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THE GOVERNMENT RANGE. We notice a lot of matter published lately as to the advisability of making some changes in regard to the government range.

The Great Northern tunnel through the Cascades, between Leavenworth and Wellington, will be completed within a year.

The Shamrock gave a very good account of herself in her trial with the Britannia, beating her easily in a 40-mile race.

Who is to blame for the insufficiency of clothing for the troops at the Presidio? It is nonsense to blame the government; they are generally ready enough to give a sufficiency of clothing.

That was a wise schoolboy who, when the master asked, "Why was it that his great discovery was not properly appreciated until long after Columbus was dead?" promptly replied: "It was because he didn't advertise, sir."

It is said impostors in uniform have been taking advantage of the public by palming themselves off as wounded Oregon heroes, asking for alms.

A soldier writes from Manila that he was able to read a copy of the LEADER by the light given by the myriads of fire-flies that cluster on the trees at night.

Those who are seeking a new name for this country are suffering from their inability to recognize a good thing when they see it.

Miss Helen Gould is to receive another medal—from the enlisted men of the Sixth Ohio Regiment, to whom she furnished coats while they were in Cuba.

American ship-building is having a continuous boom. A new ship-yard, to cost \$3,000,000, is shortly to be established near Philadelphia.

ROUND ROBIN.

The following Round Robin was received by the administration from the press correspondents in the Philippines, and would lead us to believe conditions there are no better than at the commencement of hostilities.

"We believe that from official dispatches made public at Washington, the people of the United States have not received a correct impression of the conditions in the Philippines, but that these dispatches have presented an ultra optimistic view that is not shared by general officers in the field.

"We think the tenacity of the Filipino purpose has been underestimated and that the statements are unfounded that the volunteers are unwilling to engage in further service. Censorship has compelled us to participate in this misrepresentation by exercising or altering uncontroverted statements of the facts on the plea, as General Otis stated, that they would alarm the people at home, or have the people of the United States by the ears.

Prof. E. A. Knapp of Iowa, who has been representing the National Department of Agriculture in the far east, states among other things, that the yield of rice on irrigated lands in the Philippines is about six times that derived from the land dependent upon the natural rainfall.

Two Amusing Blunders of British Compositors. A writer in McMillan's Magazine offers in an article on printers' errors some superb "mixes," as blendings of alien paragraphs are called.

On the 3d inst. at Elkington the wife of J. S. Terry, schoolmaster, of a son. He spoke indistinctly, but was understood to say that on the 3d inst. at Ripon, the wife of Joseph Landsker, tailor, of a daughter.

The second occurred in a description of the campaign of Roman Catholic missionaries in Central Africa: "They are accustomed to begin their work by buying heathen children and educating them. The easiest and best way to prepare them is to first wipe them with a clean towel, then place them in dripping-pans and bake them until they are tender. After which cut them in slices and cook for several hours."

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The Dundum bullet secured its name from the Indian arsenal, by whose officers it was devised, and the name should not be spelled in two words or even hyphenized, as a great many people appear to think. Dundum is a town and a military station about four miles northeast of Calcutta.

Patent—"And what do you think of my case, doctor?" Young Physician—"Oh, I am perfectly delighted with it. I have learned more from three weeks' attendance on you than I did in all my two years' reading. If you only last two days longer I shall become quite an authority, I am sure."

"My boy," said a musician to his son, "don't be too sharp nor yet too flat. Just be natural." Jinks—How's your wife, Binks? Binks—Her head troubles her a good deal.

Mr. Fowler (in great rage)—"You are no longer a spring chicken, Maria." Mrs. Fowler—"You're the same old goose, though."

First Disputant—"Then I'm a liar?" Second Ditto—"On the contrary, my dear fellow—you have just spoken the truth."

It must be admitted that General Otis has not had enough troops. Of those he did have, some were so raw that he deemed it unwise to use them, and had to rely almost exclusively on the volunteers.

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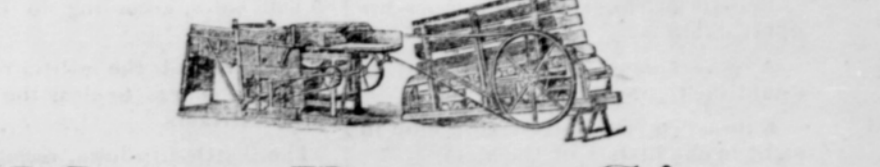
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