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GEO. NUGENT, Editor.

DISEASE WORSE THAN WAR.

War, however short, brings many evils in its train. The Wisconsin soldiers who enlisted for service in the war against Spain found little to do on the field of battle, but many of them have fallen victims to disease in camp and hospital. The two regiments that were sent to Porto Rico saw some fighting and the names of two Badger boys are on the roll of the slain, yet the one regiment which has been in camp for the past three months at Jacksonville, Fla., has a greater death roll than either of them. Taken into the mervating climate of the far south at the beginning of the summer season, they have been the prey of climatic fevers. More than a score of the brave boys have died without the consolation of knowing that their deaths have been of service to the country. Hundreds of others have been prostrated by the fevers and many of them will never be the men they were before. The greater part of this sickness might have been avoided if the troops had been camped in a more healthy locality. What is true of the Wisconsin troops in this respect is true of those of all the other states. The bullet and the sword have taken a few victims, but disease has taken many.

The first Wisconsin volunteers were designated as part of the army for the occupation of Cuba during the period necessary to get the affairs of the island in a settled condition, but the large and constantly growing sick list has compelled a change in the plans and the regiment will come home to be mustered out. The Second and Third regiments have also been ordered home from Porto Rico for the same purpose, and the Fourth Regiment and the Light battery now at Camp Douglas will also be discharged. Thus all the Wisconsin soldiers will be returned to their homes except those who have died in the short period of their service, and the next month will probably see the end of the work as far as the soldiers of this state are concerned. Not much military glory has fallen to the Badger soldiers, but there has been much of service, sacrifice and patient suffering. They have been a credit to themselves and to the state, and the people will always remember them.

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

The commissioners appointed by the United States and Spain to settle the results of the war will soon begin their work. There will be three of these commissions. The first and most important of all will meet in Paris to settle the terms of the treaty by which Spain must relinquish all her possessions in the West Indies, grant freedom to Cuba, turn Porto Rico and other islands over to the United States, transfer one of the Ladrone islands of the Pacific ocean to us for a naval station, and grant concessions in the Philippines. The settlement of the Philippine question will be the most difficult. The inhabitants of the islands are in revolt against Spain, and demand either independence or American occupation. The general feeling in this country is against acquiring the islands and in favor of restricting American occupation there to the needs of a naval and coaling station. But it does not seem right for the United States to abandon the people of the islands again to Spanish rule, which has been the same in all its characteristics as that which brought on the war in Cuba. The people of the Philippines are not capable of self-government, and it will tax the statesmanship of the peace commissioners to find a satisfactory solution for the problem. Spain will not concede anything that is not forced from her and will try to retain her sovereignty of the islands. Thus far wise statesmen have failed to suggest any reasonable settlement of the Philippine question.

The other two commissions will be charged with the work of closing out Spanish rule in Cuba and Porto Rico, and upon them are prominent officers of the army and navy. There will be many difficulties to surmount. No sooner had the Spanish government accepted the terms presented by the United States than their politicians began to make claims to lessen the loss to their government. They claim that their army shall retain all its arms and supplies, and also that the United States shall pay full value for all public property. How much of these demands will be admitted by the commissioners remains to be determined, but it is probable that the rules and precedents of war in such cases will be hunted up and applied. The fighting is over and will not be resumed, but the diplomats of the two countries will probably contend for a long time over the details of the treaty of peace.

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POSITION OF FARMERS AND LABORERS.

