

Free Cuba's First Year.

The first year of Cuban independence was completed last May. Capt. Matthew E. Hanna, a member of Gen. Wood's staff during the American occupation reviews it in the Atlantic Monthly for July.

Reviewing the work of the first Cuban Congress, Capt. Hanna says that its legislation has been along the general lines established by our military government. The principal law passed by it was that authorizing the \$35,000,000 loan, of which \$27,000,000 will be used to pay off the army. There is, he tells us, no doubt of the Cuban Government's ability to carry the loan and meet all its obligations, "provided that the reciprocity of the United States is secured."

On the whole the American people have fair ground for satisfaction with what has been done in their name and for Cuba.

Our sanitary methods have been continued and yellow fever has not reappeared. The school system we planted is being well sustained. More than 3,400 teachers are giving instruction to 150,000 pupils in the public schools. The Rural Guard has been increased from 1,400 to 3,000 men, and this modest standing army is said to be well organized and disciplined. In the Cuban treasury at the end of April last there was a balance of \$2,699,071. From May 20, 1902, to April 30, 1903, the total revenue was \$16,323,029 and the total expenditure was less than \$14,000,000. This is a showing that falsifies the prediction so freely made that independent Cuba could not successfully finance herself.

Harvest Hands Wanted in Kansas

From the World. A week or two ago State Employment Agent Gerow, at Topeka, sent out word that Kansas wanted 28,120 harvest hands and he gave the number of men wanted in each county. A still later bulletin from Director Gerow states that at least seven thousand laborers are wanted in the wheat belt.

The reduced number now called for indicates that there has been a generous response to the first call. But a good-sized army can still find healthful and profitable employment in Kansas, and after that in Nebraska and the North-western states, by following up the harvest season in its northward advance.

Among the number that responded to the earlier call were twelve Harvard students, the eldest of whom is only twenty. Their leader says they went to the wheat fields for the novelty of the thing, as they had never been West, and this gave them an opportunity to visit and acquire a knowledge of that great section, pay all expenses and in addition lay by a good sum in honestly earned money.

Youth is the time for adventure, and compared with the old-time vacation methods of earning money among college students as book agents, hotel waiters, etc., the better pay and more useful experience of harvest hands are alluring indeed to intelligent, earnest and muscular young men.

Brain and brawn are always needed, and it takes a combination of the fully to appreciate the possibilities that lie in this call to the prairies and the great wheat fields of the West.

President Roosevelt and Russia

From the Springfield Republican. It is idle to conceal the fact that many conservative citizens are disposed to regard Mr. Roosevelt as a dangerous man in the control of the foreign affairs of the country. His love of war, his constant appeals to the war spirit in his public addresses and the adventurous note in his views on America's future in the Orient cause a certain distrust in the safety of the man's management of our international concerns. If those traits of character is to be added a tendency to commit indiscretions out of sheer impulsiveness—a quality to which some are disposed to credit his Kitchener performance—then the nation will be taking large risks in committing to Mr. Roosevelt the direction of America's foreign affairs until the spring of 1909.

Kansas City World, June 29.—It is not a secret, and never has been one, that the post office department makes contracts with railroads to carry mail matter at a higher rate than any of the express companies pay for a similar service. . . . For many years this department has been prostituted to a system of party rewards, from the office of postmaster general down to the remotest country crossroads postoffice. It cannot even be pretended that the present head of the department had experience, skill, or even exceptional business training to justify his selection. His appointment was due solely to his party services.

J. A. Gross leaves this evening for Portland to attend the wedding of his niece, Miss Clara Glover, to Mr. Chas. Inglerock, the well known and popular S. P. conductor, which takes place Wednesday of this week. Mr. Gross expects to be accompanied by his wife—a his return to Ashland.—Ashland Tidings.

Mrs. Nat Reis, wife of the manager of the Southern Railway company was seriously injured in a runaway at Portland and may not recover.

