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Weather Forecast. Northern California—Fair, warmer Saturday; brisk north wind; a moderate northerly.

WHY WE WANT PORTO RICO.

General Miles' expedition is now on its way to Porto Rico to capture the island, and with full appreciation of the fact that it is not going to be an easy task.

Why do we want Porto Rico? Because it is the farthest eastern large outpost of the West Indies.

In case of a naval war, or an assault by European Powers, Porto Rico would be to us a point of vantage of priceless value.

Porto Rico is more desirable than Cuba because the population is less turbulent, and the climate is greatly preferable.

We have never had a President who kept in closer touch with every detail of affairs in war than has President McKinley.

GARCIA'S LETTER.

The letter of Garcia to Shafter is adroit in several respects. The General declares he was not invited to attend the ceremonies of the surrender;

But there is some strength in the claim that it would have been courteous to have invited him to be present at the council, inasmuch as his advice was sought and his counsel accepted in the war councils prior to the surrender.

He says he has sent his resignation to Gomez as commander in Santiago, and that he asks to be transferred, that he may no longer be called upon to cooperate with the American forces.

None of the claims of Garcia have perfect grounding. They are all open to sufficient reply. His letter evinces chagrin that bodes no good for the relationship we are to have with the insurgents in arms.

But Garcia appears to forget, when he declares it a shame to suspect that if his troops were allowed to enter Santiago they would be guilty of acts of savagery, that his men did loot El Caney shamefully the instant they entered that city.

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with a feeling of distrust that was well grounded.

We believe the original program was to impose upon the Cubans the policing and government of Santiago that the American troops might be taken out of that insubstantial quarter, and that the Cubans might have a capital, where they could set up their civil government and demonstrate their claim of right to recognition.

It is infinitely better for the Cubans that the men of Garcia's army were not given opportunity to jeopardize their claims to independence and repose of trust. Garcia, Gomez and the leaders have high purpose and are intelligent and patriotic, but their men have been so long under the influence of Spanish example, have seen so much of inhumanity, cruelty and injustice, have themselves suffered so much that their moral sense, we fear, is dulled, and they are not in the condition that should characterize men who are to assume civil and military control over a large population, in part composed of the enemy.

The attitude of such of the corporations of the country as are resisting the war revenue tax by compelling their customers to pay it is foolish posing. They are simply intensifying sentiment against them uselessly, and which will possibly find expression some day in a way altogether unpleasant.

AGUINALDO'S WISDOM.

If Aguinaldo has said, as is reported from Manila, that he and his followers expect and desire American possession or protectorate over the Philippines, then it proves that he has a measure of wisdom in his skull box not heretofore passed to his credit.

With the certainty that there would be domestic contention between these peoples, the withdrawal of the United States would leave the islands open to occupation by any of the great Powers, who might choose to find the instability and dissension pretexts for their interference.

Assuming the report to be true concerning the expression of this leader and of his chiefs, and the representative men of the insurrection, then harmony of purpose and action between these forces and those of the United States is assured.

Since the foregoing was put in type, news is at hand that Aguinaldo has declared himself "Dictator." This lacks confirmation, but, if true, proves the insurgent leader to be of changeable and erratic mind, and lowers the estimate of his wisdom.

OF NATIONAL HONOR.

Just wherein the "national honor" of Spain resides, it is difficult to determine. The honor of the average man is in his fair dealing, the payment of his debts, the discharge of his duty in the condition in life to which he is called, and in maintaining self-respect.

But the Spanish estimate as to national honor does not appear to fall within that definition. Blanco says national honor is imperilled when the nation is defeated in battle.

The Queen Regent of Spain describes national honor as the preservation for her son of the colonial properties the late King left in her charge for his heir.

It seems to have occurred to none of these, nor to any Spaniard, that national honor may be conserved and gain new laurels by bringing to a close a war the prolongation of which is dependent wholly upon the action of Spain.

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VOICE OF THE PRESS.

EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL EXPRESSION.

State and Coast Opinions on Subjects of Living News Interest.

Oakland Tribune: Admiral Miller lost the glory that would have been his had he been the hero of the war. He is, however, to have a slight recompense, for the orders he has received to proceed to Honolulu with the Philadelphia and raise the stars and stripes over the fort, give him a place in history.

