

The democratic party can do his country no greater favor than preventing its adoption of imperialism as a permanent policy.

"Like master like man". Egan knew so many humiliations placed upon Miles by Alger that he thought he could safely add a few himself.

Gen. Egan forgot that the inherent right of every man to make an ass of himself has a proviso—that he shall not injure another in doing so.

The League of Bimetallic Clubs of the Ohio Valley are arranging for a convention, at Louisville, Ky., next summer, which shall be an eye-opener to some persons.

If we can't get along with our present military establishment without disgraceful occurrences, what will we do with a much larger military establishment?

The Czar is said to have the largest collection of china in the world. That may account for his trying to gobble up so much of the empire China. Merely adding to his collection.

Senator Allen's resolution for the investigation of the war by a committee of five senators, not more than two to belong to one political party, is too good to be pigeonholed; and, if he can get it to vote, we believe it would be adopted.

The betting odds are now reported to be in favor of an extra session of congress, although the administration and the republican leaders in congress are still working against it.

Gen. Wood gave the opponents of a large standing army a new argument when he said that he regarded 1,000 American soldiers as sufficient for Cuban garrison duty.

Miles should tell the country everything he has learned about the beef served to our soldiers; it may get him some more abuse from interested parties, but the people will thank him, even if they cannot, at this time, reward him.

Senator Murphy, of New York, has announced his opposition to the annexation of the Philippines; he thinks we should assist the islanders to form and maintain an independent government. This view of the matter appears to be increasing.

Under the old pistols-and-coffee-for-two regiment Gen. Egan would have been called to account quicker for having called Gen. Miles, his superior officer, a liar; and, all things considered, the settlement would probably have been more satisfactory to the aggrieved party.

The life of the late Samuel S. ("Sunset") Cox, who so long and so ably served the democratic party in congress, is a new book that will make a valuable and useful addition to the library of those who believe in the underlying principles of Jeffersonian democracy.

It is stated in Washington that the report of the War Investigating Commission, soon to be submitted to Mr. McKinley, will censure Secretary Alger, Gen. Miles, Shafter, Breckinridge and Brooke; the Medical Department of the army, and congress. Congress is to be blamed for not having provided smokeless powder, the others for various defects.

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It is said that Secretary Alger will resign his place in the cabinet on account of the Egan court-martial, as he was strenuously opposed to such action. We are sorry to lose him, but if he insists we suppose the president will have to accept his resignation.

In 1897 the eastern states were pointing to the Oregon legislature and saying "how disgraceful" because of the deadlock and no legislation on account of the senatorial contest. This year Oregon can point to about eight other state legislatures that have done little else but ballot on U. S. Senator so far.

The "annual" number of the Oregonian, issued on the 16th inst., has reached its readers in Burns. It is replete with facts regarding the Pacific Northwest and contains information that will be of much benefit to this state. The 64 pages of matter on the resources of this section gives an almost complete history of the Pacific Northwest.

Just as soon as we learn the exact conditions of the alliance between Uncle Sam and John Bull, we expect to present a bill, in the proper manner, to parliament or whatever branch of the government that has charge of such affairs, for printing legal blanks for the justices of the peace of this county. Our county board has decided they are not county officials and therefore the board is not under obligations to purchase legal blanks for them.

The poor fellows surely belong somewhere, and we think perhaps Queen Vic will at least furnish them with proper forms necessary to their office. Other county boards of this state even go so far as pay officers for justices of the peace and we have it from good authority that it is the law for county courts to furnish all legal blanks necessary for such officers.

The West Virginia senatorial situation may furnish another proof of the truth of the adage, "when thieves fall out" etc.

President McKinley seems to be deallocated between the British government and the American people on the Philippine question.

The squabbles among our army officers in Cuba furnish another argument against our undertaking the permanent government of the Philippines.

Gov. Pingree didn't hurt Julius Caesar Burrows, but he kept Pingree well advertised, and the profits from his shoe factory will doubtless console him.

"The sentiment of the people upon any very great question must be measured during the days of deliberation, and not during the hours of excitement."—Col. W. J. Bryan.

It might be supposed from their testimony that certain army officers live by choice all the time on the same sort of beef that was issued to the soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico, but the soldiers know better.

The United States cannot accomplish much in the imperialistic business without a large standing army. Talk about imperialism is only a pastime for Senators and newspapers in the absence of a large military establishment. If the people of the United States are opposed to imperialism at home and abroad they can easily prevent it by refusing to allow any further increase of the permanent military establishment of the nation.—Silver-Night Watchman.

