AN ECCENTRIC SIXTY-POUND SHELL.

Aside from the bad marksmanship of the Spanish gunners in the battle of Manila, there seemed to be an extraordinary lack of killing qualities in the shells which hit our vessels. There probably was never before known such an experience as that of the Baltimore. A sixty-pound armor-piercing shell fired undoubtedly from the Canacao battery on shore, entered the Baltimore about two feet above the upper deck on the starboard side, between the after six-inch gun and the three-pounder mounted on the rail. This shell, after piercing two thicknesses of steel one-quarter of an inch thick, struck the deck and and penetrated till it reached one of the heavy deck beams, which it cracked clear through. It was then deflected upward, coming out of the wooden deck and tearing its way through the steel combing of the engine-room skylight, again passing through two quarter-inch plates. As it had been turned sideways on rising from the deck, the holes it made through these plates were about eighteen inches long by six inches wide—ragged, torn spots, very unlike the clean-cut punctures made by such a shell when entering point foremost. Leaving the skylight, the shell, ranging slightly forward, struck the recoil cylinder of the port six-inch gun on the quarter-deck, disabling the carriage. At last it met an object strong enough to resist its attack—the steel shield, which curved in front of the gun in a semicircle. Following this curve, the shell came out on the forward side of the carriage, traveling in a direction exactly opposite to its former course, until it reached the starboard side of the ship again, where it struck a steel ventilator, and was finally stopped. In other words, this shell passed through one inch of steel, ripped up a deck, broke a deck beam and bulged a shield about an inch out of its original shape. It crossed the Baltimore from starboard side to port and back again to the starboard side, and yet had hit none of the many men engaged at the guns near by. It is true it was the cause of wounding two officers and six men, for in its course it exploded two three-pounder shells which were lying on the deck ready for use in the small gun on the Baltimore's rail; but directly it injured no one, and it is regarded as holding the record for eccentric action.—Harper's.

A tall girl named Short, long loved a certain Mr. Little, while Little, little thinking of Short, loved a little lassie named Long. To make a long story Short, Little proposed to Long and Short longed to be even with Little's shortcoming. So Short, meeting Long threatened to marry Little before long, which caused Little, in short, to marry Long. Did Short love Little less because Little loved Long?—Ex.

"Every town has a liar or two; a smart aleck; some pretty girls; more loafers than it needs; an old fogy that the town would be better without; a woman or two that tattle; men who stand on the street corners and make remarks about the women; a man who laughs an idiotic laugh every time he says anything; scores of men with the caboose of their trousers worn as smooth as glass; men who can tell about the weather and how to run other peoples business, but have made a dismal failure of their own."—Roseburg Review.

SCHOOL LITERARY.

The Athenian Society will attend the social to be given by the Spartan Society at the Masonic hall Friday evening Feb. 24.

The program for last Friday evening was carried out as published last week. The debate was decided by the critic in favor of the affirmative side.

There will be a social meeting given by the Athenian Society March 3, 1899. The program will consist as follows: Order of Business; Response to roll call by quotation from some good author; Song by Society; Select Reading, Armond Wynne; Recitation Chas. V. Culp; Quartette, Nina Ostrander, Ida Thomas, Winter Wallace and Elbert Veatch; Essay on Man, Elbert Veatch; Recitation, Nora Sherwood; Song by Society. Debate, "Resolved that the Indian has more right to complain of the treatment of the white man in America than the Negro." Affirmative, Frank Whipple, C. V. Culp, George Walden. Negative, Chris Jackson, Winfield Bennett, John Walden. The program will be concluded by an address by J. E. Young, subject, The Necessity of Educating Young People. After the program refreshments will be served in the form of ice cream and cake, after which games will be played for the enjoyment of all.

STAR ITEMS.

Fine weather Sunday.

Joe Damewood has come back to Row river again.

Uncle Jim Teeters made a visit to the Grove Friday returning home Saturday morning.

Sid Vaughn came home Saturday night from the Booth-Kelley saw mill to visit on Row river over Sunday.

Bird Farrier was a passenger with Joe Cole to Cottage Grove Saturday.

George Laing and wife of Row river made a trip over the divide to Mosby creek Saturday, on business and to visit Mr. Downs and family returning on Monday.

The farmers on the river are very busy plowing.

Blake Stewart is educating the the two cougar cubs that he found and brought home from Green mountain.

