A Brave Pe ple, But Not Fit for Open

Fighting. Portland Oregonian: The area of continental Spain is 191,100 rquare milesabout double that of Oregon. The population, according to late es imate, is a ulation, a coording to late estimate, is a little less than 18,000.600. For so old a country, there has been within recent times considerable increase of population. In 1798 the population was estimated to number 10,001 480: in 1828 it was 13 698 629; in 1860, 15 658,531.

The population of Spanish colonial possession in America is estimated at 2,438,395—now much reduced by the Chian war; in Asia, 7,121,172; in Africa, 186,000. Total, 9,695,567. The total population of Spain and her colonies, therefore, is about 27,500,000.

According to the statement of the

According to the statement of the minister of finance, the debt of Spain, June 20, 1896, amounted to 5,941,459,300 pesetas. The peseta is a silver coin, of the nominal value in our currency of 462 cents. The debt of Spain, then, measured in our money, would amount to the prodigious sum of \$2,500,000,000—a sum nearly as great as the debt of the United States at the close of our civil war, and three times as great as the present interest-bearing debt of the United States.

In a financial sense, then, Spain is very weak. Her revenue for many years has been constantly below her expendi force. She hae, moreover, employed every possible means of raising revenue, and has no further resources to draw upon; and her credit is so low that additional loans are impossible.

Her army, on paper, is somewhat formidable. The forces consist of a permidable.

manent army of a normal strength of 183,000 men and officers, and of a first or active reserve and of a second or seden-tary reserve, for which no number are quoted. The greater part of the active army has been sent during the past three years to service in the East and Wesyears to service in the East and West Indies, and it is believed that the greater part have perished. Spain's army is not actually formidable, nor could she organize a really formidable army. But she has a navy of considerable strength, with which losses might be inflicted on us at points along our extended sea board. Of course, she could land no forces on our shores. Nor probably should we attempt to land an army on should we attempt to land an army on the coast of Spain. We should, how-ever, speedily send an army to Cuba, and every effort would be made to des-troy the Spanish navy, to blockade the ports of Spain, and to force them, where it might seem possible. The commerce of Spain is very considerable, and it of Spain is very considerable, and it would be an important part of our effort to blocksde the ports of the country. Spain has no resources that would enable her to compete with us in making additions to naval strength.

The Spaniards are a brave people, but for an open field fighting are not good soldiers. They are capable, however, of making desperate resistance, when under cover. It was only when within fortifications that they made any real resistance to Napoleon's armies. True, they captured one French army corps during the Napoleonic wars, but that was due to the incompetency of the French com-mander. But the Spaniards have high opinion of their own soldierly qualities and of their national prowess; they are vainglorious braggarts, and really believe they never were beaten, but they have been victorious in all their wars. It is their fixed belief that it was their own might that expelled Napolean from Spain, and they doubt not if Spain had been in the place of France in 1870 the German armies would have been hurled back in defeat over the Rhine.

Of the soil of Spain, about 80 per cent is classed as productive. Of this 35 per cent is devoted to agriculture and gardens, 35 per cent to vinyards, 1.6 to olive culture, 20 to natural grass, and 21 to froits. Wheat, rye, barley, maize, esparto, flax, hemp and pulse are the leading farm crops. The vine is the most important culture, and large quantities of vine organize, raising grange. titles of wine, oranges, raisins, grapes, nuts and olives are exported. Great Britain takes annually from Spain products worth £10,000,000 to £12,000,000.

Contrary to common opinion, Spain has a very considerable merchant navy. From the latest return, it contained 427 steamers of 313,178 tons net, and 1041 sailing vessels of 172,729 tons net; total, 1468 vessels of 485,907 tons. In 1895 there entered 20,268 vessels, of 13,192,629 tons, of which 11,054 carried the Spanish

Is The Sunday-School Decaying. Not for a long time has the Sunday-school as an institution been handled so absolutely without gloves as in Edward Bok's editorial on "The Decay of the Sunday School" in the March Ladies' Home Journal. Mr. Bok has evidently studied his subject closely, and the result must have been far from satisfactory, judging by the way he handles the entire topic. In words which no one can mis-understand, with a sure aim, he pillories the average Sunday-school, and declares it to be "a rebuke to the intelligence and a discredit to the church." Probably no religious article of recent publication will cause so much comment or eroke such bitter controversy as this remarkable editorial by the Philadelphia editor.