The price of wheat, after having advanced nearly to \$2 a bushel during the past year, has settled back nearly to where it was before the advance began, a little over a year ago. The farmers who were fortunate enough to have their last year's crop on hand received some of the benefits of the advance, but it now looks as though they would have to sell their crop this year at a very low price. The falling back of the price shows that the advance of the past year was largely speculative and that the market, if left to itself, will be a poor one. There is reason for the low price of wheat; there is too much of it produced. India, Argentina, Australia and other southern countries have developed great wheat producing qualities and compete with the United States in the markets of the world. Last year these countries had little or no surplus to export, but this year they have good crops and help to make the wheat supply greater than the demand for bread. The wheat farmer has had his day of prosperity. Taking year after year, his crop brings a poor return for his labor. He must turn to something else. He must raise stock instead of grain and live from the products of the herd at least in a measure. Wisconsin farmers formerly received good prices for their barley, but that grain has also declined so that it is no more profitable than wheat. The great malting companies of the country are consolidated into a trust and they control the market, as they furnish the greater part of the demand. Beyond all these influences is one that is more potent than any of them on the prices of grain. The people of the world are not prosperous enough to be good consumers. They have little money and must economize. That is the chief reason why prices in all lines are so low. When the price of manufactured goods declines the manufacturer knows how to meet it. He makes a cheaper grade of goods, adulterating whenever it is possible. We get cheap clothing and it wears out in a short time. The farmer buys cheap machinery and it soon falls to pieces. The farmer cannot thus protect himself. His grain is sold according to grade, and if it is of a poor quality he gets little for it. It is the same with the laboring man. The poor workman cannot find employment anywhere at living wages. He can not gauge his product to the market price. Like the farmer, he must take what he can get, and both must pay more for what they buy than the articles are worth. A remedy must be found for this state of affairs or the people of this country will soon be reduced to the level of the people of Europe, with barely enough earning power to keep life in their bodies.

KOHLVILLE ITEMS.

Jac. Brissel is on the sick list. Quite a number of our folks spent Sunday at Kewaskum.

Henry Menger of Wayne spent last Sunday with his lady friend here.

Messrs. Philip Schellinger and Jac. Hamm spent Sunday at Hartford.

Charles Duffrin of Allenton was a pleasant caller on our burg Thursday.

A pleasant party was held at Joe Hosp's last Saturday, and all had a good time.

Aug. Becker and crew are busy putting a foundation under Gottlieb Metzner's barn.

Frank Textor of Milwaukee and Charles Brandt of Wayne called on Henry Kohl last Wednesday.

Alvin Baum and family from Milwaukee were guests of the Henry Working family a few days last week.

Aquiline Krebs had his leg badly bruised in a runaway accident recently. The injured limb is mending rapidly.

Prof. P. Johnson of Washara, who taught in our public school several years ago, called on his friends here last week.

Mrs. Joseph Schellinger and Mrs. Strobel, both of St. Cloud, Minn., visited their brother John Gales here the fore part of the week.

DUNDEE DOINGS.

A. Hebert is under Dr. O'Neill's care. Ed. Calvey has traded his property here for a farm near Plymouth.

I. D. Stanton made a business trip to Fond du Lac last Thursday.

John Senn of the Cream City visited at P. W. Gallagher's last Monday.

Mrs. M. Slattery of Milwaukee is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Murray.

Mrs. Senn of Ashford spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Gallagher.

Mrs. F. Smith of Fond du Lac spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Gallagher spent a couple of days of last week with friends at Waupun.

Mrs. J. Naughton of New Cassel spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Murray.

Several from here attended the ice cream social at New Prospect last Saturday night, and they all had a fine time.

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THE BOWSER'S TROUBLES.

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All husbands are "streaky." They will run along all right for a week or two as good as pie; and then, all of a sudden and with no valid excuse, they will break out in the most surprising manner. When Mr. Bowser left the house after lunch the other day he was in great humor and stopped to say: "I think I'll stop and get tickets for the theater tonight and we'll put in an enjoyable evening."

When he returned at 6, he ascended the steps with a scuff scuff scuff, unlocked the front door, gave it a kick and made his way into the back parlor to growl:

"Mrs. Bowser, do you pretend to run this house on a system?"

"Why, what is wrong, dear?" she queried.

"There's lots of things wrong, I had scarcely left the office when this old coat button came off. I laid this coat off the 5th of last May and you've had ever since to secure that button."

"But I didn't know it was loose. Why didn't you tell me?"

