TARGET PRACTICE IS NEARLY OVER

Vessels at Magdalena Bay Are About Ready to Coal and Clean Ship.

SCORES NOT YET KNOWN

Actual Percentages Must Be Worked Out Before Results on Ranges Can Be Announced—Complicated Problems Involved.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 2.—Wireless reports received from Magdalena Bay state that the record target practice of 1908 for the Atlantic fleet is practically at an end. The Vermont, the last of the "Big 16" to go upon the ranges, completed the firing of her 12-inch guns yesterday and today was completing her record with the rifles in the secondary battery. Most of the ships also have completed their torpedo practice, so that little remains to be done at Magdalena Bay but to coal and clean ship.

It is said that all of the vessels will take on sufficient coal to carry them to San Francisco. In this way the ships will be open to visitors every day of their stay at the various ports on the Coast. During coaling days all ships of the Navy are barred to visitors and practically all of the officers have to remain on board.

The Connecticut, which brought Admiral Evans to San Diego yesterday afternoon, and which cleared again for Magdalena Bay at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, was 240 miles south at noon today and will rejoin the fleet late tomorrow afternoon.

The weather at Magdalena Bay is reported as cloudy and threatening, these conditions having prevailed for some time. No rain has fallen in the bay, but a few miles inland it is said there have been heavy showers. White uniforms were expected to be worn, but blue has been the prescribed color nearly every day.

It will be some time before the actual percentages of the various ships are worked out. Different types of vessels with different caliber rifles—some modern and some several years old—are allowed different ratings in giving credits for hits and this complicates the figuring of results.

It is said, however, that if any of the battleships beat the record of the armored cruiser Maryland, of the Pacific fleet, it probably will be one of the older vessels of the Illinois, Kearsarge or Maine class.

MINNESOTA NOW FLAGSHIP

Admiral Thomas to Remain on Her. Will Quit Fleet June 1.

MAGDALENA BAY, March 30, via San Diego, Cal., April 2.—Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas, who today became senior officer of the Atlantic fleet, as the flagship Connecticut, with Rear-Admiral Evans on board, sailed out of the bay and turned her prow to the north, declared that he would not transfer his flag from the Minnesota. He hauled down the red ensign, however, and hoisted a flag of blue, denoting his authority as commander-in-chief of the ships now here.

"I have been hopeful," said Admiral Thomas to the Associated Press, "that Admiral Evans would be able to guide the fleet to San Francisco without interruption. It is a great shock to me that he has been compelled to give up, and I trust that he will be able rapidly to regain his health on shore and resume command for the last part of the cruise, thus fittingly rounding out his career of splendid achievements. I know that he desires very much to complete this final triumph before retiring.

"I shall not transfer my flag to the Connecticut, nor, so far as I know, will the events change in any way our plans with reference to the receptions to be tendered the fleet in the various cities on the California coast. We shall finish our work here and leave for San Diego on April 11. The itinerary up the coast will be followed as already announced. If Admiral Evans rejoins the fleet he will remain in command until after the review by the Secretary of the Navy in San Francisco, May 8. My time as Commander-in-Chief of the fleet after that will be short, as I expect to ask relief about June 1 to make way for Admiral Sperry, in order that he may have time fully to prepare for the long cruise to Australia, Japan and back to New York. During my brief term of command I shall make no changes in the executive staff. Until Admiral Evans' return, I shall work with his staff and when I am finally put in supreme command, if Admiral Sperry has his staff arranged, I shall be satisfied with that."

The banquet given on the Mexican gunboat Tampico by Governor Angustia Sanguinez of Lower California, to the flag and commanding officers of the Atlantic fleet, was an elaborate affair. Rear-Admirals Thomas, Sperry and Emory were present. Dinner was served on the deck of the gunboat, which was gay with flags and cari-colored lights. Governor Sanguinez spoke in Spanish and referred felicitously to the cordial relations which have so long existed between the Mexican and American Governments. He proposed a toast to President Roosevelt and to President Diaz, which was drunk standing. Admiral Thomas and Captain Schroeder spoke briefly, expressing the thanks of officers of the fleet for the hospitality of their reception in Magdalena. Admiral Thomas will give a return banquet in honor of Governor Sanguinez before the fleet leaves.

