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Jefferson's birthday was yesterday. A few Jefferson'stoday could find paying jobs in the United States. We need them.

Mr. Moody is satisfactory to the Oregonian because he has always been for the single gold standard. That is the only qualification necessary.

The contest should be a vigorous one This is a fast age, and though there may have been delays in coming to the scratch there should be none in the prosecution.

After all Mitchell is a better man than Joe Simon. But so long as the Oregonian exists with Mr. Scott at the head there will be opposition to anything that savors of Mitchell.

Mr. Ellis was found wanting and was properly let out. As a matter of fact though it was no doubt on account of his free silver proclivities. He was not satisfactory to Joe Simon and the bosses in Portland

Talk about double headers. What is the matter of the Astoria convention. A little fusion there between the Mitchell party and the Simon party might be a salubrious thing for the candidates. The members of the union forces are prepared to look on and smile.

Young Mr. Leiter's head is undoubtedly growing larger. He certainly has a big head and in a financial way is strictly on top. May wheat is high, just as high as Mr. Leiter can make it, and that means millions of dollars in his pockets before the season is over.

The president's message has been discussed more than any document of recent times. The concensus of unbiased opinion is that it did not come up to the demands of the situation. The statement of the republican press alone is sufficient to establish this.

As a candidate for governor Mr. King will be found in the front. Mr. Geer will not begin to have his own way. On the contrary he will realize that he has met an opponent worthy of his steel. Wherever he goes Mr. King attracts the attention of the masses, of which he is peculiarly a part and in sympathy.

From the World.

The Maine disaster is the main count in our indictment against Spain. It is our supreme justification for driving Spain from Cuba. It is the high and conclusive reason upon which the nations expect us to act, and they will justly lose respect for ourselves, if we do not act.

Crop prospects have never been better in Oregon than they are today. The outlook is certainly bright for the farmer the coming year. The demand for the product which he raises is such as to make the price a good one His prosperity will mean better times for the people generally.

Uncle Sam should remember the fact that there is danger in overconfidence. He should use business from the start. Spain has rather gotten ahead of the United States in diplomacy. Now let the United States beat her fighting. Certainly she can do it, but it is no child's play as some people seem to think.

Among the candidates in the city this week was Mr. I. A. Munkers, for sheriff. Mr. Munkers not only belongs to an old and reliable family, but he is himself reliable and trustworthy, and is as well a man with push, one who attends to business. He is in every way competent to fill the office of sheriff in a manner that will give general satisfaction.

The harmony of the union forces in this county is marred, and is all right. The campaign will be to cause dissension in the ranks, but it won't work. The middle of the roaders are outside, many of them are former republicans, and they are evidently working in their interest. The game is to cry "stick to your principles," which is really humorous in view of the matter.

No one need have any fear but what the senators and representatives on the union ticket will go to Salem to work in the interest of the people of this county and state. They will not only help organize, but they will work afterwards against the useless commissions, for a reduction of expenses and that the interest of the masses generally may be advanced.

People, now thoroughly disgusted, are coming back from the Skagway country. They are almost tumbling over each other to get away. The number going in is much less than formerly and several boats have been taken off the route. Some people are incapable of learning except by experience. As a whole the Klondike business will be remembered as the greatest fake of the age, regardless of the amount of gold taken out.

Bryans Position.

Mr. Bryan would have been equal to the occasion. At Lincoln Neb, March 31, he made the following statement in answering to the question whether, in his judgement, the time had arrived for the U S to interfere in behalf of Cuba, and bring the war to an end:

"Yes, the time for intervention has arrived. Humanity demands that we shall act. Cuba lies within sight of our shores, and the sufferings of her people cannot be ignored unless, we as a nation, have become so engrossed in money making as to be indifferent to distress.

"Intervention may be accompanied by danger and expense, but existence cannot be separated from responsibility, and responsibility sometimes leads a nation as well as an individual into danger. A neighbor must sometimes incur danger for a neighbor, and a friend for a friend.

