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DUTY TO OUR PRESIDENT.

We are fighting Spain, and it becomes the duty of every patriotic American to support the hands of President McKinley. Congress has acted. It has placed the conduct of the nation's Cuban policy with the president. He is commander-in-chief of the army and navy. He is chief of the country's diplomatic representatives. If there be war, he must direct it, and the country must support him, not as a partisan, but as president of all the people. At no time in war can the president state his case fully to the people. In many things he must hold his counsel and conceal plans and movements from the enemy. From now on, often will it seem to those viewing the situation from the surface that he is going wrong. This should admonish every thoughtful American to be chary in condemnation of the chief executive.

Washington's struggle was made harder by unjust censure and criticism. Lincoln's war measures were attacked by carping critics eager to make a partisan point against his administration. The present administration, perhaps, in the present conflict will suffer in the same way. If there is to be war, it should be fought to victory with the smallest sacrifice of blood and treasure. The way to do that will be to uphold the president—equally with men and means, applaud his successes, and speak kindly of his mistakes. He will need all the mind and nerve of his being. Enough and more will arise to strain his nerves. At best there will be too many slings and arrows.

The Welcome is of the opinion that the national democrats made a mistake in deciding not to nominate a ticket. They did well in making such an able commendable declaration of principles, but should have gone further and nominated a ticket of good sound democrats who believe in that platform and would have made an instructive campaign thereon. Such a ticket would not have been elected, but the Welcome has reason to believe that it would have received in the neighborhood of 10,000 votes. This would have given the genuine, unpopulized democracy a standing, and afforded a sort of political base, in law and logic, for the reorganization of the democratic party, when it, as at present controlled, has become tired of its association with and practical absorption by the populists, who believe in neither gold nor silver money.—Portland Welcome.

The sound-money democrats of this state met in Portland last week, and after due consideration of the matter, concluded not to put a state ticket in the field. Democrats played an important part in the November campaign in this state, and since a ticket of their own liking is not to be nominated the great majority of their vote will go to the republican candidates. In this judicial district in 1896 there were 1700 votes cast for Hedges, of Clackamas, the democratic candidate for district attorney. If this vote is divided the result will be the same as it was. A greater per cent than one-half will undoubtedly be cast with the republicans.

Now, if the Hedges, who have been criticizing President McKinley for his position on the Spanish-Cuban question will all promptly unite and go to the front and exhibit a little of the valor along the skirmish line that they have here at home, the war will not last so long.

MISQUOTED.

A good deal of stress is being given to the report in some quarters that a certain resolution presented to and adopted by the county republican convention, that the indebtedness of the county had been reduced \$1000. The resolution as presented and read did not say \$1000, and to set the minds of the public aright in the matter we reprint the resolution as adopted:

"Resolved, That we commend the action of the county court in reducing the indebtedness of the county some \$16,000, and extend them our hearty support in all such laudable endeavors."

Why the resolution should be misquoted or misunderstood we do not know. The matter was made plain enough and looks very much as though the misunderstanding was intentional. The real fault with the resolution, if any is to be found, is that it did not go far enough in its statement—as regards reduction. The statements in this paper last week were as nearly correct as it is possible to estimate.

The Eugene Guard in commenting on the preamble to the republican state platform, which congratulates the people on the return to prosperity, says that the change for the better in our condition is due to providential causes. This is quite true. Providence has frequently interfered to save this nation from utter ruin. Providence was present at the very birth of the republic and raised up Washington, who was able, by the help of providence, to pilot the ship of state through the rocks and shoals which threatened its destruction and launch it on the smooth waters of prosperity. Again, when the black clouds of insurrection, which gathered over the land in 1860, found a weak and vacillating democrat in the presidential chair, providence again came to the rescue and raised up the immortal Lincoln, who saved the country from destruction at the hands of those who sought to destroy it. And now, like the editor of the Guard, we can distinctly distinguish the hand of providence in the return to power in the nation of the republican party, which has always brought prosperity to the nation. Yes, there is no more doubt that providence had a hand in the election of McKinley than there is in the undisputed fact that providence gave us a Washington, a Lincoln, and a republican party.—Register.

