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McKINLEY failed to find the enemy's country while in the South. He wasn't hunting for it?

GEN. SHAFTER, testifying before the investigating board, remarked that "hindsight is always better than foresight." A homely remark, to be sure, but it fits the case of the war critics precisely.

A suggestion is made that Mr. Cleveland is the logical democratic candidate for 1900. The logic is probably based on the fact that he is the only man the democrats have succeeded in electing since 1856.

The Nicaragua canal would shorten the journey of a warship from the Atlantic to the Pacific forty-six days. In both a military and a commercial sense the canal is indispensable.

A canvass of leading newspapers throughout the country gives 305 for expansion and 193 against it. Every section of the country is for it except the South, and that is nearly a tie in newspaper sentiment.

Insurance companies are loaning money on good American securities at a 2 per cent rate of interest. Manufacturers are hiring more men and increasing wages. Little items like these seem to put free silver on the defensive.—Globe Democrat.

Admiral Dewey thinks there is a large field in the Philippines for American planters, farmers and miners. It is said that many volunteers sent to Manila ask to be mustered out there in order to go into business in the islands.

AN exchange offers in defense of Roberts, the Utah representative, that the services of a man who can get along with two wives should not be thrust aside when the country needs its strongest men in dealing with the important questions now arising.

THE Chicago & Northwestern railroad company has issued a sweeping order to the effect that all women employes shall not remain in the company's services after January 1. About two hundred clerks and stenographers are affected. The road refuses to discuss the question of policy involved in the new rule.

The school teachers of Kansas City found that they couldn't interest the boys in the singing exercises. They played during the period and refused to sing. The teachers began to introduce such songs as "A Hot Time," "Old Black Joe," "Alabama Coon," and others with a catchy chorus, and the boys now regard the singing hour as the most interesting of the day.

The people of Omaha have decided to continue the exposition another year, which is a great mistake. At a mass meeting of business men over $105,000 was subscribed for the project. This amount is more than enough to turn the grounds and buildings of the recent Trans-Mississippi exposition over to the new association. This will excite great indignation throughout Nebraska, many of the towns having threatened a boycott on Omaha if the exposition were continued. They claim that the fair ruins the business in other towns.

PRESIDENT McKinley, before leaving on his trip through the south, signed an order establishing a custom tariff for the island of Cuba, to go into effect January 1 next. The tariff is based upon the report made by Commissioner Porter, who was sent to Cuba some months ago for the special purpose of making an investigation of the subjects of revenue and customs of the island. The free list is a long one. There is an export duty on tobacco, both raw and manufactured, and import duties are reduced more than half from those in effect under the Spanish regime.

THE Independence West Side claims to have discovered strong local sentiment in favor of going back to the old system of collecting school district taxes, instead of having them collected by the sheriff. It states no reasons, and we can think of only one, namely, that it increases the bulk of taxes a person is obliged to pay at one time, whereas the burden might be easier to lift if the taxes were paid separately and at different times. But a better way to meet that objection would be to divide all taxes, state, county, city and school district, into two equal payments, as is done in some other states.

PORTLAND has 237 licensed saloons, an average of one for each 421 inhabitants of all ages and conditions. They are at present "restricted" to 20 hours a day and are making a fight for the privilege of running all night. There is nothing that worries the old devil as much as being obliged to rest while decent people are asleep.

Bankrupt Democracy.

Congress did not adjourn for the holidays without giving the people every possible assurance that the treaty of peace would be ratified. Even those quaint opponents of expansion, Morrill of Vermont and Hoar of Massachusetts, have let it be known that they are in favor of ratification, as are also most of the democratic senators.

Never has there been a more signal triumph of public opinion. The people, north and south, east and west, are united not only in wishing to see the treaty ratified but in cordially approving it. It does not follow, however, that the democratic party has reached the point of refusing to follow the lead of such anti-expansionists as Bailey, Bryan, and Cleveland. A high authority in the councils of the democracy, Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution and member of the democratic national committee, has been in Washington conferring with the leaders, and he has given out a statement supposed to be semi-official. The program is to let the treaty go through the senate, and then to proclaim it as the policy of the democracy to let the inhabitants of the newly acquired islands govern themselves, or, in other words, to exchange for the despotism of Spain the anarchy of Hayti.

