

PASSING OF SPANISH RULE

Program For the Evacuation Ceremonies to Be Held Sunday.

BOTH FLAGS WILL BE SALUTED.

NEW YORK, Dec 30.—A dispatch to the World from Havana says: The details of the evacuation ceremonies on Sunday next have been completed. At 11 a. m. the American commissioners, Generals Wade, Clous and Butler, with their staffs, will leave the Trocha hotel at Vedado for the palace on horseback and in full uniform, but with a cavalry escort. They will arrive at the reception rooms of the palace at 11:45, where they will meet Generals Brooke, Lee and Lullow and their staffs. Captain-General Castellanos, Admiral Monterola and the Spanish evacuation commissioners and their staffs will stand in the throne room, the throne having been removed. Castellanos will, in a few words, at noon sharp, turn over the command to General Brooke. One division of Lee's seventh corps will be massed at the end of the Prado in the meantime, and these troops, 800 strong, under General Kiefer, will march in review. Then flags will be officially raised at the palace, at Morro and at Cabanas by Lieutenants Lee, Wade and Major Butler, all sons of generals. The saluting will be with the bronze guns of Cabanas, made in 1740. American artillerymen will first salute the falling Spanish flag, and then Spanish artillerymen will use the same guns to salute the American flag. Promptly at noon United States regulars will patrol the entire city.

Debate Dates Reset.

McMinnville Register Dec 29: "The executive committee of the state intercollegiate debating league met in this city Tuesday to reset dates for coming debates. The committee consists of Horace Ramsey of Pacific university, president; C V Galloway of University of Oregon, secretary; B E Haney of Willamette university, treasurer. The first debate will occur at Forest Grove, February 24, between P U and U of O. The question for debate on this occasion will be, "Resolved, that it is not for the best interests of the United States to hold outlying colonies." The college winning the above debate will meet Willamette university either at Salem or Eugene on April 28."

Real Estate Transactions.

Ione Lyon and D E Lyon to George P Hale, 240 acres in T18 S r 1 east; consideration, \$325. George P Wall to Mrs Ella Wall, lots 3 and 4, block 1, in D G McFarland's addition to Cottage Grove, except 27 feet off of the east side of lot 3; \$1. J H Weaver et al to the Booth Kelly Lumber Co, quit claim deed to 40 acres in T 20 S r 2 w; \$300. Daniel H Robert to Richard A Gray, lot 3 block 2 Harris' addition to Eugene; \$40. W W Withers, sheriff, to Georgiana Svarverud lot 22 block 6 original town of Fairmount; \$150. Lillie Johnson to Louise A Johnson lots 1 and 2 block 7 in Fisk's addition to Glenada; \$150. Franklin B Wilson to A C Woodcock 141.77 acres in T 18 S r 6 w; \$25. C F Smith et al to P W Davis, east 90 feet of lot 11, block 1, Fairmount; \$210.

SUDDEN DEATH

George W McQueen Expires While Eating Breakfast.

Daily Guard Dec 31. George W McQueen, who resides near Lorane, in Siuslaw precinct, died quite suddenly at the breakfast table yesterday morning from heart failure. When he arose in the morning he complained just a little. He was 62 years and 4 days of age. He leaves five children, three sons and two daughters. His eldest son Representative Ivan McQueen, was at home when the dread summons came. The funeral will take place tomorrow, the interment being in the Lorane I O O F cemetery.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our sincere thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted and remembered us during the illness and death of our beloved father. MR AND MRS L O BECKWITH. Eugene, Dec 31.

It is reported from Long Creek that range horses throughout Grant county are very thin, and it is expected that at least four-fifths of them will die during the winter. They are considered of so little value that owners will not waste hay feeding them.

SOCIAL.

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"AT HOME." Eugene Lodge, No 557, B P O E B's, will give an "at home" this evening between the hours of 10 and 12, watching the "old year out and the new in."

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Chester Christensen gave his little friends an elegant birthday party this afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs G R Christman. It was a very pleasant event.

ANNUAL RECEPTION.

