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WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.
If either Admiral Sampson with his fleet fresh from the destruction of the fortifications in the harbor at San Juan, Porto Rico, or Commodore Schley, with the flying squadron, which is itching for a chance to distinguish itself, can meet and fight the Spanish Cape Verde fleet this week the end of the war will be in sight. There is no doubt that either Sampson or Schley can crush the Spanish fleet, if they can only get at it, but there is a doubt about their getting at it. The Spanish fleet has been playing now-you-see-it and now-you-don't-see-it. It is now thought to be trying to get to Cuba without fighting either of our big fleets. If it succeeds, the war will be considerably prolonged, and that is evidently what Spain desires, in the hope that if the war is prolonged some other European power will get mixed up in it. Owing to the superior speed of the vessels composing the Spanish fleet, they will have the choice of fighting or running should they be met by either of our fleets. The most formidable fighters in both our fleets—the monitors and battle-ships—are too slow to keep up with the Spanish fleet, if it desires to run away without fighting. It is only a question of time when every ship in this Spanish fleet will be either captured or destroyed; if they fight our fleet it will be immediately, if they get into a Cuban harbor it will be a matter of a few weeks. This week will tell which.

The blockade of Cuba, which during the past few days has been accompanied by some stirring fighting which we got the best of, besides cutting two important Spanish cables, will be continued, but the landing of the army in Cuba has been postponed until after the Spanish fleet has been wiped out.

A very distinct reminder of the civil war is the more or less active, although of course, not open criticism of the civilian staff appointments made by President McKinley, which is heard among army officers and their friends. Among the appointments especially criticised as having been made solely because of social influences are the following: John Jacob Astor, who knows nothing whatever about military affairs and some say very little about anything, to be inspector general with the rank of lieutenant colonel; James G. Blaine, who has tried and failed in about as many things as possible, and who doesn't know enough about tactics to be a corporal, to be assistant adjutant general with a rank of captain; Russell D. Harrison, whose escapades, business and otherwise, doubtless added many gray hairs to his father's head to be assistant inspector general with a rank of major; Charles B. Miller, whose appointment is due solely to his father being an old friend of the president; Fred W. Alger, who is the son of a soldier, Secretary Alger, and who makes his military debut as assistant adjutant general with a rank of captain; G. Creighton Webb, closely connected with the Vanderbilt family; John A. Logan, whom the governor of Illinois declined to make a colonel; Lloyd Carpenter Griseom, son of the president of the American Steamship line; J. B. Foraker, Jr., son of Senator Foraker; Laz Anderson, a social swell of Washington, and Rush Huidekoper, a Newport veterinary surgeon, all of whom have become captains or majors.

As a majority of the staff are regular army officers a few greenies are not likely to impair its work.

The democratic senators, some of whom are very much in favor of an annexation, decline to make the annexation of Hawaii a party question, but there is a movement among members of the party in the house, to which has been reported favorably a joint resolution providing for annexation, to hold a caucus for the purpose of trying to commit the party to opposition to annexation. In view of the sentiment of the country on the subject such action would be very poor politics.

The war revenue bill was so extensively amended by the senate finance committee before it was reported to the senate that it is really a new measure. The amended bill is far from satisfactory to the tobacco interests, which were not pleased with the doubling of the tax on manufactured tobacco—from six to twelve cents per pound—because it increases that tax to sixteen cents per pound. The proprietary medicines and toilet article makers are protesting and saying that the stamp tax on their wares is too great. The representatives of the brewers are not saying much, because they have got more in the bill as it now stands than they expect to have when the bill is passed, and they regard it good policy to keep mum. The striking out of the bond clause by the committee has not alarmed the administration. It was expected that a majority of senators are pledged to vote to restore the bond clause. So confident are treasury officials that this will be done that they are going right ahead preparing the printed blanks that will be needed in distributing the bonds. The provisions for issuing \$150,000,000 in greenbacks, and for issuing \$42,000,000 in silver certificates in advance of the coinage of the seignorage on the silver bullion owned by the government, are not likely to be in the bill when it becomes a law.

STATE CREEK.

Small grain never looked better. Grass is getting good and stock can now live on it without grain.

