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JULIAN BYRD - - - - - Manager.

Hanna says he is not much of a Cuban. The Cubans should not feel mortified when they hear this.

Mr. McKinley should hasten to explain that when he picked Alger he never dreamed he would have to use him as Secretary of a war.

Like other illustrious military chiefs who have conducted campaigns in Cuba, General Shafter has at last succumbed to the type-writer habit.

Mr. Hanna regards Mr. Alger with that complacency felt only by a person of distinction who has seen considerable service as a target himself.

There is only one Democrat on the Peace Commission, but he is big enough and good enough to overshadow any littleness that may develop in his associates.

President McKinley says there will be a thorough investigation. Secretary Alger says there will be no investigation. The people are with the President in controversy and that settles it.

"Yellow," our correspondent from Malheur Lake, sends us one very interesting item of news for this issue. He has perhaps found the subterranean outlet of the lakes and says it could be stopped and throw the water out over the valley. This discovery is of more importance than some would think. While it has always been the opinion that there was an underground passage or outlet to these large bodies of water, no one has been able to find it. We appreciate such items, which are of interest to the whole country, and at some future time will investigate the matter and give our readers a detailed account.

It was an error, against which Governor Lord protested, to send recruits for the Oregon regiment to San Francisco, without officers of proper rank and authority to control them. But the requisition for the recruits was peremptory, and the governor's effort to have them organized into companies and mustered as a battalion were overruled. In the stress of war the governor naturally was unwilling to hold back the men, but he repeatedly represented to the department that the men ought not to be sent forward without organization or any kind of preparation. At San Francisco they were not taken charge of as they should have been, but camped, without order, discipline or authority, and they kept "open camp," of course, with worst results. The negligence of the military officers at San Francisco was marked as the peremptoriness with which the men had been hurried away from Oregon by orders from Washington. This is one of the chapters of the mismanagement of the war department.—Oregonian.

The article in a recent issue of the Oregonian to the effect that since the appropriation by congress for improving Yaquina bay has been procured the C. & E. railroad would push work toward completing the road to the eastern boundary of the state, has not effected the improving movement in Burns.

Rail estate is moving at a good figure—much higher than three months ago—and those who were making arrangements to build are going right ahead. Two brick dwelling houses will be erected this fall, besides a number of nice, substantial lumber buildings, and a two-story brick business house 60x100 feet will be erected next spring.

This handsome new building,

which will be absolutely fireproof and fitted up in the most artistic and modern style, will be occupied by two stores on the first floor while the second story will be arranged for an opera house.

Why should we be idle and neglect to improve the homes and business property of Burns when men of means and good business judgment are going ahead?

Don't neglect an opportunity to better or beautify your property.

When our fire company was organized there were over 80 names proposed for membership. While this is a greater number than is necessary for good work with the engine, many signing the roster merely to show their interest in the movement and make it a go, there are not more than half that number that attend drill and of late the company has not been drilling at all. The foreman, I. S. Geer, and his assistants, Geo. Shelley and R. C. Angevine, have always shown their willingness to drill and instruct the boys in their duties, but public interest has abated and they are neglecting to put themselves in readiness for a time of need.

Burns has been very fortunate in the past in cases of fire but "there'll come a time" when we may be sorry we have not a well drilled fire company. A company made up of 45 or 50 of our active young men who know their places and duties would be of more benefit in case of fire than twice that number who have no recognized leader and go it "every man for himself."

The by-laws adopted provided for everything that is necessary for organization. One section in particular should be enforced, that of fining members who are absent from drill without being excused by the foreman or being kept away by some unavoidable circumstance.

We can have a good fire company if we will.

Cervera's expressed opinions of the American people show that kindness has not been wasted upon the defeated Admiral. He knows now for the first time that we are not hogs. He admits that his ideas have undergone a great change since he sailed proudly from Cadiz, and speaking for his associates officers tells of "what we have been told" about the Americans.

