

About Everything.

Mahogany is said to have been brought to England by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1595, but not to have come into general use till 1720.

It is estimated that at the beginning of the new century England will have 82,000,000 tons of coal still unused and available.

The average number of horses killed in Spanish bull fights every year exceeds 5,000, while from 1,000 to 1,200 bulls are sacrificed.

There are eighty-eight silk plants in Pennsylvania, and the output of silk fibron in the state has been doubled in three years.

A German government mine surveyor has entered the service of the sultan in order to conduct coal explorations in Asia Minor.

Japanese workmen are obliged to wear on their caps and backs an inscription stating their business and their employer's name.

In the Surobatts of San Francisco there are sixty-nine shower baths, seven toboggan slides and dressing rooms for 1,827 people.

A Newfoundland dog made a determined and successful attempt at suicide the other day in a lake in front of Lincoln park, Chicago.

Of late there has been a noticeable increase of tourists' travel in Ireland. People are discovering a fine place to spend a vacation.

The population of the south African republic consists of 63,000 Boers, 37,000 other white, called Uitlanders, and 600,000 Kaffirs and Zulus.

Paymasters and commissariat officials of the German army receive special training in examining the quality of food supplied to the army.

A German army officer estimates that in the century just closing no less than 33,000,000 men have been killed in war in civilized countries.

The aigrette is to disappear from the headgear of the British Hussars and Royal Horse artillery, and its place will be taken by an ostrich plume.

The latest thing in company promoting comes from Paris, where a dog's cemetery has been floated with a capital of £14,000. The promoters are ladies.

The results of recent drillings in Borneo have caused many persons to think that Borneo will prove to be the richest petroleum field in the world.

Koschichi Tanabe & Co. is the name of a firm recently formed in Yokohama, Japan, with a capital of \$75,000, to build an electric road in that city.

A set of maps of the time of Ptolemy, the geographer, has been found in some eleventh century manuscripts in the Vatican library, according to the Tablet.

Referring to the recent report that a Russian florist has succeeded in raising blue roses, a Slavonian gardener declares that blue roses grow wild in Servia.

Mustaches among women are common at the present time than they used to be. In Constantinople and Madrid one woman out of every ten has a distinct mustache.

Offers to serve in the Transvaal, should the occasion arise, have been made by about 1,800 officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the new south Wales defense force.

About twenty-four women in 100 are stronger in the left arm than in the right; women, too, are more frequently equally strong in both arms than men.

An expert has risen to explain that stage fright really comes from a disordered stomach. He argues from this that persons meditating public appearances should be careful of their diet and adhere to regular habits.

A French scientist has made some plants "artificially Alpine" by keeping them in an ice box all night and exposing them to the full action of the sun during the day.

It is stated on German authority that 2,000,000 glass eyes are made every year in Germany and Switzerland, while in French house manufactures 300,000 or them annually.

Among the latest collecting fads is a search after odd trade signs and circulars. The collectors declare there is more fun in it than anything in the collection line yet attempted.

Norwegian legislators propose that girls who do not know how to knit, sew, wash and cook should be refused permission to marry. Daughters of wealthy men are not to be excepted.

The construction of cigar box may seem to be a very simple matter to the novice, but the box passes through nineteen different processes before it is ready to receive the cigars.

Old age pensions have been established in Korea, but are not a large item in the national expenditure. Old age pensions to men over sixty years of age swallow up a total of more than \$230.

A new law has just gone into effect in Massachusetts forbidding the performance of the marriage ceremony by justice of the peace unless they have been specially designated for that purpose.

Atgeld says that Goebel ought to be beaten for governor of Kentucky. This is the highest recommendation that Goebel has yet received.

The John Smiths recently had a gathering in Maryland. There was a crowd of them, and they had a great time, though a confusing one.

It has been discovered that it was a very fortunate thing that the Porto Rico hurricane did not happen nearly a year earlier when General Miles' army was on the island.

Some people will not recognize the name, William Waldorf Astor, and a closer inspection will reveal the truth and that England's new and distinguished citizen is referred to.

The anti-expansion wing of the republican party are talking of putting a ticket in the field in the coming presidential election. Politics continue to be mixed and straggling fellows.

The Pendleton E. O. calls the recent relay spell in eastern Oregon Willamette valley weather. Here we have been calling the same weather a Manila affair brought over by the boys.

The Nebraska troops have been mustered out, but they will go east together and be received by their people, who like the Oregonians, are proud of their record which was a good one.

