

In consequence of an unusual combination of circumstances, I find myself interested in three colleges. One of these, the Mineral Springs college, is located at Sodaville, my summer resort; and because such is the case I know more about its work and aims than I would otherwise. So far as I have learned the citizens of the town and surrounding country are interested in its prosperity. And there is good reason for this interest. A trustless college in a town is always an advantage to it intellectually, socially, morally and financially. That such is the fact needs no demonstration to those who are so fortunate as to live in a town in which there is a college of high grade, where young men and young ladies can receive thorough, moral and mental discipline. If, therefore, the hopes of the friends of Mineral Springs college are realized, Sodaville will become a still more desirable place for residence and resort.

Another college in whose success I am specially interested is my Alma Mater, which is familiarly called "Old Muskingum" by its alumni. It is under the control of the U. P.'s, and is located at New Concord, Ohio. When Celebs entered its classic walls and began to dig out Greek roots, some of his neighbors, who held the same views as C. P. Huntington in regard to colleges, said that "a good farmer was spoiled." My private opinion is, that the college was of infinitely more advantage to the community than a six-foot-tall farmer. Largely in consequence of it the college town has more than doubled its population since the founding of the college, and it is still growing. The citizens are well aware of the value of the college to the community, and a year ago, when another building for it was needed, they gave substantial proof of their appreciation of the college. When the Board of Trustees proposed to put up the desired building at a cost of \$10,000, if the citizens would contribute \$2500, a committee appointed for the purpose soon raised more than the desired amount. On the 1st of last June "the beautiful and imposing structure" was dedicated, and the Board of Trustees and citizens are proud of their new college building.

The third college in which I am interested need not be named. Although about a year ago, I heard of one citizen of Albany who did not know where the college was located, I think the majority of the Albanians know its exact locality and are proud of their college. I am not sure, however, that they all estimate it at its real worth. If they did, it seems to me that they would not allow it to be crippled by its debt and need of appliances for still more efficient work. If they had the same appreciation of its value to the town that the citizens of New Concord have of Muskingum college I believe they would subscribe at least \$5000 toward the liquidation of the debt, which they could do without any inconvenience. I think I can find half a dozen men in Albany who are worth more than the whole town of New Concord.

If these and all the citizens of Albany would give in proportion to their means as the people of New Concord did, \$10,000 could be raised in a short time, and everybody would be happy. Then the debt could be paid, a dormitory could be built, a better apparatus could be purchased, and all other improvements could be made. But this is not all. Other friends of education, who are disposed to help those who help themselves, would be more likely to contribute to the endowment of the college. I know who is waiting the removal of the debt. When that is effected he stands ready to give to the college a goodly portion of his library, which cost more than \$500.

CELEBS.

Sodaville, Ore., July 19, 1890.

About People

Inspector Andrew Houghton, head of the Boston police force, began recently his thirtieth continuous year in the service.

Miss Helen Gould is a daring horsewoman and immensely fond of riding, an exercise in which she indulges regularly every day.

F. W. Collins of Denver has presented to the Colorado Historical society the original deed of Brigham Young's mill, the first erected in Utah.

The Queen of Portugal is engaged in the work of translating "Hamlet" into Portuguese. She is a good English scholar and a great admirer of Shakespeare.

T. H. Price, the New York millionaire, is facially, the exact double of Congress man "Joe Bailey of Texas, and the one is frequently mistaken for the other.

On July 4, 1848, Gen. Robert Bullock of Ocala, Fla., read the Declaration of Independence at the local celebration. It is year he again read it as in firm a voice as fifty-one years before.

Associate Justice Monroe of the Louisiana supreme court is heading a movement to collect, by 25-cent subscriptions a sum for the erection in New Orleans of a monument commemorating the achievements of Admiral Dewey.

The testimony of the returning volunteers is overwhelming that they want nothing to do with the Philippines and that they have no use for them. The only exceptions almost, is in the case of some governed purely by politics who dare not take a position contrary to the powers that be.

Senators Hannah, Dodge, Walcott, Hoar, Jones, and Spooner turned up at the United States embassy in London the other day, whereupon Ambassador Choate asked them to be seated and await the arrival of a quorum. The ambassador still has his little joke.

It is very humorous to see some people trying to force the tariff out of politics, now that it is seen what the tariff has done in building up trusts, making rich the few to the detriment of the many. But it won't work. The people will not be hoodwinked.

There will be millions spent in the coming campaign to help the administration in power. Officials are putting up in big sums. It would astonish some people if they knew the size of the levy made on officials for political purposes often half of their net salary. This is always a refusal means the loss of a job. It suggests a rottenness in politics that is of a low order.

