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Perhaps the grimmest piece of humor disclosed by this grim war is the declaration attributed to a Spanish Cabinet Minister when informed of the destruction of Cervera's fleet.

On being told of the catastrophe he said that if Cervera had succeeded in escaping the Spaniards would have sued for peace, but because the Spanish fleet had been destroyed the war must be continued lest Spain be accused of cowardice and fear.

Putting the proposition of the Spanish statesman in different words, the Spanish conception of what constitutes true bravery in a nation is for it to sue for peace when victorious and to keep on fighting when worsted. By this rule, the only way for us to bring the haughty Don to his knees is to permit him to give us a sound thrashing.

This proposition excels in grotesqueness anything that ever came from the droll fancy of Cervantes, who, we have been assured, "laughed Spain's chivalry away." If the Government at Madrid will carry this method of reasoning into active practice for a few months longer the Spanish nation will fight itself out of existence before the year is ended.

They have comical intellects, those Spaniards. They argue that it would be cowardice to yield to the logic of a disaster bravely encountered by negotiating terms of peace with the nation that inflicted it; but they have never seemed to think it was cowardice to slay by starvation hundreds of thousands of old men, women and children; to raise Red Cross flags behind their breastworks and hinder their humane enemies from replying to their murderous volleys; and to ambush and kill wounded American soldiers as they were being borne from the battlefield upon litters.

The Spaniard's idea of bravery appears to be to in brother to his conception of honor.—Republic.

Every traveling man who comes in here says we have the best town in Eastern Oregon, population considered. There is more money in circulation, more public improvement going on, and more genuine energy than is to be seen anywhere. Real estate of every class is rapidly advancing in value. There is not a vacant habitable house in town and several families at this time are camped here not being able to get a house at all. More business is being done right at the present time than has ever been done in our town before. Burns will grow more this year in wealth and population than in any previous year. Telephone connection with the world will be a fact now in a few days. Burns is going to be a city before you know it. Hurrah for Burns.

Spain is greatly elated over her new submarine torpedo boat Peral. We would respectfully call her attention to the fact that Dewey and Sampson have presented her with two "submarine" fleets, including two torpedo boats, and if Watson comes in sight of Camara a third "submarine" fleet will be added. Possibly Germany would like to go into the "submarine" business along with Spain.

It is dollar's to hard tack that the slickest talking Spaniard on earth cannot persuade the Mexicans into being fools enough to take part in a Spanish raid upon Texas border towns. Some Mexicans may have some sympathy for Spain, but they know too much about the fighting qualities of Texans to show it in that way.

A man never knows what he can stand nor what he can do. Before Shafter's campaign against Santiago it would have been thought impossible for American

troops to successfully fight in the sun when the thermometer was 125 or thereabouts in the shade.

The only disgraceful thing in connection with the Santiago campaign was the deliberate firing on American wounded, who were being taken to the rear by attaches of the Red Cross Society, by Spanish soldiers.

Let those who are inclined to criticize the poor Cuban insurgents for spending too much time attacking the U. S. army rations, now issued to them, try going with a square meal for months and they will be more lenient in their judgment.

The U. S. has captured another group of islands. The Cruiser Charleston, while on its way to Manila, took possession of the Ladrome islands and made prisoners of its Spanish governor and garrison.

Chicago not only had to do without war extras, but it had no newspapers at all while the news from Santiago was at its most interesting stage, owing to a strike of the stereotypers.

A barbed wire fence may be a good thing under some conditions, but our boys in Cuba who were being shot at while cutting the barbed wire fences down certainly did not regard them as good things.

That anyone should have been surprised at the action of the express and telegraph companies in compelling their patrons to pay the war tax on message and packages is surprising to us.

As the details of the fighting around Santiago come in, it becomes evident that deeds of personal daring were almost as numerous as the Americans engaged.

The first output of returning Klondikers for the season only brought \$375,000 worth of dust and there are twenty of them Klondiking seems to have got down to a business basis.

The price of \$25,000 paid for a divorce by John Peck, of Eaverstraw, N. Y., will strike most persons as a little high even for such a luxury as a Dakota divorce.

It must have struck many Americans that the unusually numerous celebrations of the 4th of July in England was rubbing the brotherhood business in on us.

There is no doubt now of the whereabouts of every ship in Cervera's fleet—they are all resting securely on the bottom, thanks to the accuracy of Sampson's gunners.

The war taxes will be kept up considerably longer than the war; ditto the grumbling of those who have to pay them.

"Joe" Leiter might get a rest for his memory by enlisting in the "rough riders" and doing a little fighting.

Senator Wellington ought to be getting used to being walked over by the Maryland republicans by this time.

Our boys are doing their best to help the bankrupt treasury of Spain, by saving it the expense of maintaining war ships.

The patriot who is after a commission or a contract is still very much evidence in Washington.

Court Notes.

Ordered the sheriff, clerk, coroner, surveyor and treasurer, and each justice of the peace, and constables of the various districts of the county to deposit with the clerk at the time their official bonds are ac-

cepted, the sum of 50 cents for internal revenue tax.

The official bond of W. L. Marsden, coroner, with I. S. Goer and L. M. Brown as sureties in the sum of \$3,000, accepted.

The official bond of D. Jameson as justice of the peace for Burns district with Geo. Fry and L. M. Brown as sureties in the sum of \$2,000, approved.

Sheriff and treasurer given until the September term of court to file their official bonds.

The sheriff's bond as tax collector fixed at \$20,000.

The treasurer's bond fixed at \$20,000.

The official bond of H. Richardson, clerk, in the sum of \$10,000 with J. F. Mahon, L. M. Brown, S. L. Bowen, D. N. McMillamy, Peter Clemens and C. F. McKinney as sureties, approved.

Sheriff directed to take charge of all rooms not occupied by county officials and to lock same and have full control over all property and fixtures contained in such rooms and to be the general custodian of the court house and inclosure.

Receiving books of H. Kelley, ex-county clerk, approved.

Commissioner Hagey appointed to attend any and all matters touching upon paupers, or county poor, during a vacation of court and all applications for relief must be made to him to be reported to the next regular term following. For every day so employed he is allowed \$3.

The county road known as the Shirk road ordered opened.

G. W. Hayes employed as county attorney for \$25 per month.

C. A. Gilham employed to index Probate journal.

A. J. McCune allowed rebate of \$4.75 on taxes wrongfully assessed.

Jubilee Celebration.

The proclamation of President McKinley making last Sunday a day of thanksgiving and praise met with the hearty approval of the citizens of Burns. If ever a nation had just grounds for thanksgiving to Almighty God for His watchful care and providential interposition, certainly this nation has.

Almost the entire population of Burns assembled at Locher's hall at 8 o'clock p. m. and joined in the exercises with a will.

The old hall was decorated as it never had been before. Every corner of Burns was represented by a display of emblems, etc.; portraits of President McKinley, U. S. Grant, R. E. Lee, A. Lincoln, Commodore Schley, battleships, flags and hunting were displayed on every hand. In evergreens at the east end of the hall were the words "The Maine is Remembered by America's Heroes."

The program was carried out with enthusiasm, the speakers, Rev. Black, Hon. A. W. Gowen and Hon. G. W. Hayes, were frequently interrupted by prolonged applause. At the close of the exercises some one asked how many would volunteer if called to fight Spain and almost every hand in the house was raised.

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