Two bills are before the legislature to provide plans by which advantage may be taken of the act of congress, passed in '94, making conditional grants of arid lands to states that would reclaim the lands. Representative Hawson's bill is to appropriate \$42,000—\$3000 for each of the 14 counties of Eastern Oregon—for boring artesian wells to irrigate such lands. Objection to this is urged on two grounds. First, it takes a big sum of money; second, there is no evidence that the counties containing the arid lands want such expenditure of money. Michell has a bill in the senate to encourage persons or companies to reclaim arid lands by extending irrigation ditches through them from suitable water sources. This contemplates no expenditure on the part of the state except that the state shall give title to the reclaimed land to those who reclaim it. This is said to favor the big land and cattle companies that so largely control the sources of water applicable to the arid land. In this case it is said the only benefit to accrue to the state would be from the settlement of its territory, while in the other case it is promised that the state would derive from the sale of reclaimed land a great deal more than the cost of reclaiming.

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Resolutions of Condolence.

To the Chancellor Commander, officers and members of Inland Lodge, No. 20, K. of P.:

We, your committee, who were appointed to draw up resolutions of condolence to the family and friends of our lately deceased Brother Frank T. Miller, respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in His infinite wisdom, to remove from the bosom of his family and the associations of his fellows and compeers our beloved brother Frank T. Miller, who departed from this life at Burns, Oregon, January 18th, 1899, therefore be it

Resolved, That although we deeply deplore his loss, "apparently to us untimely," yet we bow in humble submission to the will of Him, who dispenses His providences as seemeth good in His sight, none having the right to question Him, and say, "What doest thou?" and none can say His nay." The designs of the Great Creator and Dispenser of Good, or ill, seem inscrutable and past the limited wisdom of our finite comprehension; but we have an abiding faith that assures us that He doeth all things well and what He wills is best. Therefore be it further

Resolved, That the father, mother and sister have lost a kind son and brother; still there is an army of brave and chivalric Knights, to whom they are sacred charges, whose tears are the brightest jewels that they garner, and whose care is to them a sacred trust. Therefore be it further

Resolved, That we sincerely share in the sorrow of the bereaved family and extend to them our heartfelt sympathy, in their loss and in this their greatest affliction; commending them to the tender care of Him who suffered like as we do now. He who was touched with the feelings of our infirmities, to Him who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb and who said "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Therefore be it further

Resolved, That we realize that we have lost a faithful member of our order, a brother whose memory will always be had in kindly remembrance and cherished as that of a true and loyal Knight. Therefore be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days.

and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased brother; also that a copy thereof be sent to the local papers for publication, and that a copy be duly placed upon the records of this lodge.

A. B. MASON, P. C.
B. D. MCINTYRE, P. C.
M. L. LEWIS, P. C.
Jan. 21st, 1899. Committee.

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In The Legislature.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—(Special.) In his inaugural message, Governor Geer called attention to the utter lack of any demand for new general legislation and warned the members against disturbance of private parties or interests by legislative enactment. Notwithstanding this there has been probably more propositions than at any former session for new offices, commissions and appropriations to help out individuals and institutions that may not properly be classed as beneficiaries of the general tax-paying public.

Today a bill was introduced for a state grain commission. Already bills are pending for a building and loan commission which would wipe out every small and honestly conducted association in the state; one to increase the supreme court from three to five; another for codification of the laws; for a game and forestry warden with numerous deputies, and a hundred other expensive luxuries proposed. On top of all this the ways and means committee besieged by enough schemes to exact state money to make the largest appropriation bill ever submitted.

Had Mr. McKinley Alger out of the Cabinet before the war with Spain, he would have escaped much worry and the country would have been spared several scandals.

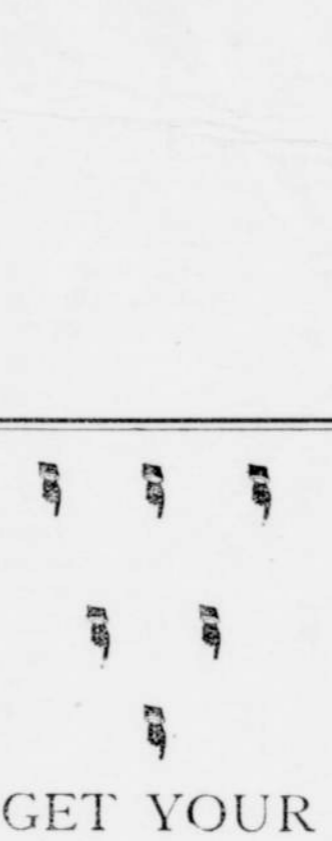
Algerism may do much; in fact has done much that was discreditable, but it cannot hush up such a scandal as that aroused by Egan calling Miles so many kinds of a liar.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county board will hold a public examination at the school house in Burns, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1899.

Dated this 25th day of Jan. '99.
W. C. BYRN,
County School Supt.

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