

EDITORS' IDEAS.

DRESS PARADE WARRIORS.

The two "crack" regiments of the New York National guards are the Seventh and the Thirteenth. The former is said to be the finest drilled body in the east, and its uniform is bright enough to make a rainy day seem cheerful. When the president's call for volunteers was issued the Seventh promptly decided that it would not volunteer for active service except upon conditions which it was well understood could not be accepted by the war department. The Thirteenth followed suit.

Governor Black now has taken a hand in the game. He has issued an order disbanding the Thirteenth, and probably will also disband the famous Seventh, which volunteered in 1861 and did valiant service throughout the war. The governor is quoted as saying: "Of course the militia boys can not be compelled to volunteer; but as a rule they are very glad to do so. Dress parade soldiers who wear their uniforms merely for show in times of peace and who sneak out of military service in times of war, when they are needed, had better lay aside their uniforms for good."

And public sentiment, we believe, will sustain Governor Black in this contention.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The fellow who knows just how the war should be conducted now is probably the same wise-acre who in times of peace devotes all his spare time to telling editors how their newspapers should be run.—Chicago Times-Herald.

G. S. H.

An Iowa paper says that an old lady in that vicinity went out to gather eggs and found one bearing the enigmatic letters, "G. S. H." The find created much excitement among the women in the neighborhood. One said it suggested, "Give Sinners Help." Another said that it meant, "God Sends Help." Still another, "God Saves Heathens." Another that it meant, "God Sends Harmony." Finally one old lady noted for her religious devotion, who had been saying little, sprang to her feet and vehemently declared that letters stood for, "Give Spain Hell," and all agreed that her interpretation was correct.

An Irishman recently, in delivering a harangue against landlords, loudly proclaimed: "If the greedy cormorants should be landed on an uninhabited island they would not be there half an hour before they would have their hands in the pockets of the naked savages."—Texas Populist.

Georgia populist papers are still booming Mr. Watson for governor, declaring that they nominated him over his protest and propose to elect him the same way.—Free Republic.

THE WAR.

War is a cruel abomination, but—"Our country, may she always be right; YET RIGHT OR WRONG, OUR COUNTRY!"

When foreign cannon are thundering against our ships there is no time for criticism of our leaders.

But look to it that the war enriches the people—not the plunderers of the people.

Do not let us enslave ourselves under the pretense of liberating others. The citizens of this country have been suffering wrongs as grievous as those inflicted on Cuba by the Spaniards.

Stop Spanish misgovernment but don't forget American misgovernment.—Ignatius Donnelly.

David Mercer, our baby-kissing congressman from the Omaha district, has committed political suicide. He first introduced a resolution acknowledging the independence of the Cuban government and afterwards voted with the doggoes against exactly the same resolution. David, my dear boy, you wobbled altogether too much. Your congressional career is ended. Even the Omaha people won't forgive a man that votes contrary to our great senators, Allen and Thurston. You will have to go into other business, David, and I don't know what you can do. You have only enough brains for a republican congressman. You can't possibly make yourself a lawyer, a doctor or a preacher, and will probably have to run a country newspaper. Anybody can do that.—Central City Democrat.

The editor of the Schuyler Herald had a misunderstanding with a Schuyler disciple of Blackstone a few weeks ago. The disciple of Blackstone undertook to whip the editor in his den. Same old result. The Blackstonian is able to be out, but he still limps. The editor never missed a delinquent subscriber.—The Nebraska Editor.

LAR VOTE.

The resolution recently adopted in the house of representatives, to submit to the states an amendment to the constitution making the election of a United States senator dependant upon the direct vote of the people, is the first movement toward accomplishing a needed reform. The senatorial elections of the past ten years have impressed upon the people the necessity for a change in the method of election. Too often has the election of a senator been in contravention to the will of the people of the state from whence he was elected. Frequently it has been the case where the popular vote was placed in jeopardy by the schemes of disloyal politicians who were influenced by jealousy or personal ambitions.—St. Joseph Herald.

If Germany proposes to take a hand in the disposition of the Philippines she will find that the United States is a nation quite different from China to deal with. The question of the disposition of the Philippines will be settled by the United States alone. No offer of assistance from foreign nations will be accepted.—St. Joseph Herald.

CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNOR.

The people of the state of Nebraska have for some time had great confidence in the good judgment of Governor Holcomb, and when the soldier boys expressed themselves as having the greatest confidence in the governor's judgment in appointing officers

to take the place of those who were unable to pass the rigid government examination, they only repeated what all the state has said. The boys are as quick and far-sighted as most bodies of men, and when they said that the governor would do them justice they were right. Nebraska certainly was blessed when the people selected such a good, competent man to be their chief executive.—Fremont Leader.

One of the incidents of the Spanish war is an advance of some considerable amount in the cost of rope and twine. Any farmer can associate the scene of Captain Dewey's exploit with Manila binding twine. But it will be more difficult to associate a threefold advance in binding twine made out of a last year's crop of manila fibre with a last week's obstruction of the shipping port of Manila. However, the twine is nothing if not ingenious, and it could not be expected to let a small discrepancy in the relation of things stand in the way of a big rake off. It is such opportunities as this that justifies the sleepless nights a trust suffers from the commonplace hum drum of undisturbed trade. But when the nation suffers from war or other disaster the trust bleeds—bleeds the other fellow.—Nebraska Farmer.

The climate is very warm, but the most salubrious of all the islands in the West Indian group. Hurricanes are frequent.

All kinds of precious woods are produced, among them many varieties of cabinet and dye woods, mahogany, ebony, lignum vitae, cedar and logwood. Roots and herbs rich in medicinal properties abound.

Warm clothing is comfortable at night.

The surf that breaks on the north coast is one of the strongest known.

