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Spokane weeklies are poking fun at the Review over its diversified farming efforts. At least, this is better than shouting 16 to 1.

If this weather continues fall wheat must be heavily pastured throughout the Palouse, else the green fields will become tangled forests that would puzzle a Filipino to slip through.

Tagals have begun to murder American prisoners and mutilate their bodies. Sympathizers with the Tagals in this country have strange ideas of the proper sort of material to start a new republic.

The democratic Baltimore Sun warns its party that the Goebel operations in Kentucky will return as a plague. It denounces as revolutionary the effort to unseat a governor who unquestionably received a plurality of votes.

Governor Rogers says: "Fusion may not be accomplished as it was in 1896 and 1898, but the same result will be reached." To which the Tacoma Ledger retorts: "Governor Rogers is sound on this proposition, and his frankness in making the admission is commendable. The same result will be reached as in 1898, whether fusion is accomplished or not, only a little more so."

Governor Rogers' reasons for belief in fusion are something like the incident of a woodchuck being offered as a prize for the best reason given for the political faith of the competitors, says the Tacoma Ledger. Two of them gave the stereotyped replies, but the third was no doubt upon the same grounds as Gov. Rogers believes in fusion—that he was a democrat because he wanted the woodchuck.

One of the most reliable measures of the business progress of the country is found in the consumption of postage stamps. For the month of September, 1899, 541,376,000 stamps were printed for use of the people. This great total is, however, not so surprising as is the increase within the past two years. For September, 1898, the output was 260,085,000, and in the same month of 1897 but 241,685,000.

John L. Henderson, a life long democrat of Hood River, Ore., resigned his position as a member of the Wasco county democratic central committee a few days ago. In his letter to the chairman he said he has a son in the army in the Philippines, and he is not satisfied to vote one way, while the son in the military service of his government shoots the other way. The democratic party is in a bad hole when its good old friends make up their minds that as loyal and patriotic citizens they can stay by it no longer. That is what they are doing. The Yakima Republic thinks Mr. Henderson is but one of a large number of them.

The great nations have been having bad luck in their wars against "inferior races" recently. Italy got badly beaten by the Abyssinians two or three years ago, England has met several reverses in its fight with the Boers in the past few weeks, and now France has been badly beaten in a battle with the Chinese. The United States has fared better than any of the other countries in its conflict with inferior peoples. It has beaten the Filipinos in every fight it has had with them, and has scattered them to such an extent that the warfare in the islands is now of the guerrilla order entirely. Uncle Sam is a lucky individual, but he makes a good deal of his luck himself.

Volunteer vs. British Regular. Probably the British military experts aren't spending all their time just now in remembering the patronizing things they have had to say about the American volunteer soldier as compared to the British regular. But if they could give a few moments to heart-searching and retrospect, they might read a lesson in the folly of pride in some statistics recently served up by the Army and Navy Journal. It seems that thus far in the campaign, the British regular, of whose steadiness and bulldogishness we have heard so much, has become discouraged, retired from the field or allowed himself to be captured after suffering losses in killed and wounded of only 5 or 7 per cent. But the despised American volunteer, in fifty battles of the civil war, suffered an average loss of 16 per cent on the Federal and 18 per cent on the Confederate side before he gave up hope of victory. At Bull Run, where the northern fiasco caused so much amusement in England, the loss was 20 per cent. These are average figures and show how much punishment American soldiers are usually willing to take before getting discouraged. Compared with certain notable engagements the British percentage of resistance in this war is ridiculous. At Balaklava their own famous Light Brigade lost nearly 37 per cent; at Metz the Aardechutzen lost 46 per cent; at Mars la Tour the Sixteenth Westphalian Infantry lost 49 per cent, while Longstreet at Gaines Mill and Hancock at Fredericksburg lost 50 per cent. Evidently the strictures on the bravery of volunteer soldiers were embarrassingly premature. However, when the boasted British regular gets used to fighting foomen worthy of his steel, who employ his own leisurely tactics and display the same pertinacity, instead of coming on in one bloody rush and then chasing off to the hills of India or the sands of Sahara, it is probable that his percentage of loss will come somewhat nearer the historical average. Unless military history belies itself, his failure thus far to stand punishment is not so much his own fault as that of his leaders.

