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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

- FOR JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT. First District—George H. Brown, Jr. of Beaufort. Second District—Henry R. Boyan, of Craven. Fifth District—Thomas J. Shaw, of Guilford. Sixth District—Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir. Seventh District—Thomas A. McNeil, of Robeson. Eleventh District—W. A. Hoke, of Lincoln. FOR CONGRESS. Ninth Congressional District—W. T. Crawford.

THE STARS MUST LAUGH.

The cohorts of the planet Mars, the starry god of war, must enjoy the ludicrousness of the manner in which Spain makes war, or else are extremely disgusted with that nation's supineness and the Don Quixotic view it takes of passing events. To hear the Spaniards tell it in Spain and its provinces, according to the reports from different scenes of action, the forces and ships of the Dons are always victorious, or their enemy, if not exactly whipped, compelled to retire. These far-fetched accounts are seemingly to keep the rattling bones in the skeleton nation of Spain fairly articulated. To the Queen Regent and her advisers these official lies must seem like grim humor; to other nations they are a cause for laughter, for pity and for derision, and to take a thoughtful view of them they bring forth the braggadocio and romanticism of the Spaniards as a people in a most ridiculous light.

Blanco, at Havana, wires his great capabilities to the Spanish government and says that the toy warships of the United States had caused a loss to his government of one extra long-eared mule. Cervera sends greetings to General Wood and says he is safe in Santiago harbor (safe in the arms of Sampson), and that the enemy's great battleship, the "Merrimac," has been sunk at the entrance of the harbor by his fleet, and eight officers and men captured, whereas Spain builds bonfires and holds high carnival. She has overcome her defeat in the Philippines by allowing her canard of the destruction of the cruiser "Baltimore" to circulate in her possessions as absolute truth, and to cap the climax she is now ready to send a great armada to this side of the ocean and pocket the United States. In the parlance of the pool player she will be more likely to "pocket her cue." Besides she wants notice when her forts are to be bombarded, so that she will have to heavily indemnify the United States. It is not impossible that she has ordered Admiral Cervera not to destroy his fleet in Santiago harbor to prevent them falling into the hands of the United States. Such an action would decrease her war indemnity about \$15,000,000, and would be a good war policy for Spain. However, even such an order would show to what dire straits Spain has been brought by her unprogressiveness, and would likely make the cohorts of the god of war laugh outright.

The Madrid newspapers want the Spanish government to send Cervera's fleet to the Philippines. When it goes it will likely be manned by bluejackets. Since the corking up of Santiago harbor and the plugging of the news demijohn, the Government may be said to have gone into the bottling business. The wheat crop of the county is excellent, but it is a question whether we harvest that first or the crop of Spanish warships at Santiago.

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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Frequent Changes in Orders Causing Much Impatience and Delay.

YELLOW-STREAKED BACKBONE.

Speaker Reed Must Get Out of the Way—Annexation Resolution to Go Through—Silver Bullion Will Be Colored—Friction Among Officials—Why Things Do Not Move.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—It is not surprising that Admiral Sampson should have shown impatience in his dispatches to Washington because of the delay in sending him troops promised. He has had within the last week ample cause for impatience, awe, and for indignation, too. He destroyed outer forts at Santiago and had everything ready for troops to land, but there were no troops; he captured Guantanamo Bay, and still holds it, for the same purpose, but the troops which ought to have been there to land were on transports anchored at Tampa, held up by orders from Washington, on account of the cock and bull story about a fleet of Spanish warships being at Havana ready to steam out and capture the troops as soon as they started, until Sampson could detach a number of his most formidable ships and send them to convey the transports to Santiago. Meanwhile Sampson's marines hold all the Cuban ground they have captured. Although nothing official can be obtained, there is reason to believe that the troops are now on their way to Cuba, under convoy. The frequency with which holdup orders have been sent from Washington when important movements were about to be started, on no better foundation than wild and improbable rumors, presumably of Spanish origin, makes it look as though somebody who has influence enough to control the issuing of orders has the misfortune to have a streak of yellow down his backbone. It cannot be stated to an absolute certainty who this individual is, but, unless the delays have been purposely made to prolong the war, there is little doubt that he exists. It is only where those in command are out of reach of holdup orders that notable successes have been obtained. Orders have been sent to General Copping and Lee, who are to command the Porto Rican army, to get their men ready to start, but there is no telling how many holdup orders they will have to contend with before they get off. Oh yes, indeed, indeed! A good little boy is Tommy Reed! After being compelled by the majority of the House to get out of the way of the consideration of the resolution for the annexation of Hawaii, Czar Reed has the audacity to say, through his thick and thin followers, that he never had stood in the way of the majority, or intended to stand in the way. This comes too late to help the political fortune of the Czar—ex-Czar now. He has been deposed by Mr. McKinley, and will never again wield the autocratic power he has had. The annexation resolution will be voted upon Wednesday afternoon of this week, and will, of course, be adopted. About 20 Democrats have announced their intention to vote for the resolution. The fact that the war revenue law provides for the coinage of the silver bullion owned by the government at the rate of \$1,500,000 a month destroys every argument advanced by the gold standard men against the coinage of the seigniorage. The amount to be coined each month is less than was proposed by the silver men, but authorizing the coinage of any amount was a recognition of the principle advocated by the silver men. It is already announced that the sugar trust and the standard oil trust will refuse to pay the tax of one quarter of one cent on their gross receipts in excess of \$250,000 imposed by the war revenue law, and will go into court to fight the constitutionality of the law. It is openly charged on every hand that much of the inconvenience that the troops have been put to has been directly traceable to the incompetence of many of the civilians appointed to important staff positions by Mr. McKinley. Secretary Alger now says that in ten days every man in the army will be provided with his full equipment for war. Then there can be no further valid excuse for putting along instead of at once fighting the war to a close. There have been ugly reports from time to time of the lack of harmony between the fighting branches of the government, and upon more than one occasion Mr. McKinley is said to have had to exercise his authority to compel them to work together. It is also said that there have been frequent clashes between Gen. Merritt, who is to command the army in the Philippines, and Secretary Alger; also between the latter and Gen. Miles, who is reported to have charged Alger with being responsible for the demoralization he found existing in army matters when he got to Florida. None of these things are pleasant to write, but they explain why things are not moving faster.