Farmers who keep wheat after the first of August will have to pay storage a second time. The Democrat has for years been advocating that the best rule to follow as a practice is to sell wheat on the first high price after harvest. Keeping wheat means extra storage, insurance, etc., and a general entanglement of ones business affairs, except in the case of men of wealth who have money to speculate upon.

Anything for a sensation regardless of the truth. That seems to be the policy of the big metropolitan papers. An example is before us in the manner in which it was charged that the soldiers at Presidio were without overcoats and were in imminent danger of getting the pneumonia. When as a matter of fact, they had plenty of overcoats or could get them without the least trouble. They were not suffering from the cold, were feeling well, and were having a glorious time. It is easy to appreciate why the Portland papers should assist in circulating such a story, but not why the San Francisco papers should do so.

Here is the opinion of the Oregonian about the volunteers, and it is no wonder after reading it to appreciate why that paper was bound to have the boys in Portland to make a show for the people regardless of cost to the volunteers:

He was not enlisted as a political counselor by the government; he was enlisted as a soldier; as a mere fighter, who has no business to ask why, wherefore the government does this or that; he is a mere military ox treading out of the corn.

The government of the United States is no more bound to defer to the personal opinion of a private soldier than it has to defer to the personal desires of a balky team of army mules.

Mr. Alger had received the marble hand and cold shake from his fellow members in the cabinet so manifestly that there was nothing for him to do but resign. As a matter of fact, though it is probably pure politics. His resignation was necessary as a plank in the coming campaign. It will be a big load for the republicans to carry with Alger several months in the rear. Then besides Mr. Alger wishes to be U. S. senator from Michigan. Regardless of his unpopularity, as he has a big barrel, which is said to be bigger than it was before the Spanish war, he is liable to be elected. In fact Alger is the average stuff of which U. S. senators are made these days in this last year this nineteenth century, we are sorry to say. He would come about as near as the average senator elected by state legislators will ever come to representing the masses. They simply represent the corporations, and that is just about Alger's style.

The Epworth League of the 1st Methodist church will give a lawn social on next Tuesday evening from 8 to 10:30 at the home of N. M. Newport, corner Calapoola and 3rd streets. Every one is invited to be present. Ice cream and cake will be served.

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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

The principal war items have been the resignation of Secretary of War Alger, whom the masses do not love any more than the people loved Henry VIII. The lambasting of General Otis by the press of the country, the Oregon boys at Presidio, and a small engagement in the Philippines, in which the Philippines had big losses and the Americans only one or two. The Philippine campaign has developed into a dilatory one and is being dragged along in a manner that is pleasing principally to the telegraph companies, which receive about \$18,000 a week from the government alone for tolls. Every time it gets a chance the Democrat will remark that the government has an elephant on its hands, and it is its duty to get it corralled just as soon as possible so it can tame it and get it to act decently.

A case that has excited interest in Oregon was that of the volunteer who deserted in order to be at the bedside of his mother who was dangerously ill. The universal sentiment has been one of sympathy for the young man and the desire to help him out of what might be a very serious thing if pushed to the extent of the law. The governor himself admits that the temptation would be big for him to do likewise in a similar case. The affair suggests in an emphatic manner that there is altogether too much red tape in such matters. There should be provisions which will permit of prompt action in cases demanding it. Red tape is no doubt necessary in governmental affairs as a policy, but there should be provisions for emergency.

This week sees a big strike inaugurated in New York, of so much importance as to attract the attention of the nation. This is something always to be regretted because it comes close to anarchy, the taking of the law into the hands of the strikers. Men have a right to quit work at any time, but they have no right to stop others from working. The plan of the strike is not only to cease work but in order to bring the strike to terms to prevent others from working so that the business at issue will be tied up, on the face of it iniquitous regardless of the justice of the strike so far as grievances are concerned.

A little book was issued in Oregon this week on "Oregon Literature." It should interest people, as every effort of this character should. It makes the fact appreciable that this state has literature of some merit. Some of the poems of Sam Simpson possess a beauty that will compare with the best written. His Ad Willamette would not need to be ashamed of itself in a collection of Bryant or Longfellow. Joaquin Miller belongs to Oregon, and is celebrated as well as unique. "Oregon, Sweet Oregon" has been sung even in the metropolis of the world, and is not without its merit. In prose there is not much to offer outside the press, except the speeches of our pioneer statesmen, some of whom attracted national attention. Among her women Mrs. Abigail Scott Donaway has a national reputation, and has displayed a talent of no mean order. Her brotner Harvey Scott, is the ablest editorial writer on the coast and one of the best in the United States, viewed from an impartial standpoint.

