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was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found in those whose Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c. at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store.

KING GEORGE.

Rev. W. J. Morton Declines the Call to King George-Harriet Conference of the M. E. Church South in Session at King George Court House Personally.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

King George C. H., July 17th, 1899.

Mrs. Rover, with her two children and Miss Bertha Wise, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James H. Boggs at their home, "Oak Cottage," near Common.

Mrs. L. L. Coghill, of Fredericksburg, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Elizabeth, is visiting at "Lothian," the home of Mr. Henry B. Coghill.

Mr. Eliza Pratt, Mr. Wm. T. Pratt and Mr. Henry Turner left on the 12th instant for Portsmouth, Va., where they will witness the consecration of Bishop James B. Funston, who has been made Bishop of Idaho.

Mr. Geo. Ogley Taylor has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Washington city and Prince George's county, Md.

Rev. William J. Morton, of Tappanhook, has declined the call tendered him by the vestries of the P. E. churches of this county.

Mr. John H. Boggs is visiting friends in Washington city.

The District Conference of the M. E. Church South will meet at King George Court House, in Trinity M. E. church, on the 19th instant. There will be present two hundred ministers and lay delegates. The conference will last three days. The services will be most interesting.

Miss Margaret T. Brown, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her sisters, Mrs. Doherty and Miss Josie Brown, at "Waterley."

Mr. L. L. Coghill and Mr. George Richerson, two prominent business men of Fredericksburg, passed through our village on the 12th on a business trip through the lower counties.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bowie, of Washington, are visiting their relatives, the Hunters, at the Court House.

R. H. Stuart and W. D. Grymes have finished their corn crop and are now getting out poplar wood for J. W. Masters and railroad ties for other parties.

Mr. Hector Monroe, of Stafford county, has finished loading the schooner Mamie Saunders, of Richmond, Va., with 6,000 chestnut railroad ties for shipment.

\$100 Reward. \$100 The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is a cure for dandruff disease that science has been unable to cure in all its stages and that it is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure taken internally, acting directly upon the blood, cures it by purifying the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address, E. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

An Arkansas Wedding.

There happened to be a large audience present, but Squire Vance told them to stand up, and then proceeded with the ceremony in this wise:

"Fellow-Citizens—This yer man and this yer woman have appeared before the court to be hitched in the legal bands of wedlock! If any paloot in the mob knows anything that might block the game if tuck to a higher court, let him now tout his bazzoo or else keep his jaw to himself now and forevermore. All in favor of my proceedings as authorized by law, say 'I'—"

"Everybody said 'I.'"

"Contrary, 'No.'"

"Nobody said 'No.'"

"The motion's carried unanimously, an' the court rules that there haint nothing to prevent the tryin' of the case."

"Now," said Squire Vance, "grip your fins."

The candidates joined hands.

"Amos Peabody, do you solemnly swear that ye'll freeze to Mandy forever and provide for her, and treat her square and white, according to the rules and regulations set down to govern such cases in the laws of the United States, so help you God?"

"Yes, sir; I do, sir."

"That fixes the end of your bargain."

"Mandy Thomas, do you solemnly swear that ye'll hang on to Amos for all comin' time; that ye'll nuss him in sickness and be square to him in wellness; that ye'll always be to him a good, true, loving, honest, up-and-up wife, under the penalties prescribed by the laws for the punishment of such offenses? Do you swear this, so help you God?"

"I swear I will."

"Then by the power in me vested as justice of the peace in and for this precinct, I pronounce you, Amos Peabody, husband, and you, Mandy Thomas, wife, and legalize ye to remain such now and forevermore; an' ye'll stand committed till the fees and cost in the case are paid in full, and may God have mercy on your souls and bless this union with His loftiest blessings."

Bismarck Iron Nerve was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found in those whose Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25c. at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store.

A Rose In Every Garden.

There's a rose in every garden an' there's not a drop o' dew But is falling on a flower, in that garden's green for you; And for all the storms of trouble there's a living sky of blue, And the world moves to the music of the morning!

Then kiss your hand to sorrow, and wave her far away, The winter's ne'er so weary but 'twill drift into the May;

The darkest night is dreaming of the glory of the day, And the world moves to the music of the morning!

