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The students of some of the American colleges have decided to abolish hazing. This is a step in the right direction and the example should be followed by all colleges. Some of the larger colleges have of late years been turning out little else than educated rowdies and thugs, while many of the smaller ones are veritable dude factories.

Democratic Gush.

The result of the Congressional elections appears to have favored the Republicans. During the campaign the orators and press of that party informed us that Spain stood waiting to see whether the nation would uphold the hands of the President by the election of a congress favorable to the administration, and if she did not, then Spain would refuse to treat further, relying upon the Democratic congress to assist her in the contest of diplomacy. Well, the President's hands have been "upheld," and strange to observe, the Spaniards stand pat and defy McKinley and his congress. The fact is that Spain has much less to fear from the United States with a president in the hands of the sharks, gamblers and speculators and a congress of his own kind than she would if a Democratic congress was there to insist upon his doing his duty, regardless of the interests of Mark Hanna and his cohorts.—*Gage County (Neb.) Democrat.*

The foregoing is an editorial which appeared in a late issue of the paper to which it is credited, and for genuine idiocy and senseless gush it takes the premium. Isn't it just too awful the way the Spaniards "stand pat" whatever that means, and "defy McKinley and his congress?" The Spaniards defied McKinley so hard that they conceded every demand "Uncle Sam" made and in yielding they almost said, "Uncle Samuel, if you don't see what you want, ask for it." In fact the Dons acted real nice, considering that they did not fear a Republican administration as they would have feared a Democratic congress, as our wild and woolly western contemporary would have us believe. But why should Spain fear McKinley and his congress? Did anything take place that should make the Spanish have fears? Of course, there was that little incident in Manila bay, the little scrap just outside of Santiago harbor, the fall of Cavite, Santiago and Manila, the entire destruction of the Spanish navy and a few other little things that it took about three months to accomplish, but the western Democratic editor of the "Billy" Bryan stripe does not consider these things as a cause of fear to the Spanish, because all of them transpired while a Republican President and Congress were doing business at the old stand in Washington.

A long haired western Populist is generally a shallow-brained fool but a western Democratic editor who has fused with the "Pops" as often as the editor of the *Gage County Democrat* has, is a much bigger fool and couldn't write a truthful or sensible editorial if he tried.

The Best Business School.

Business cannot be learned from books nor acquired at school. A theoretical course in business is only an introduction to its practice. It requires thorough training to make a successful business man. Employment in a prosperous and progressive establishment, affording as it does the opportunity for watching causes and effects and stimulating a desire to excel in the duties imposed, is the only practical training school.—*Knoxville (Tenn.) Business Magazine.*

Our Tennessee brother who penned the above words of wisdom might also have added, and very appropriately, too, that neither colleges nor schools can make those wise who're strictly fools.

In these days too much money is being wasted in trying to make "professors" and college graduates of young men who have an insufficient quantity of brain to acquire even a good common school education. He who is destined to become a learned man must have some natural ability as well as good schooling; and if the natural ability is great enough, the possessor thereof will become a scholarly man even if his schooling is limited.

A young man who is naturally bright will acquire a finer education by observation, association and self application than can possibly be acquired in any other way by one who is naturally dull.

Many young men who are well qualified by nature for agricultural and mechanical pursuits are rendered practically useless in the world by being sent to college and forced into a profession

for which nature never intended them, and in which they are not competent to make a success of.

Parents should study the make-up of their sons and daughters and try to observe what natural gifts they have. This is not hard to do, and if good judgment is exercised by the parents, there will be fewer people who miss their calling in life.

Don't try to make a lawyer, doctor or some other kind of professional man of your son when you see that nature has intended him for a mechanic, a farmer or a laborer. It is as hard for a man who has missed his calling in life to make a success of it as it is to make a silk handkerchief of a mule's ear.

Europ's Alleged Opinion.

Pittsburg Times.

There is a sedulous attempt being made to influence public opinion in this country by the publication of what is reported to be European sentiment in regard to this country's attitude concerning the Philippines. The enforced demand by our peace commissioners for the relinquishment of Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines is said to have produced a very bad effect in continental Europe. Upon every hand there we are told that there are sneering allusions to the sincerity with which the United States went into the war and predictions of the most woeful character as to what is to become of us in consequence of our alleged fall from grace. It is not strange that such opinions should be expressed, if not actually held among the ruling classes of continental Europe. How sincere they may be is another question. The people of the United States are, however, not accustomed to meeting the expressed desires of these classes. The latter have, as a rule, never been very ardent in their admiration for the American way of doing things. They have always abounded in prophecies of evil to come to this country because of its pursuit of policies diametrically opposite to what would suit their own designs. When this country was in the throes of civil war there was a general European chorus predicting that our end as a nation was in sight. When we put into effect the policy of protection to American industry, again our commercial ruin was predicted because of the Chinese wall we had built around us. When the 16 to 1 craze was upon a portion of our people, again the European prophets foretold our financial overthrow. And so now because we have compelled Spain to relinquish her criminally bad rule over the Philippines, the same old crowd again see the handwriting on the wall for the great Republic.

Patriotic Americans will only be the more confirmed in sustaining the action of our government thus far with regard to the Philippines, because of the unfair and prejudiced European criticisms of it. They know full well that this country did not begin the late war to annex any Spanish territory whatever. No man in all the United States perceived then that the taking up of arms in defense of the Cubans meant also liberation for the Filipinos from Spain's cruel rule. Yet the logic of events was such that both results necessarily followed. The peace commission has thus far simply secured the relinquishment of Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines. What the American nation may decide to do with those islands is for its people to determine. That they approve of the driving out of the Spaniards they have amply shown. They did this without consulting European opinion, and they will settle the future of the islands without regard to it.

What the \$20,000,000 Are For.

New York Sun.

"What are the twenty millions for?" For the commutation of that part of the Philippine debt which is represented by actual investment in improvements for the benefit of the islands. It is an obligation which properly belongs to us when we take over the sovereignty.

"How is the extent of this obligation estimated for the purpose of commutation?" On the strength of information procured by the administration from American officers and others now in the Philippines, and carefully weighed by the commissioners at Paris.

"Is the tribute to Spain excessive?" Not a cent of it is tribute to Spain, or compensation to Spain, or indemnity to Spain.

"Why should the twenty millions, or any money, be paid?" It is a reasonable and just payment of cash for value received; a payment which might be avoided just as any reasonable and just obligation might be repudiated by our government when the creditors are powerless to enforce their claims.

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