

Miscellaneous

A Naval Surprise.

Such was the heading in one of the Manila Dailies the day following the great naval battle at that place. We have the article in full as translated into the English, being sent to us by Charly Newman, but give it below only in part. It reads thus:

"When the enemy's squadron in perfect line of battle was seen through the clouds of a misty dawn on the morning of the first of May, gloom and surprise were general among the people of Manila. At last these ships has strained their boldness to the point of appearing on our coast and defying our batteries which showed more valor and courage than effect, when they opened fire on the squadron. It needs something more than courage to make projectiles penetrate—indeed it does.

"The inequality of our batteries when compared with those of the squadron, which alarmed the inhabitants of Manila at five in the morning, was enough to transform the languid character of our tropical temperature. While ladies and children in carriages or on foot fled in fright to seek refuge in the outlying suburbs, every man from the most stately personage to the most humble workman, merchants and mechanics, Spaniards and Natives, all sought their stations determined to hold out to the last. Yet from the very first moment the strength of the enemy's armor and the power of her guns demonstrated that his ships were invulnerable to our energies and armaments. The hostile ships would never have entered our bay but for its manifest superiority.

"The city walls and church towers, and all high places convenient for observation were filled by those not detained for military duty. *** Some had glasses and others were without, but all seemed to devour, with their eyes these strangers, who, while brave were not called upon to show their courage, since the range of their guns and the weakness of our batteries, enabled them to preserve their impurity, while doing as much harm as they pleased. ***

The entire piece as given us only praised their men and goes on to tell in flaming terms of "What we would have done if we were only close enough." The article is well written and blames no one for their loss, but the greediness of the 'Yankee Figs.'

—The following from an exchange is worth passing around. Let your motto be: Lie, steal, drink and swear. When you lie let it be down to pleasant dreams; when you drink, let it be nothing but pure cold water, when you steal, let it be away from immoral associates; when you swear, swear that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription and not send your job work away from home.

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Mean 63.3 Max. temp. 81.1 Date 27th Min. temp. 43 Date 15, 16, 17, 18 Total rain fall 1.55 inches. Total snow fall, inches 0 No days stormy 0 Clear 6, Misty 0, Cloudy 10 Partly Cloudy 15. Dates of frost, 0, 0, Killing 0. Dates of Fall 0. Prevailing wind, Direction N. W. Remark T Trace. Capt. Joseph J. Dawson, Voluntary Observer.

His Annual Price. "Yer honor, I ain't no vaerant. I'm under salary to do gub'ment." "What! You? What's your salary?" "Two dollars, yer honor." "I don't believe it. What's your position?" "I'm a voter."—New York Journal.

All Sorts of Ways. Sprockett—I understand that uncle has taken to riding the wheel. Handel Barra—Yes, and he is wonderfully expert. Every time he is out he discovers ten or three entirely new ways of dismounting.—Boston Transcript.

Why She Did It. "Maud has had the front handle bars raised on the tandem." "What for?" "She was afraid she couldn't lean back far enough for Jack to kiss her."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Chesterfield. De Caverly—Well, there's one thing to be said in favor of the egotist. He's sure to be a gentleman. Van Clove—How do you make that out? De Caverly—He never forgets himself.—New York Journal.

Natural Result. "Life would not seem so long if we had more holidays," said the Cumminsville sage, to which the freshest neophyte commented: "Of course not. A holiday is always a day off."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

His Hidden Shame. "I understand the woman's reform associations are opposing Moser's appointment to a consulate on moral grounds." "Yes; you see his wife does her own housework."—Detroit News.

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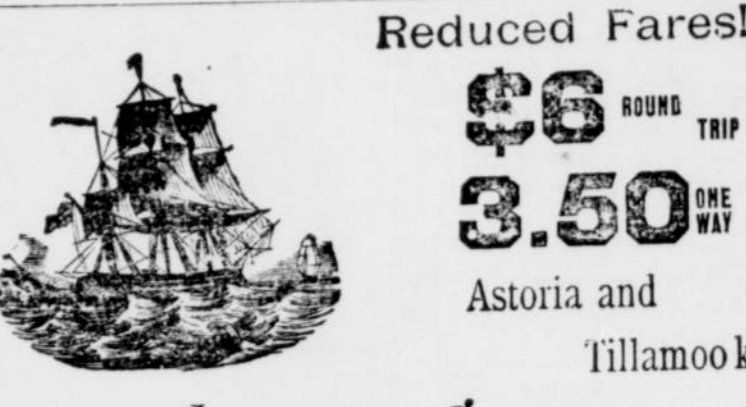
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