EVANS REACHES THE SPRINGS

Admiral Stands the Journey From San Diego Well.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., April 2.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, accompanied by his son, Lieutenant Frank Taylor Evans, Flag Lieutenant C. R. Train and Passed Assistant Surgeon P. E. McDonald, arrived here early this morning. The Rear-Admiral was assigned comfortable apartments in El Paso de Robles Hotel, and a private telephone was installed in his room. He experienced no inconvenience during the trip from San Diego and is hopeful of speedy restoration to health.

The Rear-Admiral was transferred from the railroad train to the hotel in an automobile, and on reaching his rooms did not appear fatigued. He occupies a suite of eight apartments, in one of which his breakfast was served. He was pleased with his environment, and remarked that the view from the windows could not be excelled. It is stated that besides suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, his stomach is causing him some trouble.

PASO ROBLES HOT SPRINGS, Cal., April 2.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans began his treatment today, being wheeled to the baths in a chair. He said this evening that he felt much refreshed. He has planned to take a bath and treatment every morning, spending the rest of the day in the sun as much as possible.

TARGET PRACTICE CLOSING

Wireless From Magdalena Bay Gives News of Fleet.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—A wireless dispatch was received here early this morning from the fleet at Magdalena Bay as follows:

"Record target practice is practically completed. Vermont finished with big guns yesterday. Navajo has arrived with mail for the fleet and will sail for the north today. The Ajax sails for the North tomorrow."

FARCE OF THE EULOGY

Difficulty of Saying Anything Good About Some Dead Congressmen.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 2.—Eulogies over dead Senators and Representatives are usually more or less farcical. Yet the custom of holding eulogies has come down from past ages, and a custom, once established in Congress, is hard to abandon. So it transpires that every Senator and every Congressman who dies while in office is duly eulogized, whether he has been prominent or a mere nonentity. An instance of the latter type occurred during the present session, which, while an extreme case, emphasizes the utter folly of holding public eulogies over men who were never generally known until they died.

It became incumbent upon the members of the delegation of which this particular Congressman was a member, to prepare remarks of eulogy. One of those upon whom the duty devolved, went through the Congressional Record to see what his late colleague had accomplished during his several terms. The Record showed a blank, aside from the introduction of bills; no speeches; no legislation enacted; practically nothing done. So he abandoned the idea of lauding his Congressional work. The man had been a soldier, so he determined to eulogize him as a soldier, and forthwith looked up his military record. He found that the departed had enlisted at a certain date early in the Civil War, had been promoted from time to time till he reached the grade of major, and the military record concluded thus: "Courtmartialed for cowardice and dismissed." So the military record had to be laid aside. There was only one other opening; to eulogize the departed for his high citizenship. Going to a personal friend, the patient Congressman began to make inquiries.

"Whatever you do, don't allude to his private life," said his friend. "He was twice indicted for a crime commonly charged up to negroes." Yet, when the time came, eulogies were heard, but in all that was said, there was an utter lack of sincerity.

WILL FLOAT HUGE LOAN

Germany to Raise $162,500,000 at 4 Per Cent Interest.

BERLIN, April 2.—An Imperial and Prussian loan amounting to $162,500,000 will be offered for subscription on April 11, of which sum $100,000,000 is in Prussian consols. The issue is to bear 4 per cent interest and will not be convertible within a period of ten years.

The price is 99½ or 96.30 to subscribers taking the non-transferable bonds. A syndicate of leading Berlin and Provincial bankers have bought the issue, agreeing to take also an additional $50,000,000 of Prussian treasury notes, which are not to be offered on the market.

It is reported that the Imperial Bank of Germany will reduce its discount rate from 5½ to 4½ per cent within a few days in order to prepare the way for the loan.

FRIENDS NOT SURPRISED

Friendship Between Prince and Madame Gould Well Known.

PARIS, April 2.—Although Madame Gould, before her departure from Paris for the United States, repeatedly denied to intimate friends that she had any thought of marrying Prince de Sagan, the Prince was a welcome guest at her city and country residences for months, and they often dined and went to the theater together.

Madame Gould has always been regarded as headstrong by her friends and consequently they would not be astonished if she persisted in marrying the Prince despite the disastrous results of her marriage to Count Boni and the present opposition of her family.

BRIEF NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

New York.—Sir Alfred Mosely will arrive in a few days to arrange for the tour of Europe by 500 American teachers at his expense.