"War is a terrible thing and cannot be defended except as a means to an end, and yet it is sometimes the only means by which a necessary end can be secured. The state punishes its own citizens by imprisonment or even death when counsel and persuasion fail. War is the final arbiter between natons where reason and diplomacy are of no avail.

"Spain might not resist intervention; it is to be hoped that she would recognize the right of the United States to act, and immediately withdraw from Cuba, but whether she resents intervention or not, the United States must perform a plain duty.

"Spain has only herself to blame for the condition of affairs in Cuba. If she denies to her former subjects the rights of war and calls the Cuban army a mob, let her remember the words of Victor Hugo: 'The mob is the human race in misery.' No nation can afford to make its own race miserable.

"If the Cubans prefer death to Spanish rule, it is because Spanish rule has robbed life of joy and hope. If a nation sows the wind it must reap the whirlwind."

These are the words of a statesman.

Popular Science.

Astronomers say that one million "shooting stars" fall into the sun for every one that comes into our atmosphere.

Fully nine-tenths of the stars lie in a belt of the heavens about sixty degrees wide, through the center of which runs the Milky Way.

In some parts of the Milky Way the telescopic stars are so numerous that as many as two thousand may lie within the limits of a space which may be covered by the moon.

According to the computations of Prof. Hamy, the black race embraces about one-tenth of the living members of the human species, or 150,000,000 individuals.

Certain butterflies have very transparent wings, and these are thought by Haase to be even more effectual for protection than conspicuous "warning" stripes or other markings.

Meda Wilhite, of Backner Ky., now four years old, is probably the largest child of her age in the country. She weighs 120 pounds, has a chest measurement of thirty-eight inches and is four feet high.

Fatigue causes a chemical change in the blood, resulting in the production of a poison resembling the vegetable poison which certain savage tribes use as arrows. When the blood of a tired animal is injected into the arteries of a fresh one, the latter exhibits all the symptoms of fatigue.

Prof. C. Loyd Morgan has, in his new book on "Habit and instinct," advanced the theory that, while the calls and alarm notes uttered by birds are probably due to simple instinct, their songs may be traditional; that is, handed down from generation to generation, and perpetuated through the faculty of imitation.

Curious Facts.

The bottom of the Pacific, between Hawaii and California, is said to be so level that a railroad could be laid for five hundred miles without grading anywhere This fact was discovered by the United States surveying vessel engaged in making soundings with the view of laying a cable.

The crown of England is kept in the Tower of London, and not in the queen's dressing room. It is never brought out, excepting on grand state occasions, but whenever a ceremony, such as a drawing room or levee takes place, the queen wears a circlet of diamonds in the form of a crown.

An English writer says there is cruelty in the keeping of goldfish. Half of such captives die from sheer want of rest. As fish have eyes so formed that they cannot endure the light, in a glass vessel they are in an entirely wrong place, as is evident from the way in which they dash about and go round and round, until fairly worn out.

The great pyramid of Cheops is the largest structure ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at the base were 764 feet square, and its perpendicular height in the highest point 448 feet. It covers four acres, one rood and twenty-two rods of ground, and has been estimated by an eminent English architect to have cost not less than $165,000,000.

In Nice, France, there is a society called "The Friends of trees." The forests and mountains being almost completely devestated and denuded in the maritime Alps by the axe of the peasant, a prize is given to land owners who plant trees on vacant spots, and an annual Alpine fete destines a donation of $100 to the society or individual who plants the largest number.

Remains of the skulls of two wild horses have recently been discovered in Ireland. They indicate that the animals were very much smaller than the horses of today. The remains were found in the gravel underlying a bog. Similar discoveries have heretofore been made in Ireland some of them in Shandon Cave. Geologists believe that a race of wild horses inhabited the island at the same time that the gigantic elks, whose skeletons are found in the bogs, flourished there. But while the elks were of enormous stature, the horses were dwarfs.