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State Convention.

The democratic state convention will meet in Portland Wednesday, March 23, to nominate state and district officere, including candidates for congress from the first and second districts. The convention will consist of 267 delegates, the same being one delegate for each 200 votes, or fraction thereof over 100, cast for William J. Bryan. for William J. Bryan.

Fred Rogers in Chicago. Fred Rogers, general freight and pas-senger agent of the W. & C. R. Ry., is in charge of that road until such time as the Northern Pacific officials formally take possession. It is rumored that Mr. Rogers will be made general agent of the system, but it may be several weeks before the Northern Pacific makes a move

Certainly Out of Luck. Thirteen young Englishmen, under the leadership of Viscount Avonmore, left Montreal on December 13th last for black Klondike. Since their departure they

have had all kinds of bad luck. From Montreal they proceeded to Edmonton, N. W. T., where a few days after their arrival Captain Alleyn died of pneu monia, contracted by venturing out when the temperature was 20 degrees below zers Dr. D. D Hoops, another member of the party, fell and bally sprained his ankle a few days later. Then Captain Powell, while on a short tip into the country, had his feet badly frezen, and an English colonel, who was one of the ill-fated 13, broke his arm. Captain Powell left the party and proceeded to Vancouver, where, three days later, he died. Then Dr. Hoops met with another accident by falling across a dog sleigh, breaking his ribs. Mr. Bannerman, another of the party, was arrested at the instance of Captain O'Brien, on a charge of ambayylament. Captain charge of embezzlement. Captain O'Brien, who had assumed the leader-ship of the party, was arrested on the charge of assault for attempting to stab a man in his employ. The captain has just been bound over to keep the peace— and the party is broken up.

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Scrofula Swelling

On the Neck and Creat Weakness Caused by Impure Blood-Was

Constantly Growing Worse. "When my son was 5 years old he was in very poor health and we could get nothing to relieve him. At the age of 7 years he began to complain of soreness on both sides of his neck and soon lumps began to gather on one side and grew to half the size of an egg. We then became more uneasy and began to doctor him for scrofula. He gradually grow worse, however, until at the age of twelve years we had lost all hope of his recovery. He became so weak he could sit up but a few minutes at a time. My wife saw Hood's Sarsaparilla recommended as a great blood purifier and we sent and got a bottle. We began giving our boy the medicine according to directions and it was not long before we saw he was improving. He continued taking it until he was in very good health. He is now 13 years old and is well. We recommend Hood's Earsaparilla for all troubles caused by impure blood." S. M. SILVER, Grouse, Oregon. Hood's Sarsaparilla is sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Get only Hood's.

made a corner on toul stools.

rooms.

Week in, week out, from morn

And his corner on Fresh must

It is removed that Hawks and Githens

are interested in the deal; Accessories after the acc, as it were; but Thompson

is credited with having manipulated the

"And children, coming home from

And see bim, feasting on French

mushrooms, As he schemes to corner some more.

It behooves over patriotic citizens to

rise in their might and nip this innova-

eternal vigilance is the price of liberty

At the entertainment given by the Woodmen Circle, Mr. Parrett delivered

the address of welcome. As a spell-

counder Mr. Barrett is a success, proci

of which is the fact that some of the

audience shed tears as large as prunes

The bovine species, from time imme

Rosenzweig residence, which for pure unadulterated ungratefulness and pre-

meditated destructiveness surpasses any similar occurrence on record.

Mr. Fred Rosensweig keeps a cow,

and that she may the more readily and willingly accede to the demands on her

the Rosenzweig residence, inmates in-cluded and if the window frame hadn't

and don't you forget it.

