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WAR HAS BEGUN.

Moro Castle Fired on the North Atlantic Squadron

A Call for Volunteers.

Two Spanish Vessels Captured. Blockade of Cuban Ports Ordered.

After several weeks of suspense war has begun between Spain and the United States. Last Friday morning the fleet sailed from Key West and approached Havana Saturday. About 11 o'clock Moro Castle opened her guns and fired about ten shots towards the vessels; none took effect and none were returned.

The president issued a proclamation Friday announcing a blockade of the ports on the north coast of Cuba.

The Spanish merchantman Buena Ventura was captured by the Nashville and brought to Key West. The captain was surprised as he did not that war had been declared.

Another Spanish vessel the Pedro was captured by the cruiser New York.

Saturday the president issued a call for 125,000 volunteers to serve two years unless sooner discharged. The number is to be apportioned among the several states and territories as far as practicable in proportion to the population.

The capture of the Buena Ventura has aroused great indignation, the Spaniards claiming that hostilities were not supposed to have begun. The citizens of Madrid characterize the seizure as an act of piracy. The owners of the vessel have signed a protest against her capture.

The schooner Mathilde laden with rum was captured by the torpedo boat Poster Saturday at noon.

Several reports of American vessels having been captured but at this time none of them seem well founded.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c. 50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERVISORS.

The county court has issued the following letter of instructions to the road supervisors of the county.

1st—You have the power, under Section 4090, of the Code, to require of each person subject to road tax in your district the faithful performance of a reasonable day's work of eight hours. It is a matter of common knowledge that many who have work to perform on the roads take inferior teams and send boys, or invalids to drive them, while others send good teams and hands. Under the Section above referred to, you have the power to correct this inequality. You can estimate what is a fair day's work and ought not, in fact have no right to receive a man for anything less. If he does not do a day's work equal to the average man with the average team, implements, etc., in one day, then he must be required to put in more than a day before he is entitled to a receipt for a day's work.

2nd—See that the roads are properly drained. Drainage is one of the most important factors in making good roads in this county. See that the water does not stand in the road nor flow along in it. Expend your road work in making permanent improvements. Do not waste it in temporary repairs. While due regard should be had towards letting men work where they are most interested, nevertheless most of the work ought to be done upon the main thoroughfares, which are traveled by all, until they are in good condition.

3rd—See that the bridges and culverts in your district are in good repair. You are responsible to the county for their condition. If they get out of repair and dangerous, fix them at once if you can, if not, put up a notice warning the public of their condition. The law requires that all bridges six feet or over from the ground shall be provided with banisters. See that this provision of the law is complied with in your district.

4th—Do not allow rubbish of any kind—wood, rails, chunks or trimmings from orchards,—to be piled or remain in the county roads. When adjoining owners move or reset their fences they must not be allowed to throw or leave the pieces of rails or refuse in the road.

5th—The county now owns a rock-crusher and this will be kept at work during the year in those districts on the main roads where the districts will furnish teams and labor to run it. The county will furnish the engineer and one man and team to haul water, and the district must furnish all other labor. If you want the crusher in your district, you will please make that fact known at once to the county judge, stating distinctly how many days you want it, what time would be most convenient, and whether rock for crusher is convenient and plentiful.

Everybody Says So.

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In many districts in the foot-hills where there is plenty of rock we advise that you make a bed of larger rock and this can be covered with the crushed rock, which will make just as good road and is much cheaper than making it all with crushed rock.

6th—All persons subject to road tax must be compelled to work out their tax. There is no occasion for reporting any delinquent, especially residents of the county, and your report will be scrutinized closely on this point.

7th—You will be required to work as many hands at one time as practicable in your district, and in making allowance for your time this will be taken into consideration by the court.

