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The Weekly Astorian, the second oldest weekly in the state of Oregon, has, next to the Portland Oregonian, the largest weekly circulation in the state.

Gen. Gomez is advancing on Havana and not quibbling about recognition. The independence of Cuba will give him what he has been fighting for.

The President gave the so-called armistice only a brief mention in his message. Its purpose to confuse him at the last moment was a complete failure.

We have been told by political philosophers that democracies are apt to be stampeded in a crisis, and to rush into war or other sort of excesses on small provocation. The course of the United States in the Cuban affair, however, shows that this judgement will have to be qualified. The philosophers have had France and some of the Central and South American republics in mind, but the conduct of these nations is not a fair index of the workings of democratic government. In the Cuban question this country has had provocation which would have incited even England, the most conservative and stable of the European nations, to declare war on Spain by this time. In this whole affair the United States has displayed a balance and a patience which have belied the teachings of the Old World's publicists.

The men who will have the fighting to do in case of war are not yet tumbling over in their haste to enlist. As a matter of fact the few who offer their services seem to be chiefly of a class certain to be rejected as unfit for military service, says the Philadelphia Times. Of one hundred examined in Philadelphia recently only four were accepted. At the rate of four a day it would take a good while to enlist much of an army in Philadelphia. In case of war and a call for troops by the president, plenty of volunteers would offer themselves from a class of men fit for military duty and certain to be accepted, but the story of the enlistment officers appears conclusive of the fact that the thirst for war is mainly confined to those who have no intention of going to war themselves. The bone and sinew of the brawn and brain of the country's citizenship are not clamoring for war. The class from which soldiers must be enlisted, if real war occurs, will fight if required to, but people of this class are not going about with chips on their shoulders urging Spaniards or anybody else to bite thumbs at them.

THE RAINY SEASON.

Cuba lies just south of the tropic of Cancer, and so has but two seasons—the wet and the dry. The latter begins early in June and extends through September. In case of war, our troops will have to do their campaigning before the end of May, for they can do nothing after that until October.

One has to be in Cuba during the rainy season to appreciate its fully. Rain falls every day in torrents. The mud is so deep that it is impossible to travel. A horse sinks above his knees in the roads. Between showers the sun shines. The thermometer runs up to 100 or 110 degrees, and the humidity of the air is simply unendurable. Yellow fever, germs, and an unaccompanied person who gets wet to the skin, as a rule, has an attack of fever as the penalty. And the Cubans declare it takes ten years' residence there to become acclimated.

American soldiers would go to certain death were a campaign to be attempted in Cuba between May and October. Spanish experience proves this. More than 100,000 Spanish troops have perished within the last three years, but only a few died in battle. The most of them fell victims to yellow fever; it is horribly fatal, and there is no reliable cure nor means of preventing it. But our recourse lies in arming and feeding the Cuban army, which will do on shore all that is necessary, in connection with our navy, to put the Spanish out of the island.

If war comes, our wise course will be to use our fleets to blockade Havana and other ports in Spanish hands, and let the rebels do the fighting on land, we furnishing supplies. If they cannot do the job by October, then we can land troops

safely, and complete the task. From September to June the climate is ideal, and a campaign would be a picnic to our boys.

WAR AND COMMERCE.

War has always been recognized as an expensive game and modern conditions do not make it any less costly. It is not merely that the actual conduct of war, particularly at sea, involves an enormously increased expenditure, a single battleship using up an appropriation that formerly would have sustained a fleet. The indirect cost, in the disturbance of commerce and trade, especially with the general expansion of the world's business.

Something of this indirect cost we are already experiencing in the uncertainty that is hindering all business operations and a more specific illustration in the check which the war scare has brought to the efforts to extend American commerce. It is in its commerce that a belligerent nation is most vulnerable—if it has any commerce and its enemy has any means of getting it. Already the few American transatlantic lines are losing business, because American vessels would be liable to the attack of Spanish cruisers in event of war, and even our coastwise trade, the only well developed branch of American commerce, is suffering from the same reason.

It is generally expected that if we do go to war with Spain it will not be for a long time and we may hope that the ultimate results will be helpful to our commerce. Meanwhile it must be recognized that it is on the sea, not on land, that the Spaniards would aim to inflict the most damage, and ship-owners and shippers will of necessity be cautious. The interruption comes most unfortunately at a time when we were just beginning to extend our carrying trade, but if we wish to indulge in the pastime of war we have to accept the consequences, whatever they may be.

AN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION.

It is rumored in official circles that the government contemplates sending an expedition to the Antarctic Circle during the ensuing year. This is said, will comprise eminent navigators, geographers, naturalists and astronomers who will explore that comparatively unknown territory. There can be little doubt that discoveries will be made of the utmost importance to science. However useful these may be, they can never exceed the value from a philanthropic point of view, of that discovery so frantically we have to the human race—Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This truly estimable medicine, discovered nearly half a century ago, has achieved a reputation for curative and preventive efficacy in cases of morbid disease which has never had a parallel in the history of medicine. It cures and prevents malaria, chronic dyspepsia, biliousness, rheumatism, kidney and bladder complaints and nervous ailments. Use it steadily, not by fits and starts.

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SHIPPING AND MARINE



MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Oregon arrived in from San Francisco yesterday. The steamer Elwood left for the Sound yesterday in tow of the Relief.

The British steamer Alca Urag, 250 tons, Captain Robertson, 30 days from Shanghai in ballast, arrived in yesterday.

Tide Table for April, 1898.

Table with columns for DATE, HIGH WATER, and LOW WATER. Includes data for various days of the month.

VESSELS BOUND TO ASTORIA.

Table listing vessels bound to Astoria, including ship names, destinations, and agents.

Table listing various shipping companies and their agents, including Claverdon, Kolway, and Yokohama.

LUMBER FLEET

Table listing the Astoria's grain fleet, including vessel names and flags.

ASTORIA'S GRAIN FLEET 1897.

Table listing the grain fleet for 1897, including vessel names, flags, and values.

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