"Why haven't I told you 10,000 other things that ought to be done? There are sixes who glance at their husbands' clothing once or twice a year and see what repairs are needed. I want a darned needle and a piece of string."

"But I'll sew the button on."

"No; I'll do it myself. I don't want to take up your valuable time."

And despite Mrs. Bowser's entreaties and protestations, she threaded a needle with string and sewed on the button. He got it at such out of line and of course it wouldn't have stayed 5 minutes in any event, but he had carried his point. When he had laid the coat aside he asked:

"Have we got a bad-awl and a piece of wax-end in the house?"

"I don't think so. What do you want them for?"

"To mend my suspenders, of course. I hadn't got a hundred feet from home this noon when they gave way on me. If there's another house in the United States run like this one, I'd like to hear of it and sit on the doorstep for half an hour. Perhaps I can do the repairing with a piece of clothes-line."

"But you can't blame me, Mr. Bowser," she said.

"Oh, of course not! You are not to blame for anything!"

"But how did I know your suspender was ready to break?"

"That's all right, Mrs. Bowser. I'll get a piece of clothes-line or barbed-wire and make repairs, and you need not worry at all. There are wives and wifes."

"Are we going to the theater?" she asked, as he began pacing up and down the room.

"What?" he shouted, in a voice that jumped the cat out of the room.

"Are we going to the theater?"

"Theater! Theater! Have you gone crazy?" Mrs. Bowser, look-a-here, and then talk theater to me!"

He unhooked one of his shoes and kicked it off, and there, at the end of his big toe, was a big hole.

"I was intending to go to the theater," he said, as he stood pointing at the toe, "but I can't get away this evening. I've got to stay at home and darn my socks."

"Mr. Bowser, those socks were new yesterday morning when you put them on!" exclaimed Mrs. Bowser.

"Oh, of course! I probably cut that hole with the shears. I want a darned needle and some string. As long as I've got to take care of my clothes the rest of my life I'll begin tonight."

"Mrs. B., protested, but she threaded a darned needle with a piece of red string and used up about eight feet of it darning the hole. He appeared to be growing good-natured, so she again asked:

"Aren't we going to the theater tonight?"

"If we get through in time we may."

"Get through with what?"

"Mrs. Bowser," he said, as he removed his coat and turned his back, "look at the back of my vest!"

"I see it, but what's wrong?"

"Wrong! wrong! Is there a buckle there? Put on your glasses and tell me if you can find a buckle anywhere on the back of my vest?"

"No, I don't see one; but this is the first time you have called my attention to it."

"Exactly. What was the use? That buckle busted off three years ago last Thanksgiving day, and yet you haven't noticed it. Is there a square buckle kicking around the cellar or hanging up in the garage? If not I suppose I can heat the stove-poker and bend it to answer."

"You only got that vest three months ago, Mr. Bowser, and the tailor never put a buckle on!" she exclaimed, as she pulled at the strap.

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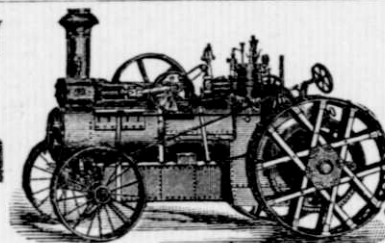
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Miss Margaret Pesch is visiting relatives at Newburg.

Nic. Hammes of Holy Hill called on relatives here this week.

Peter Schultz has rented Peter Sausen's farm for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ketter of Cascade called on relatives here last Tuesday.

Peter Pesch and son from Newburg spent Sunday under the parental roof here.

Mr. and Mrs. Math. Theisen of St. Michaels spent Sunday with the F. Kaas family.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Simon on Aug. 16th. We extend congratulations.

Stephen Kohlen, who was visiting the St. Schladweiler family for a week, has returned to his home in Chicago.

Stephen Ketter has now so far recovered from the effects of breaking his leg last spring as to be around, and glad to see you about again, Steve!

