

Some of the military pictures now being published should properly be classed among the horrors of war.

If it be fair to judge from the first week's experience of the army in Cuba, the volunteer nurses have no summer picnic on hand.

It is an off day when the Spaniards do not claim to have killed a naval officer or two and to have disabled one or more of our warships.

Dewey has shown his level head by confining his communications to Washington to those occasions upon which he has had something to say.

Mr. George La Monte appears to regard the prohibition nomination for governor of N. J., as a sort of three monte skin game, and has declined to accept it.

Our gallant soldiers and sailors can stand the tropical heat to which they are exposed, members of congress ought to be able to stand the climate of Washington all summer.

The New York preacher who said: "None of us is original", hit the bull's eye square in the center, but that need not prevent men being as original as they can.

The latest canvass of the senate shows 56 for and 33 against the annexation of Hawaii, but the anti's are still struggling to prevent a vote upon the annexation resolution.

Size has nothing to do with a man's fighting qualities. "Bull" Shaffer weighs 300 pounds, while "Joe" Wheeler only weighs 125 but they are both the real thing when it comes to fighting.

Spain is now finding out that there is a day of reckoning for nations as well as for individuals, and that the punishment for six hundred years of greed and cruelty never equalled is not easy to bear.

The Detroit Free Press says Rev. Washington Gardner, who was nominated for congress on the three hundred and thirty-third ballot, has hungered for that nomination for three hundred and thirty-three weeks.

Nobody on the New England coast will acknowledge that they ever were afraid of a Spanish attack, but the Congressional delegation and Secretary Long could furnish documentary evidence, if so disposed, which would make acknowledgement unnecessary.

The combined influence of Mr. McKinley and Secretary Long has not been strong enough to get action by the house on the Navy personnel bill, although it has been favorably reported and is now on the calendar. Reed and Boutelle are credited with having hung up the bill.

The republicans in the house did not have the courage of their convictions; consequently the gold standard "currency reform" the evils done in the name of reform are countless—bill, which was squeaked out of the Banking & Currency committee, has been sent back to committee for repairs.

The republican majority of the house are to smart to act on the census bill passed by the senate, which creates a lot of good fat places without any civil service gifts, until after the congressional elections. They thus not only

escape being charged with wasteful extravagance but have the places to dangle in front of their constituents eyes to induce them to aid in campaign work.

The Spaniards at Santiago appear to have learned to shoot their Mauser rifles, and to be improving in their use of big guns.

It is a great pity that the coldness between Mr. McKinley and the half-deposed Czar cannot be utilized to lower the temperature in the vicinity of Santiago.

Some of the yellow journals are boasting of their illustrations of battle scenes at and near Manila and Santiago, but the bragging is out of place, as well as the alleged illustrations. They convey no more idea of what occurred, or how, than would a cartoon of a cat-and-dog fight drawn by a 10-year-old hoodlum on a piece of dirty pasteboard.

One would think "Fighting Bob" Evans was a native son of Eastern Oregon from the manner he generally expresses himself. The other day at the close of the battle with Cervera, the Iowa had just returned from the westward with 350 prisoners from the Vizcaya, "Fighting Bob" was asked if he had seen anything of the Cristobal Colon, the Spanish boat that was being chased, he said: "I left the Cristobal Colon far to the westward, an hour ago, and the Oregon was giving her hell. She has undoubtedly gone down with the others and we will have a Fourth of July celebration in Santiago tomorrow."

A Patriotic Hen.

Over in Union county an ambitious hen has produced a war egg which lays every other one so far reported in the shade, says the Sumpter News. The old lady who owns the aforesaid hen went out one day to gather eggs and found one bearing the cabalistic letter "G. S. H." The find created much excitement among the women of the neighborhood and they quickly gathered. They all agreed it was prophetic of something, but what it was puzzled them. One lady suggested that it meant "Give Sinners Help." Another suggested that it meant "God Sends Help." Still another said it meant "God Saves Heathens." Another declared that it meant "God Sends Harmony." Finally, one old lady noted for her religious devotion, who had been saying little, sprang to her feet and vehemently declared that the letters stood for "Give Spain Hell." All present agreed that her interpretation was correct.

War Tax.