The Fortnightly Club, composed of many of the prominent ladies of the city, gave their annual reception at the residence of Mrs Ray DeLeon, on Eleventh street, to members and numerous guests, this afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock. It was an elegant affair and was numerously attended.

REBEKAH PARTY.

The grand ball given by Eugene Rebekah lodge at Armory Hall last evening proved to be a decided success. Probably 75 couples were in attendance. Promptly at 9 o'clock the grand march started led by Miss Emma Saltzman and Mr W H Alexander. The well-selected program of 22 numbers was then discussed thoroughly, the wee sma' hours having arrived ere the merry crowd of Rebekahs and their guests departed for their homes. The expression was made universally that the party was one of the most pleasant given in Eugene this winter. The local lodge of Rebekahs is certainly entitled to its reputation as a tasteful, graceful and successful hostess, comprising as it does, many of the society leaders of the city.

The ball was given for the benefit of the Orphans Home and after expenses are paid it is hoped to be able to present that institution with a neat sum.

The ladies served punch during the evening, which was highly appreciated. Svarverud's orchestra of six pieces furnished excellent music for the event and is proving itself a creditable organization.

The success of the ball was due in large measure to those having it in charge. The committee on arrangements consisted of C F Littlefield, M Svarverud, and G N Frazer. The committee on entertainment was Misses Emma Saltzman, Jessie Day, Flora Young, Edith Hoffman, and Mrs Geo Croner. W H Alexander officiated as floor manager in his ever courteous and gentlemanly manner, keeping a careful watch over the details that made a success of the evening by their perfection.

Maudlin Sentiment.

The Portland Daily News yesterday editorially said: "Judge Moore of the supreme court, stammered over granting an appeal in the case of the convicted Lane county murderer, Claude Branton. He gives no other reason for his action than that he would always grant an appeal where a man's life was at stake. This is nothing more nor less than maudlin sentiment. Judge Hanilton, before whom Branton was tried, granted the defense every opportunity and justly refused an appeal. "Judge Moore steps in and says that he will listen to the appeal of Branton and to the appeal of every cold-blooded murderer. This is a subversion of justice. Branton killed his victim in a deliberate manner, having planned the murder for weeks. He was given a fair and impartial trial. Now the case must go to the supreme court, not because there was any error in the trial but simply because a supreme court justice, regardless of the law and evidence, asserts that every murderer must be brought before his court. It is not only nonsense but it is a shame."

In Luck.—Corvallis Union: "Last spring when recruiting officers of Uncle Sam were doing a rushing business, one of the most daring and persistent attempts to get his name on the muster roll for foreign service was made by Julian McFadden. But Julian wasn't born as lucky as Billy Bryan, and this together with a concatenation of circumstances resulted in a failure of his efforts. Julian bore his defeat like a man, however, and now is about to receive the reward of his patience. A law was passed by the special session of the legislature appropriating money to pay each man who volunteered under the president's call but was rejected by the medical examiner and a list of these recently published contained this item: Julian N McFadden, A, first, \$12. Some superstitious friends of his attribute his good fortune to other causes, but that is foreign."

WHY?—Our poultrymen are wondering what the Oregon Poultry Journal, published at Salem has against them. The paper does not even mention the late Lane county show in this number of the paper, notwithstanding six of them have ads in the paper. Goodhue must dictate or he will not "play ball" is what some of our breeders claim.

Carlisle Silences a Watchman.

After several visits in Scotland during the summer of 1898, Carlisle went home again to Scotland, writes Charles T. Copeland in The Atlantic. On his return there he spent a few days in Manchester with Mrs. Manning. "He had been put to sleep in an old bed, which he remembered in his father's house." "I was just closing my senses in sweet oblivion," wrote he, "when the watchman, with a voice like the feepest groan of the highland bagpiper or what an ostrich comraik might utter, groaned out 'Groo-o-o-o!' close under me and set me all in a gallop again. 'Groo-o-o-o!' for there was no articulate announcement at all in it, that I could gather. 'Groo-o-o-o!' repeated again and again at various distances, dying out and then growing loud again for an hour or more.