The importance of diversified farming is made very strong this year by these August rains. No farmer should risk his entire years business on the weather.

With a big variety of products on the farm the farmer will be in no danger of loss from any damage to a single crop.

Republicans are pouring in on McKinley their advice for speedy ending of the war in the Philippines, and it is apparent that this is having its effect on the president, for it is now said that 50,000 soldiers will support Otis in the fall for the next campaign against the Filipinos.

What the President should do is to remove Otis and put Miles at the head of the army in the Philippines. The reason why he does not do this is because Miles is a Democrat, and McKinley is afraid that Miles would carry on such a successful campaign against the Filipinos, as to make him a formidable candidate for the Presidency.

The accumulation of wealth in the hands of a few has done one thing that attracts attention, and that is it has made some great endowments for colleges. Stanford University was created by it. Recently a Boston man on dying gave \$100,000 for colleges and other institutions, and there are a good many like it every year.

Vice-President Hobart is now known as the "official bouncer" since the resignation of Alger, for it will be remembered that it was after his first visit to Hobart that Alger concluded to resign. The office of Vice-President is developing into a highly important and useful one.

It was wrong to demand absolute and unconditional surrender of the insurgent Filipinos. What we should have done was to offer them independence under our protection. War would have thus been averted.

The birth of a new party is announced from New York city, made up of one hundred labor organizations. Labor will need no other party than the democratic, pledged, as it will be, to breaking up the great trusts which are the fruit of the present republican administration.

Everyone is looking forward to a lively session of Congress next year, for republicans as well as democrats are expected to fire hot shot into the administration for the policy pursued in the Philippines. Senators Hoar, Wellington and Mason, all republicans, are known to be outspoken in their opposition to the president in this matter, and their ranks are being added to every day.

These are remarkable days. Peffer was recently transformed, Coxey, it is said is liable to become a plutocrat, and Dennis Kearney, of San Francisco, who a few years ago led the sandlotters, in all manner of schemes against the rich, is now a plutocrat himself, having been very fortunate in speculations. He is said to be worth several hundred thousand dollars, at one time making \$40,000 in a deal. He declares now, of course that he made a fool of himself when on the sandlots.

A good deal is said about the officers in the army living a great deal better than the private. This is easily accounted for. They are paid so much and buy their own "grub." This in connection with having it cooked in an expensive business. For instance on his trip from San Francisco to Manila it cost Capt. Phillips \$51, which is pretty expensive for a month's board of a soldier.

A 57 pound salmon was caught at Newport this week.

SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

This has been a week of hopes and fears throughout Oregon on account of the weather and the importance of having a condition of affairs that would be favorable to the wheat crop already being harvested. The week ends with what is called a blue condition of affairs, and yet they might be worse. Oregon's excellent condition though is such that our people will be able to keep their heads above the water and come out all right. Another year will make up for this year's losses. It has been learned from experience that we must take things as they come, and it will be in order for everybody to rattle the harder for business, and the farmer will need to turn his attention to greater diversities. The demand for stock has been great and the prices high, and the market for incidentals is good. There is a good deal of money in the valley to meet the shortage from spoiled wheat and let no one be disheartened.

The remarks of the secretary of the agriculture department of the United States, who was in Oregon recently, that fallowing in summer is not beneficial, has attracted general attention and set farmers to thinking. Summer fallowing has been the rule here, and if it is the wrong program it is high time that it was known and a better plan substituted. Theories in reference to fallowing though cannot apply to all countries alike, on account of the great difference in the moisture present which supplies nutriment to the ground.

It looks very much as if the United States will not be permitted to do the war act alone. England has a bigger contract on hand than it has had for years in South Africa there is a man who is not afraid to beard the lion in his den. The result though will be the subjection of the people of the Transvaal according to the wishes of England. A small people stands no chance against a great nation with almost unlimited resources at its back.

The soldier boys have been thoroughly received. We have had receptions galore but no more than the occasion calls for. They are a good thing, displaying appreciation for bravery, and as well creating and fostering a spirit of patriotism that is universal. There has been a healthy tone to all of them attended by the Democrat man that has been pleasing and suggestive.

A state press association has met during the week, and done some business. This is proper. The editors have as much right to combine as other people, and make provisions for their mutual benefit. As a matter of fact though there never comes much out of it. It generally ends with every man for himself.

Perhaps these meetings would be more profitable if they were more on the educational plan like the teachers association meeting at Lebanon this week and held for the purpose of learning something and not merely to have a good time. The progressive teacher gets much that is a benefit in the institute, and perhaps an editors institute, would result the same way if it were possible to find any one smart enough to run it.

