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Having lost her main source of revenue Spain will now have to go to work for a living.

In May, 1898, occurred Dewey's victory. All our bills will take place. We are glad to see that those who suggested the other.

The bank of Oreg. City is a very successful one. It is the only one of its kind in the city. It is the only one of its kind in the city.

The water supply for the people of Oregon City is not improving. A survey recently made demonstrated that it is not practicable to get water from the Clackamas on a gravity system.

Billy began is the greatest prophet of the age. Every single one of his prophecies has had a retrograde motion. In other words has gone back on itself. It is surely could not have happened by chance.

Cuban custom receipts will reach \$11,000,000 this year. Though probably many times less than collected, by the Spanish it will do Cuba much more good for it will be spent for improvement instead of being shipped out of the country.

In Battle, Kan., the complete municipal ticket of women was elected, consisting of mayor, clerk and council. The women drove their own carriages at the polls and corralled the voters much after the best approved ward leader style, through a blinding snowstorm. The action of this patriotic government will be watched with considerable interest.

There is evidence of the hottest kind of a row in Czar Nicholas' peace congress to meet in the Hague next year. French delegates will protest against English occupancy of a portion of Africa. Chinese representatives will kick. Spanish members will be sour, and it is likely troops may have to be called out to preserve order. The congress will be like a convention of carnivorous animals seeking to declare for a vegetable diet.

The 'old soldier' who has been caricatured and held up to ridicule for his propensity to apply for pensions, will have a great sigh of satisfaction when he learns that the 'young soldier' of the war with Spain now carries the belt in that respect. Already over 11,000 applications for pensions have been filed. It will probably be found that the 'grub-kickers,' the howlers against the government methods of handling campaigns, and the 'embalmed beef' heroes are among the first applicants.

Italy is wrestling with a problem of health, as shown by recent health reports. It appears from these reports that consumption kills about 70,000 of the inhabitants each year and makes nearly 1,000,000 invalids in the same period. This information will startle a great many people who have been led to believe that 'Sunny Italy' is the Eden of Earth. In fact consumption is a thousand fold more deadly than smallpox, yet physicians aim to prevent the latter by trying to force compulsory vaccination on the people, while they are practically and confessedly helpless in face of the former.

Alaskan expansion was profitable to this country. Secretary Seward paid \$7,200,000 for Alaska, comprising 350,529,600 acres, or about two cents an acre. The Fur Seal Company since the purchase has paid into the treasury \$8,000,000 with \$1,304,533 still due. This represents over \$33,000,000 worth of furs marketed. One of many gold mining companies paid its stockholders \$6,025,945 before Klondike opened up. Thus the region has produced at least \$25,000,000 to the country. In the single year of 1894 the fish product footed about \$3,000,000, and there is still the value of \$67,800,000 placed in the fisheries to be taken into account

outside of whales and seals. Besides these are the lumber, ice and stone industries. And yet Alaskan trade is in its early infancy. And this is a sample of the expansion that the democratic party claims is sending the country to the demitition bow-wow.

There seems to be no doubt that the Oregon regiment will soon be on the water, home bound. The announcement was as unexpected as it was welcome. Company I has not had a man killed, although they have been in the thickest of the fighting, and though many have been in the hospital, none have succumbed to the diseases of the tropics. The company seems to have had a charmed existence.

A Jewish colonial trust of \$10,000,000 which may be increased to \$50,000,000 is about to be formed for the purpose of promoting the gathering together of the Hebrews from all corners of the world. The dream of rehabilitation has been enticingly present to the Jewish mind for many centuries. It is about as possible of realization as the recolonization of Africa by negroes, whose ancestry have gone through the fires of slavery. Having become imbued with the ideas of Anglo-Saxon life neither Jews nor the negroes can ever return to old ideas, old environments nor old contentment.

The water supply for the people of Oregon City is not improving. A survey recently made demonstrated that it is not practicable to get water from the Clackamas on a gravity system. There are a few other probable sources of a good water supply, among them the sinking of wells at Ely. The power necessary to raise the water would be slight and the wells would not need be very deep. It is generally believed that an unlimited supply of good water can be had there at small expense. At most a few hundred dollars would pay for sinking a well and establishing a temporary pumping plant. The quality of the water is good, and the country indicates it is a water shed. It is possible artesian wells could be found in that section, the topography of the county would indicate it.

The people of Oregon City and Clackamas county are more interested in road building today than ever before. It is true that in the past Oregon City donated some \$20,000 towards county roads, \$10,000 for the Baker ferry road, and it is also true that she must donate several thousand more before we have good roads to the various sections of the county. At present all efforts are being concentrated for the completion of the Molalla road. The county court has apportioned a good sum, the Oregon City council has donated \$500, the citizens along the route have subscribed freely, the people of Oregon City are pledged for a large sum and all that remains is for the people of the Molalla country to come to the front with a liberal donation and the road will be finished. It is true that the route selected is not the one desired by the people of Molalla and Oregon City, but the grade is but little steeper and is not as steep as other grades on the road nearer Oregon City. The compromise was made in good faith and we believe the people of Molalla, Milk Creek and other interested precincts will come to the front with sufficient to finish this, the most important road in the county.