It is stated at the War Department that applications have been received from over a million citizens of the United States who are anxious to serve their country against Spain.

As a general reply to all who have placed their services at at the dipoesl of the Government, the Secretary of War to-day announced that should any additional troops be needed, aside from the regular army, the National Guard of the various States will be first called upon and be first mustered into service. One reason for this is that the Government would immediately have over 100,000 drilled soldiers, familiar with the duties required of them.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

"Lord, Lord!" exclaimed the old lady, "it does look like they're agwine ter have war! How I wish all my boys wuz in Congress!"

"In Congress?"

"Yes; kaze then they'd vote fer war an' stay out o' it."

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SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHTS.

The DEMOCRAT wasted considerable thunder last week in its prediction for the coming week. That is an easy thing, for behold a man has no powers of looking into the future these days. The big dailies are full of advertisements of fakes to tell your future, but none of them has ever been able to predict a single occurrence an hour ahead, though some may have accidentally done so. All the signs were for the inauguration of a bloody war within a week, but it is not here, and it is to be noped it never will be if it can be prevented honorably. But only Spain can avert it, for the United States has stepped into a rut from which it cannot retreat. Spain must give in or there will be a contest.

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There is now no doubt that Weyler was at the bottom of the plot for the destruction of the Maine. He is the arch fiend of the nineteenth century, a man without a heart, of a blood stained nature, who would stop for nothing to advance his interests and the interests of Spain. The viper deserves all the calumnies heaped upon him.

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A good deal is said about what the powers will do. That sounds like interference in other people's business; but in an international affair like this it is undoubtedly right for the nations of the world to come forward and offer their good offices in securing peace, the same as might be the case if there was trouble between two neighbors. If a third neighbor could do anything to heal the breach it would be proper for him to do so.

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The halls of congress have resounded with fiery speeches this week, but there was not heard the voices of a Clay or a Webster. We haven't them there.

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In Oregon a state convention has attracted a good deal of attention. A striking feature of it was the manner in which one man dictated the program. Joseph Simon is having his day, but the time will come when he will take the tumble that all bosses have eventually taken. A point is always reached when the members of a party will rise up above boss rule. The DEMOCRAT is opposed to bossism in whatever party it may be found.

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What is in a name. A man was in the city this week going by the name of The Golden West Chimney Sweep, certainly poetical enough for a prima donna He was a long, lank, lean fellow without anything indicating such a poetical name.

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And Melba is coming to Portland, the greatest singer in the United States today. Her real name is just plain Nellie Mitchell. Melba is from Melbourne, where she was born.

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T. T. Geer, nominee for governor, has already made one mistake. When nominated he should have been at the plow and have been hauled off like Cincinnatus. But was he. No, he was at Salem waiting at the end of the wire, and he was not at all surprised

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A local event this week has been the presentation of a pretty cantata. Queen Esther, often successfully given by amateurs. People who saw this cantata presented 17 years ago will naturally make comparisons, but that is a right and as they will not be published no one will be hurt. The present will not suffer by it. Of the thirty persons mentioned in the DEMOCRAT who took part in February, 1881 twenty one were unmarried. Of these at least seventeen have since married. Of the other four one is dead; two Misses Lib Irvine and Minnie Monteith, are residents of the city, and one is in the present chorus of voices. The DEMOCRAT knows nothing about the other. Mr. Pottenger, but the chances are that he is married if alive. Of the nine married people mentioned only one, H. C. Clement, is dead, in all only two out of thirty having died in seventeen years. Of the thirty only eleven are now residents of Albany, and of these only three, Mrs. Langdon, Miss Irvine and Mrs. Nutting are taking part in the present presentation of the cantata. One other Mrs. J. H Simpson, was in the chorus when given recently in Corvallis.

A correspondent in World says.