There is something plaintive and apologetic in his plea of previous ignorance of the people of this great Republic, and in his admissions it is easy to understand the outlandish contempt in which the people and press of Spain held us at the beginning of the late war. Ill founded as their prejudices have been, there is no longer doubt that they were sincere, for Cervera is an intelligent Spaniard, as Spaniards go, and probably honest in his expressions of regard. He admits that his people expected him to bombard New York and Chicago and that he will never be able to explain to them all the power and intelligence against which he was pitted.

In wondering at the mistaken light in which we have been regarded by the Spaniard, it is well to remember that we have reason to reconstruct our own ideas of both Cuban Spaniard. It is apparent that the followers of Gomez and Garcia will tax all our superior ingenuity before we have brought them to a degree of order and steady self-government. Ignorance seems to be the salient weakness of the Spanish people. They are brave, hospitable and generous even to their American enemies. Our opinion of them have been in some ways as erroneous as theirs of us. The fact is, their national barrier has been one of continual blunders, the result of ignorance which prevails in all classes in Spain in varying degrees. They are not in our class intellectually, physically or perhaps, morally, but we have shown that we can blunder, too. The difference between us is probably

only a question of knowledge—Republic.

The true story of those 278 days of suffering by Greely's heroic little band of explorers in the Arctic region has been told by General Greely himself, for the first time, for the October Ladies Home Journal. For years General Greely has kept an unbroken silence about his fearful experience and that of his companions, as they dropped dead one by one by his side, and it was only after the greatest persuasion that the famous explorer was induced to write the story.

Harney School.

On the 12th of Sept., '98, the Harney school will resume work under new management. Just what plan of instruction will be pursued and the kind of discipline that will be enforced by those in charge should be known by the patrons; hence, we hope what follows will be read by those of Harney who are interested in education.

In the first place, we think it highly essential that pupils be taught at the beginning of the term that there is a decided difference between school-work and play. This can readily be accomplished if parents and teachers combine their efforts to impress this important lesson on the minds of the pupils.

Besides this, each pupil should be required to study at home. The conditions for mental exercise are far more favorable in nearly all homes than they can possibly be in a school room. The necessary movements of pupils and the carrying on of recitations in the school room create noises that almost exclude mental concentration. Unless parents are willing that their children study at home they should not expect them to progress very rapidly.

We are among those who think the rod should be used sparingly, discreetly and as a punishment of last resort; and we are of the opinion that the time will come in Oregon when the rod can be safely laid aside without injury to the progress of education. However, it may take a quarter of a century.

By careful inquiry, we are fully persuaded that some pupils of Harney are endeavoring to carry too many branches of study. This necessarily causes shallowness and excludes thoroughness. It is far better to master four subjects than to finish only parts of eight or nine. The brightest of pupils are able to complete in eight or nine months only four or five common school branches. This is not only my opinion but that of my predecessor and others of Harney.

It is our desire to become acquainted with all parents of the Harney school to explain to them, if requested, our plans, methods and intentions. In this way friction and misunderstandings can best be avoided, and the interests of the pupils can best be served.

We are keenly alive to the fact that our work in Harney is fraught with grave responsibilities. These we shall endeavor to meet conscientiously and in a way that will not disappoint those most concerned.

We fully realize that the eyes of the community are on our work, and that a stranger is often adversely criticized long before his plans, methods and intentions are known. In fact the greatest faultfinders are generally those who know least about educational affairs, and about the teacher and school that they censure.

In conclusion permit us to say that generally you should not condemn a teacher until you have visited his school and heard him give his side of the story. Children are easily excited and are inclined to exaggerate; besides, they too often forget the essential points of an incident which they try to relate. If parents have any complaints to make concerning school go to the teacher and not to the pupils. Disapproval of a teacher by parents in the presence of a child injures the child and the school. Suggestions from parents are always in order, and their wishes when known will be carefully considered.

M. A. FLOYD,
Principal Harney school.

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