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Inclement weather seldom interferes with "wild oats" sowing, and never effects the harvest that is sure to follow.

The cost of the Spanish-American war to the United States is estimated at \$140,500,000, of which \$20,000,000 was expended to increase the navy. We have not learned the estimate of the cost of the war to Spain, but our navy destroyed twenty-five Spanish warships valued at \$26,400,000.

The new bankruptcy law is causing a stir among the attorneys in various parts of the state. Copies of the law are greatly in demand, and it is estimated that there are 500,000 people in this country who have failed since the old law was repealed in 1878 that now purpose seeking the privileges of the recent enactment. An insolvent man may file his petition in bankruptcy in the United States District court after August 2, and one month later he can apply for his discharge. The judge will then have a hearing in court and the bankrupt will be released unless exception shall be filed to his discharge, either on the ground that he has committed some offense punishable by imprisonment under the act, or has destroyed or failed to keep his book accounts.

There are some sidewalks in Reynoldsville that are in very bad condition. All sidewalks should be kept in good repair. We believe the sidewalks in a town should be built and repaired by the proper authorities at the expense of the tax payers, just the same as the streets are kept up. The sidewalks are built for the convenience of the public and the tax payers should pay the expense of the same. Because a man or woman saves their money and builds a home, which adds to increase of valuation of the borough, is no good reason why he or she should be at an expense in keeping up a sidewalk to accommodate the public. The expense of sidewalks certainly should be borne by the taxpayers. If this were done perhaps the sidewalks would be kept in better condition than they are now in. True, if the sidewalks were added to the list of taxes, the property owners would have to help pay for the sidewalks, but the amount that would be received from non-property owners would be quite a help in paying the sidewalk expenses.

Stoke's Saloon.

As an example of a more innocent and less dangerous saloon than those drunkard-making ones, I would mention Stoke's soda water fountain saloon. As no one gets drunk at Stoke's place, it is in evidence to show that a saloon is not necessarily a bad and dangerous place. But a saloon need not confine itself to soda water in order to be innocent and harmless. It may freely dispense anything wholesome and non-intoxicating in quantities not less than a gallon or two.

Strong drinks make a saloon a very dangerous place, unless it is regulated in such a manner as to avoid those risks which attend the free handling of all dangerous things and substances. If strong drinks have any value at all as a beverage, they are at least not safe to handle freely and, therefore, we need the same laws against their careless dispensation as we enact against other careless things and places. If the government see fit to guard against danger in one direction, why should it not do so in every other? If even a dangerous sidewalk is worth legal attention, why not a dangerous saloon?

The only true solution of the much debated drinking question is this: drinking is more an evil in itself than is eating, and both habits are what we make them, either harmful or harmful. As a rule most people know how to eat decently and harmlessly, but how to drink harmlessly and wisely is a lesson which some can never learn, and for all such—babes that they are—we need a mother of laws to take care of them.

Some people dissipate themselves by drinking and some by eating. The proportion of those who dissipate themselves by drinking is, however, far greater than those who do it by eating, and this entirely due to the intoxicating qualities of beer and other strong drinks, against the danger of which the government makes little provision, compared with what it does against the injurious qualities of impure and unhealthy articles of food.

Drunkness will be reduced to a minimum just as soon as the American people learn to be "impartial enough to exercise as much precaution against danger in one direction as in another."

Saw Cervera's Fleet Destroyed.

Following is a private letter written by Capt. Carl A. Wagner, of Co. L, 33rd Michigan Volunteers, to his sister, Mrs. E. Neff in Reynoldsville. The letter is dated Siboney, Cuba, July 19, 1898. Capt. Wagner visited in this place several years ago.

DEAR SISTER:—In order to fulfill my promise to write you from here, I will give you a brief account of my experience since I wrote you from Newport News. We sailed from that place Sunday afternoon, June 26, at about 2:00 o'clock. We had a most delightful voyage and were very pleasantly treated by the officers of the ship (U. S. auxiliary cruiser "Harvard") and had everything provided for our comfort. We arrived off this place on Friday morning and began to debark. The first thing I learned was that the 33rd Regt. had gone to the front that morning at 3:00 o'clock to attack a place called Aguadores, about fifteen miles up the coast. At noon word came that a shell struck the right of my Company, killed two men and wounded three more. I hurried to the hospital just as they brought them in and I never had anything try me more than the sight of those poor mangled forms of some of my best men. The corporal of the squad had his left elbow fractured and the tears ran down his face as he wrung my hand and tried to express his joy at seeing me. The Company was all very expressive in its reception, but it was necessarily subdued, for the first command I gave them was to fall in behind the stretchers of the two silent forms we carried to the hillside and buried beside the grave of Capt. Capron, of the Rough Riders, killed a few days before. That night we were ordered to the front again and after marching all night arrived in sight of the enemy's lines at day break. We ate a hasty breakfast of hard tack and beef and two Companies were ordered forward on the firing line. My Company, by reason of its punishment and loss of the day before, was kept in reserve, but the bullets whistled uncomfortably close to us. As on the day before our orders were not to attempt to capture the enemy's position, but simply to keep him engaged to prevent those in front of us from attempting a flank movement on those of our army operating directly in front of Santiago. This we continued until the middle of the afternoon when we withdrew to a point about five miles from the enemy, where we threw up entrenchments of our own.

