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THE New York man who put a cat in a bag and let a cable car run over it is not a Spaniard, but he would probably have no trouble in taking out citizenship papers if he went over to Spain and tried it.

THAT the tide of emigration is having its flood westward is evident when it is given out that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company has sold more land this year than during any two previous years. None of this particular influx has, of course, reached Southern Oregon, but it goes to show the tendency of a western movement and it is more than probable that this section either has or will profit by a tide which is assuredly surging toward the setting sun. Pity it is that Southern Oregon did not have a counterpart of the Northern Pacific traversing its broad and fertile acres from east to west.

It is a sad story that comes from Spearfish, S. D., to the effect that the late Mrs. De Ledebor died of a broken heart, produced by grief over her son going to the front with the Dakota troops. The Dakota contingent was sent to Manila to support Dewey, and Mrs. Ledebor feared that her boy would never return. None but the mothers can ever know how their heart strings were pulled when their boys shouldered muskets and marched away under old glory to meet such fate as might be decreed to them. But the boys will come home one of these days, and then how proud the mothers will be of them.

THERE has been no partisan politics in the conduct of the war with Spain, and for that the people must thank President McKinley. It was evident, soon after the outbreak of hostilities, that there would be no discrimination as between democrats and republicans in appointments made by the president. Two of the first four major generals appointed were Fitzhugh Lee and Joseph Wheeler, both democrats, and not once since then have the democrats had an opportunity to protest against unfairness to their party. Democrats and sons of democrats have been given commissions in the army, and, furthermore, they have been afforded opportunity to distinguish themselves on the field of battle. This is only another exhibition of Mr. McKinley's fairness and his desire to be the president of all the people, and it cannot be doubted that good feeling has been promoted in all sections of the country by this failure to inject partisan politics into the war. That may have been the president's object in adopting such a policy, but nevertheless he is to be congratulated for pursuing the course he did.

SAM JONES, the evangelist, in the course of a recent talk in Shawnee, Okla., commented upon the local administration as follows: "Should Shawnee drop in the midst of h—the devil would not call an election for the purpose of changing the administration of the present officials." And it can be presumed that this same Sam Jones used this same stereotyped expression in every town in which he preached—and the audience cheered him at Shawnee and at every other place, yet while all this cheering was going on there were undoubtedly some

who had a more delicate sense of humor and these looked shamefaced and pitted the fool, even though he be an evangelist, who would thus attempt to belittle the people with whom they daily associated and the locality in which they resided by asserting that it was a fit place for the reign of Satan's imps and that they were being governed by imps of Satan on earth. Fortunately for church people and for the world's people all evangelists are not of the Sam Jones stamp. The evangelist who has for his object the salvation of souls ought always to receive a warm welcome wherever he goes regardless of creed, but the evangelist who, for notoriety sake, slanders the people we live among and the town in which we earn a living for our families has no right to expect better usage than would be accorded him in the realms he so flippantly speaks of.

OUR Eagle Point correspondent this week has an item bearing upon the matter of closing the road north and east of Medford which has so long been used by many farmers of the valley in coming to Medford to trade. While it is true that the particular piece of road in question is not a public thoroughfare it is evident that it, or one equally as convenient, should be made an open highway and our merchants will serve themselves and their farmer friends very profitably in seeing to it that the road is located. Mr. Maule has a perfect right to prohibit travel across his land and no person ought to have a word of censure for him in announcing that he intends to close this long-time-traveled road. The land traversed is private property. The question for us to settle is—Can we afford to lose the amount of trade which will be shut off from us, particularly during the winter months? Surely we cannot. The proposition then before us is how can we best adjust this road matter to suit the convenience of all those farmers? We are inclined to believe that Mr. Maule will not be unreasonable, but should he be unduly exacting it is quite probable that another route equally as good could be secured over other land in that locality. A meeting of the merchants of Medford should be called at once and a committee appointed to devise means for opening a road for these people. Read Mr. Howlett's Eagle Point item and then let us get in and do something.

ADMIRAL DEWEY's figure in the war just closed towers above every other in the army or navy. It is not alone as a fighting commander that Dewey has earned his high distinction. For more than three months after destroying the fleet at Manila he faced a most difficult problem in diplomacy. From first to last he commanded the situation with the prudence of the statesman as well as the firmness and readiness of the military genius. He made no mistake. The jealousies excited in some of the nations of Europe by the entrance of the United States into a new field were ably met by this leader, whose gifts have been revealed to his countrymen. When foreign meddlers crossed the proper limits he repelled them with just enough of decision. At the end he compelled the city to surrender upon his terms, and it is legitimately the prize of his operations. As for his great naval battle, it will be famous as long as time endures. It was splendidly intrepid and yet a carefully organized attack, combining at once the profoundest calculation and the most brilliantly aggressive courage. Admiral Dewey's work is too complete and conspicuous to cause envy. He stands unquestionably first on the roll of our heroes in the war with Spain. Closely following him in the minds and hearts of the American people is Commodore Schley, but in rank of naval file Commander Sampson outranks him. Sampson should be, and ever will be, in the eyes of the common people, a pillar of honors which belonged to others.