"The President is acting about the Maine disaster as if we were to blame and really owed Spain an apology. Yet to my mind the Maine disaster seems the only thing worth talking about."

LEBANON.

From the Express-Advance:

Hon. M. A. Miller spoke at Tangent last Saturday evening.

As may be seen by our heading, the Lebanon Express and the Weekly Advance have been consolidated under the head of Lebanon Express-Advance. This has been done simply as a business proposition—because there will be more money in it.

Mr. Gottsche has sold his beautiful little home on Bridge Avenue to Mr R V. Carlin, who recently arrived here from Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs Gottsche will leave in a couple of weeks for California, where they will spend a short time and then go on to Florida, where he owns a farm.

Wm Gordon, who has been conducting a shoe store in this city for about eight months, has closed out his business. On next Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will go to Newport, where they will spend a couple of months and then return to their old home in England.

Dr. L. M. Jones and Miss May Morris were married at the home of the bride's parents, in Scio, yesterday They came to Lebanon today and will make their home in this city These are excellent young people who have the best wishes of many friends throughout the county. Mr Jones is a successful young physician, a son of Dr. D. M. Jones, and a graduate of the medical department of Willamette University. The bride is a daughter of J. S Morris, is a graduate of Mineral Springs college, and is a model young lady. The handsome young couple begin married life under very favorable circumstances. May they ever be led in ways of pleasantness and in paths of peace.

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Spain's Attitude

WASHINGTON, April, 15.—In view of conflicting reports as to the attitude of Spain, a high foreign authority authorized the following semi official statement of the Spanish position as to the surrender of Cuba:

"Once for all let it be understood that the erroneous impressions as to Spain's relinquishment of island of Cuba are false and are calculated to inspire false hopes and embarrass intelligent action. The government of Spain has never entertained the thought, and never will entertain it, of evacuating Cuba. No rulers, no statesmen, no cortes of Spain would ever consider such a humiliation."

The Program

WASHINGTON, April, 15.—The Washington Post's summary of the situation, to be published in tomorrow's issue, includes the following statement:

Immediately the president is empowered to use the army and navy, he will issue an ultimatum to Spain giving her 24 hours—possibly 48—within which she is to answer whether she will peaceably withdraw her troops and flag from Cuba. Her refusal to evacuate the island—which is, of course, expected—will be the signal for action on the part of this government, and that action will be the vigorous use of our naval and land forces.

A Big Deal

PORTLAND, April, 15.—According to well defined rumors, negotiations are now well under way for the transfer of the immense warehouse and elevation system of the Pacific Coast Elevator Company to a Portland firm, consisting of Theodore B Wilcox and William M and Charles E Ladd, who are also the owners of the Portland Flouring Mills Company's system of mills and warehouses in Oregon and Washington. This is one of the largest transactions ever handled in the Pacific Northwest, and the amount involved will run into millions.

The Man Who Did It

CHICAGO, April 15.—According to the Times-Herald, the statements made by Crandall, who planted the mines in Havana harbor, and who was run down yesterday, are substantiated by letters in his possession from Wepler's officers and from Weyler himself.

Decidedly Warlik

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Decidedly the most warlike step taken by the war department in preparing for the possibility of an encounter with Spain was inaugurated today, when orders were issued for the concentration at four points in the south of six regiments of cavalry 20 regiments of infantry, and the light batteries of five regiments of artillery.

Patriotic

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Ex Postmaster-General John Wanamaker has sent this telegram to Washington:

"To the honorable, the Secretary of War: Though opposed to war unless honorably unavoidable, in event of its coming, I will, under your instructions raise a regiment of Pennsylvanians for military duty, and go with them for service.

JOHN WANAMAKER."

In The Senate

WASHINGTON, April, 14.—The attention of the civilized world is focused on the senate of the United States. Upon its action probably depends the momentous question of war between this country and Spain. The action of the house of representatives yesterday in adopting a resolution looking to armed intervention in the Cuban rebellion transferred the center of interest and action from one wing of the great marble capitol to the other.