San Pedro, Cal.—Dr. Joseph B. Tanner, assistant police surgeon at Los Angeles, was drowned Wednesday off Santa Cruz Island by the capsizing of a boat.

Chicago.—Suspecting that Charles Stroner was poisoned with white liquid by his wife, a chairvoyant and hypnotist, for the purpose of getting his insurance, the police are having his body exhumed.

New York.—Henry Beckhmann, aged 17 years, who has been studying the violin in Germany, paid his passage home from Bremen on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse by playing the violin for the passengers.

Muskogee, Okla.—Robbers blew open the safe of the Bank of Mounds at Mounds, Okla., 50 miles west of here, obtained $5400 in currency and escaped, after exchanging many shots with citizens. Posses are in pursuit.

San Francisco.—Eugene Harrach, who is charged with giving a worthless check for $640 in payment of automobile hire, says he is Count Von Harrach, one of the richest noblemen of Austria. All his hotel bills have been paid.

Chicago.—Henry J. Wey, for many years organist in prominent Chicago churches, committed suicide Wednesday at Elgin, in consequence of acute melancholia brought on by the discovery that he was afflicted with cancer of the stomach.

San Francisco.—A woman known as Vera Hunting in the dance halls, was found dead in a room at 902 California street. The police believe that she was a victim of foul play. Paul Labou, janitor of the building, is being held pending the investigation.

New York.—Archdeacon Henry B. Bryan, of the Panama Canal Zone, in charge of the work of the Protestant Episcopal church on the Isthmus, has formed ten congregations of West Indians and three congregations of North Americans and Europeans.

Chicago.—Antonia Lumia, a jeweler and watchmaker, is threatened with the kidnaping of his son if he does not deliver $800 at a certain time and at a stated place. Lumia reported to the police that he had received two threatening letters, each signed with a black hand.

Chicago.—George Siler, known as a refugee of prizefights, regained possession of Rosie Siler, 7 years old, who, since last October, had made her home with Mrs. F. T. Bennett, 749 Warren avenue. The girl voluntarily went to the Siler home. This will nullify habeas corpus proceedings.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Mrs. U. Z. DeArman, who shot and killed Mrs. Helen Griffin, in the Monrovia postoffice, Tuesday, is so nervously prostrated that an attempt to remove her to the County Jail might be fatal. The body of Mrs. Griffin lies unclaimed at the branch morgue at Monrovia.

Wrestling Match Arranged.

CHICAGO, April 2.—With the election of Edward W. Smith, sporting editor of a local newspaper, as referee, arrangements for the world's championship wrestling match here tomorrow night between George Hackenschmidt and Frank Gotch were practically completed today.

HEARST HAS GAFF READY FOR BRYAN

Will Do Anything to Undermine His Strength and Put Him Down and Out.

PLACE OPPOSITION TICKET

Independence League Plans to Start Campaign After Nomination of "Peerless One"—Bryan Reported to Want Peace.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 2.—The interesting announcement is made in New York that William R. Hearst and his Independence League will reserve their ammunition until after the nomination of Bryan at Denver, will then put a ticket of their own in the field and concentrate their attacks upon the Democratic National ticket for the avowed purpose of preventing Bryan's election.

Hearst is not opposed to Bryan's nomination; in fact, he hopes Bryan will be nominated. But once nominated, he wants to see him overwhelmingly defeated, so that he will never again rise in the path of the aspiring Hearst, who hopes at some future time to be chosen to lead the Democracy in a National campaign.

Bryan and Hearst at Outs.

There has been bad blood between Bryan and Hearst for a long time. Bryan has not harbored any particular admiration for the yellow editor, and would be one of the last men in the country to advocate the nomination of Hearst by a Democratic convention. Hearst knows just how Bryan feels, and naturally he harbors resentment. Furthermore, Hearst is jealous of Bryan. He is painfully aware that the "peerless leader" has a hold on the Democracy stronger than he himself can hope to have while Bryan is a factor. In other words, Bryan is an effectual bar between Hearst and the Democratic nomination, or, as Hearst would put it, a bar between himself and the White House.

Hearst Has No Hope of Winning.

The Hearst Independence League is not going into the campaign this year with any hope of electing its ticket. Its main object will be to undermine Bryan and draw from him as many votes as possible. If Bryan can be defeated by a larger majority than ever before, Hearst hopes that the "peerless" will not again have the nerve to force himself upon the party, and of course with Bryan eliminated there may be some chance of nominating Hearst.

