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The War Resolution Adopted.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The resolutions agreed on by the conference and accepted by both houses, are as follows:
"Joint resolution for the independence of the people and the republic of Cuba, demanding the government of Spain to relinquish its authority and government from the island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the president of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect."
"Whereas, the abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense in the people of the United States; have been a disgrace to a Christian civilization, culminating as they have in the destruction of the U. S. battleship with 265 U. S. officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as set forth by the president of the United States in his message to congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of congress was invited; therefore be it enacted, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled—
"First, That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.
"Second, That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the government of the United States does hereby demand, that the government of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.
"Third, That the president of the United States be, and he is hereby empowered, to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into actual service of the United States the militia of the several states, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.
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The War.

Just 127 years to a day after the battle of Lexington, practically the beginning of the revolutionary war, war was declared between the United States and Spain. Then the Americans fought without any advantages at all, with a half starved, poorly equipped army. Now the United States will be thoroughly equipped with all the accoutrements of war that money can buy. There will be no advantage that it does not possess. Thus we want into the contest desperately with many advantages as to the result, now it is with a confidence so strong that there is danger of over-confidence. The circumstances are entirely different, but there is undoubtedly right with Uncle Sam, as we love to call our country, and right most prevail. There is a great deal of speculation as to how long the war will last. That is all guess work. Spain may take water at once, there are some reasons to believe that she will do so, and give up Cuba, and then she may prolong the contest for a long time if she can hold her government together for the purpose. There are though, strong signs of disintegration and she may not have any government to fight. The best opinion is that it will take perhaps a year to end the contest. For the sake of the peace that should prevail in the civilized world it is to be hoped that before any blood is shed Spain, taking the advice of wise heads in Oregon, may give up Cuba to the Cubans, who are entitled to it. While this would not settle the Maine affair in one sense, in another the satisfaction of seeing so treacherous a people leave this hemisphere would undoubtedly be deemed as a great success.

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THE ULTIMATUM

WASHINGTON, April 20. President signed resolutions at 11:24. Minister Polo was handed the ultimatum and he gave the president his reply and immediately left by his passport.
Ultimatum was Spain until Saturday noon for reply.
Congress intended officially that resolutions have been signed. Polo replied that Spain will not accede to demands. Regrets unfortunate state of affairs but seen no way out of the matter save by war.
Cable from Madrid says Spain will positively not accede to the United States request. At Key West it is expected a naval battle will occur Saturday night. Twenty thousand troops are now on the way south, and Monday will find double the number.

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MISFITS.

"Klondike or bust" is the name of a new parlor game. It must take money to play it.
One of the 21 who voted against the war resolution as amended in the senate was McBride of Oregon. He is opposed to Cuban independence.
It is reported in Albany that in case of war with Spain drafts will be made on fifty years of age, and that married men without children, will be drafted first.
Out in the country is a church organization known as the Hook and Eye Society, one half of a split, the other half being the Button Baptists. Buttons or hooks and eyes had been the issue.
The republicans of the 10th Ohio district last night, on the 187th ballot, nominated J. Morgan, of Jackson, for congress, to succeed Representative Fenton. This is a record breaker.
The President certainly is giving Spain all the time that could be spared to prepare for war. He will have until next Saturday, and it is already pretty well known what she will do.
G. M. Schilling recently passed through Albany on his way around the world from New York on a wager. The circumnavigator is not expected to be one of the day. He is to arrive in New York in August, 1901, with \$5,000.
A Marion county couple have started in life together high enough to suit even this cranky world. The bride is a Miss A. C. Gilbert and Della Gregory were united in marriage in the dome of the capitol, 224 feet above the ground, the ceremony being performed by Justice Pond tied the knot.
As a rule an amateur is not appreciated by a profession to which he is a rival; but in the case of the Silverton Dramatic Club next Friday evening will face a critical audience of workers and men in the mine, under the auspices of the Woodmen they will be sure of good treatment.
The prospects are that the waiting period in congress will be continued this week. There will be a big fight in the house over the resolutions as amended. The bill will be passed by the senate, but the entire week will be spent over the matter, as there will be a bitter opposition to the amendment by the friends of the president.
The action of both houses at 1 o'clock this morning in recognizing Cuba's freedom, and the senate's action in the morning, among the military boys of the city. Most of them thought they were ready to go, but it is business now, let the Spaniards stand on order.
Editor Bob told the people out at Liberty that the people of the county who are the ominous warship clouds in a heavenly contest in which the Spanish vessel was entirely dispersed by the American vessel were drunk. Well, be it as it may, take it as an allegory if you please, and there are good reasons to believe that it will prove true. Of course in one sense though it was a fable.
The spectacle presented in the republican convention at Astoria, was the Portland Tribune, upon Thursday last, a seating of M. L. Piper and W. M. T. Miller, and the expulsion of Hon. Geo. H. Williams, Hon. Sol Hirsch and Judge Raleigh Stott, all delegates from Multnomah county, is indeed striking. It is a sample of bores with a vengeance.
Geer wasn't received any too well at Salem; the patriots on the stage tried their level best to get the people in the house to arise on the 15th of May, with the ribbons tied; but name a rick track place. McKinley's name got only a half cheer. Tom Tongue, who is a member of the Alaskan blast right from Clifton Pass.
The Prison Monitor, published in the Minnesota penitentiary, says: "We are it that up to the present time, we have not had an editor's column in our midst; but we have a very well equipped staff of preachers who have had enough to furnish substance to an African chief for a year; doctors in an ancient number to depopulate a state; and enough lawyers to establish a fair sized colony in India, but editors—no one!"
Where is the glory of the Hook and Ladder Company of several years ago, when at the first tap of the bell fifteen or twenty members of the company, with their ladders and hooks, were in a race to be first at the tongue, and the wheels would fly on their way to the fire. Last night the Hook and Ladder Company of the city was found at the corner of Broadway and Second streets alone with the track in the street for reinforcement which did not come.
A great many years ago when General Sherman was delegate to congress from Oregon he happened to be in the city of Astoria, and he was very much interested in the lives of the people of the city. He was very much interested in the lives of the people of the city. He was very much interested in the lives of the people of the city.
The executive committee for Oregon of the Omaha exposition exhibit are trying to raise money for making Oregon's exhibit, by borrowing it from the state of the state, with the promise to return it when the state legislature meets. There was \$18,367 left in the state treasury, and it is presumed the state will appropriate that much for Omaha. Lincoln county's share will be about two per cent. Omaha Exposition is going to be a splendid thing and Oregon's exhibit deserves to be made a creditable part of the exposition. It is going to loan money on such a proposition. No county has a right to do it. If there is to be any loaning done let the state do it. It not only has the \$18,367 in its treasury but nearly \$1,000,000 besides. As to the next legislature there is no telling what that will do. If individuals wish to buy exposition bonds to be paid when the state appropriates the money it is nobody's business. The money will probably have to be raised that way or by subscription.