"Time For Plain Speaking."

From the Minneapolis Tribune, a Leading Administrative Organ of the north-west.

The Tribune was visited yesterday by an earnest Republican from one of the upper counties of this State, a leader in his section, who inquired very seriously if something could not be done to awaken President McKinley to the fact that the party was losing ground by the incompetent and apparently purposeless campaign being carried on in the Philippines. "It is bad for the country," he said, "and worse for the party in power, for it cannot fail to be held responsible. We cannot hold our men together in the next campaign unless there is some radical change for the better very soon."

Such is the talk, he says, that is heard on every hand, and the opposition are using it as a powerful political weapon. If this is the feeling in the country districts the President can accept it in a pretty good index of universal drift of the public opinion. The feeling is even more acute in this city, as we know from the men we meet and converse with daily.

The Tribune is not in favor of mixing politics and war, but since it is evident that political considerations are overweighing to a greater or less extent, we would like to impress upon the administration at Washington that it is losing ground by its dilatory tactics. The next Presidential campaign is even now to a greater or less extent being fought out in the Philippines.

The suppression of the rebellion there within the next six months will insure President McKinley another four years' term but if in six months the situation there shall remain as unsettled as it is now his calling and election will be very doubtful.

It is time for plain speaking, and the Tribune speaks not merely as party organ but as a patriotic American journal.

MISFITS.

Alger has resigned at the pleasure of the president. Perhaps it won't be the President's pleasure.

One railroad employee out of twenty-eight gets hurt, and one in 44 gets killed, and yet there are lots of the boys anxious for a job.

People who have been out through the country report the crops looking splendidly, a great improvement having taken place in the last week or two. The Willamette valley is all right.

The President, who appointed Alger, and who has tolerated him so long, has displayed good judgment in accepting his resignation as once Good riddance.

Blugling Bros. circus returned east by the northern route. Had they come down this way they would not have been struck by a cyclone in Minnesota on their way back east. The moral is plain.

The A. O. U. W. had a hot time in The Dalles, over 100 in the shade, hence took things easy in the day time and transacted business 'n the cool of the evening.

A writer in an eastern journal says he has never known a person to suffer from rheumatism who ate freely of cherries, and has known hundreds who have been relieved of attacks by eating them. Who believes this.

Life insurance companies must prove that suicide was contemplated when a beneficiary's policy was taken out, in order to escape payment. Such is the decision of Judge John F. Phillips, of the United States district court for Missouri. —Ex.

Come to think of it we have had delightful weather in Albany the past week particularly from a comparative standpoint. Read about the weather just across the mountains. At Pendleton for a week it averaged 100.4 degrees above zero, going as high as 107 in the shade.

The Independent gets off the following on the editors at Roseburg: They all seemed to be asleep. One Salem editor poked his ugly head out of a window and in a hoarse whisper exclaimed: "Hain't got any old pie have ye? Us editors is hungry." Some one recognized him by the size of his mouth and yelled: "Get in there you Salem hog." And he got.

It is a splendid sign that it is general through the state that there is a demand for residences. It indicates an immigration from outside and not merely a moving about in the state. The Eugene Guard says everything is more fully occupied than during the boom days. It is so here, and such statements are made in a good many places.

In response to a call for bids by Salem there were offers at once for \$700,000 in bonds at 4 per cent, where only \$65,000 were for sale. This suggests in a very emphatic manner that bonds should always be sold at home where possible and not to outsiders. The Salem idea is a good one. Albany's \$95,000 in bonds could easily be sold in this city at 4 per cent, and how much better it would be to send the interest away at 6 per cent.

The Salem papers are telling how much they would like to have the big saw mill with a capacity of 150,000 a day and costing \$250,000, and how it would boom things. Well, Albany ain't after a boom, but it is after a steady growth that such a mill will help along. We will get the mill and other things will follow. Albany is all right. It is the gem of the valley.

This curious advertisement appeared the other day in a London paper: "Wanted—A respectable gentleman, widower preferred, to marry the housekeeper of an aged gentleman who has been an invalid for years, and who respects her as a good and true servant, whom he would like to see in the happy state of matrimony before he dies. She has had three husbands, but is willing for a fourth."