Creed Perry has a letter from Albert Rubins. He is still at Topeka and says they have not drawn their clothing yet.

The old Uncle Joe Fogel mansion looks as is it had had a mine under it similar to the one under the Maine in Havana harbor.

The new preacher has not put in his appearance at Mt. Hope yet. His name is said to be Wright so he will not wrong any one, and will be on hand soon.

All is quiet in this part. Nearly everybody and his next door neighbor is finishing up planting corn. The acreage planted far exceeds that of last year.

The ice cream supper at Pleasant Dale a few nights ago was not as grand a success as it would have been had the weather been warmer and the people done planting. Several did not go because they had been at work and were tired.

We learn from V. Scrivner, superintendent, that the time of the Sunday school at Mt. Hope has changed from 2 p. m. to 10 a. m., and every neighbor is invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to all other schools in the neighborhood to attend.

The school picnic on Penny creek last Friday was not as well attended as it would have been had corn planting been over. This ended the second term Miss Reed has taught in this part, one at Pleasant Dale and one at Penny creek. She is a very popular and successful teacher and deserves great praise and credit for the manner in which she has conducted her schools.

WILLOW CREEK.

Another fine rain Sunday.
Roy Wolf was the guest of Warren Edson Sunday.

Mr. Middleton is talking of erecting a new wind mill.

Mrs. Moushang was calling on Mrs. Middleton last week.

Most of the farmers of this place have finished planting corn.

Most of the people of Willow creek reservation were in Cowles Saturday.

The rain Sunday prevented Sunday school and church at the Willow creek school house.

Some of the boys of this place are wishing their corn was laid by so they could go to war.

Some of our farmers fear they will have to plant their corn over because of it rotting in the ground.

Opening Exercises Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha, June 1, 1898.

The Burlington Route will sell round trip tickets to Omaha for the opening exercises of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition on May 31st, for one fare for the round trip, \$5.75, tickets to bear final limit of June 6th. For further information call on

A. CONOVER, Ticket Agent.

COWLES.

Too late for last week.
The wheat crop is looking splendid. Corn planting is the general business these days.

Little Lloyd Bailey is rapidly recovering from his bad accident.

Fuller & Good shipped two car loads of hogs and cattle last week.

Rev. Hussorg held services in the Christian church last Sunday afternoon.

On Monday evening a rather lively celebration of the glorious Manila victory was held on our streets. Anvils and fireworks made the peaceful inhabitants think that something was the matter.

The Maine memorial service in the Congregational church last Sunday was attended by a large crowd. The addresses by Capt. Blaine, F. A. Good, and the pastor, and special music well rendered, made up an attractive service. A liberal offering was taken up for the proposed monument.

On Saturday evening last a china wedding party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Waller. A very pleasant and sociable time was spent by the large company of friends and relatives present. After refreshments Rev. Deakin was called upon in behalf of the company to present a very pretty china service. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Waller on their record of two decades of married life, giving an example of constancy and fidelity, without which there can be no true home life. Many congratulations and good wishes were expressed.

LESTER.

A small hail storm struck this place Tuesday evening but no damage done.

No church Sunday on account of the rain.

Farmers are almost through planting corn.

A. R. Saladen and wife were in Red Cloud Tuesday.

Misses Mary Rasser and Ida Baker were at Cowles one day last week.

Miss Alta Baker was visiting at Red Cloud last week.

John Emick and wife were at Red Cloud Saturday.

Chris Rasser will soon go to Guide Rock to work.

Jake Kincher of Rosemont was here Monday.

The ladies society will meet with Mrs. Lillie Frisbie on next Wednesday.

NOTICE—All persons who are interested and who have friends buried at Pleasant Hill are requested to be present to help clear off the cemetery Friday May, 27, at one o'clock.

School Report.

The following is the report of the school in district No. 34, for the term beginning February 7 and ending May 13th.

Number of days taught sixty.
Number of visitors, twelve, among whom were the county superintendent and Mr. Maynard, the director.

Those neither absent nor tardy during the last month were Minnie and Willard Mitchell. Those not absent more than one day Edna, Ruth and Lloyd McIntyre. More than two days, Lizzie, Etta and George Boyce and Mae Throckmorton.