Below will be found some of the provisions of the recent Act of Congress which apply to checks and drafts: Bank checks, draft, certificate of deposit not drawing interest, or order for the payment of any sum of money, drawn upon or issued by any bank, trust company, or any person or persons, companies, or corporations, at sight on demand, two cents. Bill of exchange (inland), draft, certificate of deposit drawing interest, or order for the payment of any sum of money, otherwise than at sight or demand, or any promissory note except bank notes issued for circulation, and upon each renewal of the same, for a sum not exceeding \$100, two cents, and for each additional \$100, or fractional part thereof, in excess of \$100, two cents. That in any and all cases where an adhesive stamp shall be used for denoting any tax imposed by this act except as hereinafter provided, the person using or affixing the same shall write or stamp thereon the initials of his name and the date upon which the same shall be attached or used, so that the same may not be again used. That if any person or persons make, sign or issue, or cause to be made, signed or issued, or shall ac-

cept or pay or cause to be accepted, or paid, with design to evade the payment of any stamp tax, any bill of exchange, draft or order, or promissory note for the payment of money, libel to any of the taxes imposed by this act, without the same being duly stamped, or having thereupon any adhesive stamp for denoting the tax hereby charged thereon, he, she, or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200, at the discretion of the court.

The Globe is in receipt of a circular letter from the secretary of treasury containing a lot of information in regard to subscribing for the new bonds now being issued, with the request that we give the scheme several dollars worth of free advertising, on the ground that our readers will be interested in knowing how to buy the pesky things. We are obliged to deny the secretary's request, for the reason that Oregon people are generally less concerned about the purchase of bonds than they are about raising their share of the interest on the ones being bought by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, and as that gentleman is no longer a reader of this journal we must recommend him to some of his local papers for any information he may need on the subject.—Condon Globe.

Lawen Items.

Jas. Brock starts for Baker City this morning to spend the 4th and bring back freight.

James Gilbert has moved back to his Lawen ranch to put up hay.

Walter Gray and Will George have returned from Steins Mountain.

Boss—To the wife of W. J. King, June 14, a daughter. Papa is all smiles.

Lou Sitz is quite sick at the residence of W. J. King.

C. T. Cary, of Crane Creek has moved to Lawen.

C. T. Miller will move back to his hay ranch after the 4th.

The Gray brothers will arrive in a few days with two six-horse loads of freight for P. H. Gray & Co.

Several teams from Lawen are loaded back from the railroad with freight for Burns Merchants.

The good people of Lawen intend to have a picnic at Joe Reeter's grove the 4th.

J. A. McCune has returned to his home in Weiser.

ONE WHO KNOWS.

Lawen, June 30.

Roy Rutherford returned Thursday night from an extended trip to Harney, Burns, Canyon City and Sumpter. He said he had been all over the earth, and when asked if he had been to Algebra, replied that he passed through there in the night.—Ontario News.

NOTICE.

My wife, Lizzie Baker, having left my bed and board, I hereby notify all persons that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

R. D. BAKER.

Dated June 20, 1898.

Advertisement for bicycle wheels and tires. Includes text: "We Make WHEELS To Fit", "The Eldredge \$50.00", "The Belvidere \$40.00", and "NATIONAL SERVICE MACHINE CO." with a bicycle illustration.

Advertisement for R. A. Miller & Co. "THE NEW STORE!" "ALL NEW GOODS." "General Merchandise" including groceries, boots, shoes, rope, tobacco, etc. "Call and inspect our Stock. Satisfaction as to quality and price guaranteed."

Advertisement for "THE CAPITAL SALOON" by Trisch & Donegan, Proprietors. "Burns, Oregon." "McClain & Williams, Proprietors." "The proprietors of this large and commodious House are experienced hotel keepers and the public is assured good accommodations."

Advertisement for "The 'STAR' Saloon" by R. C. Angevine, Proprietor. "First Class." "CHOICE WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS." "FINE BILLIARD AND POOL TABLES." "COMFORTABLE CLUB ROOMS." "Old Robinson Building."

Advertisement for "NERVE SEEDS" and "MANHOOD RESTORED" with illustrations of faces and text describing the benefits of the medicine.

Advertisement for "JOHN F. STRATTON'S" musical instruments. "Band Instruments" including drums, fifes, piccolos, and band supplies. "HOLLIVILLE, MO." "SOLELY 'S' BRAND."

Large advertisement for Mitchell Wagons, Osborne Mowers, and Horse Rakes. "WAGONS - WAGONS! MOWERS - MOWERS! RAKES - RAKES!" "We Carry the MITCHELL WAGONS, All sizes and kinds." "OSBORNE MOWERS, None better." "Horse Rakes, all sizes." Includes illustrations of wagons, mowers, and rakes.