THE CUBANS TROUBLESOME. Tulare Register: To whip the Spanish armies in Cuba will be no great military achievement, unless the climate kills vastly more than the Spanish soldiers. To drive them out of Cuba will be more difficult; to restore order and security will require the highest civic and military firmness and patience.

IN THE FEAR OF THE MAKER. Stockton Record: However much men may criticize religious organizations, they generally have a respect and confidence in a praying man. A man that walks in the fear of his Maker is calculated to make a good citizen.

Oakland Tribune: The sooner the Hawaiian Islands' Commission gets to work the better it will be, for until the laws of the new territory are framed everything will be in somewhat of a jumble there. From the very date of annexation the island laws will be out of effect but it is certain that there will be some amendments.

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EXPENSIVE LUXURY.

Fresno Republican: War is an enormously expensive luxury, and the present war will be no exception to the rule. While the period of hostilities may be brief, the period of scarcely less expensive armed occupation will be much longer.

THE LADRONES.

Portland Oregonian: The Ladrones, captured by our first expedition to Manila, lie on the route from Honolulu to Manila, and will form, accordingly, a convenient way station for us between the two main points of our Pacific. The group is notably mountainous, the northern islands, which are all uninhabited, being especially so.

WAS IT BRAVE?

Dixon Tribune: From our point of view we fall to discern anything admirable in the foolhardiness displayed by Admiral Cervera in his dash to freedom from Santiago de Cuba harbor through the narrows of the harbor.

A NAVAL LESSON.

San Diego Union: The faith of naval experts in the utility of torpedo boats is not likely to be greatly weakened by the events of the war thus far. The Spanish Government, it will be recalled, placed much dependence in these little vessels, and there were people who thought that the lack of a large fleet of craft of this sort was a very serious defect in the American navy.

cerned, these vessels have become noted chiefly for breaking down, and on the few occasions when they have been engaged in battle, they have either gone to the bottom or been disabled.

HOW AMERICANS RISE.

Fresno Republican: Attention has been called to the fact that Admiral Sampson's father was a laborer and Admiral Dewey's ancestors, though comfortably well off, were quiet, country people, while the ancestors both of Commodore Schley and Lieutenant Hobson had been known for generations in their own communities as aristocrats.

WHEN READY.

San Jose Mercury: When Spain gets ready for peace she can have it, but she may as well understand first as last that there will be no dickerings about it. This county will name its terms, and they will have to be met.

R. HARDING DAVIS.

Stockton Record: One day recently there appeared in the San Francisco "Call" an article of the signature of Richard Harding Davis, in which the author, who is a well known Bostonian, was described as pitiable, ridiculous, and, as if this was not enough, a demand was made for the recall of General Shafter.

A CANADIAN VIEW.

The Oregonian: Here is a Canadian view of one of the policy on which the United States is embarking. The Toronto "Globe" says: "Another door to national prosperity is opening. Our neighbors are busy fighting Spain, and when they get through with that they will have a lot of money in their hands."

MISTAKEN ZEAL.

San Jose Mercury: The ladies who are so enthusiastically advocating the project of building a hospital ship for the Government display great patriotism, but theirs is a mistaken zeal. The Government has ample money with which to purchase twenty ships for the purpose, if it needs them.

FIELD TOUCHED THE HEART.

HOW THE AUTHOR OF "LITTLE BOY BLUE" WROTE.

Charles Hadley Tells the "Record-Union" About Chicago's Greatest Poet and Journalist.

There was a man in Sacramento a few days ago who knew Eugene Field well, not only before the great journalist, story writer and poet was known to the world, but during the years of his great fame.

The old friend of Eugene Field gave the "Record-Union" some very interesting information concerning the illustrious Western writer, whose verses have been translated into the language of every land where literature is loved, and his reminiscences shed light on one or two things that were not generally known.