No doubt some such folly as this is contemplated, but it does not follow that the proposed program will be carried out. A few months ago the democratic party seized upon the lies of the yellow journals about the treatment of our soldiers. As soon as congress convened a fierce assault was to be made on the conduct of the war. But before the session opened that policy had to be abandoned. Mr. Howell knows what his party now intends to do, but it is doubtful if, when the time for action comes, it will do it.

The fact is that the democracy is a party of negation in the present situation, as in almost every other situation since the civil war. Judged not only by the last few months but also by its entire recent record it will wait until something positive is proposed for the annexed islands and then object to it. Even when in power the democracy has always found it exceedingly difficult to make the first move. From political instinct it has waited almost invariably for the republican party to take a position, and then, intrenched behind the breastworks of office, has fought against it.—Inter Ocean.

Mrs. Isabel Mallon, best known by her nom de plume as "Bab" and "Ruth Ashmore," died at her home in New York city Dec. 27th. She was the great ladies' adviser of The Ladies' Home Journal.

The military and naval Nicaragua canal commission has completed its report. The estimated cost of the great waterway is $135,000,000. Specifications are given as to excavations, dams, and locks. With this report before the senate there should be little delay in passing the Morgan or some other canal bill. We have been surveying routes and making estimates on cost as to the Nicaragua canal for thirty years. It is time for action.

Superintendent Reynolds gives fair warning to the boys in the public schools that the use of tobacco must be stopped. In quoting the law to the boys he ought also in fairness to dealers, to have cited the statute, which makes it an offense to sell cigarettes to boys. If one portion of the code is to be enforced, it is likely that the other will be also.

Another Memorial Service.

The A. O. U. W. and D. of H. lodges of this city have decided on a memorial service in honor of Elmer Miller, the volunteer soldier who died Nov. 8th at Manila. Deceased was a member of Charity lodge of this city. The service will be held at the court house on Sunday, January 8th, at 1 p. m., and will be in charge of those orders. All lodges of the county are to be invited, as well as all local patriotic organizations. Rev. C. C. Poling of Portland will probably give the address. He is a father in the order of Workmen, and an orator of good ability. The hour is set at 1 p. m. to accommodate the country people, who will attend in large numbers, as deceased was well known and respected by them.

John Miller, father of the deceased soldier, has received the following letters concerning his son's death, which will prove of interest to all readers:

Under date of Nov. 8th, the chaplain writes as follows:

"Dear Sir: It is my painful duty to bear to you the sad message of your son Lewis' death. He was taken severely sick with typhoid fever about a week ago and grew steadily worse till this morning when death occurred. In this climate bodies have to be buried the same day as death. We buried him this afternoon. I know the awful truth will break your hearts. We all feel deeply this sadness. The whole regiment feels deeply this death, for we all loved Lewis, but the keenness of your sorrow will be even far greater for the loss comes most heavily upon you. We buried him with every honor due a soldier. His whole company marched to the cemetery. The accustomed salute was fired at the grave and the bugler sounded taps at the close of the burial service. A beautiful floral piece was provided. In this country it is a custom to lock the caskets. I enclose the key to your son's casket. It may be a keepsake to you. Lewis was a good soldier, a faithful comrade and an enthusiastic patriot. He loved his country. No honor could be greater than to give one's life to so great a cause. The price we pay is great, but to bless the world with a truer freedom is a great privilege. I extend to you the sympathy of the entire regiment. Captain Heath will write concerning Lewis' effects.

Very truly,
WM. S. GILBERT,
Chaplain Second Oregon, U. S. V."

The above communication was followed by one from Capt. H. L. Heath, under date of Nov. 11th, as follows:

"Dear Sir: This is to inform you that your son, Lewis E. Miller, died at the general hospital here on Nov. 8th, at 10:45 a. m., of typhoid fever. The funeral was held at four p. m., with military honors, Chaplain Gilbert of the regiment holding the services. He was buried in Paco cemetery, a beautiful spot in the suburbs of the city, the number of his grave being 82. The company attended the funeral in a body. Your son was one of the best soldiers in the regiment, always performing his duty willingly and with alacrity. About two weeks ago he began to ail and as soon as his case developed he was sent to the general or division hospital, where every attention was given him. During the last days of his sickness a man was detailed to sit up with him all day and another all night, from his company, to assure his treatment and care, but on the 8th he passed away unconscious. As soon as an inventory of his personal effects is made I will send you a list of them and write you farther as to what is necessary to do in the matter to obtain them.

