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CLEANING CUBA.

"The ground fairly smells sour!" This is the report of the sick and emaciated soldiers of this republic who return invalided from Cuba. Centuries of filth have polluted the very soil of the unfortunate island. All that in civilized countries is buried deep in earth, or that is carried away by swift streams that oxygenate and purify its noisomeness, or that is burned to prevent its dangerous infection, is, and by generations of unclean people has been, poured up the whole system and make you feel on the surface of the earth of the like a new being. They are guaranteed cities and towns of Cuba, which at to cure or price refunded. For sale at length are saturated by poisonous germs. It is impossible to give instant and absolute control of Cuba to a people who have not learned that ablution is a word illustrative of the first letter in the alphabet of civilization. A temporary protectorate is a necessary preliminary to the evolution of Cuba into a domain in which decent folks can live. We have fought that Cuba may be a member of the sisterhood of civilized states; we cannot turn it over at once from Spanish filth and despotism to epidemic and disorder.

In the oldest book that relates the progress of a race from salvery and degradation to freedom and eminence we are taught that Moses enforced cleanliness upon the Jews as the first law of being. The higher civilization of the tabernacle and the temple tollowed in due course, and almost naturally, upon the strict hygienic regulations that the great law-giver enforced upon his people while they journeyed and dwelt in tents in the wilderness. A ballot is a good thing in the hands of a clean man; not so in the hands of a dirty child or an unclean nomad. Cuba must be made clean and healthful first, free and independent afterward. We have an educational work to do preliminary to our noble work of establishing local government.

We are not fighting in Cuba solely for Cubans. We expect that the out- Candies, Nuts, come of the war shall give to the capital and enterprise of the United States free room "to run and be glorified." We must make Cuba at least as healthful as Louisana before we relinquish our authority over the territory from which we have driven Spain, The Cubans must be educated in the rudiments of civilization, near to the first of which is personal, household, and municipal cleanliness.

All naval officers and men who have distinguished themselves during the war with Spain will be rewarded by the government in some manner appropriate to their individual exploits. The president is determined that not one deserving man, from commanding officer down, shall be neglected in the distribution of honors. This is eminently proper, and the navy will be all the better for every such act of consideration. England has built up her navy by making those who follow it proud of their profession and by establishing the practice of conferring honors upon her heroes without regard to rank, station or employment. One of the decorations to which all fighting Eng. Miss Myrtle Smith. lishmen aspire is the Victoria cross. Those who wear it have in some way distinguished themselves by heroism that stands out in bold relief before the nation. Were Hobson a British officer the Victoria cross would fall to him without a question. In this country special medals are voted by congress in recognition of such acts of bravery as Hobson and his companions have to their credit.

Annanias, No. 2, was recently a visitor in Baker City, and called at the Democrat office. We have always held the proprietors of that paper in the highest regard, and are surprised to learn that either Bro. Small or Bowen entertains such visitors; but no doubt they have forgotten that a person is known by the company he keeps. During that

gentleman's (?) call he informed the editor that The Dalles is the dullest town on earth. We wonder which side of the street he was working. One week \$ 15 Handouts HAVE been scarce of late, 50 for there is so much business going on and so much work to be obtained that there is no necessity for any idlers or beggars. The amount of business being done in this city at present, in spite of what is supposed to be a dull season of the year, would make a Baker City man dizzy in the

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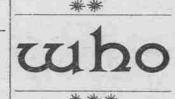
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