It is the general opinion among politicians that Hearst can do Bryan a vast amount of damage if he determines to make a fight, for Hearst is popular among the very element in the East where Bryan himself has been strong, and in many instances the advantage lies with Hearst in that he is able to keep constantly in touch with this class of voters, whereas Bryan can reach them only by an occasional speech.

Bryan Wants to Make Peace.

So the advent of Hearst into the field of National politics, with the avowed determination of drubbing Bryan, is not without significance and not lacking in importance. It is of so much importance, in fact, that it is reported that Bryan himself wants to meet Hearst early in April with a view to patching up a truce. Successful termination of such a conference is hardly to be anticipated, however, for it means a great deal to Hearst to eliminate Bryan as a factor in the Democratic party, and this is an ideal time to accomplish that purpose, if it is to be accomplished at all.

PANIC ON A STREETCAR

Circuit-Breaker Explodes, Showering Passengers With Hot Metal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—Thirty panic-stricken passengers leaped for their lives this morning when a circuit-breaker on a car of the McAllister-street line exploded and sent showers of hot metal down upon those in the car. Three were seriously injured. They were:

Miss Elizabeth Sefrin, concussion of the brain.

Mrs. Olive Valencia, shock and lacerations.

S. A. Scott, burns and lacerations of face and scalp.

Miss Sefrin, the most seriously injured, was riding on the outside of the car when the explosion occurred and attempted to jump off. In the mad rush of frightened men and women she was caught up and thrown to the ground with terrific force. When picked up she was unconscious.

Mrs. Valencia also took part in the rush from the burning car and was also thrown violently to the ground.

Scott, who is a stenographer, was seated under the circuit-breaker when it exploded. He was burned by the flames and the red hot metal.

CONFER WITH GOVERNORS

Roosevelt Summons Chief Executives and Five Other Citizens.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 2.—John Mitchell, ex-president of the miners of the country, is one of the five Americans selected by President Roosevelt to be special guests of the big conference of state and territory Governors, to be held in Washington May 12.

This conference, which will last three days and the sessions of which will be held in the east room of the White House, will be presided over by Mr. Roosevelt. It will be the first meeting in the history of the country of Federal and state and territorial executives.

The five special guests will be: Grover Cleveland, W. J. Bryan, James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell.

MINORS SUE FOR LAND

Contest Title of Albert M. Smith, Astoria Lawyer.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 2.—Webster Ballinger, an attorney of this city, has filed a bill in mandamus in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to compel the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who are made defendants, to issue a patent to Gustav Ossian Stadin and Nels Gerard Stadin, minor children of Mariz G. Stejernstrom, for the southwest quarter of section one, township five, north, range eight, west, Clatsop County, Oregon, being 160 acres.

The land was entered in 1898 by the mother of the children, who died in 1900, and it is alleged by the children that under the law the right and fee to the land passed upon the death of the mother to the minor children.

The General Land Office permitted about a year ago Albert M. Smith, a prominent attorney of Astoria, Or., to contest the entry and finally sustained the contest and permitted him to enter the land, thus excluding the minor children of the dead entrywoman. This is the first case that has ever been brought in the courts to test the rights of minor children under section 2292 of the revised statutes.

DEMOCRATS FORM A CLUB

Party Organizes for Work on the East Side.

Democrats of East Portland have organized the East Side Democratic Club for the purpose of participating in politics and making their part of the city felt in Democratic circles. The officers are: President, E. S. J. McAllister; first vice-president, D. J. Welch; second vice-president, A. M. Short; secretary, W. J. Regner; assistant secretary, Philip Herz; treasurer, Bob Inman.

On the West Side are three Democratic organization: Multnomah Democratic Club, M. J. Malley, president; Young Men's Democratic Club, John Montag, president, and Kentucky Klick, Mark O'Neill, president. Democrats of the East Side think their part of the city ought to have a club, too, and last Thursday formed the one headed by Mr. McAllister.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Deaths.

JOHANSEN—At 307 Morris street, March 31, M. G. Johansen, a native of Wisconsin, aged 20 years.

AVERUM—At 164 Porter street, March 27, J. Averum, a native of Norway, aged 28 years.

ROOK—At end of Sixteenth street, March 30, Rosalia Rook, a native of Oregon, an infant.

COCKERLIN—At 742 Overton street, April 1, Herbert L. Cockerlin, an infant.