—The Racket can't be beat on lace curtains, curtain nets and table linens.

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War prices are fighting hard to get recognition from me, but I have held my position and still mark goods with the same old figures. Perhaps I'll have to surrender to the market's advance, but I'll fight every raise and continue to sell staple and fancy groceries at the lowest prices consistent with good quality.

G. L. DAVIS.

I DON'T!

Echoes From the Street.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS

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Do not forget the teachers' meeting at 3 o'clock p. m.

The principal and Miss Pearl Hall wish to meet all who expect to become members of the class of '99 at 4 o'clock p. m., Saturday, September 3.

If you wish any information about the schools, if you wish to enter, or take advanced work, see the principal on Saturday, September 3, at the school building.

Do not fail to be present the first day and help organize the schools; you will miss something if you are not present. It is just as necessary for you to be present as your teacher.

The United States civil service has lucrative positions waiting for the bright boys and girls of our town. Have you the grit, perseverance and hard work in you to win one of them? There are positions waiting that pay from \$1400 to \$5000 per year, if you are fitted for them. There is a demand for expert typewriters and shorthand reporters, but the room is all at the top.

It is our purpose to take up the work just as we find it and go on. If you failed in your last year's work, and have studied through the vacation, we will give you an examination on Saturday to determine your fitness to advance.

SCHOOL GOVERNMENT.

While the problem of school government is one of the most important in the whole range of school life, it has received but little attention, comparatively, at the hands of educators. If our system of education has failed to reach its highest ideals in the past, our methods of school control have been at least as much to blame as our methods of instruction. Teachers have been so much absorbed in their efforts to develop the intellectual life that they have too often neglected the cultivation of the motive powers. The brain has been taught to do its work well, but the will, the supreme endowment of mankind, has been left to work out its own salvation or destruction without direction or training.

Our free school system was organized expressly to fit the youth of our land to discharge intelligently the duties of citizenship. It was believed by our forefathers, and with reason, that a free government could not be maintained in its integrity without the free school which was accordingly organized and fostered with the expectation that it would become the corner stone of the great structure of American civilization.

We live in the midst of democratic institutions under a representative government, yet our schools, which are intended to fit the youth of our land to participate intelligently in the various functions of such institutions and government, are essentially non-democratic, and are controlled by a power which is non-representative and, in fact, autocratic.

The citizens of a political community have a voice through their representatives in the formation and execution of the laws by which they are governed, but the citizens of the school community, for a school is a distinct community by itself, with the interests and latent possibilities, if not all the functions of the larger community outside, are subject to a control which is the very antithesis of a democratic government. And yet men wonder that the rising generation is so poorly fitted to take up and discharge the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

School governments are moderating in rigidity and severity, and are giving more freedom of action and a wider range for the development of individual tendencies; the slave-driver's whip has been abolished, yet the system is still autocratic.

This state of things cannot continue. Our civilization has reached a point where it demands something better. The attention of the educational world is gradually but surely being attracted to this problem, and many attempts are being made to solve it. The most promising of these experiments, the one that has given the most satisfactory results, is that of "Student Control," or self-government for and by the pupil. We believe that this is the only practical solution of the problem.

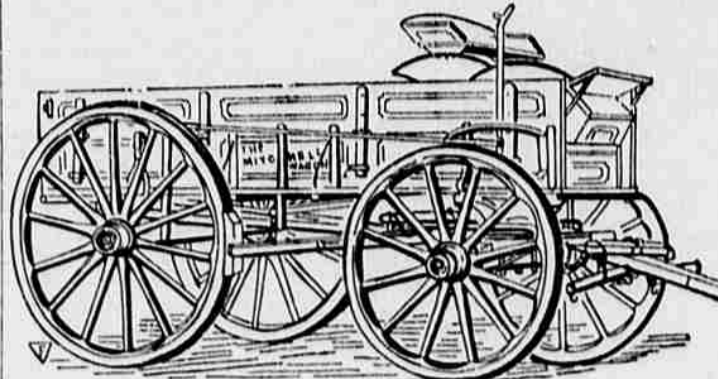
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