' infirmities or your own ailments. Avoid loud, harsh or nasal tones. Show respect to hospitalities received by returning courtesies. Write thanks for favors received after returning from a visit. Be natural, not affected or egotistic. Laugh heartily, naturally, but not in a boisterous manner. Do not monopolize the conversation. In company with the ladies, do not talk to the men familiarly to all. Never trim your nails in public. Never boast of favors received or rendered. Do not become familiar with new acquaintances nor address them by their Christian name. Do not interrupt others while speaking. A polite smile is better than any opinions. Do not look over the shoulder of a person reading or writing. Do not question a child or servant about family affairs. A gentleman does not allude to "conquests" made among ladies. A lady should not accept expensive gifts from gentlemen except by invitation or a relative; flowers, music, confectionery, books, may be generally accepted. Do not offend or be quick to take offense. Hasten to forgive.—Make amends promptly. Try rather to please than to be pleased. Be kind to your employes, associates and those who serve you; courtesy is the index of gentility.

Yankton Briefs.

A daughter was born to the wife of George Kale, Tuesday. Fred Briggs has improved his herd of Jerseys by the addition of two thoroughbred heifers. A neat fence has recently been built inclosing the burial ground donated by F. C. Briggs. Merchant Chas. Briggs was in Portland Wednesday, after supplies to replenish his stock of goods. Alva Wikstrom has finished the cottage commenced last year, and the family are now occupying one of the prettiest farm homes in the county. G. R. Hyde has marketed a prime lot of pork this fall. The raising of porkers out of doors has proven a paying industry for the farmers in this region. A social dance was enjoyed by the young people last Saturday evening, at the home of Mrs. Belle Miller, whose daughter, Bertha, with her husband, expect soon to return to Maine. The patrons will hold their regular meeting this (Friday) evening, at the school-house to be occupied on Saturday by the Wesleyans, whose quarterly meeting occurs at this time. Rev. Mr. Holgate will preach to be present on Saturday and Sunday. The small creamery plant of C. and G. L. Tarbell has proved the right thing in the right place, turning out a high-grade article, which is in constant demand right at home. Nearly the same amount of milk is being handled now in the early summer, and they propose to operate all winter. Yankton is not having a boom this year, but the ranchers are making steady improvement all along the line, rapidly becoming farmers, and thus indicating that they are here to stay. Geo. Kale has built a neat and substantial residence on his boy's land, and removed and rebuilt his house on his own land. Squire Early and C. Jensen have made marked improvement in their buildings—unsightly fences have been removed and board or picket fences taken their place, and fields are replacing stump rows as fast as the nature of things will allow.

P. A. Snyder, of the firm of Snyder & Newman, of Ontario, this state, is undertaking to purchase two automobiles to carry the mail between Ontario and Burns. So far as known this is the first venture of the kind in the West. It may take thirty-six hours to make the trip by stage and information received from the Ontario people is to the effect that the 100 miles will be made in eleven hours. Mr. Snyder is figuring on a machine to carry one ton and make the trip entirely in daylight. Salem is also to have an automobile company, whose object will be to carry passengers to any place from points within that city.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE U. N. Deuel has been, by the Hon. J. B. Don, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, appointed executor of the estate of Susan K. Shattuck, deceased, and is hereby appointed as such executor of all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the executor on or before the 15th day of December, 1901, at the office of the executor, at Seaside, Oregon, within six months from the date thereof. Dated November 15th day of October, 1901. Executor of the estate of Susan K. Shattuck, deceased, W. H. Powell, Attorney for Executor.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, October 10, 1901. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following named settler has filed notice of his intention to claim land for the purpose of securing a patent therefor, to wit: H. E. Watts, of Oregon, on November 27, 1901, viz: H. E. Watts, 12.70, by.

Warren A. Wood, for the eig of acres of section 12, tp 4 n, r 3 west, the 12th day of December, 1901, to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the above described land, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of the County of Clatskanie, Oregon, on November 27, 1901, viz: H. E. Watts, 12.70, by.

CITATION.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia. In the matter of the estate of August Swanson, and to whom it may concern, great interest.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, at the Court-room thereof, at St. Helens, in the County of Columbia, on the 12th day of December, 1901, at 10 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and there to show cause why the same should not be sold to satisfy the claims against the said estate, and to establish the same before the Register and Receiver of the County of Clatskanie, Oregon, on November 27, 1901, viz: H. E. Watts, 12.70, by.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Green City, Oregon, November 18, 1901. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 8, 1878, entitled "An act for the relief of the State of Oregon, and for the relief of the State of Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to the Territory of Idaho, and to the Territory of Utah, and to the Territory of Montana, and to the Territory of New Mexico, and to the Territory of Arizona, and to the Territory of Colorado, and to the Territory of Wyoming, and to the Territory of New York, and to the Territory of Pennsylvania, and to the Territory of Maryland, and to the Territory of Delaware, and to the Territory of Virginia, and to the Territory of North Carolina, and to the Territory of South Carolina, and to the Territory of Georgia, and to the Territory of Florida, and to the Territory of Alabama, and to the Territory of Louisiana, and to the Territory of Mississippi, and to the Territory of Arkansas, and to the Territory of Missouri, and to the Territory of Illinois, and to 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