The discussion will last several days as twenty senators have decided to debate it

In Madrid

MADRID, April, 14.—The feeling in Madrid is stronger than ever. All parties united against the government, and there are sinister references to the "Austrian" which means that the queen regent, who has never been popular in Madrid, is rapidly falling into distaver. The feeling against her majesty is exacerbated by the comments of the English and French press on the suggestions of Emporer Francis Joseph respecting Cuba.

A Wonderful Escape

FOREST GROVE, Or., April, 14.—Yesterday, while J G Boss, at the Forest Grove stone quarry, four miles southeast of here, was driving his horse hitched to a car loaded with rock up the mountain railroad, which runs parallel to an embankment, the animal fell over the bluff, landing among the logs 100 feet below. It required an hour's work with a crosscut saw to get the horse out, and, strange to say, no bones were broken and Mr. Boss returned home driving the animal in the evening.

Getting Ready

VANCO VER BARRACKS April, 14.—There is a rumor current here today that the Sixteenth infantry, now stationed in the department of the Columbia, with headquarters at Fort Sherman, has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to move at any time It is not possible to verify the report here.

At Porto Rica

NEW YORK, April, 14.—The British steamer Silvia arrived today from Porto Rica ports, the last of which, San Juan, she left April, 17. Captain Clark said at the time he left San Juan the Spanish cruisers Vizcaya and Almirante Oquendo were still in Port coaling, watering and provisioning, and that entire secrecy was maintained anent their departure.

In Europe

LONDON, April 15.—The morning papers are filled with dispatches from the Continent, nearly all of the same tenor. The belief that war is inevitable is universal, as the feeling of hostility to the United States. The papers are filled with articles speculating upon the effect of the war upon securities, the markets and other interests.

The Vote That Did It

WASHINGTON, April, 13.—The house of representatives today, after one of the most exciting and memorable days in its history, by a vote of 322 to 19, adopted a resolution which nine-tenths of its members believe makes war inevitable.

The resolution adopted directs the president to intervene at once in Cuba, to restore peace and secure to the people of the island, "a stable, independent government of their own," and authorizes him to use the army and navy to execute the purpose of the resolution The fight was a bitter one.

The Cable All Right

KEY WEST, April, 13.—Agents of the Cuban insurgents are trying to communicate the probable action of congress to their associates in the field. They may get news across the Gulf by means of a boat from other ports. No vessels are leaving Key West for Havana, and none have arrived from there.

The cable communication with Havane was interrupted for several hours this morning. Later in the day it started to working. The cable officials here could offer no explanation for the happening.

Ellis Let out

ASTORIA, April, 13.—In the republican congressional convention for the second district of Oregon, Malcolm A Moody, of The Dalles, was nominated by acclamation for representative this evening. This action was preceded by a settlement of the contest between the delegates from Multnomah county and the administration of the regular delegation

Just For Practice

FORT MONROE, Va., April, 13.—It became known early in the forenoon that Comodore Sebley had received sailing orders, and immediately the scenes on the ships and ashore became one of animation.

Tonight it was reported, on what is believed to be good authority, that the squadron was ordered out on a practice cruise, and that the fleet will return to Old Point in a day or two.

The Popes Work

LONDON, April 13.—A dispatch from Rome announces that the pope has again telegraphed the emperor of Austria, begging him to use his influence with the other sovereigns in behalf of peace between the United States and Spain.

A Rich Strike

CANYON CITY, April 13.—W. P. Mount, of Susanville, arrived in the city yesterday having in his possession some of the richest and most beautiful free gold quartz specimens ever seen in this country, taken from his recent discovery, the Scyscraper mine. From the result of three days' stripping he estimates that $30,000 worth of ore will be taken out. The deposit of gold has been traced along the ledge for a distance of 1700 feet.

MISFITS.