There is a paragraph in an official report just received by Surgeon General Sternberg from Major John R. Hoff chief surgeon of the military district of Porto Rico, which is not calculated to make new thoughts for imperialism among the thoughtful. In considering this very serious matter, it should not be forgotten that Porto Rico is the healthiest of our new possessions. In it Major Hoff speaks of an alarming prevalence of private diseases among our soldiers there and says the indications are that it will not be long before a large percentage of them will be as thoroughly infected as the native population. He also points out the danger of returning soldiers spreading the contamination at their homes, a danger which Great Britain has found to be of the gravest proportions in her experience with her tropical possessions. Something like this has been said before, but it was hooted down as the talk of an alarmist. It begins to look as though the man who said, "the more you know about the tropics the less desire you have to live there," was about right. Reports like this have also come from the Philippines.

According to high authority, Alger never was a real candidate for the Senate and his announcement that effect was made after a full understanding with Mr. McKinley, solely for the purpose of preparing a reason for his resignation from the cabinet. This may or may not be true, but the announcement several days ago by Mr. Alger that he was entirely out of politics, seems to bear out the story.

The disappearance of Alger from the scene reveals General Miles with all his authority as Commanding General of the Army. The new Secretary of War is evidently doing all he can to restore the prestige to that highly useful office, and is not beset by the petty jealousies that surrounded the official life of Alger.

Water Melons, sweet and delicious on hand daily at C. E. BROWNELL'S.

Miscellaneous.

Whistling. Walter F. Jenks, of Salem has refused a government position, that of farmer at the Ft. Biddell Indian Agency. Most men are grasping for any old government position.

The government is spending \$3,000 on the improvement of the Long Tom river up the Willamette somewhere, and hesitates about improving the Yaquina Bay that will be a benefit to the entire state.

The end of the Filipino war is again in sight. The outlook is that it will be in sight for several years, for the indications from reports have been that the insurrection was spreading more than decreasing.

Mr. Case, of this city, now an octogenarian, has been studying the moon for a good many years and has discovered that the face in it has been changing until it is like that of the new woman.

A Eugene editor has taken a big contract in starting to purify the social atmosphere of that city. If he is successful we have a good sized contract for him at Albany.

Too much rain is not as bad as too little. California style. The rain may damage one product while benefiting a good many others, but a drought busts everything. There is something of a consolatory order in that.

In New Jersey, last week, an Italian was placed in jail as a criminal, and when told to take a bath he refused. Preparations were made to force him to use soap and water, and rather than submit he committed suicide.

When Dr. Trimble opened his office this afternoon after an absence of a week he saw a patriotic spectacle of a rare order. The room was literally filled with bunting and everything in the room was in the wrong place. It must have taken the practical jokers several hours to have fixed things.

One of the great things the state press association wants is a law requiring a man to pass an examination before being allowed to run a newspaper. Another scheme for a commission for some poor fellow whose newspaper is not paying. Of course the state legislature will not ever seriously consider anything of the kind, though it is not at all material to the men already in the business.

The enterprise and energy being displayed in Seattle in securing the mustering out of the Washington soldiers in that city deserves to be met with success. The people there appreciate the situation and will pay all expenses of transportation. In Portland they wanted the boys to foot their own bills just to give them a show. The Portland papers continue to refer to what was missed.

Salem has received offers of \$167,950 for her 4 per cent bonds, all from people of that city. The fact is an interesting and very suggestive one. If it were possible Albany's bonds drawing six per cent could easily be floated right among Albany people at 4 per cent. But this is not possible now. As fast as the bonds mature though they should be taken up by Albany people at a reduced rate of interest.

From the Corvallis Times: Bill Gird saw the Filipino and offered him a drink. The Long Tom says carries only the best of Bourbon, but the boy from the Orient declined the proffered beverage. "Humph!" exclaimed the philosopher, "He hasn't been civilized." William refused to see anything interesting in the Tagalo lad and considered himself swindled.

"I've seen Injuns and Niggers and Japs and Chinamen," he said, "and all sorts of combinations of 'em. That kid is no prettier than he ought to be and don't know good whiskey. No wonder the googoes can't shoot. You bet the American swishes can tell a good thing when they see it. Why that molasses fellow won't be any good to even exercise Corvallis' wabble-judging night watchman. The government ought to send him to Kentucky and cultivate his appetite."