EVERYWHERE in this issue will be found a correction of a report circulated in this county in regard to Commissioner Frakes. The gentleman circulating the report apologized in an honorable manner to his neighbors and to Mr. Frakes. The facts of the case are that Mr. Sheffield had noticed in the list of bills allowed that Mr. Frakes had received \$20.00, and seeing no other allowance to that gentleman supposed the amount was for the clothing purchased for Mr. Headley, which he rightly thought to be extravagant. The bill for the clothing was allowed to Meier & Frank, of Portland, and was for \$7.70. The itemized bill in on file in the clerk's office, and bears date of March 22, 1897, the amount being allowed at the May term of court that year. Mr. Sheffield, after looking up the matter, very gladly offers an apology and frankly admits his mistake. Verily, do not believe more than half you hear during a campaign, and give little credence to the other half.

Spain is practically bankrupt, but this may not be a point so much to her hurt as would seem at first blush. She cannot raise money by selling more bonds, as those already outstanding have gone down to about 40, and may go down to 30. Hence, having lost her credit, she will default on the payment of the interest on her outstanding indebtedness—on the principle that she might as well die for a sheep as a lamb. This interest amounts to about \$100,000,000 a year, which she will use for war purposes instead of debt-paying. Of course this policy cannot be pursued indefinitely, but it will enable Spain to prosecute the war quite vigorously for a year or two, until her internal resources are exhausted. So that, with considerable money obtainable from her people by taxation, and quite a respectable navy ready for business, the war is liable to last a year or two. Those who imagine that it will all be over in a week or two, or a month or two, will probably find themselves much mistaken.

THERE can be no question as to the sincerity of purpose on the part of Mr. Watts and Mr. Meserve to run the offices of clerk and sheriff, respectively, for the amount of salary allowed by law, and out of those amounts pay their own deputies. The salary allowed by law for the sheriff is \$1500 per year, and if elected Mr. Meserve expects to and will pay his deputy out of that amount, as he stated two weeks ago. Mr. Watts made a clear and concise statement in the last issue of this paper as to what he would do, if elected, and the gentlemen are both men of honor, and will do as they promise in regard to this matter. There are statements to the contrary, but they are unfounded.

While physically, many of us could be of little service to our country, and financially a great deal less, yet morally we can, at least, rank among the most powerful. It is the patriotic who do nearly so much good as those who bear the arms. In our own vicinity there are people who cursed our executive because he would not permit the nation to rush, unprepared, heading into an uncertainty, and now that the worst has come and we find ourselves involved in a conflict, of which we are unable to compass its limit, we find the same element of people cursing the president because affairs have taken such a turn.

The republican state ticket continues to receive most flattering commendation from all sections of the state. There is general relief and rejoicing that the factional contentions which have so disturbed the party harmony and jeopardized its ticket for years past have been settled. No good republican can object to any candidate on the ticket, and there is reason to believe it will poll the full party strength in every county in the state.

In the turmoil of war and politics the Alaska gold excitement falls before the vision like the shades of night before the sun's most effulgent rays. With all true Americans, patriotism this time towers above a desire for gold, and the desire for its possible possession becomes a secondary or minor consideration. Love of home and country imbues every true spirit.

General Sherman once said "War's hell." This conclusion was arrived at during the late civil war, and before the days of dynamite shells, rapid-fire guns, smokeless powder, torpedoes, and explosive bullets. Hell, as pictured by the preachers of our childhood, is a mild place compared with the awful results of a battle between modern engines of war.

AMERICA DECREES WAR

President Empowered to Call Navy and Militia to Enforce Mandate.

A REBELLION IN SPAIN IS IMMINENT

A Regiment of Twelve Hundred Men Called for by Governor Lord to Mobilize in Portland.

COLUMBIA COUNTY WILLING TO FURNISH QUOTA

A Number of Valuable Prizes Taken as a Result of the Blockade at Havana—Insurgents Greatly Encouraged.

Following is the text of the report of the house foreign affairs committee, declaring that war exists between the United States and Spain, as adopted by the house and agreed to by the senate on Monday:

"Be it enacted by the senate and the house of representatives of the United States, in congress assembled:

"First, That war be, and the same is hereby declared to exist, and that war has existed since the 21st of April, 1898, between the United States of America and the kingdom of Spain."

"Second, That the president of the United States is hereby directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into actual service the United States militia of the several states to such extent as may be necessary to carry this act into effect."

