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FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1898.

The News of the Day

A sinister emphasis is given to the peaceful purpose of the Administration by the withdrawal of the battleships Massachusetts and Texas from the squadron at Key West, under orders to proceed to Hampton Roads, to form a part of a new squadron for the defense of the Northern coast.

In no sense is to be considered as a concession to Spain, but as an additional evidence of vigor in preparing for emergencies. The Herald, of New York, common organ of Spain and the Administration, on the contrary, asserts that the action in question was taken in consideration of an agreement by the Spanish government to step its troops to Manila, Italy's route to Havana, at the Canary Islands.

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The World story has it that Mr. McKinley has been in close communication with such patriots and philanthropists as the Rockefellers, Belmonts, Havermeyers, and so on, and has solicited their aid in the purchase of the Rothschilde, Hirsch, Bletchroder and others of their foreign associates or allies, to prevent Spain from borrowing any money in Europe.

That was plain, straightforward talk in which Senator Proctor indulged in the Senate yesterday, in giving the results of his visit to Cuba. His statement will forever put an end to the asseverations of the Spanish Senators, that the tales of atrocity and horror in Cuba have been exaggerated, where they have not been invented, by malicious correspondents.

There is every reason why that should be shoved into the back-ground as much as possible. If we are to have peace and order, some fruitless bond deal to gladden the hearts of all those pious and prudent financiers and statesmen who are on the bottom floor of the project.

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POLITICS IN THE SOUTH.

Important Work of the Georgia Democratic Executive. Atlanta, March 18.—The State Democratic executive committee, which met here yesterday, accomplished its important things.

While the naming of Dubignon has been expected ever since Senator Clay's announcement of his intention to resign, it comes in the nature of an anomaly. Mr. Dubignon for many years has been identified with the old wing of the Democratic party.

Under the old system of nominating a Democratic gubernatorial candidate, the State was permitted to use its own plan in choosing delegates for the State convention. There were mass meetings, organized parties, and a great deal of popular expression, which gave opportunity for corruption and sharp practice.

The committee provided for a general primary on June 6 in every county in Georgia, in which delegates will be elected and in which the boundaries of the delegates thus chosen will meet in convention, and the nomination for governor and a State ticket to run with him will be made.

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DISTRICT TAXATION.

The Inquiry Into the System of Assessment. The subcommittee on taxation of the House Committee on the District of Columbia today continued the inquiry into the present system of taxation and the proposed changes.

Mr. T. W. Noyes, president of the Board of Trade, and Gen. George H. Harries, secretary of the Board of Trade, were the principal witnesses. Mr. Noyes said, in part: "In connection with other large American cities, Washington has suffered severely from inequalities in tax assessments."

The assessed and taxed fraction of Washington is less than one half the entire area, the Government owning the exempted remainder. It appears that this half of the Capital is assessed at more than twice the rate of the other half.

The assessed half of Washington, \$12,116,279, is assessed at nearly a million more than the other half. The following largest cities of their respective States thrown in for good measure: Philadelphia, Pa., \$13,300,000; St. Louis, Mo., \$11,331,400; Sioux Falls, S. Dak., \$5,780,000; Cheyenne, Wyo., \$3,000,000; Kansas City, Kan., \$2,700,000; Fargo, N. Dak., \$1,470,000; Norfolk, Va., \$1,300,000; Virginia City, Nev., \$958,848—\$12,375,975.

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Base Ball Goods. We're Spalding's Agents. Their goods at our price. Spalding's Mitts, \$1.50 kind, \$1. Spalding's Base Ball, \$2.50 kind, \$1.50.

The Saks' Store. The store is a-bloom. With the newest and freshest of the Spring fashions. We have never faced a season's demand with more confidence than we do this one.

The Millinery Opening Will Be Concluded Tomorrow. It is very gratifying to us—the way you have attended—and the way you have praised. We know now that this new department has your approval—and the effort your appreciation.

Boys' Clothing. Men's Clothing. Ladies' Capes. Girls' Reefers. Men's Haberdashery. The specials we are offering today are to be followed tomorrow by even greater values.

Confirmation Suits. Knee Pants. Boys' Top Coats. Young Men's Long Pants Suits. Ladies' Suits, Capes and Skirts. Separate Skirts. Ladies' Shirt Waists.

Graduation of a Girl's Wants. Death of a Good Society Belle. An Electrifying Shower. The Temptation of Congress on the present situation is superb.

Married Without Priest or Mayor. The absence of the mayor of Philadelphia from his office did not daunt a loving couple, who were determined to get married without the aid of a minister.