Manuel had his opinion of the sage. "Hombre mucha malo. Cara bueno, mucha loco." William went home to shake the water from his wheat and interpret what had been said unto him.

The Corvallis Gazette-Union says of the little Filipino: He is as playful as a kitten and his droll manner is most amusing. He is as much superior to the Chinaman, Indian, or Jap in mental endowment as his white brother is to the negro, and may well be called the "Yankee of the East."

Emanuel was an eye witness to Dewey's destruction of the Spanish fleet, and his description of the battle, supplemented as it was with gestures and facial grimaces was interesting and graphic.

"It was four o'clock in the morning," said he, "when, puff! puff! I hear the guns at Cavite. Pretty soon, b-o-o-m! b-o-o-m! Americano cannon; mucha grande, Spanish general, run around. He look mad; mucha combati. Spanish soldier cry; vamoos el casa; mucha cold feet. Dewey's canon b-o-o-m! b-o-o-m hit hard, Spanish, whiff, whiff; much loco." Here he made a gesture indicating that the Spanish were shooting crazily in the air.

New Goods.—P. Cohen's large and well selected stock of new goods has arrived. It embraces late up-to-date goods, which will be sold at prices in each of all. Give him a call before buying.

No Cure, No Pay. That is the way all the druggists sell Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic for Chills, malaria and Biliousness. It is as pleasant to take as lemon syrup, 50c.

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Californians Arrive. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The United States transport Sherman, bearing the First California regiment of volunteers, was sighted four miles outside the heads a few minutes before 6 this evening. No one living anywhere within the boundaries of San Francisco, was long in ignorance of arrival of the steamer. Steam whistles shrieked, sirens screamed, bells rang and the streets were soon filled with shouting, cheering throngs.

Nominates Dewey. ST. PAUL, Aug. 23.—The Globe this morning, in its leader advocates the nomination of Admiral Dewey by the next democratic national convention. The Globe says: The democratic party has but to make this man the magnet of the campaign upon a platform of living principles, the central plank of which shall be death to the trusts and autonomy for the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico. Upon this platform can stand the most popular man of the Western hemisphere, the idol of the greatest nation on earth, George Dewey, hero of Manila bay and Admiral of the American navy.

England's War. LONDON, Aug. 23.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Times says: Disquieting reports have been received here from Natal. It is said that Sunday a train from Johannesburg was fired upon in Transvaal territory. The feeling near the border is bitter, and the disloyal Natal Dutch are armed with Mausers.

Hot Headed Cubans. SANTIAGO, Aug. 23.—Five men are dead and ten wounded as the result of a fight last night, between grand masters and disappointed Cuban soldiers at Cavitas, thirty miles from Santiago, where the payment of Cuban troops is progressing.

Of course. ST. PAUL, Aug. 24.—Some days ago Governor Lind asked the war department to land the Minnesota volunteers at Portland, but the government officials have notified him that they cannot do it; that the muster-out will occur at San Francisco, and that is the end of it from a federal point of view.

Sympathetic German. JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 24.—At a meeting here of 200 Germans a committee was appointed to express to the Transvaal government the willingness of the Germans to volunteer for the service in case of war, but requesting they be enrolled in separate corps, on account of hardships endured by Germans in the Magato campaign.

Big Trust. NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The Herald says: Arrangements are maturing for the organization of a \$50,000,000 dry goods corporation in this city to control and operate dry goods and department stores throughout the country. The Mercantile Reorganization Company has recently been incorporated in Trenton, N. J., as a preliminary by creating big corporations.

Cuban Accident. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Aug. 24.—A great railway accident occurred here today. An entire passenger train fell into the river Mapereba, which runs through the city, and many lives were lost. Although the tremendous storms that have been raging for a fortnight through Chile continue, there has been some abatement. Advices from various points indicate widespread distress and misery.

Gold Seekers Rescued. WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Captain Shoemaker, of the revenue cutter service, today received a report from Lieutenant D. H. Jarvis, the commander of the revenue cutter Bear, containing an account of the rescue of the goldseekers who rushed into the Koznebo gold country, Alaska, in the summer of 1898.

The MacDuff In. ASTORIA, Aug. 24.—The long-looked-for British bark MacDuff arrived in this evening, 192 days from Calcutta. She met with no accident, and was at no time in distress. Her delay was due entirely to the weather and the foul condition of her bottom, and the reported distress of those on board was a myth drawn from the imagination of sailors on board the transport Warren.

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