

The All Pervading Topic.

The only spirit which should pervade the people in giving a reception to the volunteers on their return from the war in the Philippines is one of pride for their splendid record, and personal love and esteem.

In connection with it the mustering out of the soldiers is not merely a matter of locality, but there is a spirit of business connected with it that cannot be ignored.

Every day there is additional evidence of the fact that the visit of the editors of the east to Oregon will have a splendid effect in the upbuilding of our state and the bringing of it to the notice of the world.

These are only a few of the many words which I have heard pronounced incorrectly by educated men; but they are enough to show how far some are from being up to date in their pronunciation.

Soon after leaving college I discovered that my pronunciation was not of the highest order. I then began a practice which is still in use.

I will now give the readers of the DEMOCRAT a test of their proficiency in orthoepy, and ask them to read it, consult a good dictionary and report to the DEMOCRAT the number of words misread.

Test in orthoepy: A scerligious son of Belial, who has suffered from bronchitis, having exhausted his finances, in order to make good the deficit, resolved to ally himself with a comely, lenient and docile young lady of the Malay or Caucasian race.

Roseburg Review: The ironists are putting up the price of their products day by day, to pay dividends upon their enormous stock, one-half of which is "watered" and does not represent a cent of actual investment.

Northwest-Pacific Farmer: It is said that "reliable growers" can now contract their hops, if they want to, at 12 cents a pound and better.

It is more blessed to give than to receive. Those who appreciate this fact will be peculiarly much blessed these days of many subscriptions papers.

The fact that a sixth of all the teachers from Oregon at the national meeting of the teachers are from Albany, speaks for this city and the spirit that exists among the educational factors at work here.

Mr. Bryan continues to be received with the same fervor that always characterizes his visits wherever he goes. His integrity of character, brilliant address and pure life brings him close to the masses regardless of all the contumely heaped upon him by the opposition press of the country, incited by political ambitions.

This year the November election will fall on the 7th of the month. Elections will occur in eleven States. In six, Governor will be chosen Mississippi, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Iowa, Ohio and Maryland.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

The most important event of the past week was the arrival of the Oregon volunteers at San Francisco from Manila after a four weeks ocean ride. Their reaching there in safety without the loss of a life on the way has been heralded with joy.

The spirit of selfishness pervades the land among big and small bodies.

Since last Saturday night this valley has been visited by a crowd of editors from all over the United States, three hundred strong, a genial, intelligent body of men, with their wives, all with eyes and mouths wide open.

Cast thy bread upon the waters and it will be returned to thee many fold.

The Klondike gold fields have been brought close to our doors during the week by the arrival home of our citizens from that famous camp of Dawson, bringing nuggets and experiences.

There was a general shout when it was reported that the transports had been sighted near San Francisco, and that the Oregon boys had arrived home.

One of the editors wrote the following for the Salem Journal: "This whole trip has been a succession of surprises. To many of the visitors Oregon has been a revelation.

An Albany boy was being sent around to the different drug stores one day this week after white lampblack.

Gov. Geer in endorsing the unanimous request of the Oregon boys in being mustered out at San Francisco took a sensible course that commends itself to the people.

That was somewhat of a job on the soldiers when it was stated that the transports on account of their stopping at the meridian for some of the boys to get pieces of it to bring home as relics and curios were delayed several hours.

The Portland papers are acting very foolish in condemning the Oregon volunteers for deciding to be mustered out in San Francisco for a few paltry dollars in view of the great preparations for a reception in Portland.

The Walla Walla Statesman gives a fine written up of Yaguna Bay, and incidentally remarks that for those who cannot stand the strong sea breeze of Newport there are nice requested places up around Toledo.

Captain Oberlin M. Carter, although I have been proven that he is guilty of robbing the government of upwards of \$100,000 is still a free man.

Secretary Alger seems to have got his feet badly tangled in Governor Pingree's potato vines, and Governor Pingree appears to have barked his shins going up against Secretary Alger's lumber piles.