On the Verge of Rebellion in Spain.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Madrid and more than 20 of the largest towns in Spain are in the hands of the mob several hours every day, says the Madrid correspondent. The government has permitted "patriotic" demonstrations as the best means of giving vent to popular excitement. All was well as long as they were expressions of animosity toward America or ebullitions in anticipation of victory over a foreigner, but now the demonstrations are getting beyond control.

The government is anxious and the better classes are alarmed. The police notice already in the throngs many socialists, anarchists and republicans, who may quickly turn these demonstrations into anti-dynastic or anti-monarchical movements or at least upset the cabinet. All Spanish revolutions have begun in just such outbreaks. The revolutionary parties are very active. They are almost publicly threatening to take matters in their own hands if the government does not succeed in promptly overcoming the United States.

Oregon Troops Called Out.

Orders were issued Tuesday from the office of Colonel B. B. Tuttle, adjutant-general of the Oregon National Guard, to mobilize in Portland all of the Guard except companies A, of Wasco, and K, of Bandon, and troop B, cavalry, of Gresham. The first regiment was ordered to report within 48 hours, while the second regiment, third battalion and separate companies were to report within 24 hours after receiving the orders, which were all mailed Tuesday afternoon.

This order was the result of a visit of Governor Lord, commander-in-chief of the Guard, to Portland and his conference with General Beebe. While there seems some conflict of opinion as to the total number to be taken from Oregon, it is practically settled that the regiment asked by the federal authorities will consist of 1200 men.

Columbia County Volunteers.

Dr. H. R. Cliff has been very enthusiastic in the work of organizing a company of volunteers at St. Helens, and how well he has succeeded is evidenced by the long list of names which he has secured, each of whom has taken the oath, and they now await orders to proceed to Portland, where supplies of all kinds necessary for warfare await them. Following are the names of those who have signed: H. R. Cliff, W. M. Sundry, J. K. Blakesley, A. H. Whitney, R. J. George, Geo. A. Hall, G. G. Mayer, J. H. Dart, H. A. Sherman, Eugene Blakesley, William Tyacke, Charley Cooper, J. P. Heckert, C. W. Blakesley, Allan Robinson, Frank Watts, Percy Harrison, J. Eversol, Dan Richardson, Geo. F. Puzey, Wm. D. Morgan, W. L. Blackwell.

The Monitor Terror Makes a Capture.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 27.—The monitor Terror made a capture off the coast of Cardenas, Cuba, last night, while, not as rich as that made by the little Mangrove yesterday, is still valuable enough to bring joy to the hearts of the officers and crew of the Terror. The prize is the Spanish coasting steamer Ambrosio Bolivar. The cruiser Detroit came into port this morning towing the Spaniard, which had been turned over to her by the Terror.

Upon being searched after arriving here the Ambrosio Bolivar was found to have on board \$60,000 in silver, which, of course, greatly increases the value of the capture. Particulars of the capture of the Ambrosio Bolivar have not yet been given out.

Matanzas Bombaraded.

The New York, Puritan, and Cincinnati opened fire on the forts at Matanzas at 12:57 p. m., April 27, continuing for half an hour. The Spaniards returned the fire, but their marksmanship was poor, not succeeding in touching the American fleet, while nearly every shot from the vessels were effective, and it is believed that the storm of iron which pounded in the forts caused loss of life to the Spaniards.

The earthworks were half completed and the object of the attack was to prevent their completion. The forts were in low-lying points, and were not considered good targets, yet when the vessels belched forth their volley, portions of the forts could be seen flying in the air.

The Battleship Oregon.

The navy department has received word that the Oregon was spoken a few hundred miles below Montevideo. She was booming along under forced draught, and making good speed. After coaling up at Montevideo, she will proceed to Key West with all possible haste.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR.
March 19th, 1898.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, on May 2nd, 1898, viz:
EMERY BICHNELL,
Homestead Entry, No. 10,667, for the south 1/4 of northeast 1/4, and north 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of section 5, township 6 north, range 3 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William L. Brown, Frederick H. Hennessey, of Astoria, Oregon; Lewis F. Hanson, of Hudson, Oregon; and James L. Bulis, of Astoria, Oregon.
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