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KICKERS CONTINUE TO KICK.

When the crisis was pending and with war staring him in the face the president of these United States was endeavoring if possible and without tainting the honor of the nation to avert its terrible approach and settle the questions confronting us in a more desirable manner, all over the states were the ever-present fault-finders—the "kickers"—who demanded war and war at once. No sooner had war been declared than they began to kick because it had not been averted. Then because it was not carried on in a manner to suit their pleasure. And so the kick continued.

And now, after our boys have fought well and returned with honors, they must needs be the butt of the kicker because we had seen fit to arrange the manner of their muster-out, where it should be and how, and they had chosen otherwise. We acknowledge it is a grievous disappointment to Oregonians that they should have desired to be first welcomed in another state than their own; but certainly they have the right of choice, and their wishes should be the law and receive due deference.

The childish part of the whole affair seems to us to be the course some of our state papers are advocating of taking our "doll rags and going home," and not "playing with the soldier boys" when they return to their own state. Another thing is the attack which is being made on the presidio at San Francisco. Surely it is not a disease-breeding pest hole as it is described. Those who have visited it have never seen the least sign of such a condition of affairs, and while our boys may feel the chilly atmosphere the more on account of the climate they have left, and are in need of more clothing, we cannot but feel their need of supplies will be met.

Why be always stirring up dissension, and croning "double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble?" Why rend the heart of parents and friends over the imaginary woes of our returning soldiers? Is it not childish to rake up every mole hill and make a mountain of it? The boys are undoubtedly all right and will take care of themselves without the interference of a few petty kickers.

Anent this question of "kicks" the Spokesman-Review has the following sensible article, which hits the nail on the head:

There are some ugly stories coming from Manila in regard to the Washington volunteers, but at this distance it is perhaps just as well not to form any premature judgments until the regiment returns home and all the facts are known. There has evidently been some friction, and Colonel Wholley does not appear to be as popular as some other commanding officers may have been with their men, but on the whole it does not seem to have seriously

affected the efficiency of the regiment. From all the accounts that have been recently given to the public by the returned Oregonians the troops from this state are well drilled and among the most reliable fighters now in the eighth army corps.

There are bound to be dissensions among the volunteers. Probably every regiment that has gone out to the Philippines has had its internal difficulties. It is impossible to escape from the jealousies, bickerings and friction that invariably arises among men recently from private life who are new to the service and unaccustomed to the restraints of army discipline. This has resulted in writing home long tales of woe with accusations of every sort against the officers in command. Perhaps there may be some truth in it; no doubt a good deal of it is made up of imaginary grievances that have been fostered by disappointment, ill-health or homesickness. At any rate it is well not to take snap judgment at this time when the evidence is based largely upon rumor, hearsay and ex parte statements by correspondents. A time will come when all these matters can be looked into and the true facts known, and then praise or blame will be accorded to those deserving it.

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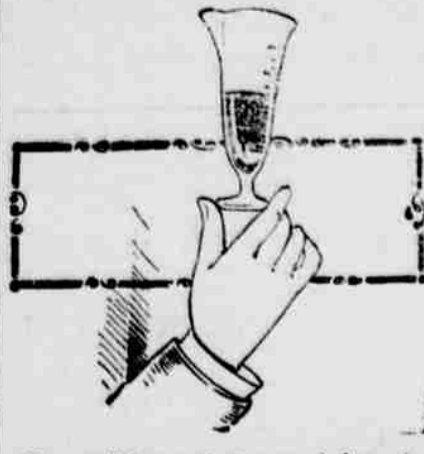
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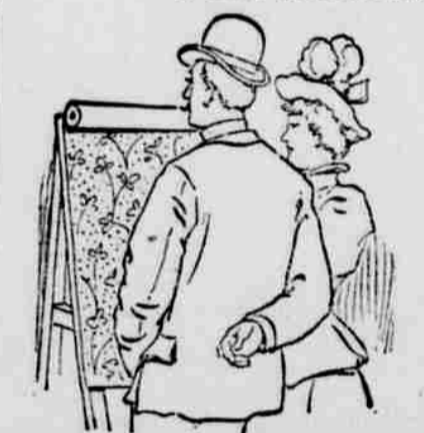


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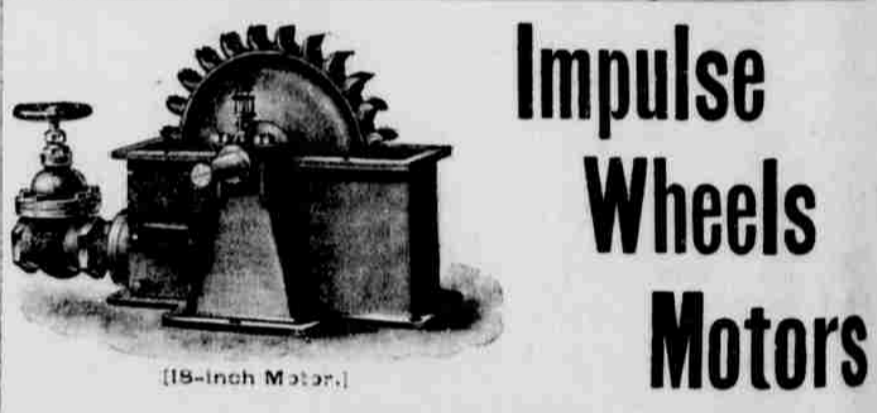
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