Speaking of Field, Mr. Hadley says: "Gene, as we all called him at Kansas City, Denver, St. Louis, Chicago, and in all cities that ever claimed him even for a little while, was as timid as a little child about many things connected with his work. During all the years when he kept up the remarkable 'Flats and Sharps' column of the Chicago 'News' he was preparing the volumes, ten in number, on which his fame now rests. It was not generally known that he cherished an ambition to do great things, for there was something about the man's work that seemed transitory, and his manner gave one the impression that he did not think his work would live. I am able to say that he felt his way carefully; that he consulted others who had achieved fame, and followed their advice in many details. One of Field's greatest friends was Julian Hawthorne, to whom he sent some of his early manuscripts for critical revision."

Mr. Hadley related to me that Field received from Hawthorne in 1885, a letter that has never before been printed, and it shows the estimate that Hawthorne placed upon Field, and the estimate that Field had of Hawthorne's ability. Mr. Hadley says that Field was encouraged as much by the faith of Hawthorne as by anything in the whole range of his experiences. Since the letter played so important a part in the career of the author of "Little Boy Blue" it is for the first time printed, and is as follows:

shire Hills" is very good; I am not sure, however, that it will reach the children so readily as older folk. "The Robin and the Violet" is just right. "Death and the Soldier" is good, but I think it should be generalized more for children's use. "The First Christmas Tree" is so good that nothing could be better. It is enough to make your reputation. "The Sinner Mother" is very good; but I would advise you not to mention death and ambition; describe them, rather, by some of their attributes. "Truth and Ezra" is charming. You could not improve it. ("The Chinese Silk Dress" seems to me the better title.) "The Stars, a Stubborn Story," is much too good to omit; but you might rewrite it, perhaps leave out some of the bits on the ground that they are not good, but because of my thinking, songs in children's stories should be limited to a quatrain or two at most. "The Oak Tree and the Ivy" is, again, your very best work, and will satisfy children from the first word to the last. "The Coquette's Doll" is entertaining and witty, but, to me, it strongly recalled the story of Hans Christian Andersen; where as you have a style of your own that suits you better. "The Fly-Away Stick" is a good story, but I have heard more of it; but there are enough and to spare, I am sure, to delight all children from the youngest to the oldest. I will not think so ill of my country-people as to believe that they are not a great success. You must have enjoyed writing them; they are not only good, but beautiful. I have seen them an aroma of the purest and sweetest morality. Believe me very cordially and sincerely yours,

JULIAN HAWTHORNE. Eugene Field, Esq.

It is hardly necessary to say that the things that appealed to Hawthorne have since appealed to the world, and that the fame of Field will rest largely on the poetry that appeared in other stories and volumes than the ones mentioned.

"One of the best things that Field ever wrote, not even excepting 'Little Boy Blue,'" said Mr. Hadley, "is known as 'Lines to the Passing Saint.' It happens that I know a great deal about this and the way Field wrote his poetry. He was a student of childhood and of children's games and minds from the time he was a very young man, though this part of his nature would not by any means impress the casual observer. You will see that all of his poetry that deals with childhood is of the simplest possible character. He made his name and his hit in literature by the heart and simplicity that appeared in all that he ever did. I can do no better to make my meaning clear than to quote, or refer you to the lines."

TO THE PASSING SAINT. O, dear Saint, as on you go, Through the misty, sparkling frost, Bid those bells ring high and low For a little child that's lost!

O, dear Saint, that blestest men With the grace of Christmas joy, Soothe this heart with love serene— Give me back my little boy!

By some fairy voice beguiled, Once he wandered from my sight; He is such a little child, He should have my love this night.

If upon your way you see One whose beauty is divine, Will you send him back to me? He is lost, and he is mine.

Tell him that his little chair Nestles where the sunbeams meet; That the shoes he used to wear Learn to kiss his dimpled feet.

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A desperate-looking man, with two drawn revolvers, is not a pleasant person to meet at a lonely cross-road. Most men will go a long way out of their way to avoid such an encounter. The same men will re-ckless-ly neglect their health and court death in the guise of consumption or some other equally fatal disease. One-sixth of all the deaths each year are due to this most fatal of maladies.

