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SPAIN'S ARMY IN CUBA.

At the close of 1896 there were 200,000 Spanish soldiers in Cuba. These were, even at that time, poorly paid, poorly equipped for active campaigning, and without a commissariat, as it would be understood in this county, or in Germany or Great Britain.

In his last campaign in 1897 General Weyler put into the field 36,000 effective troops, moving these in six different columns against the insurgents. At the close of 1897 the insurgent government claimed that there were not more than 70,000 effective Spanish troops in Cuba.

In January of this year it was stated that if Cuba were blockaded by a hostile power the Spanish army would be compelled to evacuate or surrender within two weeks. Almost everything that is necessary for the support of the army is brought from Spain, the United States, or Mexico.

We do not think the Astoria convention acted wisely in casting out the anti-Simon delegation from Multnomah county in the way that it did; but that is neither here nor there at this time. However, the victorious faction should not seek to rub the wounds.

The senate votes today on the resolution giving recognition to the Cuban government. A few weeks ago the passing of such a measure would have been thought tantamount to bringing on war; but the war cloud has hovered and passed so many times that no one has any surmise to make as to the future.

The nominations of H. S. Wilson for the circuit judgeship and that of A. A. Jayne for district attorney

will meet with the approbation of every Republican. Mr. Wilson has never been a candidate for office, but is known as a lawyer of unusual ability and unquestioned character.

NO TIME FOR HARD WORDS.

Republican success in Oregon must be secured next June in order to maintain the good name of the state. The coming election will be watched with great interest in all parts of the country, because it is the first to occur, and will be taken by many as a forerunner of what shall follow next November, when general elections are to be held.

The great drawback to assured success is the factional difficulty in Multnomah county. This we do not believe to have been wisely handled by the state convention, and instead of being made better, has grown worse.

The campaign this year is one of principle, and so it will be viewed throughout the country. Oregon has committed herself to sound money in the past, and nothing has arisen to justify a reconsideration of the vote of November 1896.

The men who have been honored with leadership must see their duty plain before them, and make every honorable effort to allay this unfortunate factional feeling. It is not a time for abuse or unkind words.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE MILITIA.

The following from the Oregonian will be of interest to militiamen, who are under the impression that they are not subject to the call of the president:

"Every man between the ages of 18 and 45, who is not included in the exemptions provided for by law, is a national militiaman, subject to the orders of the chief executive of the nation. National Guardsmen have asserted that they were enlisted for service in their own state vicine, and that any service outside of the state must be purely voluntary, but this opinion is clearly an error, for the federal constitution is supreme, and no state can so amend the constitution and laws of the United States so that a man can be a member of the state militia for his own private ends and the ends of the state, but not a member for national purposes.

"Our understanding is the organization of the active militia (National Guard) of the state conforms exactly to the definition usually given of militia." Whatever the respective states have made their organized militia to be, that is the militia that the president may call into the service of the United States.

"The constitution of the United States says that congress shall have power to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the states, respectively, the appointment of the officers." During our civil

war this provision was interpreted to mean that the authority to appoint and commission officers of the volunteer militia rests with the governor, unless otherwise, provided by state laws."

CONGRESS AND WAR.

Taken altogether, congress has acted with a great deal of patriotism in the Spanish trouble. Barring a few indiscreet speeches and uncalled-for criticism of the president, the members generally have acted in a conservative, dispassionate manner.

This completes the second stage in the affair, the first having been the diplomatic negotiations carried on between Washington and Madrid. As has been frequently said, unless Spain completely back down, war is a certainty, and it is gratifying to note the ease and quickness with which the United States has prepared itself for the conflict.

Whatever may come, this nation will have the consolation that it did nothing hastily, but only resorted to arms after provocation unendurable.

THE FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

War or peace alike demands a final settlement of the financial problem which has vexed the people since the agitation for free silver obtained a foothold in the federal legislature, says the Independent. We cannot count upon always being the creditor of the outside world; on having famines abroad and surpluses at home; on keeping at home the gold produced from our mines and bringing here stores from the vaults of Europe.

The hope of international bimetalism must be deferred by its advocates for a long time. It is obviously impracticable when the trend of events and influences in the British Empire is pointing toward the probable introduction of the gold standard in India before many years—perhaps months. The rising of the Cuban specter brought to a halt the efforts of the party in power at Washington to devise an acceptable plan for securing the foundations of our financial system.

Yet the duty of the nation in this regard should not be wholly abandoned under any stress. The government and the people must spare some time from the forging of cannon and the buying of warships to the great domestic problems of railroad regulation, revenue raising and currency correction, without the solving of which peace will never bring the fullest measure of prosperity, nor even war, however successful, leave the strongest power of recuperation.