Fighting Yet.

The fighting in the Philippine Islands continues just about as much as ever, and it is probable will do so for a long and indefinite time.

A letter just received by Dr. J. J. Smith, V. S., from Dr. H. Grieger, of the U. S. A., gives a good account of the way in which it continues:

"I am still at Camp Vicars. The last month we had exciting times. We were up against it and I saw actual field service around Lake Lanay. I was out with Capt. Pushing and his column in the expedition around the Lake country, and we went completely around the Lake. I was in the battle at Bacolod and Calani and to Tarow and Gote around the Lake this month. Our first expedition to explore the coast of the lake lasted 12 days. We knocked h— out of the Moros at Bacolod. It would take too long to describe the fight. I was right up in the front while it lasted being called up to dress the wounded men and I had narrow escapes. We killed about 150 Moros at Bacolod. 15 of our men were wounded, 1 killed, and before we got back 8 men died of cholera. The east expedition around the lake lasted 9 days. We encountered the Moros at Tarao river, where they held two forts, both of which were charged. 2 of our men were killed instantly, 6 wounded. Well, we didn't do a thing to the Moros but clean them up in their stronghold. The forts are regular traps. In one fort 103 Moros were killed and 15 wounded and surrendered and in the other fort about 30 surrendered, and on the outside in the trenches and bushes about 150 were killed, so that in our two hikes we killed nearly 500 Moros, and everything is considered a splendid victory and success for the American soldiers Secretary Root and the general commanding in the Philippines. . . . grams of congratulation to Pushing and his men for the splendid work done. Well, I am glad I was along and saw the real stuff and battles once, but during the engagement life was a serious thing and I experienced some anxious moments. Our soldiers certainly were a brave lot and we feel proud of them."

The Pistol Habit.

In the Sunday Magazine of The World a page was devoted to the pernicious pistol habit. It was stated that in New York City today more "guns" are "packed" than in the wildest at the murder and suicide records were quoted to show the terrible results of having pistols to numbers and handy. Deputy Police Commissioner, Capt. Jack Crawford, Judges Cowing and McMahon and former Assistant District-Attorney Osborne gave opinions on the pistol habit and the possible means to cure it.

"In the West," said Capt. Crawford, "the plainsman draws his guns when he has to fight. In New York a man draws simply because he has the gun." That is how the pistol habit makes for murder. Capt. Piper believes that enforcement by City Magistrates of the maximum penalty for carrying concealed weapons would be of good effect. Undoubtedly this is so. In a recent Tenderloin raid fifty men were arrested. Forty-nine were armed with pistols, knives or other weapons of deadly purpose. One man had two pistols, another had three. Regardless of what other results came of the raid, each of these armed men should have gone to jail for the longest possible term.

The news of the day accented the moral of the Sunday World page. Six prisoners and fourteen revolvers were taken by the police in a small race riot on Saturday in West One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street.

It is true that the breaking down of civil government at one time, in one place, and on one occasion, does not necessarily imply a general failure. One mob does not make general anarchy any more than one swallow makes a summer. But the Delaware instance is not isolated. Hardly does a week go by, seldom even a day, without its report of a lynching. North and South, East and West, all quarters contribute their testimony to the impressive volume of evidence of this breaking down of civil government.—Public. But civil government will not break down with all the lawlessness in the country. The people will arise to the occasion.

Buffalo Courier, June 28.—George Van derbilt has concluded to build a model city in North Carolina, and has just purchased a site for that purpose near Asheville. It will of course, be Mr. Vanderbilt's conception of a model city, and the people to inhabit it will doubtless be selected with that end in view.

The late G. M. Pullman established a city of that character near Chicago over 30 years ago, but inside of 10 years it was anything but model, except in the sense that the inhabitants had to hand over all they earned to the lord of the manor in the form of rent.

Two protests up before President Turner of the base ball league have been decided in favor of the umpire in each case.

Red Apples and Rain.

