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EDITORIAL

The following editorial, taken from the Oregonian of Sept. 26, is one of the best editorials on the race question ever published in a daily paper.

THE SOUTH AND THE NEGRO.

To say that for the troubles between the Southern whites and the negroes the whites are themselves to blame would be a harsh judgment and not wholly true.

It has nullified the enfranchising amendments to the Constitution and deprived the negroes of the right to vote, so that the Southern whites have almost doubled the proportionate representation of the North in Congress.

It is a mistake to concede to the South that the negro question is local and not national. The original wrongs of the negro were the guilt of New England no less than of Virginia.

Considered as a lower animal Southerners like the negro. They pet him as they would a dog and suffer his caresses without disgust so long as he does not aspire to human dignity.

Some Southern writers say that the negro is reverting to barbarism. If they are right it is exactly what might be expected from the system of social, educational and legal outlawry which he lives under.

Romans put down the rebellion of their slaves. Indeed it almost seems as if the Southern whites looked up to the negroes as a servile class in insurrection against their lawful owners.

In the Atlanta riots the blacks showed a certain spirit and vigor in self-defense. Whites were slain as well as negroes. This was, of course, regrettable; still, to gain respect the blacks must learn to defend themselves.

FAIR AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Citizens Desire to Show That Metropolitan Has Not Lost Grip.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—A very ambitious scheme has been put forward here this week in the form of a proposal that San Francisco hold a world's fair in 1911.

The suggestion of Mr. Mills has been well received. Mr. Phelan in a cordial reply suggested that Mr. Mills consult with others who are known to be interested in such a project.

TWENTY BODIES EXHUMED.

More Victims of the San Francisco Disaster Found.

San Francisco, Sept. 25.—Another tragedy has been brought to light through the finding of the remains of a score or more of bodies in the ruins of a lodging house at the corner of Fifth and Minna streets.

J. R. Armstrong, a contractor, made the gruesome find while clearing away debris which choked the thoroughfare.

Fifty people were in the place at the time of the quake, only seven of whom have been accounted for.

Armstrong positively identified one body as being that of a young man named Woods who was employed by the Risdon Iron works.

Decisive Battle Imminent.

Washington, Sept. 25.—According to information which reached Washington from San Domingo, a battle between the government troops and rebel forces is imminent and the forthcoming engagement is expected to be a decisive one.

Up in the Billions.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The foreign commerce of the United States has crossed the \$3,000,000,000 mark. In the 12 months ending with August the imports were \$1,254,399,735 and the exports \$1,759,417,898 a total for the 12 months of \$3,101,817,633.

HOW UNCLE SAM TEACHES HIS YOUNG SOLDIERS.

Americans may well be proud of their great military training academy at West Point; it is one of the most complete institutions of its kind and furnishes the cadet with a thorough practical and theoretical knowledge of his duties before he is actually launched on his career as an officer.



CADETS GOING TO DINNER.

tal tests they are allowed to enter the military academy on June 12 for a four-years course. The tests of the prolonged probation are so severe that often not more than 50 per cent finally pass out.



GUN DRILL OF CADETS.

hibited—so much so, that should any spirituous liquor be found in a cadet's quarters he is liable to be dismissed from the service; the use of tobacco is likewise forbidden.

There are also very stringent rules as to the treatment of the junior cadets in connection with what is known as "ragging," any cadet being considered guilty of bullying, even in the mildest form, laying himself open to summary dismissal from the military academy.

Cadets are even forbidden to buy

cadet to compare favorably with the embryo officers of any other country.

It must not be forgotten, however, that to pass successfully through West Point is not the only way of entering the United States army. There are two other means by which it is possible to accomplish this end: (1) by direct commission; (2) through the ranks.



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appear before a military board and if successful is again examined, the examination being extremely difficult—London Sphere.

THE FEMINE METHOD.

How They Puzzle One Another by Their Polite Attentions.

"There comes that bowl again!" ejaculated Mrs. Pryor, in a tone of despair. A moment later she was at the door listening affably while her friend from across the street told her she "couldn't resist bringing over a bowl of these strawberries—they are so unusually large!"

"What about the bowl, Jean?" queried the bachelor brother, who persists in trying to help.

"Enough about it!" groaned his sister, as soon as the neighbor was safely out of hearing. "On my birthday—three months ago, mind you—Mrs. Fox brought over that bowl filled with some of her delicious home-made candy, and to save me I couldn't tell whether she was presenting me with the bowl or just the candy.

"But before a week had passed she sent it over again filled with some of her lovely orange marmalade. There wasn't a thing to do but repeat my little ruse, and that time I gave her spiced gooseberries.

"All the treasures in my fruit-closet are exhausted, and I guess hers are, too, for you see she's begun on the markets now, with these fresh straw-



"GUARD MOUNT"—CADETS IN FULL-DRESS UNIFORM.

any newspaper or periodical without the express permission of the superintendent, and no one is allowed a servant, so that each cadet has to clean his own uniform and keep his room tidy.

As has been already stated, the life is a truly Spartan one, very little leave or holidays being granted. There is a half-holiday on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and no study from Dec. 4 to Jan. 2; a longer vacation running to a few weeks is given to the cadet at the end of his second year.

There are not only yearly and half-yearly examinations, but monthly and weekly ones; in fact, the cadet is under such close observation that he receives marks for the ordinary daily work. One novel feature of the training at West Point is that particular importance is attached to the system of delivering lectures in a simple and concise manner.

berries. I'm just tired of racking my brains for new delicacies to fill that bowl with, and all I want to know is whether she keeps returning it because she thinks she has given it to me, or whether she is simply paying back my attention to her each time.

"Then why don't you ask her?"

"Ask her?" "A man would."

"A man—no doubt!" (with immense superiority.) "And just suppose she hadn't intended giving you the bowl at all! What then?"

"Let her say so. Why, I'll ask her for you, sis."

Mrs. Pryor actually squealed.

"Oh! if that wouldn't be just like a man—blundering and club-like! Don't you say one word to her about it, Seymour! I shall manage to find out some way. Besides, I've just thought what I can send back in the bowl next time. I'll make stuffed dates."—Youth's Companion.

Our experience has been that when a man approaches us and says: "A funny thing happened yesterday," and then proceeds to relate it, the incident is not funny.

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