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OUR FLEETS PLAYING WAR.

Admiral Pillsbury to Attack the New England Coast and Admiral Higginson to Prevent the Attack.

A novel drill is being made by the United States navy along the coasts from New York to Maine. Admiral Pillsbury, with a part of our sea fighters known as the White Squadron, is to make a sham attack on some point along the coast of New England.

Admiral Higginson, with a well equipped fleet known as the Blue Squadron, is to be on the alert and will try to prevent his fleet from landing. No shots will be fired except as signals to indicate that the sham enemy has been discovered. Certain rules govern to determine whether a successful attack could have been made.

If the attacking fleet can drop in upon some unfortified place and be there for as much as six hours undiscovered it will be accorded the victory but if discovered in less time than six hours from the landing it will be accounted defeated.

The greatest secrecy of the movements is kept. There is no way to guess when nor where the enemy will be upon a place.

One day of the play is past with no appearance of the attacking fleet.

BLACKBURN MEETS KLUTTZ.

And the Drummer Boy Marches to His Own Funeral.

Sparta, N. C., Aug. 21.—Hon. Theo. F Klutz and E S Blackburn met here in joint discussion. It was with some effort that Mr. Blackburn's friends induced him to meet Mr. Klutz, but the "drummer boy" was finally pulled into it. Klutz's speech was one of the most able presentations of national and State issues ever heard here. Mr. Blackburn's speech was one of prejudice and his only plea was "prosperity," while he praised the independent movement and abused what he termed "rings." Truly, Mr. Klutz used him up cleanly and nicely.—Special to the News and Observer.

Mr. Joe Morgan Killed At Lynchburg.

Mr. Albert Morgan, of Forest Hill, received a telegram from Lynchburg this morning stating that his son Joe Morgan was killed there last night by the train. At this time the father of the young man has been unable to hear any particulars as to how the accident occurred.

The remains of the young man will arrive here to-night on train No. 35.

Explosion Kills Eight.

Eight men were killed and a number were hurt on the 20th by an explosion of a paper mill near Wilmington, Delaware.

Fifth Day of the Institute.

The fifth day of the institute was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. W A Lutz.

Prof. Leitz lectured on geography, the importance of beginning the study of local geography and teaching the children to locate places of interest, commercial, religious and historic, in their county and State, by giving them imaginary excursions through different sections of the State, familiarizing themselves with the products, resources, railway systems, manufacturing industries, etc. He drew a beautiful map of the State and taught from it.

Prof. Jones then took up arithmetic, beginning with percentage. He likes the plan that you find in Davies Arithmetic of impressing the process by formula. Thus principal or base he would mark b, rate per cent r and percentage p. Then b multiplied by r equals p, p divided by r equals b, p divided by b equals r. It is all involved in the well-known arithmetical principles that product is obtained by multiplication of factors. An unknown factor is obtained by dividing the product of these factors by the known factor.

Prof. Jones having closed the lesson on arithmetic, Superintendent Thompson, of our graded school addressed the meeting, directing his remarks to the committeemen present.

He plead for the 55 per cent. of the children not in the schools.

He claimed that we do not need among us any such parents as will not send to the schools. Welcome them to move out. They are a burden on us and their ignorant children will be a like burden. We are governed by majorities and ignorance should form no part of these majorities.

Three objects should be kept in view, increased attendance, more money for the schools and better prepared instructors.

The boy that will not walk one, two or three miles to school is apt to walk further in life when if educated he might ride.

Two teachers in a school are better than one. The work can be classified and the two can be more efficient. He would have a male at the head of such school but would recommend a lady in charge of the smaller children. They are naturally better adapted to the work and the children take to them better.

The consolidation of districts, where practical, enables the country schools to enjoy more nearly the advantages of the graded school system. It makes the selection of teachers according to adaptation more easy and renders it less difficult to secure

good management. It offers the chance for economy in the employment of teachers and lengthens the schools.

He advocated taxation for the increase of the school terms. Thirty cents on the property and 90 cents on the poll, he said, would double the length of the school term. The country boy has every advantage over the town boy except in the matter of education. Increase the efficiency of the schools and he will outstrip the world.

Mr. Thompson was cheered vigorously and doubtless made a fine impression.

Col. P B Means then spoke at some length, urging committeemen to appreciate to the full extent the high responsibility intrusted to their care of effecting the education of the children of the land.

Returns After 35 Years.

Mr. A Jackson Cress arrived from Hillsboro, Ill., Thursday morning. This is the first time the writer has seen him since the eventful days of the 60's. He was a member of Co. F., 57th N. C. Regiment, and we bear no recollection of a cooler, braver boy in the service than he. He entered the army at 16 and at that age he manifested, in the first battle, at Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, a courage that was the envy of the company. It was none of the dash or bravado kind but simply a willingness to discharge every duty most scrupulously. He would practically have marched into a cannons mouth if it had been duty.

When the war was over Mr. Cress concluded to try his fortune in the central West.

He is now the possessor of nearly 300 acres of land near Hillsboro with all the stock and implements necessary for the farm.

He married and has reared four sons and one daughter. This daughter was the last to cheer the parental home and complete the ambition for posterity of both sexes. She is 19 years old and with one brother is yet a part of a happy family circle, three sons having married. Mr. Cress, too, knows not the loss of a member of his family.

He will visit in the Old North State for 10 days, when he will return to Illinois.

We are writing this largely for the survivors of Co. F., 57th regiment, and to them we need not say it but to others we gladly testify that Mr. Cress was, beside being brave, a most conscientious all-round good fellow that blessed our camp life. May he carry long his bloom of youthful appearance.

THREE MORE DAYS OF THE RED LETTER SALE.

These are the last three days but by no means the least. We still have some bargains to offer you which you will do well to call and see.

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