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### Notice of Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the regular teachers' examination for the third quarter, 1898, will be held in Dallas, beginning on Wednesday, August 10th, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m. Applicants for state diplomas and county certificates will be examined at the same time and place. All applicants must be at least 17 years of age, and present satisfactory evidence of good moral character. J. N. HART, School Supt., Polk Co., Ore. Dated at Dallas, Or., July 14, 1898.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

Spain's submarine fleet is the largest of modern times.

Thomas H. Tongue has wired President McKinley that he favors retention of the Philippine islands as that is the sentiment of his constituents in Oregon.

Ex Senator John H. Mitchell favors our retaining the Philippine islands. For once the editor of the Oregonian and Mr. Mitchell can join hands on a public measure.

The war bonds are now selling in New York at from \$1.04 to \$1.04 1/2. The 230,000 owners, whose subscriptions ran from \$20 to \$4700 each, will make a good thing out of them.

President McKinley can make terms of peace with Spain, but it requires the ratification of the United States senate. The president is going to give the senate some work to do.

"The Yankees have, thus far, conducted the war with masterly smartness and admirable valor," says a German newspaper. Coming from such a source the statement is appreciated.

The war will soon be over. Spain has accepted our terms of peace, and hostilities will cease. War was declared on the 21st day of April, and we are victorious in a little over three months.

Our present maps of the United States will need correcting in a few weeks more, when Cuba, Porto Rico, the Ladrone island, Caroline islands, and the Philippines, in whole or part, are added to our territory.

Independence and Monmouth will be one town should there be a town of even 5000 population here. Then why should not the two towns unite now on water works, electric lights and other public enterprises.

The wealth of the United States is estimated by Prof. Mulhall at \$81,750,000,000 or nearly \$82,000,000,000, more than any other one government in the world. And yet Spain blew up the Maine, but she won't do it again.

The county court of Polk county says the new court house will cost not more than \$40,000. That means that the building will cost about \$40,000, but the tax-payers must remember that there are other items to be paid for, such as heating, lighting, ventilation, plumbing, frescoing, furnishing, etc., which will, unless carefully looked after cost, \$40,000 more.

An examination of the wrecks from magazine explosions on the vessels of Cervera's fleet, shows that there is no resemblance in the effects, to that of our battle ship, the Maine, and that it proves conclusively that the Maine was blown up, from the outside.

There is no reason why the citizens of Independence should completely ignore the court house question. We have a duty, as citizens, outside of our town being an aspirant for the county seat, in seeing that our money is judiciously expended. It would do no harm for some of our citizens to scan the plans and specifications carefully, to be submitted next Friday, and see that we get full value for our money, before it goes too far for remedy.

A court house will cost Independence at least \$8000, as its share of the probable taxes. Now since the court seems to be going ahead to build, why should not our people counteract that loss by extra energy in developing the resources of our town. Dallas has had the county seat these many years, and today is an inferior business town to Independence. We can surge ahead if we will but make greater efforts. We can soon replace that \$8,000 investment in a court house with revenue producing and wealth gaining enterprises here.

Only a little over three months of war and Spain sues for peace. She has lost twenty-one war vessels, several thousand killed and wounded, about \$3,000,000 worth of merchant vessels, and territory estimated to be worth \$500,000,000 to the United States. The war has cost us about \$300,000,000; 1000 dead, and 2000 wounded soldiers. Our navy has almost doubled. The whole future policy of our government has been changed. Instead of being the Mecca of colonies, we are to send out colonies ourselves. It remains to be seen what the final result will be.

J. J. Higgins, formerly postmaster at Monmouth, has purchased a newspaper in Alma, Wash. The Alma Chronicle is over ten years old. Mr. Higgins has had former newspaper experience and is apparently no novice in the business, as he makes a newsy paper. In his editorial on taking control, he says:

In assuming control of the Chronicle our aim will be to publish a paper replete with county and local news, avoiding personalities and anonymous communications. We will devote as much space as possible to what we conceive will advance the business and social interests of our community. Our former experience teaches us the labor and difficulties involved in the publication of a good local paper, and we realize that whatever measure of success we achieve will depend largely upon the hearty cooperation and patronage of the business men and citizens of Alma.

## SUEING FOR PEACE.

United States Makes Spain a Proposition Which is Liberal.

The conditions of peace between the United States and Spain are said to be: As to Cuba, it is demanded that Spain release her government, her possessions and control. It will be noticed that nothing is said of Cuban independence and that the acceptance of this proposition leaves the United States free to deal with the islands as it may deem best.

Porto Rico, with the small islands adjacent and embraced within her jurisdiction, is to be ceded unconditionally to the United States.

One of the Ladrone islands, likewise, is to be ceded to the United States as a coaling station. These three conditions being granted by Spain are to be taken as part payment in lieu of the full indemnity. What further payment shall be required is to be determined by a commission having authority to act for the president, subject to his approval. Whether Spain shall retain possession of the Philippines, as a whole, or in part, is left for that commission to determine. The reason for deferring the decision as to the future of the islands in this fashion, is because the administration is not satisfied itself; it is not clear at this moment what sound policy should dictate on the matter.

