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The Spanish government is asking for \$40,000,000 to build more naval vessels. But who will furnish it to a country where taxation is already at the highest point, and yet where revenues are insufficient?

Until the government of the United States demonstrates its ability and power to run down and execute the mob of men who burnt a postoffice and assassinated the postmaster and his family at Lake City, South Carolina, any further preparation or talk concerning war with Spain will make this country ridiculous among all enlightened people on the face of the earth. The outrage and insult of the barbarous proceedings in South Carolina is a greater offense and affront to the United States than the blowing up of all the warships in our navy by a foreign enemy would be.

FIREARMS ARE NOT TOYS.

Count Goliczowski, in his speech to the Austrian delegates last November, urged "prompt counteracting measures," not only on the part of Austria, but of all Europe as well, against the "destructive competition with transoceanic countries." His words were aimed at the United States, and were of the nature of a sop thrown to the agricultural interests of Austria. Now comes the information that the crop shortage of Austria is so great that it will necessitate the importation of \$100,000,000 worth of food. And the United States will have to supply a large portion of this, for we always have a large surplus beyond our own needs. This condition shows the folly of Goliczowski's utterance. Suppose that the "commercial war" which he desired to inaugurate, was on hand. Austria would have to buy food, and would have to buy of us. Her people would simply have to pay much more for it than they now do. Goliczowski should understand that a country has to be commercially independent before she can declare "commercial war" against countries beyond the sea.

CLATSOP COUNTY POLITICS.

It is high time the public mind was prepared for the next gathering of republicans in convention for the nomination of county and state officers and the selection of delegates to the state convention. What dates are to be fixed for holding the convention and the previous primaries? How are the delegates to be chosen? These are important questions, but a more serious one and one which, in the mind of many old and sound republicans, overbalances all else—who is to select the candidates to be voted for at the primaries? Is it to be a boss and his cabal; the same that has selected them heretofore, and if so, is it a good method?

It is said that in the past few years, at the dictation of a few leaders, in conjunction with a cabal which clusters around the courthouse, a cut-and-dried program has been prepared, and usually carried, regardless of all protests and opposition from without. Already the same cabal is preparing a similar program for this year, and its agents are now feeling their way in the various precincts of the county with the object of maintaining its control. It can be safely predicted that no republican who has ventured to be independent of this clique or who has not acted with them in the past will be considered sound enough to be their candidates in any connection. Their motto is "Follow our leader." This kind of politics is become extremely wearisome to all honest citizens. Bossism and familyism has been preferred to principle, and blind attachment to the personal ambition of one man, regardless of his views, has led to much discord and threatens the disruption of party fealty on the part of many life-long republicans in Clatsop county. Good and true men have been ostracized and elbowed aside in an unmerciful manner to make way for the gang and its minions. Proscription of

worthy men who have dared to assert their right to a voice in party organization or the selection of candidates has been carried to the extreme even of interference with private business, and so editorial has this spirit become that much disgust is being manifested by large and important element of all parties.

There is imperative demand for fair play. Evidence is abundant that not only in the county, but wherever in state convention or legislature the chosen representatives of this ring have been sent their acts have lacked the virtue of sound principles or even good politics, resulting naturally in disappointment and discredit to the city and county.

It is not difficult to find the remedy for this. It is for all earnest and sincere republicans to be brought to consider it their duty to turn out at the party meetings and primaries and insist that nominations or selections of candidates be made openly and not in private meetings held beforehand. Too much stress can not be laid upon the importance of choosing only good, independent and representative delegates at the primaries; men who have the interest of county improvements and the public welfare at heart rather than the preferment of individual seekers of office, and who will act fearlessly upon their convictions regardless of the dictation or influence of any man or set of men—doing what they believe to be for the best interests of all.

Much has been heard of late from certain sources as to the importance of conciliation and unity. Truly this is a consummation devoutly to be wished, but the only method by which it may be accomplished in Clatsop county is to abolish cliques; treat all good republicans as equals free to exercise without fear or favor the choice of their convictions; to forego the attempt to dragoon the party into followers of one man; to let not a little but quite a good deal of fresh blood into the political system and to rigidly turn out to grass all those who have fed and fattened for so long at the public crit.

Two more deaths have lately resulted from "didn't know it was loaded" accidents—a mother killing her babe and a boy almost having his head blown off. Revolvers and guns are dangerous under all circumstances. Firearms are not toys. It is also unsafe to trifle with what are termed minor ailments. Insignificant though they seem at first, they are likely, if precautions against their further development are neglected, or they are unwisely treated, to develop into maladies of dangerous and complex magnitude. The best way is to arrest their progress at the start with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which cures constipation, liver complaints and rheumatism, malaria, kidney trouble and nervousness. A decline in health is something we cannot afford to disregard. Nature always exacts a severe penalty for continuous heedlessness of her warnings. Independently of its sterling efficacy as a specific for chronic maladies, the Bitters is a superb tonic and promoter of appetite and sleep.

It is not necessary to have a first-class seat at the show of life; many good observers have had only standing room.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay until the scalp is bare and the hair roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

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Cupid breaks his bow at the slight of a face full of pimples. Hollow cheeks, sunken eyes, and a sallow complexion will defy his best intentions. Beauty is more than skin deep. The skin is merely the surface on which is written in plain characters the condition of the body. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is good for the complexion because it cures and purifies the blood, insures the digestion strong and clears out impurities of all kinds. By increasing the ability to assimilate nutritious food and by the infusion of its own ingredients it enriches the blood and so makes solid, healthy flesh. It cures diseases of the lungs, liver, stomach, bowels, skin and scalp, simply because all these diseases spring from the same causes—disturbed digestion and consequent impure blood.

If driven against the bars of necessity, take the leap gallantly. You may chance to snap the top bar and save your neck.

All who have crossed the desert of self-agree that nothing is to be found there except cinders, ashes and dead men's bones.

With careful attention the wisest word and wisest tactic can be made truly and of even color, by the use of Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

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It was made for a hospital soap in the first place, made by request, the doctors wanted a soap that would wash as sharp as any and do no harm to the skin. That means a soap all soap, with no free alkali in it, nothing but soap; there is nothing mysterious in it. Cost depends on quantity; quantity comes of quality.

All sorts of stores sell it, especially druggists; all sorts of people use it, especially those that know what's what.

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THE PILL THAT WILL.**Tide table for February, 1898.**

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
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