BRADLEY—At 168 North Eighteenth street, March 31, Edith M. Bradley, a native of Michigan, aged 33 years.

M'FARLAND—At Good Samaritan Hospital, March 30, Thomas J. McFarland, a native of Oregon, aged 16 years.

WIRTZ—At 308½ College street, March 30, Mabel Wirtz, a native of Washington, aged 21 years.

GILLINS—At Tremont Station, March 30, Vivia Gillins, a native of Utah, aged 14 years.

NEHR—At Good Samaritan Hospital, April 1, Ernest Nehr, aged 32 years.

GRAHAM—At 812 Garfield street, March 31, Richard Graham, a native of Oregon, aged 3 years.

WALKER—At Home for Aged, March 31, James Walker, a native of Scotland, aged 85 years.

PRICE—At Crystal Springs Sanitarium, April 2, W. Price, a native of the United States, aged 40 years.

Births.

KING—At 405 Montgomery street, March 16, to the wife of H. M. King, a son.

LONG—At 371 Market street, March 6, to the wife of E. Long, a son.

HURLBERT—At 727 Ivanhoe street, March 6, to the wife of J. F. Hurlbert, a daughter.

COLVIN—At 790 Borthwick street, March 4, to the wife of Edgar E. Colvin, a son.

KOLB—At 905 Vine street, March 18, to the wife of William C. Kolb, a son.

DONERY—At 628 Seventh street, April 2, to the wife of J. E. Donery, a daughter.

GEORGE—At 336 Marguerite avenue, March 10, to the wife of Clyde C. George, a daughter.

SERIKA—At 340 East Eleventh street, March 20, to the wife of John Serika, a son.

KAISER—At 848 Commercial street, March 20, to the wife of Max A. Kaiser, a son.

SMITH—At North Pacific Sanatorium, March 3, to the wife of William Smith, a son.

Building Permits.

A. KLOSTERMAN—To repair a two-story frame building on Twenty-fourth street, between Kearney and Lovejoy; $700.

L. M. STIGNER—To erect a two-story frame building on Michigan avenue, near Sumner; $1600.

M. BURKE—To alter and repair a one-story frame building at 843 Cleveland avenue; $600.

A. BURKHARDT—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on East Twenty-fifth street, between Alberta and Wygant; $1400.

EGGER BROS.—To erect a two-story frame dwelling on Columbia boulevard; $2300.

MRS. MARTIN—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on East Ninth street, between Clackamas and Central; $1200.

P. W. BRINEGAR—To erect a one and one-half-story frame dwelling on Campbell street, near Barton; $1000.

A. S. LYNCH—To erect a one and one-half-story frame dwelling on East Lincoln street, near East Thirty-eighth; $1700.

C. A. MYERS—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on East Eleventh street, near Alberta; $1500.

J. G. WALTERS—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on East Twentieth street, near Wygant; $1700.

I. A. PETERS—To erect a one and one-half-story frame dwelling on Fremont street, near Minnesota; $1100.

THOMAS B. WALL—To erect a one-story frame brick building on Seventh street, near Washington; $10,000.

KARL O. DALBERG—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on Kenilworth avenue, near Gladstone; $1500.

H. BECKER—To repair a one-story frame dwelling on Vincent street, near Morgan; $100.

MRS. B. A. HAYNES—To erect a one-story frame dwelling on East Burnside street, near East Thirty-first; $100.

I. LANG—To repair a two-story brick building on Sixth street, near Alder; $290.

H. LUNGSTRASS—To repair a one-story frame dwelling on South avenue, near Milwaukie; $190.

Articles of Incorporation.

JEWISH RELIEF SOCIETY—Incorporators, John Dillar, D. Menerovsky, L. Krause, N. Moseseohn, A. Rosenstein, Jacob Lesser, J. Margulies, R. Abrahamson, M. Ottzow, M. Gale, I. Friedman, H. N. Heller and H. S. Fine; capitalization, $300.

PACIFIC COAST ASBESTOS MANUFACTURING COMPANY—Incorporators, James B. Finnigan, William T. Finnigan and C. M. Smith; capitalization, $2000.

WELS INHALER COMPANY—Incorporators, Thomas McCusker, R. C. Spencer and W. E. Farrell; capitalization, $100,000.

Marriage Licenses.