An Albany man has handed the DEMOCRAT the following published a good many years ago in an Albany paper:

There's a land ying in the North west That is lashed by the waves of the sea, Where the evening sun, sinking to rest With gold tinges mountain and sea. With a climate excruciatingly mild, And alternate rich valley and plain, Dense forests, gigantic and wild, 'Tis the "land of red apples and rain," Unknown in this land is the dearth That of visits the fair "Golden State," Here the soil yields the products of earth So abundant, I could not relate. Every year there's an over supply, And never short cropping of grain, For here it is never "loc dry" In the land of red apples and rain.

Ah! grand is the Yosemite And the mountains of Colorado, But if picturesque beauty you'd see Up the grand old Columbia go, Magnificent landscape so grand, To attempt a description were vain Of the lowering crags as they stand In the land of red apples and rain. Our mountains are covered with snow, Mr. Hood, St. Helens, Rainier; But the valleys are all Eden, you know, Where flowers keep blooming all year. In the greenwood the pretty birds sing So wild and so sweet refrain It appears like perpetual spring, In the land of red apples and rain.

To those who, desiring to come To a country so favored and bliss, And secure for themselves a good home In this lovely land of the West, Broad acres of arable mud Lie vacant within our domain, Awaiting the husbandman's hand In the land of red apples and rain. Oh beautiful land of the West! Dear Oregon! I'm wedding to thee; I love thy dense forests the best, I love thy grand mountains and sea. And if ever from these I shall roam, No matter for pleasure or gain, May I live to return to my home In the land of red apples and rain. —O. P. MASON.

Popular Sunday Excursions.

In order to meet the wants of the travelling public and give practically daily service to the beach during the summer season, the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad will run an excursion train from Albany and Corvallis and all points west to Newport every Sunday commencing Sunday July 12th, leaving Albany at 7:00 a. m. and Corvallis 7:30 a. m. returning leave Newport at 5:30 p. m. arriving in Albany at 10:30 p. m. Three day season tickets will be good going and returning on these trains. This should prove popular with the travelling public and a liberal patronage will be the best appreciation.

A big harvest picnic is to be given at Munkers grove near Selo on July 24. There will be all kinds of foot, horse, bicycle races; a fox chase and a base ball game between Lebanon and Selo and a program with an address by Hon. M. A. Miller, legislator in V. Class, music etc.

BABY'S FUTURE Something for Mothers to Think About. Lives of Suffering and Sorrow Averted And Happiness and Prosperity Assured by Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills When All Else Fails.

Every child born into the world with an inherited or early developed tendency to distressing, disfiguring humors of the skin, scalp and blood, becomes an object of the most tender solicitude, not only because of its suffering, but because of the dreadful fear that the disfiguration is to be lifelong and mar its future happiness and prosperity. Hence it becomes the duty of mothers of such afflicted children to acquaint themselves with the best, the purest and most effective treatment available, viz. The Cuticura Treatment.

Warm baths with Cuticura Soap to cleanse the skin and scalp of crusts and scales, gentle applications of Cuticura Ointment to allay itching, irritation and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and mild doses of Cuticura Resolvent Pills, to cool the blood in the severer cases, are all that can be desired for the alleviation of the suffering of skin tortured infants and children, and the comfort of worn-out parents. Millions of women use Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing red, rough and sore hands, for baby rashes, itches and chaffings, in the form of washes for annoying irritations and inflammations, and for many sensitive, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves.

MISFITS

Albany is a city of pleasant homes. The more the better.

With the watermelon season close at hand there should be no long faces around.

There is not much in the pleasures of life unless they can be enjoyed with others.

Those who just look out for themselves these vacation times don't get the most good out of life.

These are days when hay has to be made when the sun shines or the farmer will get left.

If the "Duke of Albany" keeps up his present gait all summer and survives, he'll be a swift lad.—Newport News.

The Oregonian to be contented need only to read of the sweltering weather in the east, worse nights than day times.