8th—There is much complaint and dissatisfaction in some districts as to the manner in which the money received from the railroad company, or other sources, is expended. Keep a strict account of all cash received and the manner in which it is expended. We advise that this be not worked out by the supervisor alone. If you have others to do it, or assist, there will be no opportunity for complaint and if you are willing to do it, a great deal more work can be had for the money than there would be if the tax was worked out by the R. R. Co.

9th—You will report at once to the office of the county judge the number and kind of tools in your districts belonging to the county and you will see that they are properly cared for and at the end of your term deliver to your successor. Do not allow these tools and implements to be used for other than road purposes.

Finally, for the information of the court and the public generally, we ask that you report at the end of the year the amount of work done in your district, giving the number of loads of gravel, or rock, placed upon the road, and how much you have graded, and how much permanent work has been done.

Respectfully yours, E. O. POTTER, County Court. J. T. CALLETON, W. T. BAILEY.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASH., D. C., Apr. 18, 1898.

It would seem to a man up a tree that the complaints of congress recently made of the slowness of the President was an instance of "the pot calling the kettle black." From the talk in congress before the President's message went in it was supposed that the message would be acted upon within a day after it was received, but it has been before congress a week today, and that resolution authorizing forcible intervention is not yet in the President's hands although it is hoped that it will be by tomorrow. The house adopted a resolution promptly, but the senate, after wasting four days in talk without bringing forward a single new idea, unless the assertion of Senator Wellington that there was no reason for our going to war with Spain can be considered one, adopted an entirely different resolution, including a provision for the recognition of Cuba, which makes more delay.

These delays would be more aggravating were it not for the certainty that they cannot last much longer and that they cannot change the ultimate result—the driving of Spain out of Cuba. While it probably is not true that these delays are the result of plotting, it is not surprising that suspicion should be expressed by the impatient.

According to statements made by members of the administration, the President will lose no time in putting armed intervention into effect after the joint resolution authorizing it is in his hand, and the rushing of all available troops in the regular army to southern ports looks like immediate business; but he will probably first demand the peaceful evacuation of Cuba by Spain granting a day or two for Spain to answer. That will mean more time. It should also be remembered that if the President is so disposed he can withhold his signature from the intervention resolution for ten days. The resolution will

DO NOT FORGET.

The change of location of the Northern Pacific ticket office, which is now with "The Eugene Real Estate Agency" on the ground floor directly opposite the Guard office, near corner of Seventh and Willamette Streets, Eugene, This is the only regular City Ticket Office in Lane County. We are absolutely the only line running through cars from Eugene to the East or South without change. Remember no change of cars at Portland via the Northern Pacific, the only line running the upholstered Pullman Tourist Sleeping cars and the celebrated Dining cars on every train. Don't forget this in choosing your route for a business or pleasure trip.

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ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways. The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention the West and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

not be binding till he signs it. So many predictions have been upset by unexpected delays that few are being made in Washington just now. We are going to war. Of that everybody is certain, but nobody is certain whether the shooting will start this week, or next, or the week after.

Although no prominent man in either would acknowledge them to have been necessary, men who wear their party collars loosely consider that Senator Gray's words—"There is one truce—one armistice—that I want, and that is a truce between the political parties of this country until we can settle our account with Spain"—were not only necessary, but that they have had a good effect on those who have been trying to play party politics in congress during the last few days, by causing them to realize that they were getting on thin ice, and letting them know that, whatever their intentions, they were not fooling anybody. Plain Americanism is good enough for every true patriot until we have given Spain that long-invited thrashing, and the politician big or little who fails to recognize that fact will be made to pay dearly for his error by the people.

Among the many offers made to the war department of men and things to use against the Spaniards was one from a circus proprietor of twenty-five elephants, which he said would be just what would be needed by our army in Cuba. He did not like it at all when the officials told him that they didn't think they could make use of the elephants.