Harry Holgate, at San Francisco writes to a friend in Corvallis as follows: "Between twenty and twenty-five Corvallisites will go home together. The 'travel allowance pay' caused the regiment to vote for muster-out at San Francisco, it amounting to \$32 for privates and from that to several hundred dollars to the colonel. We have our fare of course, to pay out of that. Brady and I voted for Portland—the only two in our company to do so. The money saving will be practically nothing to enlistee men in the long run, and I think two weeks stay in this fox and damp will cause a too late regret all round, not to mention such less material considerations as state pride, etc. But the average soldier is not a far-reasoning creature."

Deep and long growls continue to come from Portland in reference to the failure of the Oregon volunteers to be mustered out at Portland. Better keep cool. Wipe the perspiration from your brows and go ahead and make arrangements for a grand reception at a date to be named after they reach Oregon and let those who wish to attend. The spirit of the occasion will count. Don't count on their coming home in a body. They won't do anything of the kind. The Albany boys and all the boys south of Portland are going to get off the cars when they reach their homes. Put a spike in that. Set a day a week after that and secure a dollar fare, round trip, from Albany for instance, and you will have the biggest crowd ever seen in Portland. In the mean time the valley towns will have received their own boys gloriously, and the whole climax can be had at Portland in a celebration that will make the clouds burst. Don't be a clam or hippopotamus, but settle down to a good horse sense program and everything will end well.

Advertisement for St. Jacobs Oil, Rheumatism, and other ailments. Includes an illustration of a man carrying a large barrel.

An accident of the week in Eugene was a collision between a bicyclist and a horseman. The latter came out ahead, the bicycle being badly mashed up. No one hurt.

Albany people generally this summer seem to be painting their property and painters are very busy. A large number of residences have already been painted. The right time to do it, make a whole city look prosperous where there is lots of paint.

According to the Salem Journal the Dutch are in it. It says: The acting president of the State University is John Straub, Prof. Schmidt is at the front in Albany College. The dean of the faculty at the state agricultural college is a German. The state superintendent of schools is Ackerman. D. W. Yoder, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, is the Salem city superintendent of schools. What's the matter with Germany?

The person referred to in the following from the Salem Independent is Dr. Harris a former Albany man:

Eugene has the greatest talking machine the world ever saw. He is no less a personage than the Mayor of that city. He got upon his feet, when the Editors were at Skinner's Beale, for the purpose of introducing a new speaker to the audience. But he was so charmed with the sound of his own voice, that he kept on and on, and forgot all about the Editor. No one could hear a word that he said, but as the train pulled out some one looked up to the butte, and there the orator stood addressing a poor old lady, who was lame, and couldn't run away.

Millionaire Medina.

Getting its information from William Hughes of Gates, who went into the mines with J. F. Medina, the rich Englishman, the Salem Statesman, says:

Mr. Medina is so committal concerning his opinion of the Sanjam mining country, and about the prospects of commencing operations there. It is thought, however, that he is favorably impressed, and if his company decides to go to work in that region their operations will be on a very large scale. This would be the making of that mining district. Mr. Medina expressed himself as glad that he had made the trip, though it was done with a great deal of physical discomfort. He was more than pleased with the appearance of the Willamette valley, and he predicts a grand future for this section, with such great undeveloped resources. He expressed himself as much surprised especially at the extent of the timber resources of the parts of the state he saw.

Miss Maggie Barker, Chief of Honor of the Degree of Honor of Oregon, will probably be home next Wednesday when a grand reception will be given her by the A. O. U. W. Miss Barker has the honor of being the first native born Oregonian elected to this very important office. The Democrat anticipates a bright record for her as Chief.

The S. P. ticket office is now in its enlarged quarters, and the improvement of the waiting rooms is being pushed. These will be the finest waiting rooms it is said between Portland and Sacramento.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Late News in Short Form.

Alger's Resignation. WASHINGTON, July 19.—Alger has been crowded out at last. The systematic manner of ignoring him as a cabinet officer and secretary of war resulted in his finally handing to the president the resignation for which the people have been so anxiously longing. The universal demand of the members of the cabinet that Alger get out has had its influence.

Girard's Case. MOSCOW, Or., July 19.—Private Frank Girard, of the Oregon volunteers, who left his company at San Francisco a few days ago without permission, is now at the bedside of his dying mother, at their home near here. He says the statement made that he was refused a furlough is not exactly correct, but that he was given no assurance by the officers that it could be granted on the day asked for, though he showed a telegram from home stating the condition of his mother. He was led to the hasty act by his earnest desire to see his mother.