The day is not far distant when the Bohemia mines with countless tons of base ore, and the timber of the hills and mountains adjacent to Row river will attract the attention of men with enterprise and capital that will build a railroad up the valley from Cottage Grove to the mines.

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CEDAR CREEK ITEMS.

Mr. H. D. Witlock went to the Grove Sunday.

Mr. Aaron Kelley who is working for J. B. Rouse spent Sunday at home and Miss Rena went back with him and is now cooking for the crew.

Mr Wm. Edwards took a trip to Royal Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Edwards made a flying trip to the Grove Tuesday.

The roads are in fine shape, we can sometimes touch bottom with a ten-foot pole.

Mr. J. B. Warner went to town the first of the week.

Several of our young people attended the dance at Tanneryville the 17th and reported it a decided success.

Gipsey.

We this week received a letter from the secretary of the Library Association at Cottage Grove, Casper Lea, asking us to send the Watchman to the Free Reading Room. The Association evidently knows good literature when they see or hear of it, and we send the Watchman witth pleasure.—Drain Watchman.

The richest gold strike for months is reported from McDonald creek, Northwest Territory. The surface gravel pays $1 to $2 to the pan. Gold is coarse and assays high.

A printer is a man who lives, eats, wears clothes and pays taxes if he has the money—and yet people expect him to live on wind pudding, unkept promises, and live in oriental splendor on such support as indicated in the following letter, says the Shasta Courier man: Mr. Editor—Send me a few copies of the paper which had the obituary and verses about my little child about a month or two ago. You may publish the enclosed clipping about my niece's marriage and I wish you would mention in your local column, if it don't cost anything, that I am going to have a public sale and will rent a part of my farm; also mention that I have a few extra calves to sell. Send me a couple of copies of the paper this week, but as my time is out you may stop my paper as times are to hard to waste money on newspapers.

Fishing at night by a camp fire has become popular sport among the boys. Millett's lake is the most common fishing ground and a string of bullheads from four to six inches long is the average catch.—Junction Times.

CHURCH NOTICES.

M. E. CHURCH.

Hereafter the services at the Methodist Episcopal church will be as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30. Let us hear the Gospel "it is the power of God." Strangers and friends are made welcome to all meetings.

M. O. Brink, Pastor.

REVIVAL SERVICES.

Rev. E. A. Ross the widely known evangelist who creates a great interest and stir in the hearts of people wherever he goes, will hold a series of meetings at the Methodist church in Cottage Grove, commencing the first Sunday in March.

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"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. James A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days aginst ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first place I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by the Benson Drug Co., Cottage Grove and Joe Lyons of Drain.

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SUMMONS.

J. F. Currie, Plaintiff,
vs.
James E. Thorp, Minnie M. Thorp and J. W. Gowdy, administrator of the estate of E. P. Thorp, deceased defants

To James E. Thorp, Minnie M. Thorp and J. W. Gowdy, administrator of the estate of E. P. Thorp, deceased, defendants above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit by the first day of the next term of the above entitled Court following the expiration of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, which first day will be on the 6th day of March, 1899, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to said Court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to wit: For the foreclosure of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by E. P. Thorp to J. W. Gowdy on the 14th day of April, 1894, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note given by said E. P. Thorp to said J. W. Gowdy for $402.50, due April 14, 1895, with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from maturity until paid, which said mortgage conveyed to said J. W. Gowdy for that purpose the following described real property, to-wit.—Lots 1 and the east half of lot 2 in Block 3 in Long's Landless Addition to Cottage Grove in Lane County, Oregon, which said mortgage and note were on the 12th day of January, 1897, assigned to this plaintiff. And for a decree barring and foreclosing you and each of you from any and all right, title or interest, at law or in equity, of said E. P. Thorp, in and to said property and every part thereof. This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. T. Hamilton, Judge of the above entitled Court, made January 19th, 1899.

J. F. Yoe,
Atty. for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon, January 11, 1899.

To Alex Conyer:—

You are hereby notified that we have expended at least $200, in work and labor on each of the two mining claims known and recorded in the Mining Records of the Bohemia Mining District in Lane county, Oregon, as the "Drum Lumond" and "Opportunity" mining claims, as will appear by certificate filed January 13, 1899 in the office of the County Clerk in said Lane county, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2324 Revised Statutes of the United States being the amount required to hold the said two claims for the years 1897 and 1898, respectively, and if within ninety days after the completion of the publication of this notice, you fail, neglect or refuse to contribute your portion of said expenditure as a co-owner, your interest in the said claims will become the property of the subscribers, under said section 2324.

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