Crushed.

Once a poet wrote a sonnet
All about a pretty bonnet,
And a critic sat upon it,
On the sonnet
Not the bonnet,
Nothing loth.

And, as if it were high treason,
Said, "Neither rhyme nor reason
Has it. And it's out of season!"
Which? The sonnet
Or the bonnet?
Maybe both.

'Tis a feeble imitation
Of a worthier creation;
An esthetic innovation
Of a sonnet
Or a bonnet.
This was hard.

Both were put together neatly,
Harmonizing very sweetly,
But the critic crushed completely,
Not the bonnet
Or the sonnet,
But the bard.

—Spare Moments.

THE CUBAN CRISIS.

The passage of Mr. Cleveland's influence in home politics is strikingly shown by the fact that comparatively little attention has been given to what he said about the tariff or the currency. The portion of his message which has been subject to the most comment is that referring to Cuba and the possibility that the Unithd States may soon be called upon to interfere for the purpose of putting an end to the war in that island.

On this subject, however, the message of the President is hardly so notable as that of his Secretary of State, Mr. Olney. The President goes no further than to say a time may arrive when a correct policy and care for our interests as well as a regard for the interests of other nations will constrain our government to such action as will subserve the interests thus involved and restore to Cuba the blessings of peace. Mr. Olney is more decided in his views. He speaks of the time for such interference as being near at hand, and says:

From whatever point of view we regard the matter it is impossible not to discern that a state of things exists at our door alike dangerous to good relations, destructive of legitimate commerce, fatal to the internal resources of Cuba and most vexatious and trying because entailing upon this government excessive burdens in its outward relations. This situation cannot indefinitely continue without growing still worse, and the time may not be far distant when the United States must seriously consider whether its rights and interests, as well as its international duties, in view of its peculiar relations to the island, do not call for some decided change in the policy hitherto pursued.

Statements like these from men who are intrusted with the management of our foreign affairs and who speak under the responsibility of involving this country in war will certainly have the effect of confirming even the most wavering citizens in the belief that the condition of the affairs of Cuba is fully as bad if not worse than has been depicted by newspaper correspondents. The question, therefore, is brought straight to the people whether they are prepared to support the government in actively intervening between Spain and Cuba, even at the risk of war.

It will need no jingo spirit to arouse the American people to favor decided action on the issue. The report of Secretary Olney shows so clearly the evils that are wrought not only upon the Cubans but upon Americans living in that country or trading with it that he seems fully justified in his assertion that some decided change is necessary in the policy which has hitherto been pursued.

Whatever course our government takes in the matter, either this winter or under the incoming administration, will undoubtedly have the support not only of our own people, but of the civilized world. Spain has no just cause of complaint against us. We have done everything which we could to support her government of the island so long as such a government seemed possible. We have prevented any filibustering from this coast in aid of the Cubans, and have rigidly maintained all the obligations imposed upon us by international law, and if now we find it necessary for the protection of our own people to exert the strong arm of our government we will be blameless of injustice, aggression or any form of wrongdoing.

The "X" Ray in Surgery.

About six weeks ago a woodchopper named Smith, while splitting cord-wood, was struck in the leg by a piece of steel from a wedge. The man afterward complained of great pain, and a few days ago came into the city to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment. He insisted that the piece of steel was in his leg, but the surgeons were unable to locate it until yesterday, when Dr. Perry, who has had considerable success with the "X"-ray apparatus, examined the leg with a fleuroscope and found a metal sliver. Drs. Barber and McKay then cut into the leg and found the piece of steel just where the fleuroscope had shown it.

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In a recent speech Bourke Cockran said: "I am tired of masquerading as a tariff reformer. I am a free-trader, and I have donned political disguises for the last time." Now then if other democrats will be equally honest the people will know exactly the issue before them and the tariff question will soon be out of politics.

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Now therefore in persuance of the said order I, John H. Shupe, executor of the estate of M. R. Shupe, deceased, will sell at public sale at the Court House door in the City of Roseburg on

Saturday, the 26th day of December, 1896,

at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day for cash in hand, to the highest and best bidder, all the following bounded described real property belonging to said estate, to-wit:

The east half of the donation land claim of M. R. Shupe; the south half of the north west quarter and the north half of the south west quarter of Section 32; the north half of the south east quarter and the south half of the north east quarter of Section 31, all in Township 24 South of Range 5 West, Douglas County, Oregon, excepting therefrom 3.91 acres sold to E. G. Young in the north east corner of the south east quarter of the north west quarter of Section 32, township 24 South of Range 5 West, and containing 176.80 acres.

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Tuesday, the 8th day of December, 1896,

at the regular December 1896 term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon be presented to the said Court for approval. All persons having objection to said account will please present the same on or before that date.

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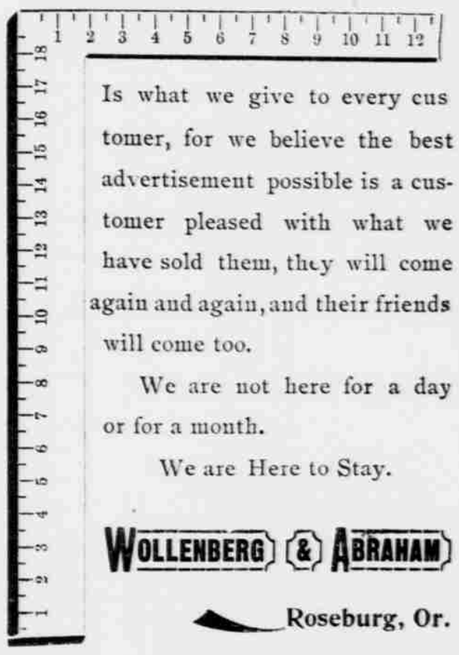

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