If the representatives of the great European powers in Washington are correctly reporting the state of congressional sentiment to their governments, nothing is likely to come of the renewed talk about the intention of the six greatest European powers to attempt by a joint note to persuade this government not to force Spain out of Cuba, and if that fails, to make a threat of resorting to force to compel us to keep our hands off Spain's island possessions. That Austria, France, and Italy would be willing to go to almost any extreme to aid Spain, if they could be assured of the assistance of England, Germany, and Russia, is well known. But the determination of congress, which knows that it reflects the overwhelming sentiment of the country, would not be changed one iota, even if formal notice was served on this country that European force would be used to prevent the carrying out of the joint resolution just adopted, to drive Spain out of Cuba.

Senator Teller voiced the sentiment of administration, congress and people when he said: "There must be no interference by the allied powers of Europe. We should declare that with all the vigor of our Anglo-Saxon blood and our 75,000,000 people." "No foreign dictation" would become a companion slogan to "Remember the Maine", the minute that the European powers attempted to meddle with our settlement of the Cuban question.

Many of the old-timers in Washington can remember the time when the passing of the lie direct from one senator to another would have led to trouble outside of the senate chamber, but if Senator Wellington of Md., has taken any step toward resenting or demanding a retraction of the words—"you are a liar"—applied to him in open senate by Senator Money, of Miss., whom he charged with having gone to Cuba as the agent of a New York paper, nobody has found it out. Senator Money apologized to the senate for using unparliamentary language, but he did not apologize to Senator Wellington for calling him a liar.

Literary.

(ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.)

Those who think must govern those who toil.

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.

Politeness is as natural to delicate natures as perfume is to flowers.

A thousand years scarce serve to form a state, an hour may lay it in the dust. Jarring interests of themselves create the according music of a well mixed state.

In a troubled state, we must do as in foul weather upon a river, not think to cut directly through, for the boat may be filled with water; but rise and fall as the waves do, and give way as much as we conveniently can.

It so falls out that what we have we prize not to the worth while we enjoy it; but being lacked and lost, why then we rack the value; then we find the virtue that possession would not show us while it was ours.

It is the misfortune of all miscellaneous political combinations that with the purest motives of their more generous members are ever mixed the most sordid interest and the fiercest passions of mean confederates.

Politeness is fictitious benevolence.

It supplies the place of it among those who see each other only in public, or but little. Depend upon it, the want of it, never fails to produce something disagreeable to one or the other. I have always applied to good breeding what Addison, in his "Cato" says of honor: "Honor's a sacred tie; the law of kings; the noble mind distinguishing perfection; that aids and strengthens Virtue where it meets her, and imitates her actions where she is not."

NEW POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Charles Emory Smith of Pennsylvania has been appointed postmaster-general in place of James Gary who has resigned because of ill health.

GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By a West Correspondent.

April 23rd, 1898.

Fred Peil is going east and the mill machinery on Deadwood is for sale. Fred's brother, who was expected to come and take an interest in the mill, changed his mind.

Herman Stienhauer went to Eugene this week, returning in the rain Thursday. It is rumored that there are some bright eyes out that way that he is not indifferent to.

Mrs. Seth Simmons is quite well again. Fred Peipot has done some heavy slashing about the Greenleaf school house and there will be a hot time when it burns.

Mr. Morsman has gone to Washington with his family. He says if he can sell his property there he will come back and buy in the Lake creek country.

The Alpha-Seaton mail service is not to be a daily one. The contract was not let at the first bidding, and bills are advertised for a tri-weekly service.

The contractor for the Eugene-Mapleton mail service had an agent here this week trying to sub-let the contract. It will probably cost him about \$15000 a year, in addition to the contract price, to get the mail carried.

Charley Snow, whose farm on Deadwood is being carried on by G. Lundy, is home on a visit this week from Jackson county, where he is employed at mining.

There is a prospect of a bridge across Deadwood creek this year. The mail carrier will welcome it as heartily as anybody.

Young Mike Almasi and a younger brother went bear hunting on Nelson mountain today and got an old bear and a cub. Another cub escaped after a chase.

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