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The Monitor Terror of Litchfield is drifting along over the rough sea of journalism and even its editor does not know where it is going to fetch up at. Its rambling pop editorials miss the mark worse than the Spanish fleet that met Dewey.

In another column we publish the program for decoration day, which will take place under the auspices of the G. A. R. Post of this city. This is a year when the patriotism of the people is fully aroused and we predict a large turnout. Those who have the matter in charge are making every effort possible to honor the day with all due respect to our departed boys in blue and loyalty to Old Glory.

An "Educated" populist was "arguing" with a republican on our streets the other day and he said that "the republican congress had entrusted Bill McKinley with 50 million dollars, to use as he saw fit, and he had spent it all, and where had it gone to?" Yes, and they could not have put it in better hands. About 45 millions were used in buying and equipping ships, and if it is all spent it will be honestly accounted for. The few shallow brained howlers that always seem to bob up at such times as this are a disgrace to any party, but cold wet rains always develops them.

England never done a more noble act than when she backed square down in the Venezuelan question at the dictations of the United States. She acknowledged by her change of front, that she was wrong, and signified her willingness to do right at our urgent request, backed by our show of interference if she persisted. England has been quite considerable of a bully in the past but her action of late can but gain for her the approval of the civilized world. Let her continue in well doing and we venture to say she can span the world with the long arm of Brother Johnathan making half the chain and clasping hands at New York and Hong Kong.

The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is one of the greatest enterprises of the century, but very few persons who have not had the opportunity of observing the progress of this great work, have any idea of its magnitude or the National scope of its character. All persons who desire to add to their store of knowledge relating to this wonderful exposition, one of the prime objects of which is the development of the west, and to also see the architectural beauty and grandeur of the buildings and the charming location of the grounds overlooking the bluffs of the Missouri river, and to see the wonderful aggregation of exhibits from every part of the world should not fail to visit Omaha during the summer.

It is apparent that far from "eluding" or "trapping" our squadrons, the Spanish fleet is now itself in a trap, from which it can only escape by very good luck or very good seamanship. If its objective point is Havana it can be intercepted before it reaches the port by either Schley or Sampson, both of whom are nearer Havana than the Spanish admiral. Sampson has demonstrated that Porto Rico is a poor support for a naval force. He will intercept the Spanish fleet if they sail east, Schley will catch them if they sail west, and the issue will depend wholly upon the yowder of the Cape Verd fleet to combat either of our squadrons on the high seas. It would seem that the Spanish are in a trap. Can they fight their way out? If they can't they are doomed to a defeat that will destroy Spain as a sea power.

When two patriotic American citizens meet these days the proper form of salute is, "Good morning, howdy Dewey." — Fall City Journal.

Nations, like men, have a beginning, rise to their emicence and decline. Rome, once the proudest of powers, declined and fell to decay. The great Nero "fiddled while Rome burnt." Spain was "born in sin and cradled in iniquity," though she has by times reached a supposed high position, yet her love of conquest, her marble heart and bloody hands, were always a token of an ignominious decent. While her sons are battling valiantly for their loved Spain, those at home have been filling their baskets with dainties and their caresses with beer and going to make merry at a bull fight, the idle of their heart, and when news reaches them of the defeat of their arms, they set up a howl like a Commanche Indian and mob some one of the administration, but the bull fight goes on.

Contrast this with the American people, when snubs, insult and injury at last become unbearable they deliberately set to work to end them. With a patriotic and thoughtful spirit they take up arms only when it becomes absolutely necessary so to do, and as our brave boys go to battle, those at home are constantly praying that victory may crown them. If they meet with a reverse our people show it only in solemn and sympathetic meane, and press on with redoubled energy, hoping for better success next time, and they are not often disappointed. It is calm, cool, pious wisdom, and humane deeds of valor that characterize the American people, and bring glory and victory to their always just cause.

The Spanish organs are holding out the idea to their readers that the United States cannot engage in warfare without the confederate states rebelling again. But in this they are as much mistaken, and misleading as they were when they published the statement that their fleets were able to smash the American fleets. There is no fear of southern rebellion. Our people are united in this movement, and the loyalty displayed in the south is equally as commendable and praiseworthy as that of the north. The Spanish people however, will not find it out until it is too late.

REMEMBERED THE MAINE.
Columbia greets her warrior sons,
The noble, the brave and the true;
And bids battle for Christian right
Neath the folds of the red, white and blue.
The voice of pity thrills their hearts,
The voice of the hungry and weak,
Comes over the Tropic sea,
And bids their rifles speak.
Our gallant tars who shed their blood
In this holy war with Spain,
Can truly say their duty is done
For they have remembered the Maine.
JACOB WISKLEMAN.

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HOW THE GURKHAS FIGHT.

They Punctuated Their Attacks on a Fortress With Football Games.

Not two miles from Nilt progress was again arrested—and this time for weeks—by the fortresses of Thol and Maum. These seemed impregnable, for where the slopes of the cliff were not inaccessible the defenders had turned the water course on the edge of them, so that they were quickly coated with ice.