From our position on the point we held we had a fine view of the fleet off Santiago Bay and Morro Castle. We could distinctly see the ships as they bombarded the forts and earthworks of the enemy. With my glass I saw the Spanish fleet come out of the harbor and engage our fleet. I tell you it was a magnificent sight. Such crashing of big guns and leaping of flames and smoke from their sides as they poured shot and shell into each other. The New York was just off our position and hurrying to get into the fight, the black smoke rolling from all three of her funnels like a huge black plume, while the water she hurled from her bows as she tore along looked like white, glistening teeth, giving her the appearance of a monster demon of destruction, hungering for its prey. It was all over in a short time with the result, as you know, of the utter destruction of the Spanish fleet and the capture of its admiral.

The pictures of the scenery that you see in the papers are quite correct, at least those cuts I've seen. With cactus and vines, and palms, and broad leaved plants, and bushes, it is a terrible place to get through, where there is no trail cut. And such crabs, the most revolting looking things you ever saw; bodies as large as your head, great ugly claws, and their sidelong movement and horrible smell make them the most repulsive thing I ever saw. The other night I woke up hearing one of them crawling up my trunk, right at my side. You can imagine how I felt. The place is full of chameleons, a little animal like a lizard, harmless and quite pretty. They are all colors. This and mosquitoes make our lives miserable.

We are now back at Siboney, where we landed, and are held here, doing all kinds of fatigue duty, such as cleaning up, burning old filthy buildings, helping in the hospital, unloading stores from the ships, and guard duty. There is some fever here, but, although our doctors call some of it yellow fever, those who have lived here for years say it is not. I am as sound as a nut and feeling tip top. CARL.

A Common Danger.

If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to "wear away" it may interest you to know that it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis, asthma or catarrh. Otto's Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy, will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Call on H. Alex. Stoke and get a sample bottle free. Large size 25c, and 50c.

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Letter From Jay Evans.

NEWPORT NEWS, Aug. 2, '98.
WILL W. WILBY:—We arrived here from Chicomanga July 27. All are well. Grub is somewhat scarce but that will be remedied shortly. The water here is good but we have got to filter it. We get a good supply of ice.

We are located about five hundred feet from the James river and get one hour each day to bathe in the river. At this point it is seven miles wide. A shark was after the boys Saturday. One of the Rough Riders shot at it several times but missed his aim. Many of the boys refuse to go bathing since.

One of the Kentucky boys died on Saturday. I did not learn the cause of his death. His mother is here to take him home. It is a sad sight to see a dead body removed from camp. The band plays dead marches on such occasions.

There were two men who ran through the guards Sunday and shouted "Hooray" for Spain and denounced our soldiers. They did not get far. We thought at first that they would be court martialed, but they arrested them and their sentence will be six months to the pen. The soldiers are "hot stuff" in that case and are not to be fooled with when in camp.

They tell me that a report was in circulation that Gordon Lowther was dead. He is the liveliest corpse I ever saw. Had, or should, such a thing occur we would wire home. So believe no rumors.

It was a delightful ride of seven hundred miles from Chicomanga here. We had sleeping cars but not one of us knew how to get into bed right after sleeping on the soft side of a Pittsburg Post on mother earth. We also will not know how to eat at a table when we get the opportunity. It looks like a lot of pigs to see us eat.

We are here now with the idea that we are waiting on transports to go to Porto Rico. But if the war closes we may not get any farther and that will suit lots of the boys, but Herb Burns and I will go through it if we can get the chance.

The cruiser Minneapolis is here now and another one arrived to-day, the name I didn't learn. There are four companies of the 16th here: 1st Kentucky, 3rd Kentucky, 160th Indiana and one other Indiana company.

