

CUBA.

The past week a movement has begun in our country for the recognition of the Cuba insurgents as belligerents. Nov. 27 two meetings were held in New York, addressed by prominent Americans. The speakers urged intervention by our government but opposed annexation by force. They favored aiding the Cubans to secure freedom from Spanish control, and then if they wished to become a part of the American Republic to treat them as equals. One speaker went so far as to say the Cubans wanted to purchase their freedom from Spain, the United States should guarantee the bonds they will need to issue to borrow the money. The war debt is said to be \$500,000,000 and is costing \$12,000,000 a month to carry on the war. This would have to be made good to Spain if Cuba went free. But it will cost Spain a great deal more to conquer Cuba and hold the islands by armed force. The success of Spain means very heavy taxes for generations to come and almost complete extinction of commercial and political freedom.

November 19 Manuel Coronado, editor of a patriotic paper at Havana, reached New York with important news, to the effect that Spain would soon be forced to withdraw her troops from lack of funds. He says the whole country, Spanish and Cubans, want peace and independence. It is not likely that Spain will abandon the Cuban war from lack of funds, as the bank of Spain has just received \$150,000,000 on a new war loan. The Spaniards in Cuba have made silver standard money and all duties and taxes are collected in silver.

The freedom of Cuba can only come about by purchase or conquest of their liberty. The longer they fight the more impossible will become the hope of being able to buy their freedom. The island is only as large as the state of Indiana, and has about 1,000,000 population. They could never borrow the money to pay the claim Spain will make or that would be awarded to Spain by arbitration, if an armistice could be obtained for that purpose, unless some stronger nation would guarantee them, as has been suggested our country shall do. Cuba would be cheap at fifty times the price we paid for Alaska. That would be \$350,000,000.

The insurgents have started a second time to invade the territory held by the royal Spanish forces. Their object is to unite the armies of Maceo and Gomez, in all 55,000 men, and force Weyler to evacuate Havana. It is estimated that in case of war between Spain and our country the fortified capital would fall in two months. The insurgents expect to drive the Spanish out of there in eight months.

Nov. 25 Wm Brown, an Englishman who has been imprisoned in Cuba, arrived in New York and declares Cuba is now lost to Spain and can never be regained.

President Cleveland's message to congress Dec. 7 may mark a change of policy toward Cuba on the part of our country. It will be looked for with great interest. Whether the president advocates intervention or not all must admit that our country could exercise a decisive influence on the result in Cuba. Americans caught in Cuba after recognition of the insurgents as belligerents would have to be treated as prisoners of war, and it is believed Cuba would gain her reform within three months after such a declaration. Spain would sell Cuba before she would risk a war with a first class power.

At Chicago November 27, an offer was made to raise 20,000 men in 24 hours to go to the relief of Cuba. There is little doubt that a half-million volunteers could be raised in the United States in 30 days to free Cuba.

November 25, General Maceo sends word to friends in the United States: "We have withstood the enemy in many encounters and are prepared for any move he may make. We have rendered him much injury and will be able to withstand any attack he may make for some time to come. The cause of liberty will not suffer in Pinar Del Rio."

Senator Lindsay of Kentucky says congress will act to bring the Cuban war to an end, if Mr. Cleveland does not. Burning the American flag at Valencia and stoning the American consulate at Barcelona acts for which no reparation has been had. He says for 70 years our country has stood by Spain in her right to hold that island, but the time has come to insist Spain shall not annihilate the Cubans in order to maintain her supremacy over the sea.

There are 10,000 Spanish soldiers in Havana sick with yellow fever, small-pox and other diseases.

In the engagement at the Rubi Hills Maceo drove the Spaniards back with great loss to the latter, and shelled the enemy in Artemesia.

STATE NEWS.

The Rogue river is swarming with salmon. Tillamook is going to have a good water system. Turkeys were sold as low as \$2 per dozen, in Portland this week. Article owls have been killed in nearly every county in Oregon.

The canal and locks at The Dalles were frozen solid in the last cold snap. The Willamette Steam Laundry, at Oregon City, burned Thanksgiving day.

A. J. Goodman, of Independence, has been nominated by the Democrats for mayor.

You do not have to have a web in your skates to make them fit your feet if you are a webfoot.

O. M. Richardson, of Pendleton, bought property valued at \$8000 last Monday, and paid spot cash.

An attempt was made in Baker City Tuesday night to burglarize the second-hand store of Frank Frey.

J. N. Dolph has been appointed receiver, of the bursted Dekum bank in Portland, to succeed O. N. Denny.

Roseburg will have a creamery in active operation by the first of the new year. Thus will begin 1897 for Roseburg.

Corvallis is a record breaker. There dwells within the heart of the city a man who recently helped to steal his own turkey.

August Haselhuber, a laborer in the employ of Martin Mussig, near Wilsonville, was drowned at Boon's ferry on Thanksgiving day.

It is now the season for the older residents to predict the coming winter weather. Won't some one break the ice? Don't all speak at once.

James Carthe, an old farmer living in Clark county, Wash., was fined \$500 by Judge Bellinger for sending obscene letter through the mails.

A surveying party have been looking for a new location for the railroad bridge, of the Narrow Gauge, on the Santiam. It will probably be located at Lebanon.

The Memphis Appeal has genuine courage. It says: "We have been licked, but we shall not blubber. Just give us the date of the next scrap, and we will try and be there."

A big eagle was killed by J. S. Pittman, near Harris station, in Benton county, on the Oregon Central & Eastern, last Saturday. The dead bird measured seven feet from tip to tip.

It is reported in political circles that Hon. J. N. Dolph, of Portland, will be invited to accept a place in President McKinley's cabinet. Mr. Dolph is exceedingly well fitted for such a position.

Edell Bros, of Baker City, who drove a large band of horses overland to Denver last summer, have returned home without horses or money, but plenty of experience, falling to find a market, their horses were put up at auction and brought from \$3 to \$4 a piece.

G. Millett, of Junction City, we are informed, the other day sold 7,500 bushels of wheat for 75 cents a bushel. This man only a few days ago was a renter without a dollar, while now he is worth \$35,000 and has made every cent of this money by farming. He is a practical farmer, and claims today raising wheat at 50 cents per bushel on Willamette valley land is the best business in the world.—Eugene Guard.

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