NEWFARE NEWS. Wanted:-Rain. Hunting season now.

Miss Lena Krueger called on relatives here this week.

August Krueger purchased a new bicycle last Saturday.

Fred Wiese and family made a visit at Random Lake last Sunday.

A grand harvest ball will be given by A. Dehm on Sunday, Sept. 18th.

Will Marx made a flying trip to West Bend last Wednesday on his bicycle.

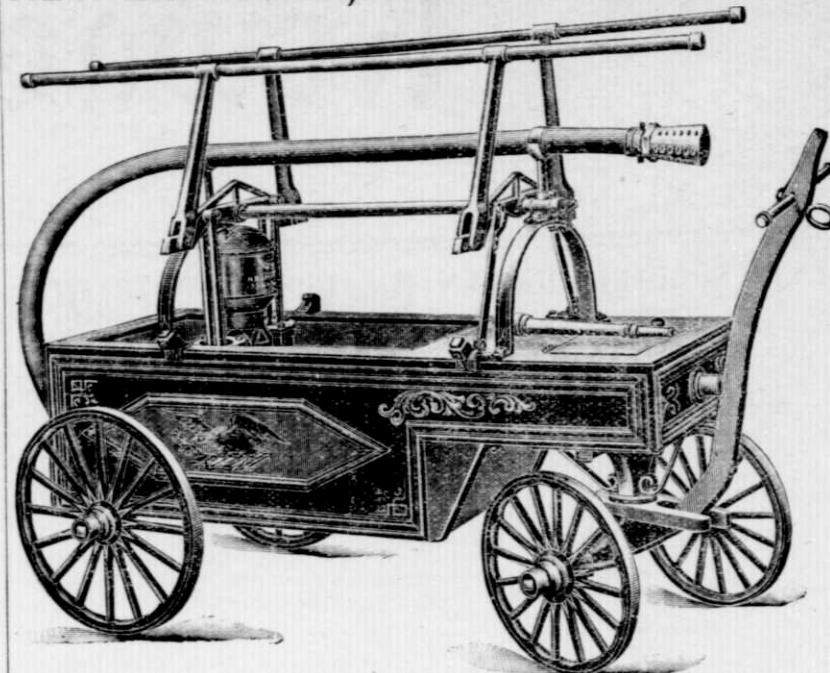
Many of our young folks attended the excursion picnic at Kewaskum last Sunday.

Henry Schneberger of Milwaukee spent Sunday with relatives at his old home here.

Huldah Kanies, who works in the Cream City, spent a few days with her parents here this week.

A bicycle rally and dance will take place in Dehm's hall tomorrow (Sunday), and all are invited to attend.

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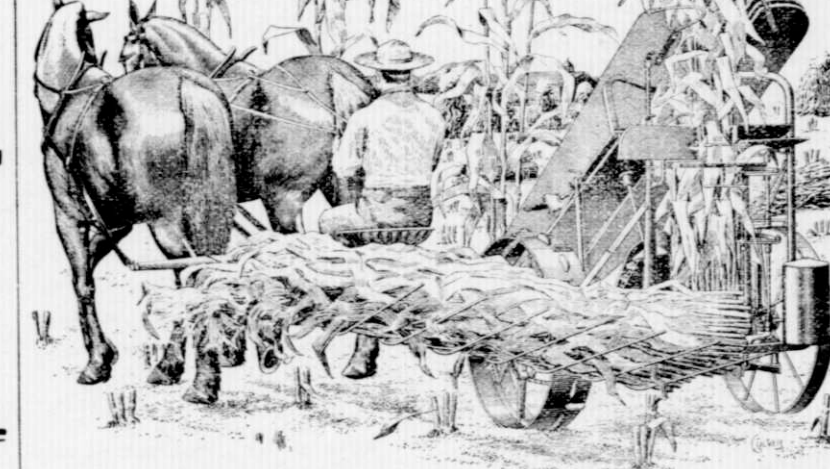


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