—Atlanta Constitution.

EARLY RISING GREAT MEN.

Most of Them Fond of the Morning Hours for Work.

Although there is no necessary connection between early rising and a brilliant career, it is an interesting fact that many of our most eminent men and women spend less time in their beds and leave them much earlier than most of us.

M. Jules Verne is another practical believer in the virtues of rising early. His practice is to rise at dawn in summer and at 6 in winter. After a light breakfast he takes up his pen and writes industriously until 11 o'clock, when his day's work is complete, and he can devote himself to recreation. "If I had not been an early riser," he says, "I should never have written more books than I have lived years."

Alexander von Humboldt, the great German philosopher and traveler, rarely spent more than four hours in bed, and, on the testimony of Sir James Sawyer, was frequently content with two hours; and Littré, who lived to be eighty, thought that to spend more than five hours a day in bed was shameful self-indulgence.

Although his invariable hour of rising was 3 o'clock, he scarcely ever left his desk until 11 in the morning, or until sunrise warned him that a new day had dawned.

There are few earlier risers than the Kings and Queens of Europe, who might pardaunably indulge in later hours than their subjects. In his younger days the Austrian Emperor used to rise at half past 4 in summer and 5 o'clock in winter, and was paying his morning visit to the stables when nearly all Vienna was sleeping.

The German Emperor has never been a sluggard, and is usually hard at work in his study at 5 o'clock and on horseback at 6, while the Empress shares her husband's love of the morning hours, and may be seen centering on her favorite mare two hours before the world breaks its fast.

King Oscar of Sweden and Norway is usually to be found among his beloved books between 6 and 7 every morning and the Kings of Italy and Rumania have also left their beds at this hour.

The young Queen of Holland, like her mother, rises at 7, and at about the same hour the Queen Regent of Spain may be seen in somber black, "fat and florid," on her way to mass.

Many of England's greatest men have scorned the delights of bed when living "laborious days." Brunel, the great engineer, who lived to be 80, rarely spent more than four hours in bed at any time of his crowded life; and Sir William Arrol, the engineer of Tay and Forth bridges, and the Brunel of our day, rises earlier than any of his employes and will frequently crowd twenty hours work into one day during the progress of his great enterprises.

Art, too, has its early risers among its most eminent men. G. F. Watts, the great academician, has rarely allowed his bed to keep him away from his brushes later than 5 o'clock in the morning.—Tit-Bits.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes, 25c. per box. For sale by M. M. Lewis.

Will It Pay?

Will the Siberian railway pay? It is to be 5,682 miles long, between Vladivostok and St. Petersburg, or 5,881 miles between Vladivostok and Riga. Owing to the great distance, the London Economist thinks the charge per hundredweight of 112 pounds can hardly be less than from \$2 to \$2.50. But the water route from Chinese ports to Europe is now much less than that, so that, in the Economist's opinion, there is little probability that the railway, when completed, will compete destructively with shipping engaged in the Eastern trade. In time it will pay, however, by the development of agriculture and mining. Freight rates that concentrate much value in little space and passengers are likely, according to other authorities, to prefer the faster route by land.—Baltimore Sun.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. R. Cooper of El Paso, Chamberlain's Eye children we find it especially effective." For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

What the Boys in the Philippines Write Home—Some War Incidents.

(Nebraska Independent.) The Dakota Ruralist publishes extracts from a number of uncensored letters from soldiers of that State who are serving in the Philippines, from which the following extracts are printed.

Dick Kirkhoven, of the South Dakota Regiment, from Malolos writes a friend in Walworth county in a letter published in the Bangor News, June 1, in which he says:

"George, I think it is a shame the way we are killing off these poor niggers who are fighting for a just cause. They are fighting for liberty and I don't blame them a bit for fighting."

"This trouble with the Filipinos could very easily have been avoided. They have been fighting for liberty for the past ten years, and on the 13th day of last August, when they helped Dewey whip the Spaniards, they had no idea the Americans would grab their little islands and that they would not be allowed to float their own flag. They are just as proud of their flag as we are of ours. Their flag looks very pretty, as it is red, white and blue, with three stars and the rising sun on it. They are fighting for a just cause and are not going to give up right now."