A man in Eugene advertises as the Kansas house mover. With the amount of cyclone moving done in that state he ought to be onto his business.

A child born in Ashland on the national holiday has been named Fourth of July High. Let the band play Hail Columbia.

Chicago now figures out a population of 2,231,000 according to its directory. These directory censuses are about as reliable as a vane with a rusty setting.

The soldiers in the city last evening had thirty five pet cats on the train. Dogs are generally the pets of soldiers. An Albany man thinks this a good misfit item.

Free delivery nearly doubles the postage bills of local papers without anything to show for it. Instead of being less by mail a paper should be at least as much as by carrier.

Prosperity is too much for some men. Mayor Schmitt of San Francisco has already been scored by the party which elected him. He has fallen into the hands of the booze.

An Albany young man is said to have sunk \$65 in a single day in a Dewey slot machine, the most infamous of all gambling devices of the present day, at Newport, recently.

An exchange says the secret of happiness consists simply in wanting the things one has. A good thing to put a pin in these days when everybody is seeking something else.

A new comet has been discovered. It is in Parabola one or two degrees south-west of Alpha Omega. It is 20,000,000 miles from the earth, and can only be seen as a hazy light with the naked eye. But it has two tails.

The following from the Chicago Post shows what Oregon's reputation is: Manchuria rivals Oregon in fertility, timber and climate, and has abundance of gold, silver, iron and coal. It has the area of Texas and three times the population of the state of New York.

Marshfield defeated Roseburg at baseball 15 to 5, and then the Mail said:

We hope that when Jackson's ball tossers learn to play ball that they will visit us again. Roseburg's catcher, McNeil was the only man in the team who could play ball at all.

The Eugene Register whines and lays the defeat of their San Francisco aggregation to the umpire. The umpiring was fair. As a matter of fact, but for some very poor work at a critical time the score would have been about 9 to 6 or 7 in favor of Albany.

When the yellow papers were having the Pope dead the next hour the DEMOCRAT stated that he would live for some time. The truth is there has been lots of yellow journalism in connection with the matter and there was no occasion for a good many of the sensational reports.

The Eugene Guard wants to know if the Indian, Young, plays with Albany for his health and is an amateur. Certainly he is. He played merely for his expenses, and not a single man on the team receives a salary. This is a fact. The Albany Club is strictly amateur, notwithstanding the fact that some of the men come from other places.

Albany presented quite a metropolitan appearance last evening with three automobiles gliding along our streets, those of P. A. Pung, George George and E. E. McClannahan, the latter coming up from Portland in his Rambler. He has been captured by the young ladies and it is not known whether he will get away from Albany or not.

A Corvallis man just back from Heppner, says: Conditions in Heppner are normal again. The inhabitants seem to have forgotten the awful scenes of a few weeks ago, and are thinking philosophically of the present and future. Preparation are making for general rebuilding, and the optimistic believe that inside of two years the city will be better than she ever was before.

WE WILL HELP YOU.—If you have a room to paper and don't know just what you want come to our store and we will show you many new combinations that will help you in a selection; our time is your time and our prices are right. BURKHART & LEE.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Pope. ROME, July 13.—At 9:15 o'clock this morning the doctors issued the following bulletin regarding the condition of the pope:

Up to midnight the pontiff remained tranquil, but afterwards he experienced agitated intervals. A physical examination of the thorax shows no change since day before yesterday. The action of the kidneys continues slight, and the general condition of his holiness is somewhat depressed. His pulse is 82, respiration 32, and temperature, 36.

For President.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 12.—Judge Geo. Gray of Delaware, former United States Senator and president of the Anthracite Strike Commission, is being quietly boomed in the anthracite region for the democratic nomination for the Presidency. As the result of a canvass that has been made throughout the region, it has been found that nearly all the miners' union officials who are democrats are heartily in favor of his nomination.

A Train Wreck.

