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In Russia the proportionate number of births is nearly double that in France, while the German population increases faster than that of any other country.

It cost \$4,000,000 to bombard Santiago. A pretty good job was done though, one that will help make history.

This is the outing season. The greatest outing will be that of Spain when the loss of her principal outposts provinces is announced.

The air just now is pretty well filled with jingoism. Sometimes jingoism is a pretty good thing, but just now it is rather obnoxious in its character.

Don't get in a hurry. Hawaiians are not yet residents of the United States, but will continue to be aliens until laws have been passed to govern them.

Fitzhugh Lee is to have charge of the campaign against Havana, but of course there will be no campaign against Havana. That is not a part of the program.

This young Aguinaldo has the big head pretty badly. If Dewey once takes hold of his ears he will decrease in size until it cannot be seen.

These generals are writing for history when they make their reports, a fact easily appreciated when their war careers have been read. General Shafter's though not always grammatically correct contain lots of horse sense, and are noted for the absence of the word I.

If you want pessimistic ideas about things generally do not come to the Democrat for them. It looks on the bright side of things and will continue to do so as long as there is a ray of sunshine left.

The oldest university in the world is El Alhambra, at Cairo. It is the greatest Moslem university, having records dating back nearly a thousand years.

The Porto Ricans appreciate the situation better than any of the Spanish possessions and are acting very sensibly. They have seen enough of Americans to know that under a government they will be better taken care of and have greater property than they could possibly have or ever have had under the selfish Spaniards.

In the death of Blumack the world loses a great man, one of colonial rank, a born leader, a deep thinker, a master of logic. He practically governed Germany thought for nearly half a century. In the death of Gladstone and Bismarck the world loses its two greatest citizens. Who will take their place.

With a glorious victory on every corner Americans are somewhat sick of the war, because we are not a warlike people. What then should Spain be, with her navy under water, whipped in every engagement, and a bankrupt people. She ought to be about ready for her coffin.

While Spain is not entitled to the Philippine Islands it is a fact that the United States had better not haggle over them. In the mind of the DEMOCRAT they are a very undesirable acquisition to the United States. Aguinaldo's arrogance has shown that he is not entitled to much assistance, and if he is allowed to run things alone and then get into trouble it will be his own fault and we can wash our hands of the affair.

The Eastern (Pa.) Free Press is paying one of the penalties of being published in a city which dominates the college. One of the professors of Lafayette college has prevailed upon Mr. Andrews, the editor, to adopt one feature of a system alleged phony spelling, the using of the "v" instead of "ed" in the ending of words which are pronounced with the "v" sound. Now the Free Press prints "askt," "bushit," "publiahit," etc.

This Englishman Hooley, who made a fortune in a few years and then lost it all in showing up the English aristocracy in a startling manner. Hooley on \$10,000 occasion paid noblemen \$10,000 just for an introduction, and one man \$125,000 for being a stockholder in one of the swindling concerns just for the benefit of his influence. Therefore it is proven that all the rottenness in the world is not among American politicians as some people have surmised.

Porto Rico was discovered in 1493, by Columbus. In 1511, Ponce de Leon founded the town of San Juan Bautista, familiarly known as San Juan. In 1508 Drake sailed the city and three years later the Duke of Cumberland also looted it. These acts were in a measure avenged, when in 1615 the Dutch were repulsed, when again, in 1673 the English were unsuccessful, and when again in 1797 Alcomber retired after three days siege. In 1820 the Porto Ricans rose in revolt, but were put down. Since then there have been ineffectual revolutions.

The surprisingly bad marksmanship of the Spanish general at brought to light some interesting facts concerning the relative skill of the Anglo-Saxon and Latin races. It is said by those who know that a dark eyed man never makes good marksman, and many instances are cited. It has become a proverb in England that no dark eyed man ever goes on the Elcho shield. A case in point is that of a family of eleven men, all gray eyed and all good marksmen, with the exception of one, dark eyed, who himself admitted that he cannot shoot a barn, and if put inside a blindfold would send his bullet through the only knothole.