In front of these strongholds the officers and Gurkhas played football every afternoon, the latter, who were very keen, kicking the ball without bending the knee. The Hunzas, however, objected to the game, and as soon as one commenced would open fire, which the players regarded not. So the Kanjutis started a game of polo on the maiden outside Thol, but the British fire was more effective, for the Gurkhas are capital marksmen, and the game was soon dropped. Finally a Dogra sepoy named Nagdu discovered a gully which seemed possible and ascended this alone.

The following night, 50 Gurkhas and 50 Dogras of the imperial service troops under Lieutenant Manners-Smith, an expert cragsman, hid at the foot of the gully and remained shivering there for hours, until at early dawn the remainder of the force diverted the enemy's attention by a continuous fire.

Followed by his 50 Gurkhas, Manners-Smith commenced the perilous ascent, and behind them came Taylor and his Dogras, with the mortifying result that after two hours' climbing the gully was found to be blocked. Steps were retraced to where the gully forked, and there he again led upward in such manner that had one of the leaders missed his hold most of the party might have been swept away.

This time they were right, and the leaders were within 60 yards of the first sangar before being perceived. The alarm being given, the interchange of shots at once ceased, and all attention was directed to the daring climbers. Rocks and showers of stones were poured down, but the little band had passed the most exposed points, and only a few were destroyed. Calmly they swung themselves up from rock to rock until at length the plucky subaltern and a few of his men were seen to storm the first sangar, the defendants scattering after a short resistance.—Fall Mail Magazine.

UNLOADING COAL.

Two Ways of Discharging Coal From Canalboats Into Carts.

Scoops like those that are used in taking up mud from under water, in deepening slips, that shut together in the mud, biting out a great mouthful of it to be lifted up and dropped into a scow, are also used in unloading coal—in taking coal out of boats. The ordinary way of unloading coal from boats into carts on the wharf alongside is with big scoops holding a quarter of a ton each, which are hung on pivots so that when they are cast loose they can easily be upset and emptied. These scoops are filled in the boat by men who tip the scoop on its side toward the coal and scrape the coal down into it until it is almost full and then right it up and finish filling it with shovels. The scoop is hooked on to a rope and hoisted up by horse or steam power to the derrick waiting with his cart on the wharf, who empties the scoop into his cart. Meanwhile the men below are filling another scoop. The shovelers who do this work earn good wages, but they must be men of strength and endurance, and they may have to work long hours.

The steam scoop is used in only the smaller sizes of coal, but the work that it does is done much cheaper than it could be done by hand shoveling. The scoop is dropped open upon the coal in the hold of a canalboat and then closed by power operated by the engineer who runs it. The separated lower edges of the two parts of the scoop are drawn together down through the coal until they meet, thus holding the coal inclosed.

The scoop is then hoisted up and swung in by power, not over the cart, but over an elevated pocket or bin which has a spout on each side so that two carts can load at once. When it has been swung in, the scoop is opened, to discharge its contents into the pocket, and then it is swung out again and once more dropped open upon the coal in the boat below.—New York Sun.

Electric Lighting in Tunnels.

America is leading the way in the matter of illuminating railway tunnels by means of electricity. The Baltimore tunnel is thus lighted, and arrangements are being made to light the Hoosac tunnel in the same way. Similarly, on the continent the great St. Gothard tunnel will shortly be illuminated by means of arc lamps. The advantages claimed for an electrically illuminated railway tunnel are many. Among other things, it will presumably greatly reduce the chances of an accident happening either from collision or through a broken rail or an obstruction, as the engineer will be enabled to see clearly a long way ahead—far enough at least, if the lights are properly distributed, to stop his train in time.—Industries and Iron.

Variations on an Ancient Theme.

"My wife," said the tall, lantern-jawed man, "is as womanly a woman as you could find, but she can hammer nails like lightning."
"Wonderful," sang the chorus.
"Lightning," the tall, lantern-jawed man continued, "seldom strikes twice in the same place."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Austrian government has a Hungarian opal 2 1/2 inches long and 2 1/2 inches thick. It weighs 17 ounces and is worth \$300,000. The fine opal, of a hyacinth red to a honey yellow, with firelike reflections of bright light, is valued at from \$5 to \$10 per carat.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Land Office at Lincoln, Neb., April 25, 1898.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge of Sherman county, at Loup City, Neb., on Monday, June 13, 1898, viz: Kardzmiarzew Sowakinos, H. E. No. 1861, for the north west quarter of section 22, township 16, range 13, west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Mike Petrylis, John Spotanski, Adam Frederick, Michael Rewolinski, all of Ashton, Neb.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
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Land Office at Lincoln, Neb., April 21st, 1898.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county Judge of Sherman county, Nebraska, at Loup City, on Saturday, June 4, 1898, viz: John W. Carpenter H. E. No. 18167 for the south West Fourth, Section 13, Township 14, Range 14, west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Vandergriff, Elias S. Ogilvie, John S. Needham, and William H. Hayes, all of Austin, Nebraska. Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the Interior Department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
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