"I grew impatient, bolted out of bed, flung up the window. 'Groo-o-o-o!' There he was, advancing, lantern in hand, a few yards off me. 'Can't you give up that noise?' I hastily addressed him. 'You are keeping a person awake. What good is it to go howling and groaning all night and deprive people of their sleep?' He ceased from that time—at least I heard no more of him. No watchman, I think, has been more astonished for some time back."

English Children and Negroes.

The negro is not so well known as one might expect, considering that geography is widely and often excellently taught in our primary schools. The ideas most frequently expressed concerning him are that he is black and a foreigner.

Here are some of the definitions: "A black man who lives in India." "A dark man who comes from America." "A negro is a slave who read of them in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.'" "A gentleman who lives in a foreign country."

The country children are even more lively in their descriptions than the town children: "A negro is a foreign man with black skin all over him with thick lips and curly black hair he goes naked." "A negro is a man and they live in a very hot country and they have little huts to live in." "A negro is a black man who acts in a circus."

"A negro is a man whose skin is always black, they are strong and they live in huts, and do not wear clothes and they shoot with a bow." "A negro is a man what eats missionaria." The Sunday school missionary stories and the traveling circus color the village children's ideas on negroes.—National Review.

Glycerin and Foreordination.

A glycerin man in conversation with a reporter the other day said that the majority of those who are engaged in the business of shooting wells believe in foreordination. "I think that a man will not die till his time comes," he said. "A man is liable to die at any calling, no matter how safe it may be considered. He will pass through all kinds of dangers and never sustain the slightest injury. Then he is knocked out of existence when he least expects it. "Glycerin men have to be quite nervous, but there is not one of them who does not feel that he is in no great danger. They think they will live out their allotted time and will not be blown up until the predestinated event is due. We are handling death every day and know it, but by the exercise of caution and common sense there are but few of us comparatively that are killed. The railroad men are much more liable to accidental death than glycerin men are."—Bradford (Pa.) Era.

Cheerful Antipodean Truth Teller.

An ex-sea captain, now living in Sydney, many years ago was in charge of a ship carrying some convicts. The convicts mutinied, murdered the crew and ordered the captain to navigate them to the islands, and, being a prudent man, he did so. When satisfied as to their course, the convicts deliberated, decided that he had behaved himself well and put him ashore on the first large island they came to. He was a musician and took his violin with him. A threatening crowd of savages greeted his arrival, but Orpheus played to them till they thought him a god, brought him unlimited pigs and yams and bowed in adoration. Finally he married the chief's daughter, succeeded him and ruled the island for years, till a ship called in and he sailed away.—Sydney Bulletin.

Must Have Been a Cannibal.

The writer of a book of travels, telling of the insect pests encountered in British Guiana, makes a statement of which the best that can be said is that it is probably not so bad as it sounds. "One lady that I knew, who he bussed at her toilet, felt something crawling on her shoulder. She screamed and called her husband, and he had just time to knock the centiped off before biting her in the neck."

Discouraging.

First Theosophist—This settles it. I resign from the society." Second Theosophist—What's the matter?

First Theosophist—Why, one of my tenants has gone off without paying his rent and left me a note saying he would try and square with me in some future existence.—London Fun.

Cheap Injury.

Casey—Shure, an it's th' unlucky mon O' am!

Clancy—Unlucky be dom'd! How'n't yez kin out av th' wreck wid only a broken arm?

Casey (sarcastically)—An for which O' only got fiv' hundred dollars! Thim fellies tho' wor kil't git fiv' thousand.—New York Journal.

The ballet is said to have been invented by the Duchess of Maine, in Paris.

Oranges, limes, bananas and coconuts grow wild in Costa Rica.

Dangers of Pony Express Riding.

