

### The Daily Astorian.

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OUR FOREIGN SERVICE.

The diplomatic and consular service of the United States has never received the fair and generous consideration which its importance merits. The policy respecting it has always been narrow and illiberal, contrasting strongly with that pursued by other great commercial nations. There have always been men of influence in congress and elsewhere to decry it as for the most part an expensive luxury, and instead of its being an inviting and honorable field of labor for the best ability of the country, it has generally been parceled out to antiquated or shelved politicians. This was especially the case before the war, and no very earnest effort was made in the direction of improvement for many years after. The public mind was so entirely preoccupied with domestic affairs during the first twelve years following the war that only a perfunctory attention was bestowed upon our foreign relations. During this period, the diplomatic and consular service declined to probably a lower plane than ever before. One of the most meritorious features of the Hayes administration was the effort, largely successful, to improve the efficiency of this service, and its standard since has been comparatively good, though still inferior to that of other countries. An effort was made at the last session of congress to still further liberalize the policy of the government with respect to this service but it encountered an opposition which prevented full success. The great majority of our foreign representatives are inadequately paid, and it is no justification of the penurious policy that has been pursued to say that there are always men to be found very willing to accept these positions. A rich and prosperous country should not deal with its servants abroad upon any such niggardly basis. Many of these foreign representatives are compelled, in order to maintain their present and official respectability, to draw largely upon their private fortunes, and those who have not this resource are thrown into unenviable comparison with the better paid representatives of other nations. This is neither to our credit nor our advantage. The consequence is well stated by the American minister to Sweden and Norway, who in a recent interview said "the tendency of our foreign service is to restrict representation to men of wealth, and men who are not in the young vigor of life. Only those who are very wealthy and who can afford to spend twice or three their salary, or are too old to care for the activities of life and are oblivious of the loss of business identity in their native country, can afford to enter the service." These classes are not the men who are likely to make the most careful and efficient ministers and consuls, and so long as the service is in the condition to favor only these classes it cannot be brought to the highest measure of usefulness. Wealthy men who go abroad for honor and enjoyment will not give very close attention to the details of their duties, which are generally the most important, and the veterans cannot do so. The service should invite men of the highest intelligence, who have also the vigor and energy to perform all their duties promptly and thoughtfully, and they should be compensated with reasonable liberality. It is not doubted that under any circumstances the demand for these foreign positions will always exceed the supply, but this is no excuse for a niggardly policy the effect of which is to narrow to the government the opportunities for the most desirable selections.

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the Tombstone, Arizona, Democrat, finished writing a series of brief biographical sketches of the members of the late Arizona legislature last Thursday, and died the following day. Death had no terrors for him.

Last Tuesday's vote in Chicago was on the question "Shall the American flag or the red flag be carried at the head of the procession?" The American flag won, by a large majority. Long may it wave!

HOW FICTION BECOMES HISTORY.

The late Colonel Scott, of war records office, who died recently, often confounded many a story teller. It was he who had the documents at his elbow to furnish the exact truth in regard to every battle and campaign, and every order or report in regard to them. To him went a host of people who wanted light on the war. A few weeks before his death Colonel Scott said: "There are innumerable calls on me from officers on both sides for exact information about various movements and engagements. Most of them deal with personal affairs. Some fellow who led a scout wants to hunt up a report where his name is mentioned. A major-general is not often any more sure of facts twenty-five years old than a private and a dispute with a brother officer sends both here for the record. It is not infrequently happens that I unwittingly deal some of my best friends cruel blows. A western senator came here a year or so ago and got documents from me that made Admiral Porter ridiculously imaginative, where everybody supposed he was precisely historical, in regard to President Lincoln's visit to Richmond at the surrender, and an alleged interview en route with Duff Green. The greater part of the story turned out to be fiction. One day an old officer came rushing in, and, in an excited tone, exclaimed:

"Have you said I was not in the second battle of Bull Run?"

"No, not exactly that," I said."

"Well, Bob Scott, I was told you said so, and I came in here to put daylight through you if you stuck to it."

"O, no," I replied, laughing, "I never said you were not in that battle. What I said was that you yourself, in an official report dated the day of the battle, had said that you were in the Cumberland valley, 100 miles from Centerville and Bull Run."

"His eyes looked dizzy and his face was a most amusing picture of consternation. What I said was true. I tapped a bell, called a clerk, who brought the officer's official report, and there in his own handwriting, over his signature, in black and white was his own word that he was not at Bull Run. He read the report through twice in silence so solid you could slice it. Then he took his hat, and, without a word, arose and left the building."

"A prominent officer of my acquaintance has described often in my hearing, with great minuteness, the battle of the Monitor and Merrimac. He told the story as an eye witness, described his field glass and the point of observation. I paid no attention to the matter until I heard the tale told twice. Then I became curious, and hunted up the official reports made by this officer. I found that he saw the Monitor and Merrimac in that battle his field-glass was a most powerful one. He never saw the Monitor and Merrimac fight, but was at Falls Church the day of the battle, if his own reports are to be believed. There is a good deal of fiction in our war stories."

"The greatest number of inquiries about war history," said Colonel Scott, "come from the south. The Johnnies fought well, and, in the absence of a good deal else to give them satisfaction, take great pleasure in their fighting. Nearly all the prominent confederate officers have visited this old building, and hardly a day passes that we do not receive a dozen letters from southerners asking for information."

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perous business house, and so they continued to struggle without me.

Finally, I went on the road in the interests of Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup—a preparation that would take a pair of second-hand lungs and brighten them up so that a man needn't be ashamed to dress up in them and wear them in the best society.

People say that traveling men are too forward and too bold, and ought to do a little more of the bluish-voiced business, but I found when I was on the road that I had to be bold, especially at the hotels, for the clerks were bold, the porters were bold, and the dining-room girls were also in several instances extremely so. If I did not demand the bridal chamber I generally got tea chest No. 67, with no knob on the door, and when I would punch the button on the denominator it would fall off with a low tremulous sound and roll under the bed.

Speaking of door knobs reminds me of a hotel man in Washington territory who has a novel way of keeping these handles clean at a slight expense. He has knobs on all doors, and they are so arranged that they may be easily removed. He has two sets for the house—one set being white and the other a dappled bay. When one set gets soiled he removes the knobs, placing them in the soap-dishes of the various rooms, where the guests rinse them off thoroughly in a vain attempt to get a lather out of them. After they are dried the proprietor replaces them on the doors and the soiled set go into the soap-dishes. This is hotel now called the door-knob chop-house, and with the slippery elm towel adopted there a polish is given to the guest which he might otherwise never secure.

In conclusion, I hardly know what to say. Pie enters into the life of every true American, and an unfair division of pie will certainly lead to open hostility and possibly intestine war.

The tendency of the age seems to be toward the centralization of pie. This is bound to make the thin man thinner and the fat man fatter. From statistics now in my hands I have ascertained that we have enough pie in America, if properly distributed, to give to each adult, exclusive of Indians not taxed, one-eighth of a full grown pie, and still leave one-sixteenth pie for each child of school age.—William Nye.

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