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OUR COURSE VINDICATED.

The restoration of friendly relations with Colombia, our state department having been notified that Dr. Herran is to return to Washington in the same capacity he formerly occupied, is a complete vindication of the legality and rectitude of the course pursued by the United States government when Panama proclaimed its independence. It is virtually an admission on Colombia's part that she was wrong and we were right, and now the Bogota government has gone so far it might as well round out its repentance by officially recognizing the republic of Panama. Such an act would be not only manly but wise. Panama has been urged to pay out of the canal fund to be received from the United States a proportion of Colombia's debts equivalent to the benefits the new republic has derived from them, but the Panamanians can hardly be expected to comply with such a request, fair and just though it obviously is, until their government has been fully recognized by Colombia.

Meantime preparations for beginning the work of digging the canal and for governing the five-mile strip of territory on each side of it are being made both at the isthmus and at Washington. President Roosevelt, whose conduct has been upheld by the American people of both parties, so that the handful of senatorial malcontents have dropped the issue like a hot poker, and who is now practically acquitted of all charges of unfair dealing by the Colombians themselves, is not the man to let the work of construction slacken, and from now on progress will be rapid and continuous. The episode completes the most conspicuous and valuable achievement of a brilliant administration.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY.

According to the last census there were in the United States in the year 1900 males over 30 years of age to the aggregate of 14,794,403. Commissioner Harris of the United States bureau of education has estimated that these men are divided educationally, as follows:

Class 1. Without education	1,757,023
Class 2. With only common school training or trained outside of organized schools	2,954,335
Class 3. With regular high school training added	657,432
Class 4. With college or higher education added	325,613

In other words, only about 22 per cent of our male population over 30 years old is made up of college bred men. Smile as we all do at some of the features of "Who's Who in America," it has nevertheless brought out some really important information nowhere else obtainable at present. From more than 10,000 men on this side of the world who are accounted "the most notable in all departments of usefulness and reputable endeavor," its editors have secured reports as to the kind and the extent of the early education of each. An educator of some note, Mr. William W. Smith of Virginia, has lately been engaged in a careful study of these reports and from them has made a computation that will be embodied in the forthcoming annual report of the bureau of education. The few persons in "Who's Who" under the age of 30 being omitted, he finds that of these 10,704 "notables" not one was wholly without education; 24 were entirely self-taught; 278 were home-taught; those who had only a common school training numbered 1066; those with a high school training aggregated 1627; while 7709 had had a college training, and of these 6129 were regular graduates.

That is, from class 1 in the bureau of education groups (1,757,023 men without education) not a single "notable" reported; from class 2 came 1368 men of achievement and reputation, or one for every 812 of them; from class 3 came 1627, or one for every 404; and from class 4 (the 325,613 college-bred men) came 709 "notables," or one for every 42. And from this computation Mr. Smith draws these conclusions:

That of the boys born in the United States between the years 1800 and 1870 not one who was wholly uneducated managed to become sufficiently notable to attract the attention of the "Who's Who" editors

in 1903, and that only 24 self-taught men succeeded, and that a boy with only a common school education had, in round numbers, only one chance in 9,000 of achieving marked success and prominence; that a high school education increased this chance nearly 22 times; that a college education gave the young man about 10 times the chance of a high school boy and 200 times the chance of the boy whose training stopped with the common school; that the "A. B." graduate was pre-eminently successful; and that the self-educated man was inconspicuous.

"It is doubtless true," concedes our statistician, "that other circumstances contributed to the success of these talented men, but after all reasonable allowances are made the figures force the conclusion that the more school-training the American boy of that period had, the greater were his chances of distinction. How will it be in this century?"

The question answers itself. It is not here assumed that all the men found worthy of a place in "Who's Who" are business men, but so very many of them are that the ratios above noted must hold good in businessdom. And these figures go a long, long way in establishing the correctness of President Thwing's conclusion that the higher the intellectual equipment with which a young man enters upon a business career the greater will be his chances of achieving success in it, if not actual eminence.

It is related of Commodore Vanderbilt that a friend once bore to him this message from Lord Palmerson: "It is a pity that a man with so much talent had not the advantages which education gives." "You tell Lord Palmerson for me," replied the old commodore, "that if I had learned education, I wouldn't have had time to learn anything else."

Had he been born 50 years later than he was, he wouldn't believe that. His grandso takes no stock in any such theory.

Cornell's women students have organized an anti-spooning society, with a graduated system of fines for all derelictions of a romantic and amatory cast, some of them reaching as high as \$5. As a few such imposts would be bankrupt most of the delinquents to whom they were applied, the code is probably practically operative. If there is to be a real crusade against spooning as an educational adjunct, it will have to originate on the masculine side of the house, and even then will be more a matter of pretense than anything else, the practice it is directed against being rooted in the nature of things and beyond extirpation.

The condemnation of the Nipie by the navy department recalls the terrible disaster at Samoa, when the American and German vessels, excepting alone the Nipie, foundered during a great hurricane. The crews of both fleets went to their watery graves playing national airs, and saluting each other as they were about to be elapsing in the hand of death. No more lasting evidence of absolute fear of death was ever afforded, and the memory of the brave fellows who went so unflinchingly to their Maker will forever live on among the nations of the world.

The Telegram through John W. Kelly, the Splish man, suggests that, as several kinds of cut-throat trout are to be planted near Astoria, it might be advisable to throw in a few cans of salmon and a can of two of sardines. This is hardly a sunny suggestion, although it indicates that Mr. Kelly is still getting into the right gear.

General Miles says it's all very well for the Russians to kneel down and pray on the battlefield, but that his experience teaches him that fighting, not praying, is what counts. But general, perhaps the boys are praying for the opportunity to fight.

Admiral Dewey says our ships, our officers and our men are the best in the world, and that no nation on earth will dare attack us. We are certainly immune so long as men of Dewey's stripe are in command.

A Portlander is ashamed of the Oregon exhibit at St. Louis. Well, perhaps some resident of the exposition city will be ashamed of St. Louis' exhibit at Portland.

The Portland baseball team is called the Browns, which is a name that has also been applied to the Japs. But, my! what a difference!

Tomorrow you must register if you are going to do so at all. Call early at the clerk's office in the court house and avoid the rush.

On his way home the congressman who figured in the postal scandals can decide whether he shall order a halo or a parachute.

A Russian army of 150,000 men is retreating for reinforcement. An army of 150 Americans would advance for battle.

Register tomorrow! After 5 p. m. it will be everlastingly too late.

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A Fire at Baker City. The Commercial hotel, one of the old landmarks of this city, was partially destroyed by fire this morning. The fire, caught from a stove in an upstairs room in the rear, just as the firemen got the fire under control a brisk wind sprung up, which would have spread the fire and destroyed the entire block had it come a few minutes earlier. The loss on the building and furniture is about \$5000, with \$3500 insurance. The property belonged to Mrs. L. E. Miller.

A Sure Thing. It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. P. VanMeire, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything near or, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Phthisis and Consumption. "Try it," it's guaranteed by Charles Rogers, Druggist, Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c, \$1.00.

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