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The troops that are going towards Cuba, getting in readiness for war, will find developments in the southern states, where they will be among good friends as they can find. Such is the spirit of the present day.

The manner in which the Spaniards in the riot at Malaga insulted the American consulate, broke up theaters, etc., is another evidence of the barbarous character of the Spaniard. In America the Spanish consul would be just as safe as in Spain.

There is being just enough politics run into this Spanish trouble to cause more trouble. The policy of the president is being backed by many simply as an support of the administration. But whatever course is followed it ought to be done quickly and without nervous delays.

Teddy Roosevelt may show his teeth but when it comes to war he is too soft. If he had his way things would go with a bang. Whether the result would be any better cannot be told, but it is certain that there would not be the long delays that we have been having.

"Remember the Maine" will be the war cry. At the same time we must not forget the many years of Cuban brutality and misgovernment. There are no good grounds for the conflict. If Spain will not humbly do the right thing it is the province of the United States to compel her. It is a very poor neighbor who will not stand by one.

People are saying that the people who are the ominous warship clouds in a heavenly contest in which the Spanish vessel was entirely dispersed by the American vessel were drunk. Well, be it as it may, take it as an allegory if you please, and there are good reasons to believe that it will prove true. Of course in one sense though it was a fable.

The Portland ticket at the June election is declared will be as big as a barn door, containing nearly three hundred names. If this is true as stated by a Portland paper, every voter will have to take a servant along to carry his ticket to him, and it will take several hours to vote. As a matter of fact it will take a long time.

Why was Mr. Ellis let down and not Mr. Tongue. Perhaps it is a good thing that Mr. Tongue that he does not live in Harvey Scott's district, or his free vote record would have done him up. Once a free vote always one with Mr. Scott. He has a memory like an elephant.

When we contemplate the fact that a big war will cost the United States about \$100,000,000 it makes us feel like hesitating before advising so important a step. But the national honor is above all price and the flag must protect those under it or cease to be unfurled. So let the Spaniards stand on order.

The Democrat received a pamphlet from New York gotten up to prove that cigarette smoking is not a bad thing and that it is the most reliable source of information. In fact the pamphlet makes out the cigarette a very fine thing. All of which goes to show that you can prove almost anything these modern days. With the evil effects and bad influences of the cigarette all around us, the pamphlet has had no influence in changing the mind of the Democrat man on the subject.

The worst fake of the season comes from Huntington, in the report that a couple of war clouds were seen at night, built just like war vessels and eagles, and that the American vessels sailed through the heavens right over the Spanish vessels, annihilating them. The account fails to say whether the eagle screamed. There will be food for the superstitious in all this, but not for sensible people. If there was to be an ominous cloud like that sent out to foretell the future of the war it would be much more sensible to have it directly over Washington, or perhaps be formally stamped by the government.

"John O. Booth, renominated for state treasurer on the union ticket, is a man of whom any community might well be proud. It may be said of Mr. Booth, 'John,' as his friends love to call him, that the elements are so blended in him that all nature might say this is a man. Honest as the day is long, public spirited, slow to judge others, fearless in the defense of the right, and with a heart as big as an ox, J. O. Booth deserves the warmest personal friends and admirers by the thousands. His nomination comes to him unsolicited. It is true that he was not insensible to the great honor of being made the trustee of the people's funds, but the choice of the convention flowed to him without organization on his part, and in recognition of his moral worth. J. O. Booth should get, and will get, in Southern Oregon the largest majority given to any man on the union ticket."—Mining Journal, Grant's Pass.

From the Corvallis Times.
Back in Washington they are congratulating Thomas Tongue for his renomination to congress. He is being called the fusion in Oregon is a failure, and that his prospects are bright and promising. It all sounds nice but alas and alack for Thomas Tongue. This is a wheel in his head or a lie in his heart that makes him say that fusion in Oregon is a failure. It is the blindness of a terrible nightmare. He cannot see that his candidacy is threatened with defeat. Tongue is a trimmer, and the trimmer's time has come. The people are sick, the people are tired, the people are disgusted with trimmers. A gold medal today, binoculars yesterday, a straddler tomorrow. That is Tongue, that is Ellis, and at Astoria Thursday the Republicans repudiated Ellis. What else can be expected of Tongue.

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