Thus, B. Reed's Retirement. The announcement that Thomas B. Reed is to become a member of a New York law firm means his early retirement from the house of representatives, of which body he has been the dominating figure for the greater part of the last decade. His retirement will remove from political life one of the brainiest men in the republican party. Mr. Reed is a man of strong intellectual ability and discernment. He is a most skillful parliamentarian.

Rebellion in the Philippines. Every day of fighting in the Philippines strengthens the tie that binds those islands to the United States. Every life of an American soldier lost there, every hardship and every sacrifice on the part of the faithful bearers of the Stars and Stripes fastens the Philippines more securely as part of the dominion of the United States.

The bigger the price exacted from us by the rebellious Filipinos for the peaceful possession of that country, rightfully ours, the more pressing will be this country's duty and the stronger its determination to make that possession peaceful.

We will have peace in the Philippines under the American flag, and we will have it at any price. This is in accordance with human nature and with the national traditions, and, considering the state of the world, it is likewise in accordance with political wisdom and necessity.

Honor to the Americans who are helping toward peace in the Philippines, and shame on those who, by encouraging the deluded and half savage natives, are striving to prolong the strife there, and to end it in disaster and humiliation to the United States!

GRIM, SOLEMN JUSTICE

That's the Kind the Soldier Gets In a Court Martial.

HIS HONOR AND SALARY AT STAKE

Some High Army Officers Who Have Faced Military Tribunals on Serious Charges and How They Were Dealt With—Odd Coincidences.



ACRED honor and salary, both important things among army men, are put in jeopardy by courts martial; so such a trial is a mighty serious and solemn thing to the men who wear Uncle Sam's fighting uniform. Even a civilian spectator must be impressed with the difference between a military tribunal and the ordinary court of justice. In the latter offenses against the lives and property of individuals are investigated. In the former assaults on the fame and discipline of the nation's army, made by individual lapses of integrity, discipline or good behavior are probed.

In the civilians' trial the lawyers make use of wit, pathos, ridicule and passionate appeal to the emotions. Even the judges flip an occasional joke from the bench to the bar.

But in the soldier's court justice is grim and stern and ever dignified. A criminal's life may hang in the balance amid jest and mental buffoonery, but a soldier's honor and a soldier's salary can be put to forfeit only with solemn surroundings.

Even the drumhead justice of a campaign court martial, when the offense demands immediate punishment, lacks nothing in dignity, although the surroundings may be unconventional. A general court martial is a brilliant spectacle. Gold lace and red tape abound, and dignity of procedure and demeanor dominates in a manner not paralleled, perhaps, in any civil court except tribunals like the United States supreme court. Here in a form to please the eye better are the equivalents of all the adjuncts of the high civil courts, but each in a shape that makes the whole seem most interesting.

Instead of a gowned judge one sees the president of the court—grim, perhaps, and well along in years, because promotions in the army are slow and the president must be of higher rank than the other members, but resplendent in all the glories of his full military uniform.

In place of the jury are the other members of the court, every one of them in full uniform, begirt with a gold belt. In a full court martial there are just a dozen of these officers besides the president, and many an officer and man has found in this sort of 13 gathering confirmation of the evil superstition attaching to the number. The articles of war provide that when it can be avoided no member of the court shall be inferior in rank to the officer accused.

Owing to the high rank of Brigadier General Egan it was hardly possible to have all the members of the court his official equals, but the list as selected included four major generals, five brigadiers and four colonels.

In a court martial may be determined questions of life or death, matters involving imprisonment, fines or dishonor. Bound by almost no rules of evidence, amenable to none for the exercise of their judgment, the members of a court martial may probe straight to the bottom of every piece of evidence brought before them, sweep aside all technicalities and finally render a verdict entirely in accordance with their own ideas of the rights and equities of the United States and of the officer who is upon trial.

Standing between the court and the power which appoints it is the judge advocate. In the trial of the case the judge advocate is the prosecutor. Like a prosecutor of the pleas or a district attorney, he represents the government, and it is his duty to prepare and present to the court all the evidence against the accused. Once he had a more complex duty to perform.

Not many years ago an accused officer was without the right to be aided by legal counsel, and the judge advocate was bound to look after his interests as well as to formulate the case against him. This was a duty so manifestly impossible to perform properly that the members of courts martial, knowing that no man can fairly divide himself into prosecutor and defender at the same time, almost always became interested in protecting the interests of the men brought before them, and it took a strong case or a clever judge advocate to get a verdict of guilty.

Now this has been changed, and it is the duty of the commanding officers at the posts where such courts are convened to appoint suitable officers to act as counsel to defend any defendant who requests it, or the accused may employ lawyers. General Egan, for instance, employed one of the most brilliant lawyers in Washington to conduct his defense.

