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A NEEDED POLICY.

The Chicago Record does well to call attention to the fact that it is high time that we take some decisive step to protect American trade and American citizens.

Another matter of the American policy of delay, and too often of American incompetency, may be found in the now well-known case of the Virginia.

In the light of the outcome of the Virginia affair it is little wonder that the Spaniards believe that Americans cannot fight, and that Americans are "dollar a head" who will submit to any kind of an invasion.

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Episodes of recent occurrence in oriental waters show to us that commanders of American merchant vessels are unable to command the respect which has been freely accorded to the British colors.

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Carlisle's "axioms" with reference to money, which he has ever held as indisputable arguments against the free coinage of silver. They are: "There is not a free-coinage country in the world today that is not on a silver basis."

These "axioms" might have been submitted as convincing argument in 1896, but they are stale now, for the financial question has assumed rather a different phase from what it presented in 1896.

In the campaign of 1896 the republican party argued that the enactment of a free coinage law would contract the money of the country by driving all the gold out of circulation, and thus make money too scarce for the requirements of trade.

Another thing that is being done is to speak for both Great Britain and the United States. The Englishman merely announced that he was informed that there were British subjects among the prisoners, and demanded that no more be killed until the American and British authorities agreed to speak for both Great Britain and the United States.

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tion, and to have permitted the butchery and starvation to continue another year was inhuman and unjust. The people are so wrought up over the Cuban affairs that they will not long submit to inactivity on the part of their chief executive.

Other issues in this campaign will sink into insignificance compared with the money question, however it will not be discussed from the standpoint of free coinage of silver, but from a stand against the gold standard and the attempt to place the power to issue paper currency in the hands of the national bank.

AN INEQUITIOUS MEASURE. Emboldened by their success so far in "currency reform" the managers of the republican party have submitted a proposition for fixing the currency of the United States in such shape that money can be made scarce or abundant at the will of the Wall Street brokers.

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Already the platform of the union forces in Oregon has been adopted, and a fearless stand has been taken against fastening upon the nation irrevocably the single gold standard.

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CONGRESS FOR WAR. Resolutions Declaring War Upon Spain Introduced. TENSION IS GREAT. Lawmakers Cannot Long Be Held in a Pacific Mood by the Administration. There is blood on the Moon in Washington—Nothing short of Open Hostilities will suffice to satisfy the Members. WASHINGTON, March 29.—Rawlin of Utah, today introduced a joint resolution in the senate recognizing the independence of Cuba and declaring war against Spain.

Ladies Tailor-Made Suits. Ladies who visit the showing of our costumes just received, will be delighted, and our invitation to enjoy the fashion show will be quickly accepted. Ladies Dress Skirts. These handsome skirts have stolen prettiness from the most stylish of the new tailor-made suits. Ladies JACKETS AND CAPES. All that is newest in stuffs and style, all that is best in work and finish is here represented. MILLINERY. This department is now ready for your inspection.

PEASE & MAYS. ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES. LUMBER! Lumber Lumber. We carry constantly on hand a large stock of Rough and Dressed Lumber of all kinds.

SASH AND DOORS. Paints, Oils and Glass, Building Paper, Cedar Shingles, and Redwood Shingles. JOS. T. PETERS & CO. THE DALLES, OREGON. The Spanish minister, El Lina al publishes what is generally considered an accurate account of the interview between General Woodford and Premier Sagastia.

Your Tax. For the coming year on baking powder will be very light if you buy Schilling's Best and use only one heaping teaspoonful to a quart of flour.

