

THE BRANCH EXPOSED.

Well-Known Astoria Business Man Offers to Explain Any Trick Performed by Spiritualists.

A. H. Coonley, proprietor of the "Spa" ice cream and confectionery store, at one time posed as a celebrated spiritualistic medium, taking rank with the principal life-reading and slate-writing experts of the country. His object was to detect the frauds practiced by so-called mediums and to, if possible, defeat the purposes of artifice and attendant spectral freebooting. Therefore, he mastered and duly exposed in a series of public entertainments every feat advertised or possible with the most famous mediums of the day. Mr. Coonley has appeared in the majority of leading opera houses, both east and west, his last engagement being with the Orpheum theater at San Francisco, where he scored a triumphant success. An Astorian reporter talked with the popular confectioner yesterday and gleaned the following information:

"It is my purpose to go to Portland about the middle of the month," he said, "where I shall appear at the Arion theater and give a succession of spiritualistic exposures. My work consists of clever and finished disclosures of every method known or employed by these agents of the departed souls, and I stand ready to challenge and defy any independent slate-writer, materializing medium or ballot reader to give a single manifestation which I cannot reproduce and expose as fancy pure and simple. On the stage I will reveal the seance room completely and explain the deceptions so clearly that any child of ordinary intelligence can understand and laugh them into ludicrousness. If I recall with accuracy, I spent nine years of time, and I know, hundreds of dollars, to learn the truth or falsity of so-called spiritual phenomena. I developed under several of the most prominent 'mediums' of the United States, and for a while entered public work as an independent slate-writer and phenomenal medium to ascertain the inner processes and extent of fraud so frequently practiced. Ultimately, I was successful in obtaining the desired result."

In conclusion, Mr. Coonley said: "There is very little in the line of a amusement more diverting than an exhibition of this nature. It is an unweaving so thorough of the tricks and devices of slate-writers, spirit photography, table tipping, ballot reading, trumpet rapping, typewriting, etherializing, spirit photography and the work of spirit artists and test and phenomenal mediums, that one pauses to consider how ever before he could have so joyously sacrificed himself on the altar of credulity."

It is not improbable that Mr. Coonley may be persuaded to favor Astoria with one or more of his interesting entertainments. If so he will unquestionably be greeted by a large attendance.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. O. B. Bates came in from Seaside last night. Max Young and wife were visitors at the beach Sunday. John L. Carlson spent Sunday with his family at his Seaside cottage. Mrs. E. M. Sackett, who has been

summering in this city, leaves this morning for her Portland home. Nick Wisner, the Lewis and Clarke logger, was in the city yesterday on business. Mr. Alfred Cleveland, Jr. has obtained a position as teacher in the St. Helens school. Miss P. M. Norton, who conducts the correspondence for the O. R. & N. management in this city, was a pleasure seeker at Seaside on Sunday. Messrs. E. B. Rogers, C. R. Higgins and R. F. Wilson returned from Portland yesterday, where they have been recreating during the past few days. Frank Anderson, a well-known Portland business man, is in the city on his way home after spending his summer's vacation at Seaside and Long Beach. W. D. Fenton and family, who have been summering at Seaside, passed through the city yesterday enroute to their home in Portland. Mr. Fenton is a well-known and successful attorney.

J. H. Sexton will leave the city this morning for Ilwaco, where he will spend a few days. He will return Thursday. Mr. Sexton is a well-known insurance agent of Seattle and has been in town in the interest of his business. W. C. T. U. CONVENTION. The first annual meeting of the Clatsop County Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Presbyterian church of Astoria, next Thursday, September 7th. The first session opening at 9:30 a. m. The following program so far as arranged: 9:30 Devotions by Mrs. L. I. Trumbull. 10:00 Temporary organization. Appointment of committees. 11:00 Report from local unions—Warrenton, New Astoria, Knappa and Astoria. 11:30 Paper by Mrs. T. A. Sherman, of Warrenton, "How to make a live Union."—Discussion. 11:45 Paper, "Mercy to Dumb Animals," by Mrs. Gralks. 12:00 Adjournment. AFTERNOON. 1:45 Devotions conducted by Mrs. R. Hayes of New Astoria. Reading and approving minutes. 2:00 Report of Credential Committee. Report of Nominating committee. Election of officers. 2:30 Report. Resolutions committee. 2:45 Paper by Mrs. Gearhart. 3:00 Question box, Conducted by Mrs. N. W. Kinney. 4:00 Adjournment.

No one need ever worry about the cook going hungry. She gets enough to make a full meal by merely tasting the dishes she is preparing.

FOREIGN POLICY IS OUTLINED

President's Ideas of Government in New Territories.

FILIPINO CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Military Will Be Withdrawn When Rebellion Is Crushed—London Financial Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "There is good authority for the statement that the president has returned to Washington with these general ideas uppermost in his mind as to his future course in relation to the new dependencies: "The Philippines civil government by three commissioners to supplement military rule immediately after the rebellion is crushed. Continued military control until it is determined by means of a general election whether the inhabitants want independence or annexation. If independence, the new government elected will be recognized by the United States and will be given encouragement and every opportunity to establish its stability. If annexation, the president will be governed by the sentiment of American citizens as it may then exist."

Cuba—Continued military control and civil government of the territorial form, similar to that which prevails in Arizona. Porto Rico—Civil government of the territorial form of government as recommended by the Hawaiian commission and as provided for in a measure now pending in congress. Hawaii—Territorial form of government.

Some weeks will elapse before the president settles down to the actual preparation of his message, but he has returned from his vacation with some well defined views as to the difficult problems which confront him and will immediately commence discussions of the details with the members of the cabinet.

It has been generally supposed that with the war still in progress in the Philippines, the president would avoid committing himself to recommendations of the future government of the islands, but such will probably not be the case. His Pittsburg speech leaves no room for doubt that he will insist upon American control of the Philippines. To this extent he has come out squarely and thrown down the gauntlet to the anti-expansionists.

Mr. McKinley not only favors the permanent control but is prepared with all of the forces at his command to fight for it, but avoid the charge of militarism and that is his reason for making the recommendations he proposes outlining a plan of congress for submitting a civil form of government for the military the moment peace is obtained and the complete supremacy of the United States is established.

Further discussions with his cabinet may change somewhat the president's views the form of civil government best suited to meet the situation, but at present the omission idea predominates. Prof. Schurman, president of the peace commission, is understood to favor this kind of control and a historical review recently prepared for the president, showing that the United States has frequently adopted this method of control of new territory in a transitory state, has deeply impressed members of the administration.

It is appreciated that it will be some years before the islands are ripe for even a territorial form of government, such as is proposed for Porto Rico, so that control by commissioners, much the same as in the District of Columbia, is deemed a happy substitute for a military government and a safe and simple means of control preliminary to the establishment of a territorial form of government, when it may be possible to give the natives generally the right of suffrage.

The plan under consideration contemplates three commissioners, one an army officer, to have charge of fiscal affairs, another a naval officer to have control of the customs, and the third a leading Filipino officer of legal experience to look after the judiciary, all three to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate. Further details contemplate giving the Filipinos a voice in all municipal affairs and the most liberal self government possible.

LONDON MONEY MARKET HAS UPWARD TENDENCY. Much New Gold Coming in From Abroad—Dread of War Prevent Speculation and Enterprise. NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The Times London financial correspondent cables: "Our stagnant season is not yet over but the end is approaching. All the past week the money market has tended to become easier and by natural process. The bank of England has ceased to attract its share of current business in discounts and the market has been able to retire bills previously discounted there as they became due, because the currency returned from circulation and new gold came

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