The DEMOCRAT is in favor of peace, but it wants it coupled with Cuban freedom.

The President is between two fires, Congress and Spain. It is difficult to say which is to be feared the most.

Some one says the Boston Ladies Band is a Portland organization Boston has to give tone to the whole United States in musical matters.

Some one has discovered that Mary's lamb no longer follows her, for the simple reason that it cannot begin to keep up with her. She rides a bicycle.

Don't lose sight of the 266 brave sailors killed by Spanish treachery. Justice demands some reparation for the greatest crime of the present age.

The spaniards are a near sighted people else they would look ahead a little. They are bound to lose Cuba anyway, so they might as well have given her up gracefully without war.

Some of President McKinley's friends in congress are trying to prove that the sense of the recent message was for the independence of the Cubans. They might as well say black is white.

Another big effort is being made to get Governor Lord to call an extra session of the state legislature. All manner of representations have been made. But the Governor is stolid, and will probably remain so.

The name of Phil Metchan, who had been mentioned so much in connection with the republican state convention, failed to be mentioned when the delegates met.

The Astoria railroad has been accepted by the subsidy committee, and Mr. Hammond will be given property in Astoria that will eventually be worth several million dollars.

Walter Tooze in taking his seat as chairman of the convention at Astoria said "Prosperity is here" Mr. Tooze is postmaster at Woodburn and an exchange says probably refers to himself.

Divers charges are being made against superintendent Byars and his wife of the soldiers home Mrs. Byars is even accused of dealing out pies, cakes, etcetera to relatives not connected with the home. Who would run a soldiers home.

Teddy Edwards of New York city has ridden one hundred successive centuries on his bicycle and intends to make a record and fame for himself by riding 365. The chances are that he will be a physical wreck by that time.

One of the principal planks in the platform of the middle of the roaders is the referendum, and yet it was recently used by the people's party in the matter of union, with a big result in its favor, and they refuse to abide by it.

Dr. O. B. Reece has a way of his own of obtaining notoriety. A couple of years ago he presented Mr. Bryan with a cane made by himself and a few days ago he treated Harvey Scott, of the Oregonian, in the same way He makes no party distinctions in his favors.

The toughs are now running Fort Wrangle wide open. The other day a newcomer saw a sign reading "Bureau of Information" on a tent. He went inside and got all the information he desired. He was rolled and relieved of all his money. It was a regular robbers den.

"A flag that will not defend its defenders and protect its protectors is unfit to cumber the earth," said Mr. Ingersoll, and that should make the president and everybody else think of the Maine with the 258 defenders killed by Spanish treachery.

The matter continues to be complicated. It is stated that the president will veto the resolutions in favor of declaring war in Cuban if independence is included in them. The resolutions would probably be passed over his head. But in the meantime the matter is being delayed interminably.

Oregonians are gaining by the misfortunes of the Californians. The failure of their crops has added several cents to the price of wheat on the coast, and our farmers have had the advantage of it. There is no pleasure in receiving gain through the bad luck of another, and yet about half the fortunes are made that way.

Mr. Geer did not need to be at Astoria. It was an settled before hand. The Telegram says: "T. T Geer left for his farm, 10 miles east of Salem, this morning. He was heard hollering into the ear of Frank Parker, of the Walla Walla Statesman, that he had to go home and look after his sheep." Geer will be ratified at Salem tomorrow night.

When General Lee says the Spaniards blew up the Maine you may rest assured it is a fact. It was not only Spaniards, but it was Spanish officials. Had the Maine belonged to another nation than the United States the war would have been fought and been over by this time. The forbearance has been remarkable

The following joke was going the rounds today:

"Have you heard the news."

"What is it."

"A dispatch just went over the wires from the president ordering all the libraries to close at once."

"Well, well, what is that for."

"Why they are afraid the magazines will explode."