Willard Mitchell received the first honors in deportment, which was 99 per cent. Joseph Rocher stood first in general average for the work for the term, being 96½ per cent; Ruth McIntyre second with 95 per cent.

Those being first in the several grades are as follows:

Sixth grade, Lizzie Boyce.
Fifth grade, Etta Boyce.
Fourth grade, Joseph Rocher.
Third Grade, Lloyd McIntyre.
Edna, Ruth and Lloyd McIntyre and Dottie Wilson are honored with the highest number of perfect marks in spelling for the year.
CARRIE HUMMEL, Teacher.

IN MEMORIAM.

Flossie Deakin, youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Deakin who died at her home in Cowles, Nebraska Tuesday May 17-98 after an illness of only a few days was born in Shrewsbury, England April 1st, 1886. She came to America with her parents when two years of age and has dwelt in Cowles for about four years. Flossie has gone from our midst and her going has left a vacant place not only in the family circle but every where in our little village where her presence has made sunshine. Flossie was a leader among her playmates and greatly loved by all. The funeral took place Wednesday from Congregational church of which her father is pastor. The church was filled to overflowing with sorrowing neighbors and friends who had come to show their love for the little one and sympathy for the parents, brothers and sisters. Kind friends filled the church and covered the casket with flowers. We laid the little body away in the cemetery in a bed of flowers and the little grave was covered with flowers by the sorrowing schoolmates of little Flossie. We can but sorrow now and yet with the pain still there comes a joy to know that the dear one shall never more know sorrow or pain but all is joy and she shall some day meet her loved ones at the gate.

LITTLE STUFF.

Considerable discussion is being participated in as to whether "Philippine" is spelled with a single or double "l" but we think since Dewey knocked a little "l" out of them one is enough.—The Superior Journal says, "A crazy man was picked up on our streets Tuesday morning." That's nothing new for Superior. We have heard it reported by people who have stopped there between trains that crazy folks in great numbers infest the streets of that hamlet. Give us something new.—The gravel walk between the depot and the main part of town is a good thing (?) this wet weather, for small boys who go barefoot and carry sling shots, but older people think very different.—If our farmers and citizens intend to patronize all the shows that visit Red Cloud this summer they had better ask Leiter to send the price of farm cereals up a little higher.—The community is suffering considerably with kidney disease, however before the "three months for a dollar treatment" purchased on our streets this week is all taken no doubt it will be improved.—Madrid is cooling down. While defeats are still counted as victories nothing further has been said about the satisfaction of Spanish honor.—So much rain has fallen in the west part of the state that the fast trains have to slow down for fear of sliding off the roadbed.—Our creamery plant presents somewhat of a different aspect these mornings as compared with the mornings a few short weeks ago.—The farmers of this section must be prosperous. Peterson has sold over eighty buggies among them since the middle of February, mostly for cash.—The heavy wind and light hail last Tuesday did considerable damage to the fruit crop.—It has been discovered that Dewey is a red hot republican. No wonder he was so successful.—The town of Cavite, recently bombarded by Dewey, should be changed to Cavity, in remembrance of the hole in which the Spanish fleet dropped.—A few buildings on the east side of Webster street would look considerably better if they were elevated to the grade.—No talk as yet of a Fourth of July celebration in this city. The probabilities are the fire department will remain in blissful ignorance of the celebration this year.—The weather has finally arrived at a genuine spring basis and gardens are humping themselves, so are the weeds.—The volunteer company will march with the G. A. R's on Decoration Day.—There are a number of lawns in this city which look as neat as a parlor, and there are still others which could be considerably improved by a little work.—There are people in this vicinity who wish they had not been told that there was nothing to hold up the price.—Modern Woodmen memorial service at the Christian church next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Red Cloud Market Report.

Hogs	3.95
Butcher's Stock	8.00-8.30
Fat Cattle	4.00-4.30
Wheat, No. 2	1.05
Corn	.25
Oats	.25
Barley	.25
Rye	.30
Eggs	.10
Butter	.10
Ducks and Geese	.5
Chickens	4

A Large Family.

LOOMIS, Neb., April 28, 1898.—Mrs. C. O. Olson, Box 28, this place, states that until she began the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla her health was very poor but she is now well, and she does all the work for a large family and hardly ever feels tired.