KANSAS CITY, July 12.—Missouri Pacific fast mail No. 7, which left St. Louis at 3 o'clock this morning for Kansas City, crashed into an excursion south-bound from Kansas City, that had between Little Knob and Lee Summit, at 10:25 this morning. Three persons were killed, two of them tramps, and 50 were injured.

Some Fighting.

PARIS, July 12.—According to a dispatch from Constantinople published here, engagements have taken place between Turkish and Bulgarian troops on the frontier, which the Turks accuse the Bulgarians of crossing. On the other hand the Bulgarians assert that the Turks tried to occupy the neutral zone.

Lightning Doings.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—During a terrific thunder storm here today lightning struck a farmhouse near the Potomac river in which a dozen men had taken refuge. One man was killed outright, another so badly injured that he may die, and still another was severely hurt.

The Pope.

LONDON, July 13.—A dispatch from Rome, says that during the night the pope had several attacks of vomiting and lost consciousness. At times all hope was abandoned.

Christian Endeavor Accident.

DENVER, July 13.—The big tent Endeavor, where the Christian Endeavor convention has been held for the past four days was blown over this afternoon at 4 o'clock while more than 8000 people were attending the proceedings. The injured nearly numbered nearly a score, but fortunately none of them was seriously hurt.

Judge Parker's Chances.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The lack of enthusiasm with which Judge Parker was greeted in the South, on his recent visit to Atlanta, is taken to indicate that that section will not rally enthusiastically to his support in the next convention, unless something unforeseen happens. On the other hand, a number of democratic politicians declare that the Parker boom was severely injured by the recent trip which Parker himself declared "had no political significance."

Fatal Accident.

WILKESBARE, July 13.—Three men were killed, two seriously injured and three buildings destroyed today by an explosion in the press mill at the Laffin Powder Works. The force of the explosion shook every house in Laffin. Joseph Gray was found 200 feet from the mill, his body literally blown to pieces. His son, Joseph Gray, Jr., aged 23, and Alexander Moore, 14 years old, were also killed.

The Pope.

ROME, July 15.—When Dr. Mazzoni entered the pope's sick room this morning he found his holiness in almost the same condition as last night. Pope Leo said: "I feel better than I did yesterday morning."

More Cleveland Rot.

CHICAGO, July 14.—Grover Cleveland will speak in Chicago at a Commercial Club banquet early in the Fall, unless present plans miscarry. That he will appear here as a candidate for the Presidency again is attested by circumstances in connection with the invitation to him and by private admissions of men who have conferred with him about it.

New War Secretary.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—It seems to be a general understanding among officials of the War Department who ought to know that the name of Robert Shaw Oliver who has been appointed Assistant Secretary of War, will be favorably considered for Secretary of War when Secretary Root retires.

Big Oregon City Fire.

OREGON CITY, July 14.—Fire tonight destroyed property of the Oregon City Manufacturing Co., valued at between \$75,000 and \$100,000. The loss is covered by insurance. Spontaneous combustion in a carbonizer in the pulley building is given as the origin of the fire, which destroyed the wool-room, dye-room and boiler-room of the woolen mills. The company will immediately replace the burned buildings, but the blaze will necessitate suspension of mill operations for at least three months and the throwing out of employment for period of about 300 people.

Portland Hold Up.

PORTLAND, July 14.—Robbing Fred Day, whom they had mortally wounded with a needless shot, taking \$300 in money, watches and jewelry from 40 passengers on a Sellwood car, then robbing a lone pedestrian, six desperate highwaymen last night made their escape and now bid defiance to the police.

Are you going east this summer, if so, ask Frank and he will make you a few round trip rates.

REV. DR. DOANE.

Rev. N. Doane, D. D., Dean of the Theological School of the Portland University, celebrated His Golden Wedding Last September.