My tent mate, Frank Carter of Punksy, and I have been getting good grub by visiting the houses in town. Of course we have to jump the guards, but that is easy. Some day we will be carrying a sixteen foot log that weighs about 200 pounds as a penalty. That will be fun, I don't think.

I am on duty to-day acting as orderly for Colonel Rickards. All I have to do is carry notes, messages, water and anything he wants I am compelled to get it for him.

The sand is about four inches deep here and the wind very heavy, which makes it very interesting.

If you were to see us you would not know us, we are so black and have such a nice growth of whiskers. Everything goes here with a soldier. If he upsets a wagon of cakes, watermelons, or anything to eat, it is all right, that is soldier's game. The one that can do the most devilment is the one that fares best—and Company L is not behind in any game that is played. We can go through a guard line, rob a wagon, sleep when we are wanted to do something, play sick when we are wanted to go on guard as well as any old veteran of the late war. So don't think Co. L is bashful.

We all get our calls from Gen. Grant and if we do not salute him when we meet him, he makes the boys walk the line to perfection.

Time is scarce or I would write more. With best wishes to all, I close.

Your Friend,
JAY W. EVANS,
Co. L, 16th Reg., Pa. Vol.

Yellowstone Park and Omaha Exposition.

The Yellowstone National Park is unquestionably one of the most interesting regions on the globe, for within it is displayed the greatest collection of nature's manifold wonders. Indeed, this mountain-bound plateau, high up on the summit of the everlasting Rockies, is a veritable playground for the world's giant forces.

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ORDINANCE.

(No. 52.)

Be it ordained by the Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of Reynoldsville and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same—

Sec. 1. That between the outer edge of the side walk and the travelling way of the streets of the Borough of Reynoldsville there shall be appropriated and maintained a strip of ground which shall be devoted to grass plots and shade trees, and upon which, after the same shall have been graded, it shall be unlawful for any person to tie, drive, or lead any horse, mule, cow or other cattle, or for the owners or custodians of said horses, mules, cows or other cattle to permit them to graze or trample thereon, or in any way to disfigure or disturb the same, and any person or persons so offending shall be subject to a fine of five dollars for each and every offence, such fine to be collected as fines and penalties are now collected by law.

Sec. 2. That no street commissioner or other person having charge of the repair of the streets of this borough shall plow, dig, destroy or disturb said plots of ground after the same shall have been properly graded, unless upon a vote of the council directing him so to do.

Sec. 3. That the owners of lots shall have the right, under the direction of the street committee, to grade such pieces of ground in front of their lots, and to keep the same in a neat and tidy condition.

Sec. 4. That on all streets that are thirty-five, and not more than forty feet wide, the width of such strip or plot of ground shall be four feet from the side walk to its outer edge; and on streets above forty feet in width and not above fifty feet said strip or plot of ground shall be five feet wide; and on all streets above fifty feet in width said strip shall be six feet wide. In all cases, however, where the ground is higher on one side of the street than on the other, the street committee shall have power to so modify the width as to best suit the conditions presented.

Sec. 5. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hereafter drive teams or wagons into or cut up or disturb any ditch or drains made by the proper authorities of this borough along the streets or alleys, or in anywise fill up or damage, and render the same unserviceable, and any person so offending shall be subject to a fine of five dollars to be collected as fines and penalties are now collected by law.

Sec. 6. That any ordinance or part of ordinance conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same effects this ordinance.

Ordained and enacted into a law in Council this 3rd day of August, A. D., 1898.

J. H. CORBETT,
President of Council.
L. J. MCENTIRE,
Clerk of Council.
Approved this 5th day of August, A. D., 1898.
H. ALEX. STOKES,
Chief Burgess.

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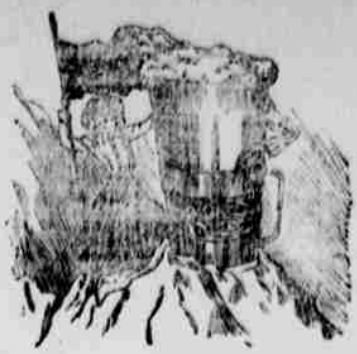
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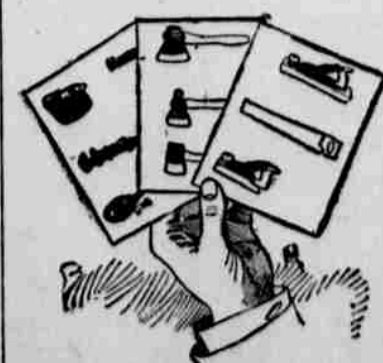
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