The judge advocate is also the recorder of the court. Under his direction a record is made of all the proceedings, even to the most minute, for before the findings and sentence of a court martial can be carried into effect they must be approved by the officer who appointed the court or, in the case of a death penalty, by the president of the United States himself. Even in time of war there is no exception to this rule, except that spies, mutineers, deserters or murderers or guerrillas convicted of violating the laws and customs of war-

fare may have the sentence of death executed upon them upon the confirmation of the sentence by the officer commanding in the field.

Whoever has the time and opportunity to attend a court martial may see and know everything which takes place, except the discussions held by the court to settle disputed points as to the admissibility of evidence and the final deliberations in reaching a verdict. All other proceedings must be held in public, and all the evidence must be spread upon the record in open court, so that there could never occur in this country such a controversy as that which has stirred up France over the Dreyfus case, where the evidence upon which he was convicted has been kept hidden even from his friends.

Enlisted men may be tried for offenses not capital before field officers' courts, regimental courts and garrison courts, but an officer may be tried only before a general court martial. Such a court may be appointed by any general commanding an army, a territorial division or a department or a colonel commanding a separate department, but in case such an officer be himself the accused the court must be appointed by the president of the United States. The officer who appoints the court names the judge advocate.

There is one peculiarity of the courts martial which marks them as widely different from any of the civil courts. They are double in their character. In the trial of the greater number of the charges made against soldiers these courts act purely as tribunals of law, but attached to almost every set of charges against officers is one charge the trial of which totally changes the character of the court. This is the charge of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," the same which was brought against General Egan.

There are no rules of law which define conduct unbecoming a gentleman and an officer. The court martial becomes, therefore, a court of honor in dealing with this charge, and its deliberations can be guided by nothing but the judgment of the members themselves. The charge is, too, one of the most serious in the whole military code, for the usual penalty prescribed, upon conviction, is dismissal from the service.

It may be of interest to note that while the court martial of an officer so high in rank as General Egan has



COURT MARTIAL IN SESSION.

rarely occurred in the history of our army many men who afterward attained equal or even higher rank have in their time faced a military tribunal on just as serious charges.

No less a person than General Winfield Scott was court martialled for calling a superior officer names to which the superior objected. General Scott was suspended for a year and put in the time studying tactics. He was a junior officer at the time his offense was committed.

Time brings forgetfulness as certainly as it assuages grief. There are probably not many who remember that nine people out of ten once believed General Miles' hitherto rapid promotion was certain to be checked because of displeasure visited upon him in a rather unmarked way by President Cleveland.

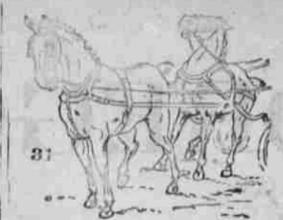
How many men remember that Henry C. Corbin, now the adjutant general of the army and one of the most prominent figures now in the present army controversy at Washington, was once court martialled for alleged cowardice in the face of the enemy.

General Russell A. Alger, the secretary of war, has had troubles of his own in the past, and one of the first things which strike the man with a good memory on reading the details of the present army row is the fact that General Wesley Merritt, senior officer of the board appointed to try General Egan, is the man who, as a cavalry leader, once declared that his present chief, Alger, should be tried and dismissed from the service for absenting himself without leave from his command during a critical period of the war of the rebellion.

General George A. Custer, who made the official report as Alger's commanding officer that the present secretary of war was absent without leave, was three or four years afterward court martialled himself.

As a matter of fact, courts martial and threats of court martial, like wars and rumors of wars, have kept pretty steady company with army officers since George Washington took command of the colonial forces. It is pleasing for the populace and grateful to the ranks to know, however, that the record of trials in the American army falls below, with all due allowance for smaller numbers, that of the armies of Europe.

CAPTAIN T. B. FRANCIS.



A horse in the lead pulls in vain when the wheel horse lays back in the breaching. A man's body is a good deal like a team of horses, and must work harmoniously. The head may want to work, and strive ever so hard to work, but if the body is balky and sick the head will make no progress.

The man who is out of condition physically may as well give up trying to work mentally. He will not be able to do good work, or satisfactory work, and in the endeavor to do so will only do himself further harm. The reason that men have nervous exhaustion and prostration is that they try to work the brain when the body is balky. The right thing for a man to do when he finds he is out of sorts physically is to give the mind a little rest, and promptly resort to the right remedy for his physical ailments. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all medicines for a balky body. When the head aches, the appetite is poor, the sleep is restless, the nerves are shaky and both body and brain suffer from dullness and lassitude, it is time to resort to this great remedy. It restores the appetite, corrects all disorders of the digestion, makes assimilation perfect, invigorates the liver and purifies and nourishes the blood. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It is the best of nerve tonics and restoratives. It makes the body alert and active. Medicine dealers have nothing "just as good."

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