This worthy man has been at the head of the Methodist church in the Northwest over 40 years. He had a double reason to be congratulated on this occasion as he was totally deaf for years, and in spite of his advanced age, his hearing was restored by Dr. Darrin, now located at the Revere hotel, Albany. No one will attempt to question the rev.



eroned gentleman's word, as his unblemished record in well known. He tells his story below in his own words. University Park, Portland, Oregon, April 26, 1899. To whom it may concern and encourage, to friends who have suffered like myself, the loss hearing. On April 24th, I called on Dr. Darrin, whom I believed to be a skilled aurist and physician, to restore my hearing. He applied his remedies and electricity to one year and cured the deafness in a few minutes. Then he turned his attention to the other ear, which did not seem to yield so readily. For this ear the doctor gave me medicine to use at home, which I am now using. I think the cure of all who are afflicted to have their hearing restored if possible, and I know of no one whom I think more skilled than Dr. Darrin. NEREMIAH DOANE.

What Further Treatment Did Dr. Doane.

To THE EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT: Some time ago I said something of regaining my hearing under the treatment of Dr. Darrin, of which I had suffered for several years. On the first application the deafness of one ear was removed. I applied the medicine faithfully and went again to the doctor who succeeded entirely in restoring the lost sense of hearing, so that I went out on the street it seemed to be the noise of city life was ever in. My hearing still remains distinct in both ears equally good. NEREMIAH DOANE.

Drs. Darrin's Place of Business

Dr. Darrin is located at the Revere Hotel and will give free examination to all. 10 to 5 or 7 to 8 daily. The poor free and those able to pay at the rate of \$5 a week or in that proportion of time the case may require. All curable chronic diseases of men and women a specialty. This is the first visit of the head of the Portland firm of Drs. Darrin to this city.

No Vancouver Saloons.

VANCOUVER, Wash., July 14.—Vancouver will hereafter be a dry Sunday town. This was the effect of the verdict of the jury in the case of the States vs. Minnet and others, heard in the Superior court today. A majority of the saloon-keepers in towns in town were arrested for violating the Sunday closing law, and the test case was heard before Judge Miller today. The jury after a few minutes' deliberation returned a verdict of guilty as charged.

Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association.

The Willamette Valley Chautauqua Association will be held at Gladstone Park, near Oregon City, July 14th to 25th inclusive. Rate of one and one-third fare on the certificate plan has been made from all points on Oregon Lines. Special attractions have been provided. "Germaine" the magician, with his wonderful productions; R. J. Burdette, the celebrated humorist, will entertain in his usual delightful manner, while the lectures of Hon. Champ Clark and Hon. J. P. Dolliver will be an intellectual treat. Many other attractions will be provided, making the finest entertainment ever given at this Chautauqua. Yours truly, W. E. COMAN, Gen. Pass. Agt.

Thomas Clancy, of Litchfield, Neb.

Thomas Clancy, of Litchfield, Neb wrote us a few weeks ago about his experience with Dr. Gunn's Blood and Nerv Tonic. As his case may be of interest to others it naturally would be of interest to them to know the result of his test. He had been haunted for years with a gradual growing weakness until he was reduced to almost a shadow. His complexion was sallow and pimply, had dizzy and sinking spells, with loss of memory and ambition. Always felt tired and outdone, suffered greatly with nervousness, and felt that his heart's action was weak. His digestion was so poor his system received no nutrition. He says he commenced the use of this tonic, taking one tablet after each meal. He did not notice much change after using one box only he enjoyed his meals better, still he kept on until he had used six boxes. He used the last box more than six months ago. When he stopped the use of the tonic he weighed 23 pounds more than he did when he commenced. Has not been sick a day since, and is well in both mind and body. Dr. Gunn's Blood and Nerv Tonic is the best medicine in the world for pale, weak or sickly women. Sold by all druggists for 75 cents per box, or sent by mail on receipt of price. Write us about your case. Address, Dr. Bosanko Co Philadelphia, Pa. For sale by Fushay & Mearns, druggists.