Until very recent years, consumption was considered absolutely incurable. It was now known to be curable. During the past thirty years it has been demonstrated that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure 95 per cent of all cases of consumption, if taken in the earlier stages of the disease before the lungs are too much wasted, also bronchitis, asthma, laryngitis and all diseases of all the air-passages, acting directly on the lungs, driving out all impurities and disease germs. It soothes the cough, facilitates expectoration, thus thoroughly clearing the lungs. It purifies and enriches the blood and tears down, carries off and excretes old, inert, half-dead tissues, replacing them with new, firm, muscular tissues of health. It is the great appetite sharpener, blood-maker, flesh-builder, nerve-tonic and restorative. Thousands who had been given up to die have been restored to complete, robust health by this marvelous medicine. Do not buy from unscrupulous dealers who try to force upon you something beside what you ask for. There is nothing to take the place of it, or which is "just as good" as the Golden Medical Discovery. I had the grip, which left me feeling miserable—no strength and a cough," writes Mrs. C. Maynard, of Lynn, Mass. "I bought Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and after taking the second bottle I felt much better, and am now well." Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation.

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HOW A WOUND HEALS.

When the Blood is Pure a Wound Heals Quickly. The Fact Demonstrated in the Case of a Baptist Clergyman of Ashley, Ohio.

From the Times, Ashley, Ohio.

Elder A. S. Shoemaker has been a lifelong resident of Ashley, Ohio, and is favorably known by a wide circle of friends in this part of the state. For many years he has been a prominent Baptist minister. He has been Mayor of Ashley for three successive terms, filling the position with dignity and honor, and has held other offices of trust.

He is sixty-six years of age, hale and hearty, and attributes his present beautiful condition entirely to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"For about twenty-five years," he says "I was afflicted with rheumatism and was constantly in pain. I could not remain in one position for but a few moments at a time and could sleep but little at night. I was dragging in a damp, lowly weather I would be very miserable. I frequently remarked that I was a traveling barometer, as I could always tell when a change in the weather was coming. I tried a great many remedies that were recommended, but they did not help me."

"One day while at work and complaining of my pain in the presence of Mr. Elias Bishop, a neighbor, he asked me if I had ever tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People? I told him no. I had never heard of them. He advised me to try them, saying they had benefited him and might help me. I replied, that I had no faith in any medicine as I had tried so many different remedies without receiving any benefit that I did not think it worth while to throw away more money."

"Time passed on for nearly a year until one night I was suffering intense pain and I

thought of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and concluded to try them. In the morning I went to the drug store and purchased a box of the pills and commenced using them according to directions.

"It was the wisest thing I ever did. On the second night after commencing their use I went to bed and slept all night without a particle of pain. I continued taking the pills until I used five boxes and have not felt any symptoms of my old trouble since that time, now two years ago."

"Just after I stopped the use of the pills I met with an accident. In chopping wood I cut my foot very badly, the axe going clear through the instep of my foot. It was thought the wound would be very hard to heal for a man of my age, but to the surprise of everybody it healed quickly without any difficulty. I attribute this also to the good condition of my blood through the use of the pills."

"In rheumatism the blood has an acid impurity which irritates the sensitive tissues that unite the joints and cover the muscles, thus causing those indescribable tortures which rheumatic sufferers endure. Rheumatism is always dangerous as it is liable to attack the heart."

"Years ago those afflicted, were bled; as if taking away some of the impure blood could remedy the balance. This folly has been abandoned, and today physicians prescribe and druggists recommend the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, as these marvelous vegetable pills go directly to the seat of the trouble exerting a powerful influence in purifying and enriching the blood by eliminating poisonous elements and renewing health-giving forces, thus making a potent remedy for curing this disease."

AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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March 24, 1898. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, 37 NUNN STREET, NEW YORK CITY.



EVA. Mr. Colby, the druggist, says that Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's time there is an increased demand for Ripans Tabules. Can you guess why that should be? MAX. They are an advertised dyspepsia cure. I saw my chum take one at the railway restaurant the other day, and he told me that he did it because he had eaten a piece of mince pie. EVA. I think that explains it, for I have noticed that papa generally takes one after a dinner that he has seemed to specially enjoy. If he does so he is good natured next morning, but if he does not take the Tabule he is sure to be cross, not only in the morning but before bed-time as well.

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