Biggs: "Is he an honest man?" Biggs: "Honest! Why he has been known to return a borrowed umbrella."

MISFITS.

It is claimed that four men got \$90,000 in four days at Cape Nome. This sounds awfully big, but it is well to remember that these reports grow fast like a mushroom.

The case of Mrs. Bingham agt. J. P. man, Wolfe & Co., in Portland, yesterday was somewhat exciting at times.

The Salem Journal is after Superintendent Paine of the asylum red hot. According to the Journal it is run on the dude floukey style, causing extravagance, building up a social snobocracy that is repulsive, my Lord Paine living on a style that would make an English nobleman quail, creating a big pay role for private grandeur that the state pays for.

"All hope is abandoned" yells the Telegram. "The people of Oregon refuse to become reconciled."

Stores should close early during the summer vacation season, giving those unable to get away to have at least their evenings.

Already over 16,000 applications for pension have been filed on account of the Spanish and Philippine wars.

The reports show that the eastern editors were delighted with Oregon, her climate and her people, including the pretty girls, who received many compliments, every city in the state that entertained well having the finest looking girls.

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TELEGRAPHIC. Late News in Short Form.

Great Reception. SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Not since the departure of the California volunteers for the Philippines have the streets of San Francisco presented such a scene of animation as they did today.

Will Return Citizens. WASHINGTON, July 14.—The war department has left the disposition of the Oregon troops in the hands of General Shafter, commanding the Pacific department.

Governor Geer. SALEM, Or., July 14.—Governor Geer today telephoned from San Francisco that he would start for home tomorrow night.

Important Change. New York, July 14.—At a meeting of directors today, the Oregon Navigation was taken from the control of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific by being absorbed by the Oregon Short Line under the control of the Union Pacific.

The Teachers. LOS ANGELES, July 14.—The National Educational Association convention is ended, but will live in memory as one of the most notable events held and the one most numerously attended there having been over 12,000 visiting teachers registered here.

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For Killing Deer. ROSEBURG, July 12.—William Asher, of West Fork, was convicted in the justice court this morning of unlawfully killing deer, and was fined \$100. Being unable to pay his fine he was committed to the county jail.

More Klondike Gold. SEATTLE, July 12.—The steamer Humboldt arrived from Alaska today with 150 passengers from Dawson who added over \$100,000 to the gold receipts from Klondike.

OUR HEROES WELCOME HOME.

Under the above title a song is being published by E. U. Will, of this city, and will be ready for presentation in about ten days. The words are by Rev. W. A. Smith and the music by Prof. Z. M. Parvin, both of this city.

Our boys in blue they sailed away, And anchored in Manila bay, Then down the Spanish soldiers out And took possession with a shout, Old Spain, the tyrant, ceased to reign, O'er all the Philippine domain, The stars and stripes henceforth to wave O'er Spanish isles and Spanish slave.

A rousing good cheer and trumpet blast, We welcome, welcome, welcome you home. CHORUS: The Oregon boys have returned at last, We welcome you, welcome you home, We welcome, welcome, welcome the Oregon boys, we welcome you, welcome you home.

Then Aquinaldo showed his hand For things must work as he had planned, But Uncle Sam didn't think that way, Our soldier boys the price must pay, On many a hard fought battle field They bared their breasts to bullet and steel, And saved their country's honor true, All hail you gallant boys in blue.

A rousing good cheer and trumpet blast, We welcome, welcome, welcome you home. CHORUS: Our Oregon boys are gone above, Are we loomed, welcomed at home.

But some also who went away Are not in rank and file today, The Mauser bullet found its mark, The raging fever sped its dart, The burning heat and deadly scourge, The funeral march, the solemn dirge, Proclaim the truth to one and all Let patriots weep when heroes fall.

CHORUS AND: Our Oregon dead are gone above, Are we loomed, welcomed at home.

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