You can bear his bellows blow,"

Is what makes bi bello vs go.

Look in at the open door,"

KLONDICITIS; OR UP-TO-DATE.

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CHAPTER IV.

UPWARD AND ONWARD. As stated, the dynamite had exploded. The heavy freight train coming at full speed, completely closed the tunnel, thereby transforming it into a huge cannon. The compressed air caused by the rapidity of the train, added considerably to the force of the explosion, which naturally found vent at the open end, or muzzle. The first thought of Shorty Jones cur Klondiker was that he had been blown to atoms, and, as he felt himself borne outward and upward through the air without an effort of his own, it flashed through his mind that he was climbing the golden stairs.

For only an instant did these thoughts

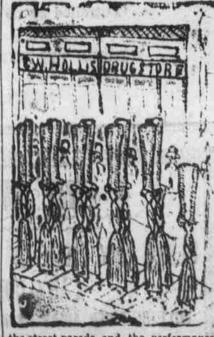
occupy his time; for, on feeling around and pinching himself, he found that he was all there, and very much alive and so far as he could determine after a hurried examination but slightly damaged. or die; sink or swim; survive or perish

His next thoughts were of a soft place to alight, but he derived no comfort from their entertainment. His contemplations and anticipations being somewhat confused he defered action till later. In less time than it takes to tell it he was sailing through the air at an elevation of four miles and at a rate of speed of ten miles a minute.

Seeing some object whirling near him, he involuntarily put out his hand, as a drowning man would grasp at a straw, gradually stopping its gyrations. It proved to be a box containing two hundred pounds of onions, the only part of his outfit he had seen since he had been so unceremoniously elevated. Drawing it to him he placed it under himself reclining on it, as it were. It seemed to buoy him up; to give him strength; which no doubt it did -onions being noted for their buoyancy and strength giving qualities. Becoming somewhat accustomed to his aerial flight, our Klondiker found by experimenting that he could change his course, up or down, to the right or left, at will, by simply extending his hands forward and inclin-ing them in the direction he desired to go. Thus was demonstrated by an accident which had hitherto been but a theory; that is, with the proper altitude and sufficient momentum one can sail through the air indefinitely, with little effort on his part; like a bir I with mo-tionless pinions, the resistance of the atmosphere being equalized by the pressure of the same, as it closes in after the aerial navigator.

On making this discovery, Mr. Jones proceeded to make his calculations accordingly. He decided to steer for the Klondike, regardless of consequences.

We shift the scene to Athens. We shift the scene to Athens. For the past weeks entertainments and fes tivities have been the order of the day. The numerous orders; Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights, Workmen, Woodmen and Maccabees, each had their innings, as did also the public school, affording an opportunity for local talent as varied as pleasing. One of the most unique and pleasing of the entertainments was that given under the appreciant of the that given under the auspicies of the Rebekahs; the Female Minstrels. Both



willingly accede to the demands on her generosity, she is abundantly supplied with all the dainties and luxuries that are supposed to keep a cow in good humor and condition. Being docile and content she thrived and fattened but from want of sufficient exercise she was inclined to be a little foxy.

The other day the young hopeful, Rosensweig junior, while watering her tied her to the sill of the kitchen window. No sooner had he done so than the obstreperous brute started off with the Rosensweig residence, inmates inthe street parade and the performance at the opera house would have been creditable to professionals.

The United States of America, once the land of the free and the home of the

The United States of America, once the land of the free and the home of the brave, is now the land of the trust and home of the slave.

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To them we are bound as irrevocably as was ever Africans during crnel slavery days, and unless a combined and vigorous effort is made to throw off the shackles, ere long we will have to bare our backs to the lash. All staple products are being cornered by speculators.

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The Standard Oil Co. control the entire oil business, Joseph Leiter has cornered 15,000,000 bushels of wheat, Armor has a cinch on the pig, and last but not least Thompson the "village blacksmith," he of the "sinewy hande" and "brawny arms," has recently

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