Meanwhile, and until the commission has satisfactorily disposed of the future of the islands, the United States is to exercise a military government over Manila harbor and bay. The commission will be actually a peace commission, and will prepare the treaty which will terminate formally the war with Spain. However, a suspension of hostilities may be sooner declared, when the Spanish government shall definitely accept the conditions as above laid down and renounce its authority over Cuba and Porto Rico.

## Future of the Philippines.

New York Journal of Commerce: It ought not to be difficult to determine the plain duty of the United States in the Philippines, although the fulfillment of it may not be so easy. In the first place, the surrender of the islands to Spain would be nothing short of a crime against humanity. In the second place, to abandon them to their own devices would be scarcely less inhuman; while, in the third place, to attempt to turn them over to any other power or powers would be sure to foment international jealousies, the results of which no man could foresee. It is plain therefore, that, for the present at least, we should hold a strong hand upon the Philippine islands, the sole purpose of which should be, not the satisfaction of any greed of our own, but the preservation of the peace of the world, the suppression of one of the flagrant scandals of Spanish rule, and the saving of an ignorant and barbarous native population from the evils of their own ignorance and barbarity. We have here a chance to distinguish ourselves as the most beneficent world-power in history, and to do more to promote the arts of peace and the blessings of commerce than has ever fallen to the lot of any single nation. It will require the keenest statesmanship, the broadest economic philosophy, the widest diplomacy, the steadiest courage and the most perfect self-sacrifice to acquit ourselves nobly of this high commission, but surely these things are not strangers to American genius.

This is a responsibility which we did not seek, and one, no doubt, from which we would have shrunk but for becoming modesty if we had foreseen it; but it has nevertheless been thrown upon us, and why should we not accept it like men, and so acquit ourselves that civilization through all times shall bless the American name?

About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended, and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. Boggs, Stumptown, Glimmer Co., W. Va. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co.

Crop reports of Polk county so far indicate a much lighter yield than anticipated, the falling off being about one half below previous estimates. The warm weather has been a damage to the grain.

The Rev. W. B. Costley, of Stockbridge, Ga., while attending to his pastoral duties at Ellensburg, that state, was attacked by cholera morbus. He says: "By chance I happened to get hold of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and I think it was the means of saving my life. It relieved me at once. For sale by Kirkland Drug Co."



## REMARKABLE RECEPTION.

Inhabitants of a Spanish Town Rejoice in Being Conquered.

When General Miles' army reached Ponce, a town on the coast of Porto Rico, the scene along the wharves was remarkable. Thousands of residents, men, women and children, lined the water front and shouts of joy greeted them. The soldiers were received like liberators rather than intruders. The red-shirted firemen came down to the wharf in a body and cheered lustily. Captain Lyons, with company K, of the Sixteenth regiment, immediately marched to the city and established a provisional guard in the municipal building.

On every hand the greatest satisfaction was evidenced. Women adorned themselves in their brightest gowns and waved their hands and smiled as the troops marched through the streets. The doors of the mercantile houses were opened, and the whole city presented the appearance of a fête. The poor are especially rejoiced.

The military road to San Juan is broad and well beaten and will offer no difficulty to the passage of artillery and supply trains.

The Spanish made a stand at a small town, resisting General Henry's advance, several miles north of Ponce tonight.

Information received by General Miles indicates that there are less than 7000 regulars and 5000 volunteers in the islands.

General Miles and General Wilson, with their staffs, accompanied by the British, French, German and Danish consuls, called upon the alcalde this afternoon. The latter gave them a gracious welcome and asked to be addressed as to General Miles' desires with regard to the government of the city. General Miles informed him that it was not his purpose to interfere in any way with the local government, and advised the alcalde to conduct his administration as usual. He said, however, that all persons having arms given by the Spanish must give them up or be treated as enemies. The alcalde said that this should be done.

At the conclusion of the conference, the American officers stepped to the balcony of the municipal building overlooking the plaza, where the several thousand people including the fire department and a number of bands, were assembled. The crowd cheered General Miles, and the American bands played national airs.

## A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Harry Belt, of Dallas, injured by the Discharge of a Gun.

A distressing accident occurred on the Rickrell, near Dallas, on Sunday morning, which has cast a gloom over one of Polk county's most promising families, and which will cripple a bright and promising young man for life.

Harry Belt, eldest son of J. D. Belt, the Dallas druggist, a brother of Mrs. Geo. H. Burnett, of this city, accidentally shot himself through the left arm, below the elbow, shattering the member in such a manner as to make amputation a necessity.

The family and a number of friends on Sunday morning last, had gone to the Rickrell, where they were enjoying an outing. While there the young man had been in the woods shooting birds, and after returning to the camp, stood on a log, holding the shot gun. By some means he slipped from the log in such a manner as to discharge the firearm, the full load striking his arm. The camp was quickly aroused and the injured youth cared for. As fast as possible he was taken to Dallas and medical attendance secured, and every effort made to save his life and limb, and ease his pain.

It was understood in this city yesterday that the young man would be brought to Salem and placed in the hospital for treatment and no pains or expense will be spared to make his misfortune as easy as possible for him. —Salem Statesman.

## To Cleanse the System,

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