WILLIAMS-BRAUN—John C. Williams, 21, city; Edna M. Braun, 27, city.

CUTTING-SERGEANT—George A. Cutting, 53, city; Bertha Sergeant, 25, city.

AUSTIN-MILLER—Edward L. Austin, 35, city; Marian E. Miller, 20, city.

KNOLL-McMURRY—B. L. Knoll, 61, Dallas; Nancy A. McMurry, 51, city.

AUSTIN-CASTER—John C. Austin, 28, city; Ernestine E. Caster, 21, city.

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REGISTRATION NOW 27,517

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East Side Far in the Lead, With a Total of 13,639 to West Side's 10,390.

After today there will be but three days more in which voters may register. Those who are so unfortunate as to be compelled to come among the last will doubtless be compelled to exercise their patience by waiting in line until their turn comes. The books close at 5 P. M. sharp, April 7.

The total registration last night was 27,517. Of these 21,511 were Republicans, 4623 were Democrats and 1382 were miscellaneous. The registration yesterday was 459, of which 360 were Republicans, 72 Democrats and 27 miscellaneous.

When count was made, including the registrations of March 31, the East Side was 3249 ahead of the West Side. By wards the registrations stood as follows:

Total registration to and including March 31:

WEST SIDE.		EAST SIDE.	
Ward.	Registrations.	Ward.	Registrations.
1	948	7	2,758
2	1,833	8	4,506
3	1,464	9	3,265
4	2,463	10	3,110
5	2,611		
6	1,071	Total	13,639
Total	10,390		

Total registration on East Side 13,639
Total registration on West Side 10,390
Total registration in country 3,629

Total 27,658
Excess of East Side over West Side 3,249

REASONS FOR HIS BELIEF

Writer Gives a Personal Definition of Infidelity.

ASTORIA, Or., March 31.—(To the Editor.)—With reference to an editorial in last Sunday's Oregonian, I would meekly preface this contribution by the frank admission that I am one of the "wicked infidels"—so designated by The Oregonian, and would contend, from personal knowledge, and long observation, that the chief earmark of the average infidel is that he is well-read. And well-read persons are never blind, unreasoning followers—in this they are diametrically opposed to the first tenet of the church—blind obedience.

"Simple," very simple, "trusting faith," is the one prime necessity, continually held before the eyes of the "faithful"—and brutally— all candidates for confirmation. As glaring examples of the wretched degeneration that follows the absolute supremacy of the church, and its blind, unreasoning following, may be cited Russia and Spain. Others could be named, but the two confirm the point. Wherever the church is most supreme, right there learning and thought are not only at a discount, but are discouraged by force of arms—and the noose.

It has ever been the policy of the church to stifle opposition and learning, except for its priests. Ignorance is much more easily controlled than bright thought and learning—hence, the church policy. It is urged, sometimes, that the lion—church—and the lamb—peace—dwell in harmony. Frankly, they do—with peace on the inside.

I suggest that The Oregonian made a blunder—from a church standpoint—when it admitted a great truth: "As a class, infidels, in spite of their wickedness, are shrewd people. The average work on religion is noteworthy rather for a docile asininity, than for intellectual vigor." Plainly, "infidel" writings show self-evident brains and thought; while the average church matter is insipid, "soft," monotonous, and shows little or no deep thought at all.

This communication is from a steady reader of The Oregonian.

E. M. FREELAND.

The writer of this letter is doubtless a man of high character, profound intelligence and great learning, but we sadly fear that his sense of humor has been neglected. If he will read the article to which he refers once more and search diligently for irony or what is sometimes called "sarcasm," as he proceeds, he may discover things that will surprise him.

Vancouver Barracks Notes.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Leave of absence for two months, to take effect April 5, 1908, is granted Second Lieutenant Walter S. Fulton, Twenty-fourth Infantry, aide-de-camp to Brigadier-General Brush.

In compliance with authority from the Secretary of War, First Lieutenant James W. Everington, Third Infantry, will proceed from Fort Wright to Fort Lawton, Wash., with a view to his appointment as battalion adjutant, Second Battalion, Third Infantry, at that post.

Chicago.—A fight in which a heavy oak chair was demolished, tables and other furniture dented, and several men slightly injured, marked the jury's deliberations in the "Barney" Coffey Sunday saloon closing case in the Municipal Court. The jury disagreed, standing 10 for acquittal, two for conviction.

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