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### WAR CANNOT BE AVERTED.

Such was the head line of an as- sociated press dispatch in the Boise Statesman of March 26, received here last Monday. The report of the court of inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster reached the president on the 27th inst. and shows that the attle ship was destroyed by an external explosion.

The president and his cabinet advisers held two extended sessions at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meetings that the discussion was of grave character and that never since the wreck of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical.

There were two explosions, the court finds, the first from the outside and the second of the magazine. It was this result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply concerned of its responsibility, together with the evidence upon which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended sessions. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to congress early this week, accompanied by a brief message from the president.

The secretary by direction of the president has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion.

The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish commission holds the disaster to the Maine to be of internal origin. The government of Spain, it can be stated positively, is not disposed to turn back the torpedo fleet now on the way from the Canaries and would be disinclined to consider a suggestion from this government tending to interfere with the disposition by Spain of her own naval forces.

War preparations on an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the war and navy departments and the country practically on a war footing.

### Egg Within an Egg

The Morrow county egg mentioned by the Heppner Times is very common hen fruit compared with a recent Umattilla county product.

An ambitious hen of the Wyandotte variety belonging to A. H. Todd, near Pendleton, did the best she could the other day with the result that she has made herself famous at Kemler's corner grocery. Hundreds of people struggle to get through the door to see what she has done. Her remarkable egg is three times the ordinary dimensions, and within the outer shell is another egg, perfectly formed, of the usual size and within a firm shell. Altogether it is the most egg-tranordinary egg ample of patient and effectual laying that ever happened in this or any other country.—East Oregonian.

A man in Georgia kissed a woman rather suddenly and her false teeth fell out and were broken. She at once brought suit against the man for damages. The jury are wrestling with the question: "Were her teeth blown out from the outside by the power of the masculine oscillation or whether they were blown out from the inside by the force of the feminine concussion?" If the jury fails to decide the question the Maine court of inquiry should be called on to settle it, as the case is somewhat similar to the Maine disaster.

A young man in Richmond Virginia, writes a local paper that he has written six poems on wind. Was there ever so frank? The first thing one knows the lawyers and the doctors will be telling the inside truth about their respective professions.

### The Omaha Exposition.

We are in receipt of a circular letter from the Oregon commission appointed by Gov. Lord to devise ways and means to have this state represented at the Trans-Mississippi and Industrial Exposition to be held at Omaha from June 1st to November 1st, 1898, asking for moral and financial support from the people of Oregon. Below we give a part of the letter and the plan of raising funds to carry out the affair successfully:

The exposition is primarily intended to embrace the industrial resources of the states west of the Mississippi river, but Eastern states the British colonies, Mexico and Central and South American republics will participate, and many Eastern governments will be represented. The buildings and grounds and the arrangements will make the exposition in extent and completeness second only to the World's Columbian fair.

To the intelligent people of this state it is unnecessary to make a detailed statement of the manifold advantages to be derived from an exhibition at Omaha of the various products which go to make up the resources of Oregon, as a means of attracting the agriculturist, the stock and fruit grower, the miner, the manufacturer and the capitalist seeking investments in a new field in which to follow their advocacy or invest their accumulated wealth.

Therefore we give briefly the plan which the commission have adopted to accomplish this end, which is as follows:

In the absence of a state appropriation for the purpose of making an Oregon exhibit at Omaha, the commission must rely upon the voluntary contribution of its public spirited people. The commission has made a careful estimate of the cost of an exhibit, and find that it can be carried successfully with the sum of \$20,000.

It is a foregone conclusion that the legislature of 1896, with the business sentiment of the state at its back, will redeem these certificates at their face value.

On this basis the commission will at an early date solicit subscriptions throughout the state. Certificates signed by its officers will be given for the amount subscribed, the total issue of such certificates and the expenditures thereunder not to exceed the authorized amount of \$20,000.

When the legislature makes an appropriation to reimburse the subscribers, these certificates, properly endorsed, will be full evidence of such subscription and will be paid upon presentation from the funds at the disposal of the commission.

The commission will publish on the first of each month the names of subscribers and the amount of their subscription, and on the 31st of December, 1898, statement in detail of receipts and disbursements.

Mr. H. E. Dusch, our superintendent, is now in Omaha making his selection from the choice space that has been reserved for the Oregon exhibit.

The commission present this appeal for moral and financial support to the loyal people of the state.

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