Respectfully,
H. L. HEATH, Capt. 2d Or."

In 1802 Spain held Louisiana as well as Cuba. In that year she surrendered the province of Louisiana, which was in all the essentials of civilization behind Cuba. Out of the province were made several states, any one of them larger than Cuba, and all of them now among the most prosperous commonwealths of the Union. The historical records taken from Louisiana in 1802 will be left in Havana, soon to become an American city.

Astoria and Fort Stevens met on the gridiron at the former place Monday, and Astoria won by a a score of 17 to 0. The soldiers were outplayed at every point, but were successful in breaking legs for two of their opponents, and nearly slugged the life out of two or three others. In the meantime the Astorians were not idle, and when not making touchdowns they were making knockdowns, and when one failed to kick a goal he eased his feelings by kicking all the energy out of a bluecoat. Several of the soldiers are in the hospital, and the Astoria team is trying to get itself together in time to meet the Fort Canby team on New Year's day.—Telegram.

The next intercollegiate depate will occur at Forest Grove, February 24th. The subject will be: "Resolved, That it is not for the best interests of the United States to hold outlying colonies."

WHITESON.

Our school has a vacation this week.

Will Hobaugh's youngest child is very sick with lung fever.

Miss Dora Hoffman is visiting relatives and friends in Dayton.

Miss Bessie Linden is enjoying her vacation at her home in Sheridan.

A. M. Hoffman's brother of Carlton is spending the week visiting relatives here.

Prof. W. Bristow of Corvallis was doing business in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Emma Mills of Portland is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Buffon.

Miss Mima Bennett left Wednesday for Corvallis, where she will visit relatives for some time.

The money order supplies are beginning to arrive at the postoffice. The day for beginning business is set for next Tuesday.

Two of Mrs. Meekins' daughters are visiting her during Christmas week, Miss Pearl of Portland, and Mrs. Nettie Young of Sherwood.

At the meeting of our citizens last Saturday, a special tax was voted to build an addition to the school house. This is a move in the right direction.

A watch party and basket social is billed for Saturday evening at the school house. A short program and no admission, but a good time is to be had.

The Christmas tree held at the Presbyterian church was quite well attended, and the tree was laden with presents for young and old. A short program was rendered by the Sunday school children, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The entertainment given at the school house last Friday evening was a decided success. The house was filled beyond its seating capacity. A very interesting and novel program was rendered, consisting of drills, pantomimes, dialogues, songs and recitations. Among the special numbers was the recitation by Grace Ranch and fan drill by eight girls. A solo was rendered by Mr. Johnson, after a liberal application of burnt cork: Cash would have been worth a thousand dollars befo' de wah.

The hottest day of the past year was Aug. 5th, when the thermometer stood 101 deg. The coldest day was Jan. 25th, 12 deg. above.

The first snow of the season, in sufficient quantity to whiten the ground, was visible yesterday morning.

Bridge Bids Wanted.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the county clerk for the construction of three bridges to be built on the county road in districts No. 20 and 6, according to plans and specifications now on file in my office. Said bids to be opened Jan. 5th, 1899. The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

Done by order of the county court. Dated this 12th day of Dec., 1898.

52w2 J. H. NELSON, County Clerk.

Announcement...

Now that "the holiday rush" is over, I will, in a few days be able to attend to your wants with my usual promptness, and I will—as in the past—spare neither pains nor expense in my efforts to please all who entrust their work to me. You may be assured that it will be attended to properly and in a competent manner. It is my ambition to add to the reputation I have already established in the last seven years. Prices will always be found the lowest, quality and work considered, and the interest of my patrons will be kept constantly in view. In this space I will each week endeavor to tell you something of interest. Again thanking you for the confidence so generously manifested in the past, and soliciting your further commands as well as those of my new friends, I remain,

Yours respectfully,
WM. F. DIELSCHNEIDER,
McMinnville's Reliable Jeweler.
Two doors below postoffice.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been by the county court of the county of Yamhill, State of Oregon, duly appointed administrator of the estate of Ora F. Spencer, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified to me at the office of C. W. Talmage in McMinnville, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at McMinnville, Oregon, December 14th, A. D. 1898.

52-5 M. V. SPENCER,
Administrator of the estate of Ora F. Spencer, deceased.
C. W. TALMAGE, Att'y for Administrator.