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OUTLANDERS' GRIEVANCES.
Statement of Complaints Against South African Republic.
Oregonian: An article in the New York Tribune sets forth at length the grievances alleged by the outlanders in the South African Republic. A summary is given below. But, as The Oregonian has often said, these grievances are not the heart of the matter. Great Britain is acting upon the claim that her suzerainty, which she asserts was guaranteed by treaty, is denied, hence she is moving to compel the submission of her arguments or rebels to her authority. Here, however, are the grievances alleged by the outlanders:

First—In 1894 Paul Kruger was in London. He then expressly and publicly invited Englishmen and Americans to settle in the Transvaal and conduct mining there.

Second—Kruger sold one of his own farms to Englishmen for \$500,000, paid in gold. His friends and neighbors sold other farms at even greater prices, receiving from foreign settlers many millions of dollars.

Third—These foreign settlers produce every dollar's worth of wealth which can be exported from the Transvaal. Every dollar of the wealth now possessed by Mr. Kruger, his sons-in-law, his officials and indeed any part of the Transvaal population has been produced by these settlers.

Fourth—The taxes levied annually in the Transvaal have exceeded \$20,000,000. Nineteen-tenths of this amount have been collected from foreign settlers whom Mr. Kruger invited into the country.

Fifth—No appreciable part of these taxes is expended for the benefit of the foreign settlers. These taxes if divided among all the Boers would amount to \$2000 to each family annually.

Sixth—One-half of these taxes has been spent in making preparations for war, and the other half devoted to the payment of enormous salaries to and jobs for Mr. Kruger, his sons-in-law, friends and political supporters, who roll in wealth from these public funds.

Seventh—The government is hopelessly corrupt.

Eighth—The foreign settlers exclusively built the city of Johannesburg, a fine town, formerly with 50,000 inhabitants, but they were denied any right to govern the city and denied any municipal government whatever.

Ninth—Foreigners were denied the right to bear arms.

Tenth—All newspaper were at Kruger's mercy.

Eleventh—All meetings of more than seven persons in the open air were absolutely prohibited, while all other meetings could be dissolved at once by any policeman.

Twelfth—No foreigner was allowed to present a petition for redress of a grievance.

Thirteenth—No foreigner was allowed to settle in the Transvaal. Full naturalization could be obtained in two years. After foreigners had settled there, he repealed all naturalization laws absolutely. Then, under pressure, the term was made 14 years, but during all said 14 years the foreign settler was without a country, being compelled to renounce all allegiance to his mother country in advance. At the same time he was compelled to serve in the Boer army on 12 hours notice, and then he had to serve without pay, clothing or even food, which he must provide for himself. At the end of 14 years he could not vote until his humble petition was approved by two-thirds of his Boer neighbors, by the military chief of the district and Kruger himself.

Fourteenth—All children must be taught the Dutch language exclusively.

Fifteenth—The whole Transvaal government was corrupt and rotten from top to bottom. No business could be done with them without bribing Kruger's sons-in-law and hangers-on.

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The French commenced operations by seizing two Chinese gunboats, destroying their guns and ammunition and taking the officers aboard the French ship as prisoners. The warships then shelled 20 Chinese villages, compelling the Chinese troops to move back.

A four hours' battle took place at Veg Luoo, in which the French lost four killed and 28 wounded. The Chinese loss was heavier. After the Chinese left the French forces were divided into four expeditions which pillaged and burned many villages on their march back to the seashore. Several mandarins surrendered to prevent the burning of their towns. They are held as hostages to prevent retaliation by the natives.

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