Gov. Leedy's aggregation of Kansas volunteers are still oblivious to the ridicule of their comrades from other states because of the cheap character of their equipment. "One of the standing jokes in the camp," says a soldier from San Francisco, "is about our poor uniforms, and a common question when one soldier meets another, is: 'What are the color of my pants this morn'ing?' I have seen a soldier on parade with pants that were colored in one reg. light blue and in the other a red reg. Both legs worn false alike and no one had any idea of the difference.

The Poultry Show.

From the Oregon Poultry Journal. The Oregon State Poultry Association held their annual meeting on the 19th building, Portland. The meeting was well attended and a lively interest was manifested, which showed the poultry industry of Oregon were alive and awake to the poultry industry of this state. The greatest interest was taken in the selection of the city for the coming exhibition. It was well known that great efforts were being made by the fanciers in the upper part of the valley to secure the coveted prize for the city of Albany. Those farther north were equally as anxious that the exhibition, as well as all previous ones, should be held in the city of Portland. This made great rivalry among those fanciers of the southern and northern parts of the state for the capture of the show for their favored location, though all was a friendly one.

When C. D. Bates of Albany presented to the meeting substantial guarantees of \$500 from the business people of Albany to hold the exhibition, and were willing to make it \$1000 if necessary, guaranteeing to the association that if the next exhibition be held in that city all expenses and premiums would be paid, had its desired effect. The whole meeting went to Albany in a body, and Albany secured its coveted prize.

After selecting the location for the next show the meeting proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. B. F. Robinson, of Portland, who has served in that official capacity for the past year with satisfaction to all, was unanimously re-elected.

D. O. Woodworth, of Albany, was elected vice president. F. Fenwick, of Portland, unanimously elected secretary. C. D. Bates, of Albany, was chosen as assistant secretary.

Frank Lee, of Portland, re-elected treasurer. The board of directors elected were: C. D. Bates, S. E. Young, A. W. Blackburn, C. S. Shedd and L. W. Ross.

The time of holding the annual meeting hereafter will be at the time and place of the annual exhibition. This is an important change, as it will give better opportunity for those who desire to attend the annual meetings of the association to attend the annual shows.

B. F. Robinson, the new president, is too well known by the poultry fraternity of Oregon to need any special mention in the Journal. Suffice it to say that he has during the past year been one of the main pillars of the association, and is an active and influential business man in every respect.

D. O. Woodworth, vice president, is a druggist of Albany and one of its leading and influential citizens and commands wide influence in his section. He is a fancier, and among the fraternity is well and favorably known.

F. Fenwick, of Portland, is car dispatcher of the City and Suburban Street Railway system of Portland, a position of great responsibility, with his ability. He is a fine bookkeeper, penman and accountant. As a business man he is known to be exact and straight in all his transactions. As secretary of the association no better man could have been selected.

C. D. Bates, of Albany, the assistant secretary and one of the directors, is too well known to need any extended mention here. He is a farmer, poultry raiser and fancier. To Mr. Bates falls the credit of securing the substantial guarantees which located the next exhibition at Albany.

Frank Lee, of Portland, re-elected treasurer, is the editor and proprietor of the Pacific Farmer. He has always been a friend to the poultry fraternity and has contributed largely by himself and through his paper to the poultry industry of Oregon.

A. W. Blackburn, of Albany, is one of the leading merchants of that city and one of its largest dealers in eggs. As one of the directors he will have a commanding influence for the good of the association and the building up of the poultry industry of Oregon.

C. S. Shedd, of Shedd, a farmer of Linn county, well and favorably known among the poultry fraternity. He is an extensive poultry raiser and conducts a model farm within a half-mile of Shedd's place in Linn county.

A. W. Blackburn and L. W. Ross are young business men of Albany, both fanciers, and will take an active part towards making the coming exhibition a success.

Rev Henry Jones, the only minister in the Santiago Naval battle, who was on the Texas, afterward met one of the prisoners and reports the following interview: "Why do you call it Spanish goose?" asked the guest in the restaurant. "Because it is well cooked," replied the proprietor.

"Spain," observed Gen. Weyler, "should take the offensive."