In The Century there is an article on "The Pony Express," between St. Joseph, Mo., and San Francisco, written by W. F. Bailey. The author says:

Considering the danger encountered, the percentage of fatalities was extraordinarily small. Far more station employees than riders were killed by the Indians, and even of the latter more were killed off duty than on. This can be explained by the fact that the horses were the riders, selected as they were for speed and endurance, were far superior to the mounts of the Indians. There is only one case on record where a rider was caught, and that was owing to his having been surrounded. This occurred in Nebraska, along the Platte river. He was shot, and several days later his body was found. His pony, still bridled and saddled, was also found with the mail intact. It was transferred to another horse and soon forwarded to its destination. In laying out the route through the Indian country pains were taken to avoid anything that would afford cover for an ambushed foe.

One of the greatest dangers encountered by the pony express riders was from immigrants and others who mistook them for Indians. In those days it was shot first and investigate afterward, provided the shooter survived to make an investigation. A number of the riders met their death in this way, being mistaken for Indians, horse thieves or road agents. It is a strange but notable fact that the Indians often stood and saw the daring riders fly past without offering to molest them. There was a mystery about it that made it "bad medicine" to interfere with them. Superstitions as they were, they seldom bothered with anything that they could not understand.

A Similar Case.

The Indian may be unsophisticated by the side of the white man, but Bishop Whipple, writing in The Temple Magazine, shows that he has a dry sense of humor.

His Indian flock was visited by a speculative Yankee who hungered after their good lands and tried to persuade them to exchange their reservation for a worthless tract of country elsewhere. A council of the tribe was called together, and the Yankee addressed the assembly.

"My friends, I have lived 55 years in this world," he said, "and the winds of 55 winters have blown over my head and silvered it over with gray. As a true man I advise you to accept this new treaty at once."

He sat down, and at the same moment an old chief sprang to his feet. "Look at me!" he said. "The winds of 55 winters have blown over my head and silvered it gray, but they have not blown away my brains." "That conference was ended," said the bishop laconically.

Weeds as Food.

What is even regarded as a wild weed can, with a little stretch of imagination, be turned into an ornamental plant or delicious vegetable. This is especially the case with the common burdock, Lappa major. Schoolboys all know it from gathering the burs and compressing them together by the curved points of the fluff involucre. This is all they know about it. It is difficult to say anything more to be despised in the burdock leaf than in the leaf of the rhubarb. It appears that it is largely used in China for food, but it is stated that if the stalks be cut down before the flowers expand and then be boiled the taste is lessened equally with asparagus. The leaves when young are boiled and eaten as we eat spinach. In Japan it is in universal use. Thousands of acres are devoted to its culture, but in this case the root is the object. It requires deep soil to get the roots to the best advantage.—Mechan's Monthly.

A Swelled Head.

A typical English woman, when one spoke the other day of a certain man having a "swelled head," looked dazed. "Really! You don't mean it!" cried the English woman. "I'm very sorry." A day or so later the English woman, happening to meet the wife of the man in question, observed that she was so sorry to hear that Mr. Blank was ill. "But he isn't!" cried the wife. "He was never better in his life." "Is that so?" said the English woman. "Why, what could Mrs. Dash have meant the other day when she said he was suffering from a swelled head?"

What He Had on His Mind.

Ho—There is something I have wanted to say to you for a long, long time. She (demurely)—Well, don't—don't you think this is as good a time as—as any to say it? Ho—That mole on the left side of your nose—I know a surgeon who can remove such things without a bit of danger. They adjourned sine die that evening. Chicago News.

Italy's Poor.

Marvelous economy is practiced by the poor of Italy in looking after the wants of the inner man. Coffee grounds from the wealthy man's kitchen are dried and resold to the poor. In a similar way oil is twice, and sometimes three times used, the drippings after each successive frying being gathered from the pan and sold to the poor.

Consistent Indolence.

"Wot's de use o' wakin up dis way at 5 o'clock in de mornin?" inquired Flooding Pete indignantly. "Well," answered Meandering Mike, "I take so much comfort out o' doin nothin dat I 'fought I'd like to get an early start."—Washington Star.

Queer Postal Rule.

One of the peculiarities of postoffice rules is that a postmaster cannot accept postage stamps for postage due on letters at destination.

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