As stated in the special dispatch to THE CHRONICLE today, congress has adopted a joint resolution favoring armed intervention in Spain, but not recognizing the independence of the Cuban republic. The resolution as passed is eminently a wise one, and is completely in accord with President McKinley's views.

When once the power of the people asserts itself, the politicians have to give way. This was demonstrated in the nomination of T. T. Geer for governor.

HEROES WHO FIGHT FIRE

Their Risks Increase in the Ratio of Our Progress.

Modern Buildings and Their Conveniences Add Enormously to the Work of the Firemen—Security Built Upon Their Sacrifice.

His life is too full of real peril for him to expose it recklessly—that is to say, needlessly. From the time when he leaves his quarters in answer to an alarm until he returns, he takes a risk that may at any moment set him face to face with death in its most cruel form. He needs nothing so much as a clear head; and nothing is prized so highly, nothing puts him so surely in the line of promotion; for as he advances in rank and responsibility, the lives of others, as well as his own, come to depend on his judgment.

How literally our everyday security—of which we think, if we think of it at all, as a mere matter of course—is built upon the supreme sacrifice of these devoted men, we realize at long intervals, when a disaster occurs such as the one in which Chief Bresnan and Foreman Rooney lost their lives three years ago. They were crushed to death under the great water tank in a Twenty-fourth street factory that was on fire.

Seventeen years ago the collapse of a Broadway building during a fire convinced the community that stone pillars were unsafe as supports. The fire was in the basement, and the firemen had turned the hose on. When the water struck the hot granite columns they cracked and fell, and the building fell with them.

So one might go on quoting the perils of the firemen as so many steps forward for the better protection of the rest of us. It was the burning of the St. George flats, and more recently of the Manhattan bank, in which a dozen men were disabled, that stamped the average fireproof construction as faulty and largely delusive. One might even go further, and say the fireman's risk increases in the ratio of our progress or convenience. The water-tanks came with the very high buildings, which in themselves offer problems to the fire fighters that have not yet been solved.

Beats the Klondike

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds.

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A HISTORIC HOTEL

The Favorite Hostelry in Ante-Bellum Days—Often Patronized by Abraham Lincoln—From its Veranda Stephen A. Douglas Delivered a Great Speech—Again the Scene of an Important Event.

From the Tri-County Scribe, Plymouth, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Thompson run the historic Cuyler House at Plymouth, Ill., a hotel where Abraham Lincoln often slept, where "Dick" Yates, Lyman Trumbull and Richard Oglesby bought refreshments for the inner man in ante-bellum days, and from the veranda of which Stephen A. Douglas delivered one of his great speeches.

This article has not so much to do, however, with this historic hotel, as it has with the landlord's thirteen-year-old laughing, bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked daughter Ollie, where "Dick" Yates, Lyman Trumbull and Richard Oglesby bought refreshments for the inner man in ante-bellum days, and from the veranda of which Stephen A. Douglas delivered one of his great speeches.

Before she had taken half a box, there was marked improvement in her condition; when she had taken two boxes she was completely restored to health. To-day, there is not a healthier child than Ollie Thompson.

Ollie was a hearty, well-developed child from the time she was born until she was three years old. In 1887 she was taken down with inflammatory rheumatism. For nine years she was never entirely free from the disease, and much of the time was in an alarming condition. At times, she could not walk, and her spine was drawn out of shape so that

she could not stand straight. One of the doctors said if she became well she would be a cripple for life.

Dr. Grigman, of Augusta, was the first doctor who had her case. He doctored her through two serious times of the disease, and finally told us he could not cure her. We doctored her most all the time, but when she was ten years old she had an unusually severe attack, and we called in Dr. Kreider, of Prairie City, where we were then living. He tried hard to cure her but finally gave it up. He said, 'I can do nothing further, the case is the worst I have witnessed.'

"We nearly gave up hope then, but called Dr. McDaniel who doctored her after we came to Plymouth, but no benefit was derived. Then I heard how Uncle Wesley Walton had been cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Knowing the condition he had been in, I thought if the pills cured him, they might help Ollie. Consequently I bought a box for her, and before she had finished it she was much better. She continued taking them, and when the second box had been used she was well, and has never had rheumatism since.

"I cannot say too much for the Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for I believe Ollie would have been dead long ago, if she had not taken them."

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 1897.

W. S. ROMICK, Notary Public.

I hereby state that I have examined Miss Ollie Thompson, and find no outward appearance of rheumatism.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of September, 1897.

W. S. ROMICK, Notary Public.

All dealers sell Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, or they will be sent post-paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk, or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

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