"That may be true," replied the Spanish statesman, "but the United States contends that Spain has been altogether too offensive for some time. What are we to do?"

"Marry you," echoed the girl scornfully. "Why, I would as soon think of marrying a Spaniard!"

"He fell to the floor with a long, shuddering moan."

"Any war new today," asked Brink, earnestly.

"Yes, there was a battle," replied Gildersleeve.

"Who won, our forces or the Spanish typewriters?"

"Yankee pigs," the Spaniards called us. Now they're filled with dread; Pic-nic they get pig lead."

"Now that our Pacific coast is protected by the annexation of Hawaii," said the Senator, "we must prepare for the next essential step."

"And that is?" asked a humble constituent.

"The annexation of Japan to protect Hawaii," resumed the Senator gravely.

OUTING NO. 7.

My last outing was intended for boys I will pass the girls in silence, to whom I am accused of showing partiality. A Casabe, I am aware, is not supposed to know about girls; but that does not prevent his having an opinion in regard to them. I do not see how he could associate with them and be the teacher of many of them, to these many years, and not know something about girl nature, and especially, if he has made them a study as well as boys.

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MISFITS.

Hon. M. C. George, of Portland, is being actively mentioned for U. S. senator, with pretty good prospects of being elected, notwithstanding Joe Simon.

Kid McCoy and Jim Corbett are to fight at Buffalo in August. It will be the greatest contest of the year, as the men are supposed to be evenly matched. While not particularly interested it is the opinion of the DEMOCRAT that McCoy will win.

The Seattle P. I. figures out over \$12,000,000 already brought down from the Klondike this year since the first of July. As a matter of fact the amount is considerably less than \$5,000,000. The round figures don't go down with people any longer.

The Royal Baking Powder Co., has received \$12,000,000 for its business. This is a tremendous testimonial to the value of advertising. The business has been built up from a modest beginning to present gigantic proportions by the judicious use of newspaper advertising columns.—Ex.

Governor Lord is contemplating calling an extra session of legislature just before the regular session in October, that forty days is not enough time for doing the business of the state. If it is not enough then amend the constitution of the state.

If the trip of the Oregon around the Horn shall result in the building of the Nicaragua canal it will be a bigger thing than the famous trip of the Oregon in the Pacific. While the chief aim in life is to get married and they use all the means in their power for its accomplishment, and very wisely, in my judgment, take precaution to have a canoe ready for life's journey alone. I have seen more than one illustration of such precaution in the past six years.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

On to San Juan. St. Thomas, Aug. 3.—An outpost of the American army has been sent to San Juan, about two-thirds of the way to Albion, on the road to San Juan.

Colonel Huerta's advance this morning will be sent to San Juan, which reports that there was no sign of the enemy. The latter, it was said, had retreated to Albion, where they would make a stand.

Garcia's Flight. Playa Del Este, Cuba, Aug. 2.—News has been received here today from General Calixto Garcia and the Cuban forces under him at Mayari, near the day of Nipe, on the north coast of the province of Santiago de Cuba.

The report is that General Garcia has been in a heavy fight with Spanish troops. A large body of Cuban reinforcements has reached General Garcia, and the impression is that he defeated the Spanish force, or at least held his own.

Trouble With Appointments. Washington, Aug. 2.—The officials here make no concealment of their apprehension of serious trouble to follow the execution of our programme in regard to the Philippines. The reports of the military and naval commands of late have contained warnings of expected conflict with the insurgents, and no one here will be left at all surprised at an outbreak at almost any moment.

Want More Men. San Francisco, Aug. 2.—In reply to a dispatch received yesterday from General Merritt at Cavite, the general has been informed that since the departure of the governor-general of the Philippines five transports with 487 men had sailed from this port.

Scarcely had the message been sent before General Merritt received word from the war department that General Merritt had asked to have his command increased from 20,000 to 50,000 troops.

Portland, Aug. 2.—The republicans of the first congressional district held a convention today. After preliminary business the name of the convention was presented, and he was nominated by acclamation. Later Reed spoke of the hall and advised the delegates to support the republican ticket at