"ALMOST BROKE OUR HEARTS."

Private Saunders of the Florida Harrier, in a letter published in June:

"The South Dakota Regiment was on firing line all the time from the first fight we had until we reached Malolos, about ten battles, and we had our old Springfield rifle, while there was a lot of regulars behind us with modern rifles. I looked kind of ridiculous and more so, because there are 15,000 Krags boxed up in Wall city, but of course we either keep our mouths shut or else say that our government and army officials are the wisest and most just men that ever lived. But I must say a word about the county here before I close. Most of our boys carried the idea that the country around Manila was as good as any in the island, and that the people in and around the city were the most intelligent and civilized of the Filipinos. Our trip, however, convinced us that everything was the opposite. The farther we got away from Manila the nicer the country was and better cultivated, everything looked more civilized. We seldom went through a house without finding more or less reading matter there, which tends to prove that a good share of them can read. A great many farm houses are surrounded with nice gardens full of vegetables and bananas and other fruit there. There was plenty of rice wherever we went. I do not believe that there is a people anywhere living in a tropical climate who are more intelligent and industrious than the Filipinos, and it almost breaks our hearts that we have to fight them."

"ENTERED FOR A BETTER PURPOSE."

"I was over and had a chat with those Nebraska lads last night. Lots of them say they will not go another step if they are ordered to advance. They enlisted for a better purpose than to be used as murdering tools. They also agreed on the point that if every commissioned officer's pay had been only a little above the privates there would never have been a shot fired on these islands. They also thought the war would not last very long if every American voter could only be here and see what we see. There must have been about 100,000 innocent men, women and children fleeing like a lot of scared rabbits in front of us. When I came up I saw several gray haired men and women wounded. I suppose they were unable to keep up with the rest, there fore, got in range of our bullets. The Filipino homes were looted and lots of them burned. There was an order issued against it once, but I never saw it enforced."

THE WAR FOR CHRISTIANITY.

Private Charles E. Bate writes the Marshall (Min.) Ledger as follows: "There is perhaps in this world no sadder sight than a deserted church and here the sight is before our eyes. The altars are overturned, the images of the saints shattered and scattered, and every particle of value stripped from the sacred edifices. As we came in a sailor with a hand saw, while another tried to separate the head of a cherub from a group of the holy family. Besides these shattered figures of the saints there was nothing in the church. Even the confessionals had been stripped of their carvings. The very paving had been torn from the floor beneath and heaped for hidden treasure."

AN ANTI EXPANSSIONIST.

Dick Mills writes from Manila in a letter published last week in the Aberdeen News that only four hundred men fit for duty are left for the regiment. Capt. Engleby writes the Waterbury Commonwealth of last week that only ten men are left in Company H. fit for duty. The correspondent of Freedom Herald, writing from the trenches at Cumpita in a letter published last week, says that only eight men are left for duty in Company I.

IMPOSED UPON.

Private Jobb B. May writes his brother-in-law in a letter published last week in the Chamberlain Democrat:

"Before the war started our regiment had eight hundred and fifty men. Now we have two hundred and seventy on the firing line and one company, 'A,' in Manila doing guard duty. They have about fifty men there, so you see that we have only three hundred men left on duty now. There is no doubt the volunteers are imposed upon, for there are regulars who have seen little or no fighting at all. I do not think Gen. Otis can keep the volunteers here much longer."

FORGET THEY ARE HUMAN.

Private Charles R. Wyland, Company C, First Washington, writes his sister in a letter published in the Portland Oregonian:

"This war is something terrible. You see sights you can hardly believe, and a life is hardly worth a thought. I have seen a shell from our artillery strike a bunch of Filipinos, and then they would go scattering through the air, legs, arms, and heads, all disconnected. And such sights actually make our boys laugh and yell: 'That shot was a peach!' A white man seems to forget that he is human."

NEGROES BACK FROM AFRICA.

Partly as a result of fear on account of the alleged persecutions by the white people of the South, and partly from a spirit of adventure, Cate Shack and Harley Kirtley, both colored, recently got their families together and set sail for Liberia. They gathered together all the money they could, went to England, and thence took a boat to Liberia.

But the supposed Paradise of the colored man in Africa, according to their story of their experiences, was