A Eugene chinaman named Gim Gin has declared his intentions of enlisting in the U. S. army and fighting for Uncle Sam in the war against Cuba. He is aching for the business to begin. The manner in which the Celestials fought Japan doesn't give the DEMOCRAT much confidence in their fighting capacity, and the government had better have just as few of them in the army as possible.

W. C. Hawley, of the Willamette University, closes a letter to a Brownsville friend in which he agrees to lecture there on May 14 on Cuba Libre with these words "Yours for war." President Hawley delivered this lecture in Albany several years ago, and those who heard it have never faltered in their sympathies for the oppressed Cubans.

Twenty-five hobos met in Portland, and after patriotic speeches unanimously agreed to tender their services to their country in case of war with Spain. There are said to be 1200 tramps on their way north this side of Redding, California, enough to make a good sized regiment, and the public would greatly appreciate seeing them formed into a regiment at once, before they take the entire valley. They are patriotic with a vengeance.

J. P. Gibbins, an Englishman and one of the greatest inventors and makers of mines in the world, says over his own signature in a statement to the World that the Maine was blown up by one of a lot of mines which he sold to Spain in 1896 for use in Havana. Mr. Gibbins says that these mines were so constructed that when a vessel swung against one of them the current was closed and a dropping shutter at the keyboard on shore informed the officer in charge that everything was ready for effectively touching off the mine.

From the Journal:

Senator King of Baker county, was given a most hearty and cordial reception at Salem, Tuesday. He could not go two blocks on the streets in less than three hours. It was a continuous ovation from personal friends of all parties. The Statesman ignored the presence of Hon. Will R. King in this city. He was not even given the customary courtesy of a personal item. The republican managers do not like the way King is received by all classes of people and hardly know what to do to check the tidal wave of good will and friendly feeling shown toward the young leader from east of the mountains.

The following is one of the most humorous items of the day: "Hon. T. T. Geer does not believe that a candidate for the high office of governor should seek a nomination by attending a convention. He is right. Instead of resorting to the office-seeking methods he was attending to his private duties. His nomination yesterday, by acclamation, is a case of the office seeking the man." The truth, as everybody knows, is that Mr. Geer has been seeking the office for months and had sought so well and effectively that he did not need to go to Astoria. Mr. Geer has been an office seeker for years.

If President McKinley has been somewhat weak in the fight with Spain and was not emphatic enough on the Maine disaster, he will now know what is business. The republican state convention yesterday passed the following resolution introduced by M. L. Pipes, who only recently fused with the party: "Resolved That the following message be at once wired to President McKinley: "The republicans of Oregon, in convention assembled, to the president of the United States, greeting: With the utmost confidence in the wisdom of your administration and pledging you the support of the state of Oregon, we express our earnest convictions that the Maine was destroyed by the design or criminal neglect of Spanish officers, and that this outrage is just cause for the United States to drive the Spanish nation from the western hemisphere."

The congressional convention that renominated Hon Tom Tongue, congratulated him as follows: "For securing the continuance of the work of improving Yaquina harbor; the construction of the locks in the Yamhill river; the improvement of the upper Willamette, and looking to the further improvement of Coos bay, Coquille, Tillamook, Siuslaw and other Oregon harbors; the purchase by the government of the locks at Oregon City; securing liberal pensions for the soldiers of the late war; furthering the measure to reimburse the Indian War Veterans for their losses in laying the foundation of the commonwealth, and granting them pensions, and, generally, his faithful labors in promoting the best interests of the people of this district and of the state and nation at large." Strange that they couldn't have thought of something else. What have Ellis and McBride been doing to be congratulated for.

A Live Hold Up.

A genuine hold-up is an unlooked for occurrence in these parts, but the unexpected sometimes occurs.

A. Jay Templeton, deputy county assessor, is still experiencing nervous sensations, and cold chills are yet playing leap-frog up and down his spinal column.

Mr. Templeton was enroute to the home of Lincoln Kirk on Saturday evening, and at about 8 o'cl