Oh, the Pain of Rheumatism!

Rheumatism often causes the most intense suffering. Many have for years vainly sought relief from this disabling disease, and are to-day worse off than ever. Rheumatism is a blood disease, and Swift's Specific is the only cure, because it is the only remedy which can reach such deep-seated diseases.

A few years ago I was taken with inflammatory Rheumatism, which became so intense that I was for weeks unable to walk. I tried

several prominent physicians and took their treatments faithfully, but was unable to get the slightest relief. In fact, my condition seemed to grow worse, the disease spread over my entire body, and from November to March I suffered agony. I tried many patent medicines, but none relieved me. Upon the advice of a friend I decided to try S. S. S. Before allowing me to take it, however, my guardian, who was a chemist, analyzed the remedy, and pronounced it free of potash or mercury. I felt so much better after taking two bottles, that I continued the remedy, and in two months I was cured completely. The cure was permanent, for I have never since had a touch of Rheumatism, though many times exposed to damp and cold weather.

Don't suffer longer with Rheumatism. Throw aside your oils and liniments, as they can not reach your trouble. Don't experiment with doctors—their potash and mercury will add to your disability and completely destroy your digestion.

S.S.S. For the Blood
It is guaranteed purely vegetable, and contains no potash, mercury, or other mineral. Sold mailed free by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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Amsterdam Silk Mitts and Gloves.

Placed on sale at special bargain prices. 35c silk mitts, sale price 25c. Also special values at 35c to 50c.

Umbrellas.

C. P. S. & Co's sample line of umbrellas placed on sale at special prices.

Men's Shirts.

Men's 50c Percalé Laundered Shirts, sale price 35c.

Muslin Underwear.

All the balance of our stock of Ladies' Muslin Underwear placed on sale at wholesale cost. Special bargains in Ladies' Summer Underwear at 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c. Ladies' Bleached Lisle Vests, with long sleeves, at 55c, that are worth double the money. Ladies' Combination suits 15, 25 and 50c.

Dress Goods.

We have decided to hold one more sale on Dress Goods, in which we will give free the linings as we did before, with each dress pattern at 50c per yard or over; special for this sale only.

Remnants.

On our center counter we have placed a choice line of remnants at special reduced prices.

Boys' Brownie Overalls.

Special values at 25c. Men's and boys' suits at special bargain prices.

Window Shades.

Window shades on Spring Rollers at 12½c, 15c and 25c that are usually sold by most dealers at double the money.

Lace Curtains.

Another new invoice of Lace Curtains, prices 20c and upwards. We can show the best values in curtains.

Carpets.

We can sell you carpets at money-saving prices. Yard wide Ingrain carpets, 25c. Our new Cornelia carpets at 30c per yard is the best carpet for the money ever shown; special for this sale. All-wool Ingrain carpet at 50c per yard. Also new line of Moquette, Wiltons and Axminster to select from.

In Our Grocery Department.

It will pay you to buy groceries. 17 lbs best Granulated Sugar, \$1.00. Package Coffee at 10c. Large size package Soda, 5c. Corn starch, 5c; cold water starch, 5c. Given away free—One cake Maple City self-washing soap. Extra quality Full Cream Cheese, 15c. King's self-rising Buckwheat at 7c. California Prunes at 5c. Heinz's sweet pickles, 8½c per dozen. Special in uncolored Japan tea at 25c per pound, equal to most 50c gradss. Battleship Maine toilet soap at 5c. Merry War lye, 5c; Champion lye, 5c. Gallon can Apples for 25c; sample can open for inspection. Eureka soap, 12 bars for 25c; equal to most soaps sold at 7 and 8 for 25c.

In Our Shoe Department.

Ladies Dongola patent tip Oxfords at 50c per pair. Ladies' Prince Albert style Oxfords, tan or black, sale price, \$1.00. Boys' Vici Kid Shoes, sizes 2 to 5, sale price, 1.50. Boys' Dong. tan shoes, sale price \$1.50. Men's Dong. tan shoes, sale price \$1.75. Also special values in children's shoes.

Black Satines.

Special values in Black Satines at 10c, 12½c 15c and 18c.

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ALFRED HADELL, Manager.