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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.

If General Blanco will excuse the remark, he looks very much like a recondite himself.

The American people made history last week, and united as one, are moving forward to accomplish the great purposes they have avowed.

The gold reserve has gone beyond the \$30,000,000 line and is still rising. Little has been heard lately about the cowardice of gold in a crisis.

Not over 100 of the thousands of Spaniards in New York city left to join the Spanish army. The impassioned appeals from Madrid and Havana excited but little feeling in the colony.

The Cuban insurgent must have a strange sensation when he reflects that his end of the island is the only part not blockaded. He will enjoy himself still more when Uncle Sam opens communication and supplies the hardware and cartridges.

The spontaneously with which the citizens of Astoria hung out Old Glory when the war news was received early yesterday morning and Commodore Dewey's victory became generally known, was evidence of the fact that Oregonians in general and Astorians in particular, have but one thought with their eastern and southern brethren—the supremacy of the Stars and Stripes for the right. It will probably be some hours before Commodore Dewey's personal report to the government is received. He is a man of strong character and very surely will not stop until he has complete control of the Philippines and every Spanish vessel in sight. His victory will be the greatest achievement in modern naval warfare. With control of Manila for a coaling station and base of operations in Asiatic waters; with Hawaii as another Pacific coaling station for use of warships in transit; with Porto Rico and the Canaries under our control in the Atlantic, and with Havana subdued, the insurgents made independent, the United States with its lately augmented navy and increased possessions will be in position to maintain its absolute independence of all European influences. Britain and America—the English-speaking people and the powers of right and justice—can see to it that the balance of the world must walk straight.

EFFECT OF THE WAR ON RAILROADS.

The effect of war with Spain on the export trade of this country is the subject of considerable speculation among railway managers and other officials who are in charge of transportation interests. Whether prolonged hostilities would have a disastrous effect upon railway properties or not, it is a fact that railway managers all over the country view the conflict with considerable apprehension.

Annual Sales Over \$100,000 Dollars.

signing goods to foreign ports.

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GOING IT ALONE FINANCIALLY.

In the last presidential campaign much was heard of a financial declaration of independence. Some great advantages, by no means clearly defined, were expected to result from the adoption of an isolated currency standard of our own, obliging the world to conform or suffer the consequences. The Chicago platform embodied the idea in these resounding words: "We demand the free and unlimited coinage of both silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1 without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. We demand that the standard silver dollar shall be a full legal tender equally with gold for all debts, public and private, and we favor such legislation as will prevent for the future the demonetization of any kind of legal tender money by private contract."

The avalanche of public speaking that marked the campaign no phrase of the silverites was delivered with a more swelling emphasis than "without the aid or consent of any other nation." There was something in it supposed to put all other countries in the background with one wave of the oratorical arm, and it was always good for a big round of free applause.

Less than two years have passed and we find ourselves involved in a serious foreign controversy. The great conception of cutting loose from all the rest of creation will be admitted, at present, to be quite impracticable. We might have been willing to sell our products on a silver basis, but other nations take a different view of their own transactions. It happened that it was greatly to our interest to buy some foreign warships, not only to strengthen our navy, but even more to keep them out of the hands of an adversary. Of course the trade is for cash, and it is to be noted that the two Brazilian ships cost in gold less than half the amount that would have been demanded for them in silver. The same is true of all war material purchased in Europe. Gold passes anywhere in the world at the coinage value, while silver is accepted only as bullion outside of the country where it is coined.

If any one had taken the floor in the Chicago convention and suggested that the day might come when we should find it highly expedient to buy foreign warships in a hurry he would have been howled down as a visionary and totally lacking in patriotism. He would have been overwhelmed with shouts that the proper thing under all circumstances, financially, at least, is to act "without the aid or consent of any other nation." That mouth-filling burst of eloquent self-sufficiency would have soothed the protest, while thousands of democrats joined in the popular yell to clinch the point. Nevertheless, in buying the two Brazilian ships we have saved several million dollars by adhering to the gold standard, and we have also made the discovery that there are emergencies when the rest of the world may be useful to us. Our foreign experts had ever amounted to over a billion dollars, were paid for in gold. In the face of a threatened foreign war one of our best weapons of defense is the matchless gold standard.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

At the Geneva conference to arrange international disputes, there was strenuous advocacy on the part of the United States and other powers in favor of the settlement of international differences as to boundaries, port, custom duties, fisheries and what not by an international court and not by the bloody arbitration of war. The question has been mooted and discussed over and over again. But few, if any, other cases are comparable enough in their origin that it has got out of men's minds. But this is a very favorable, which is to say a safe, way of talking about, and that is an unimpeachable effect of Webster's letters in case of dispute. Nor does the world and her war communists care very much upon the existence of the letters. In cases of crime and peer, chicanery, nervous and anxiety complicated the arbitration.

Railway men do not want war. While it is generally agreed that there will be an increase in certain lines of traffic, the decrease in the more profitable northern business, it is feared, will make many counterpart. If the railroads will of course derive considerable revenue from the transportation of troops and provisions, but if the war is of sufficient duration to ruin the export business the railway interests will suffer heavily. Nowhere is there visible any marked change in the markets that are traceable to any expectations that trade relations between the old and the new world are to be seriously disturbed. It is physically beyond the power of Spain to blockade the entire Atlantic coast of the United States, even if she were disposed to do it. The chief danger to the export trade, therefore, comes from the dislocation of shippers to take the risk of ocean voyages, even if they are able to secure vessel room. With Spanish vessels patrolling the ocean there will be enough uncertainty as to the fate of American cargoes to deter many shippers from con-

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NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASTORIA, OREGON, TO IMPROVE COLUMBIA AND ALAMEDA AVENUES.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, Oregon, proposes and intends to improve Alameda Avenue, in said city, in the manner hereinafter designated, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the Columbia and Alameda Avenues, in the western boundary thereof, thence easterly and parallel to the center line of Taylor Avenue to its intersection with Columbia Avenue, if extended, thence in a northwesterly direction along the center line of Alameda Avenue, thence to its intersection with the center line of Taylor Avenue, thence southwesterly along the center line of Alameda Avenue to a point where the western boundary of lot 2 in Taylor's Astoria is intersected by the center line of Alameda Avenue, thence easterly along the center line of Taylor Avenue to its intersection with the center line of Lincoln Street, if extended, thence southwesterly along the center line of Lincoln Street to its intersection with the center line of Taylor Avenue, thence southwesterly along the center line of Alameda Avenue to a point where the western boundary of lot 2 in Taylor's Astoria is intersected by the center line of Lincoln Street, if extended, thence 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