Mississippi's New Senator.

Senator Sullivan, who will take his seat this week as successor to the late Senator Walcott, by appointment from Gov. McLaughlin of Mississippi, will be one of the youngest members of that body. Although this has been his first term as a Member of Congress, Mr. Sullivan has taken an active and creditable part there for a new member. He has made two or three brief speeches at the day sessions of the House and has participated actively at the Friday night sessions. Although a southern gentleman by birth and associations, Mr. Sullivan has shown himself especially free from sectional prejudice and has never opposed reasonable pensions to the civil war veterans. He was one of David B. Hill's followers in the south, and while he is a free silver man, he is not radical in his views. Like Representative Bailey, his brother-in-law, his course in the past has been for a conservative policy that would not estrange the gold Democrats.

If You're Dead Don't Let Us Disturb You. But there is nothing on earth so mysteriously funny as some men's idea of a newspaper advertisement. The prime, first, last and all the time object of an advertisement is to draw custom. It is not, was not and never will be designed for any other human purpose. So the merchant waits till the busy season comes and the store is so full of customers he can't get his hat off, and then he rushes to the newspapers and puts in his advertisement. When the dull season gets along and he thinks there is no trade, he wants to sell goods so bad he can't pay his rent, yet he takes out his advertisement. That is, some of them do. Occasionally a level-headed merchant puts in a bigger one and scoops all the business, while his neighbors are making mortgages to pay gas bills and rent.—Knoxville Tribune.

Our Foreign-Born Sailors. The sturdy loyalty to the flag displayed by our naturalized citizens has completely silenced the clamor of the nativists. They are not likely to be heard from again until the war is over. The Philadelphia Press says: "The report of the captain of the Oregon of the remarkable enthusiasm of his men for the cause of the Stars and Stripes exposes completely the silly European belief that the naturalized citizens of the United States on board its men-of-war would funk in war times. This is what Montojo banked on at Manila, and this is what a number of titled and expert gullibles abroad pointed out as the sore spot in the American naval personnel. The enthusiasm of the Oregon's crew again gives the lie to all such stories, which certainly after Manila could have had little to stand upon.

"There is no use in talking," says W. H. Broadwell, druggist, La Cynne, Kas., "Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy does the work. After taking medicines of my own preparation and those of others I took a dose of Chamberlain's and it helped me; a second dose cured me. Candidly and conscientiously I can recommend it as the best thing on the market." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by M. F. Morphew.

The eighth annual session of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference was held in Winston on Friday and Saturday last. The Observer correspondent says that "Mrs. W. H. Leith, of Morganton, superintendent of juvenile work, made a splendid address."

Beats The Klondike. Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung ailments are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Trial bottle free at White & Yancey's, Marion; W. H. Dissoway's, Old Fort. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Up to date fourteen members of the Second Regiment have deserted, two from this county. Col. Burgwyn states that he may yet be compelled to make an example of some of them by ordering them shot.

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Prices of Transports.

The government has fixed the following war valuations on the Pacific mail steamers already taken at San Francisco:

Table with 2 columns: Ship Name, Value. City of Pekin \$650,000, City of Sydney \$475,000, China \$900,000, Colona \$850,000. Total \$3,875,000.

The Senator and City of Pueblo having been seized, must be returned intact or their value, which is considerable, must be paid to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company. It is regarded as probable that they were impressed because Senator Perkins is one of the owners, and no member of Congress can be a party to a contract with the government.

Our Army And Navy.