Houses in the towns have flat roofs to catch water and for recreative purposes. In the country the houses are built ten feet from the ground on piles. This is to avoid the dampness. The siesta is a universal favorite, shopping and visiting being done only at night. Strange as it may seem, there are no stenches noticeable in the towns, as in other tropical climates.

The Spanish custom of imprisoning debtors and murderers in the same compartment obtains.

The planter of any means will have a town house, and there brings the family at carnival time.

The trees are always green in Porto Rico.

There are no snakes, no beasts of prey, no noxious birds nor insects to terrorize the field laborer.

There is a strange scarcity of birds there, a few parrots and water fowls seeming to cover the list. Monkeys and rabbits are unknown on the island. Enormous rats, however, abound and devastate the crops.

Longevity among the natives is of common occurrence, death at 100 years of age not being rare.

San Juan seems to be the "Mecca" of adventurers and fugitives from justice. To be a white man in the islands is to have a certain stamp of nobility.

"Xivaro" is the name by which the small planter is known. He loves his sweetheart, his game cock, his cigar, his guitar, his hammock and his horse. He is quick to anger and quick to forgive. He is not fond of work.

Men and women ride horseback alike. Wicker baskets with handles are hung on either side of the horse's shoulders, the rider sits and swings his feet. The traveller on horseback never feels dressed up unless he carries a basket-handled sword a yard and a quarter long.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

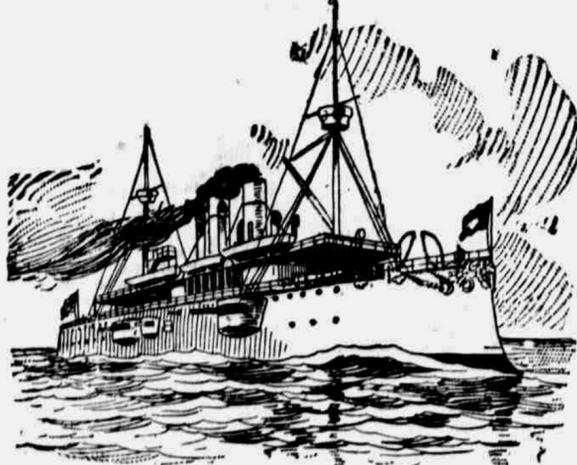
The ignorance of Spain passes understanding. The proud Castilians who prate about their "national honor" have no adequate conception of America or the Americans. In a nation 68 per cent of which is illiterate it is not strange that popular misapprehensions should be entertained concerning a foreign nation thousands of miles away; but it seems queer that the press and the public leaders of Spain should be so woefully in the dark concerning American matters.

Not a less personage than General Weyler himself recently assured an interviewer that "with 50,000 soldiers landed on American shores he could in one week's time march from San Francisco to Boston." General Correa, the Spanish minister of war, recently said: "What war will not be confined to Cuba. The war is to hinder us from taking our army to the United States some night and investing the capital at Washington next day?"

One of the leading journals of Madrid, the Imperial, editorially remarked on April 2: "It is a fact well known to all European statesmen that only by means of armed forces stationed in the late confederate states has the Washington government been able to preserve the semblance of peace. Even now the new generation of the confederacy is but waiting for the word to revolt. When war is declared General Lee, who has been casual general at Havana, and who was kicked out of Cuba by Governor General Blanco, will raise the standard of revolt and the old southern confederacy. This Lee is the same Lee who was general-in-chief of the civil war in 1862 to 1865, and whose surrender to General Lincoln in the last named year broke the revolution. His acts at Havana were for the purpose of plunging the government into war with the kingdom of Spain, at which time he and his followers would rise against Senator Mackinlay."

El Herald de Madrid furnishes this valuable bit of information concerning the United States troops:

All the troops of the yankees are in the far western part of the country, many thousand miles from the Atlantic coast. There are only a few thousand men all told, and they are ill-paid and ill-fed, and not willing to fight. To utilize this force it will be necessary to bring it to the eastern seaboard. There is but one railway by which it can be transported, and that is an old and poorly constructed affair. At one place this railroad passes over Niagara Falls, a cataract 1,500 feet high, near Labrador. At last accounts the bridge at this place was in a very dangerous condition. It need surprise no one to hear that some



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Troops are asked for at Colorado, in the state of Denver, and at St. Louis (Louis) in Missipi.

"Now is brought to us that Buffalo Bill, a notorious outlaw and leader of a band of half-breeds, has risen against the American government, and is burning towns near his birthplace in New York."

El Diario truthfully says: "It will no doubt surprise our readers to learn that the Yankee president, Magrinly, is a naturalized Chinaman, having been born in Canton."

Al Pais draws this beautiful pen picture of the United States:

"The country is not fit to live in. The climate is execrable. When it is not scorching or snowing the heat is almost unbearable. Avalanches are frequent at all times, and those threaten the principal cities. As for the people, besides the few whites engaged in business along the eastern shore, the remainder of the country is one vast plain, covered with Indians called cowboys, and great herds of roaming cattle."

It is a mistake to say, as our school histories do, that "America was discovered by Spain in 1492." Spain has not discovered this country yet.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE PORT OF CARDENAS.

Cardenas, the Cuban port whose gunners hit the torpedo boat Winslow, with their shells, is situated about seventy miles to the east of Havana. It is connected by rail with the Cuban capital and with Mantanzas. Just west of Cardenas is the little town of Signapa, a twin city, and the two towns together have a population of 20,000. These towns, while quite useful in the American campaign for the purpose of landing men and as a base of supplies, are not as healthful as could be desired. They are surrounded by swamps and marshes, but they are by no means so bad as some other Cuban towns that could be mentioned. Cardenas has a pretty harbor. Several small prizes of war were captured here during the early days of the Havana blockade by Admiral Sampson.

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