A petition was sent to today Governor Geer asking his influence to secure his honorable discharge without punishment. Only Two Applicants. SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—Only two names have thus far been submitted as candidates for the Second Oregon for the three positions in Thirty-fifth volunteers. These are Captain A. F. Prescott, Company D, and First Lieutenant A. J. Brazee, adjutant of the second battalion.

Wonderful Riding. WASHINGTON, July 19.—Harry Elkes of Glen Falls, N. Y., the middle distance champion bicycle rider of America today covered a mile in 1:31 flat, thus lowering the record for that distance held by Eddie McDuffie, of Boston, of 1:31 2-3.

The Ray Strikes. New York, July 19.—New York trolley men joined the Brooklyn trolley men today in their big strike. The center of operations in New York city was on Second avenue. The excitement in Brooklyn centered in the vicinity of Thirty-fourth and Fifth avenues, where dynamite was used today in an attempt to blow down the elevated structure.

The rioting that took place in New York this afternoon and tonight was of a serious nature.

Some Fighting.

MANILA, July 21.—News has been received here from General Smith, at Ilo-Ilo, island of Panay, of a severe fight Wednesday at Bobong, between Captain Byrne, of the Sixteenth Infantry, with 70 men, and a force of 450 Bahaylones, who surprised the American troops 115 of the enemy were killed. The American loss was one man killed and one wounded.

The Proper Thing.

SALER, July 19.—Gov. Geer tonight wrote to General Summers, enclosing a statement of the circumstances under which Frank Girard technically deserted from his company last week. The letter says in part: While his action was in violation of strict military discipline, he was coming from the war instead of going to it, had performed every duty required of him, and really did only what you or I would be very much tempted to do under similar circumstances. I would be very much pleased if you can see your way clear toward assisting in securing his honorable discharge with requiring his return to San Francisco.

Harmonious Meeting.

CHICAGO, July 20.—No friction developed at the meeting of the democratic national committee today, and the men who made such belligerent assertions last night failed to make them good today. Not a single warlike note was sounded, and no defiance were uttered, either by the men who demand that 16 to 1 shall be the rallying cry in the next campaign, or by those who oppose its adoption.

To Be Hoped.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Alger's removal from the war office will no doubt be followed by the downfall of General Otis as commander in the Philippines. With Alger out of the way, there is no reason why General Miles should not be sent to command where he is needed.

Another Flood.

DALLAS, Tex., July 20.—There is a report from Childress in the Texas Panhandle that a cloudburst occurred in that region with disastrous result. It is known the property loss is very heavy, but nothing has been learned of the fate of the people of the inundated section.

Like Veterans.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—"Veterans, veterans!" exclaimed Brigadier-General Charles F. Beebe, of the Second National Guard, after reviewing the Oregon volunteers this afternoon at the Presidio. General Beebe came from Portland today at the invitation of Gen. Summers, and also to ascertain when and under what circumstances the troops would reach Oregon. He reviewed the volunteers on dress parade, their first in five months, and their magnificent showing elicited the exclamations above quoted.

Five Lynched.

NEW ORLEANS, July 21.—A dispatch from Tallulah, La., says: Six Italians were lynched there last night. The names of the lynched were unobtainable. Yesterday, Dr. Hodges, a prominent physician quarrelled with an Italian. The latter wounded the physician with a shotgun. The shooting created intense excitement. A mob immediately rounded up the would-be assassin and five of his friends, strung them all to trees and filled their bodies with buckshot.

Ingersoll Dead.

NEW YORK, July 21.—Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll died at his home, Walston-on-Hudson, near Dobbs' Ferry, today. His death was sudden and unexpected, and resulted from heart disease, from which he had suffered since 1896.

A Sample.

MANILA, July 21.—Captain Byrne, Sixteenth Infantry, with 70 men, surprised the robber bands of Negros, numbering 450, killing 115, wounding many and capturing a few rifles and revolvers, many hand weapons and a large quantity of stock. Fighting was at close distance. Byrne's loss was one killed, one wounded, names not given.

Root the Man.

WASHINGTON, July 21.—The name of the successor to Gen. Alger as secretary of war may be announced tomorrow. The president has made his selection and it is understood that Elihu Root, of New York, is his choice.

Fast Riding.

BUTTE, Mont., July 21.—Dan Grindrod, of Helena, ran 100 yards in 9.3 seconds, thus equaling the accepted professional record for that distance. A local sprinter was his competitor, and was given six yards.

Judge Boise reconvened court this afternoon and was hearing motions in different cases. In the Bank of Oregon case he denied the application of B. A. Stafford for an order to sell the bank property.

The Weather.

Tonight fair, Sunday fair and warmer. River 3.8 feet.

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