A statement prepared by Adjutant General Corbin, shows that when the army of the United States is fully organized under existing authority, including the call for 75,000 volunteers, it will consist of 278,500 men, divided as follows: Regular army 62,000, Volunteers from state and territories 200,000, Three cavalry regiments at large 3,000, Ten infantry regiments of United States volunteers (companies) 10,000, Engineers at large 3,500. Total 278,500.

This is a demonstration of the vast reserve force of this country. Five months ago we had a navy of the sixth class and an army that was hardly counted at all, a mere handful of 25,000. Today we are putting into the field the largest army in regular service in the world, and have increased our navy until it compares favorably with that of the other powers of the first class. This has been accomplished in an almost incredibly short space of time. It shows that there is truth in the statement, "the best preparation for war is a long term of peace and prosperity." The armies that have been called out are small in comparison with the enormous forces we can furnish. As Lord Wellesley remarked, "The American people would, in the end, be victors in war with any nation."—Charlotte Times Democrat.

Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Barton House, Burton, W. V., and one of the most widely known men in the state was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered. My physicians told me that nothing could be done for me and my friends but death would relieve me of my suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swollen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by M. F. Morphew.

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Adjutant-General Cowles is getting along splendidly with his broken leg. The injured member was recently reset in plaster paris cast, and it was found that the bones are knitting nicely.

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THE WEEK'S WAR DIARY.

Brief Record of Happenings Since Our Last Issue.

Spaniards at Manila Yield. Advice from King-Kong Wednesday said the Spanish garrison at Manila, rather than be massacred by the insurgents, had yielded to the Americans as prisoners of war.

Spanish Warships Off Cuba. A government tug arrived at Key West Thursday and reported that four strange vessels, supposed to be Spanish warships trying to evade the blockade squadron and enter Havana or lying in wait for the American transports, had been sighted north of Cuba.

The news caused much uneasiness at Washington and orders were sent to Admiral Sampson directing him to use every precaution in conducting the army safely to Santiago.

Four Negro Regulars Killed. From a private letter received in Savannah Thursday it was learned that a fight between United States regulars and volunteers took place at Tampa Monday night, the news having been suppressed by the telegraph censor.

Drunken negro regulars and white volunteers from the south were the combatants, and when the smoke of battle cleared away it was found that four of the former were dead and several badly wounded.

Sixteen Warships as Convoys. Rumors to the effect that Spanish warships were cruising in southern waters resulted Friday in the dispatch of an American fleet of 16 warships to serve as a convoy for the troopships from that place.

It was announced that the transports, which were said to have sailed for Cuba Wednesday, had been ordered back when news of the enemy lying in wait reached Washington.

Another Town Bombarded. Several American warships Friday bombarded Espiritu Santo, some distance east of Managua, and near the railway line to Santiago de Cuba.

Spanish official advices from Santiago asserted that the bombardment caused no damage. Six Hundred Marines Landed. According to advices received via Port Antonio, Jamaica, Saturday, the invasion of Cuba by the American forces began Friday, when 600 marines pitched their tents about the smoking ruins of the outer fortifications at Guantanamo and the stars and stripes for the first time were hoisted on a Spanish flagstaff.

Forty marines from the battleship Oregon went ashore and occupied the left entrance of the bay until the troopships had entered with 200 troops.

These, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Huntington, arrived at 3 o'clock, and within half an hour they had burned the buildings of the Spanish camp and had set fire to the village.

Numerous shots were fired by the Spaniards, but none of them landed, and no Americans were injured.

Americans Killed In Cuba. Lieutenant Colonel R. W. Huntington's battalion of marines, which landed from the transport Panther on Friday and encamped on the hill guarding the abandoned cable station at the entrance to the harbor of Guantanamo, was attacked by Spanish guerrillas and regulars at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The fighting was almost continuous for 15 hours until 9 o'clock Sunday morning, when reinforcements were landed from the United States cruiser Marblehead and the Spaniards were driven back.

Four of our men were killed and one wounded. American dead: Assistant Surgeon John Blair Gibbs of Richmond, Va. Sergeant Charles H. Smith of Smallwood.

Private William Dunphy of Gloucester, Mass. Private James McColeman of Stoneham, Mass. Corporal Glass was accidentally injured in the heat.

The Spanish loss, while not known, was probably considerable. Spaniards Again Open Fire. News was received Monday of another attack on the American marines at Guantanamo. The Spaniards opened a lively fire, which was promptly answered, and in a short time all signs of the enemy had disappeared.

As a result of this second attack Lieutenant Colonel Huntington decided to abandon the position first occupied there being no signs of reinforcement of troops, and accordingly camp was broken and tents were pitched on the side of a hill near the harbor, under the protection of United States warships.

Army of Invasion Sails. The First Division of United States troops to begin the invasion of Cuba sailed from Key West Monday. The expedition comprised 775 officers and 14,564 enlisted men, all under the command of Major General Shafter.

A large force of transports conveyed the troops under the convoy of a strong squadron of warships, ranging from the immense battleship to the small gunboat and the armed fast sailing yacht.

The United States regular troops made up the greater part of the force, there being but three volunteer organizations on the ships.

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