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OUR DOLLARS AND GUNS.

THE United States is to-day the most conspicuous nation in the world. Europe is regarding us with an astonished and askant eye. The Orient does not know what to make of us.

The foregoing is suggested by a significant paragraph in the weekly commercial report of R. G. Dun & Co., as follows: "Very little of the new business seen, in proportion to the aggregate, has been caused by the war."

The great staples show no particular change from last week. Wool continues quiet, with a steady undertone, however, which presages a possible revival later on.

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The local situation is bright. San Francisco merchants generally look forward to a fine fall trade, basing their expectations upon the relative condition of crops and prices.

While there is every likelihood that Havana lacks both ammunition and food, Blanco's typewriter hasn't acknowledged it yet.

CRITICISM THAT HURTS.

AS a rule Republicans can regard with comparative indifference the criticisms made upon the policies and performances of their party by Democratic opponents.

The attacks of course are unfair. Like all Democratic criticisms upon Republican administrations, they are largely made up of misrepresentations, and not infrequently they do distort the facts to virtually amount to falsehoods.

The New York Times is right in saying: "The most urgent need of the Government now is transport ships. Our military operations are delayed, our brave men are endangered and perishing daily because re-enforcements of troops and material are held back for want of transports."

It is no effective answer to these charges to say that the Democrats when in power did no more for American shipping than the Republicans have done.

The Republican platform of 1896 declared: "We favor restoring the early American policy of discriminating duties for the upbuilding of our merchant marine and the protection of our shipping in the foreign carrying trade, so that American ships—the product of American labor employed in American shipyards, sailing under the stars and stripes and manned, officered and owned by Americans—may regain the carrying of our foreign commerce."

On that platform and upon that pledge the people elected a Republican President and a Republican Congress. Up to this time, however, not a single step has been taken to foster and promote our merchant marine.

WE have been so much engaged with war matters of late that we have given but little attention to affairs in Europe outside of reports of possible European interference with our control of Manila.

In both countries the elections have shown that the people are thinking a great deal more of home affairs than of any territorial or military expansion.

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It is clear that both in France and in Germany the people are at this time more intent on providing a remedy for wrongs at home than upon acquiring glory abroad.

Some of those rioting women up in Wisconsin ought to be drafted for service in Cuba. Then the Spaniards would never stop running until they had jumped into the bay.

Apparently every man under arms who gets the least chance to show that he is a hero straightway takes advantage of the chance.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

DURING the past week the land fighting in Cuba began vigorously on the part of our troops and was met by a guerrilla resistance on the part of the Spaniards.

According to the reports, the advance of our troops was largely aided by the forces of the Cubans. They co-operated with considerable effect and managed to hold the attention of a large number of Spaniards, thus preventing a consolidation of the entire Spanish force against our advance guard.

From the events of the week it seems clear the Spanish generals do not intend to risk anything on a battle in the open. The resistance made to our advance could hardly have been designed to stop it.

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A BOOK FOR LOVERS.

SENATOR STEWART, as is well known, has long been in the habit of loading his speeches on financial questions with quotations from what he calls "eminent authorities."

This book, which places Senator Stewart himself among the eminent authorities who have written on financial subjects in a manner agreeable to the fiat money theorists, has now been received at this office, and since it comes to us direct with "the compliments of the author" it is entitled to something more than a mere book notice.

The volume is dedicated to "the young men and women of the United States who are contemplating matrimony with its inevitable responsibilities."

The reason why the volume is dedicated to those who contemplate matrimony is explained by the author. He says: "The families and friends of young women oppose their marriage with young men otherwise worthy on account of the fear that it will be impossible for the united efforts of both to save them from poverty and want."

The volume is in effect a campaign document directed to those voters who are contemplating matrimony and desire good times as well as a honeymoon.

The chief end and object of the book is to show that as money is a creation of law, it will be as easy for Congress to make it out of silver as out of gold.

When Roosevelt's Rough Riders get into action there seems to be no distinction between the cowboy and the rich young man supposed to be of the kid-glove brand.

Announcement is made that Madrid does not "like the signs" to be read in the vicinity of Santiago. Occasionally even Madrid can display indications of temporary sanity.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE WAR.

NO MACHINE-MADE WARRIORS.

So with machine-made armies and navies. They can be built up into splendid masses, they can be taught bravery as a mechanical habit, and even heroism as a matter of obedience.

MAY STIMULATE POETS.

That our literary sense may be greatly stimulated before we get through is surely possible. Our poets may mature with the war. But we should not expect the benefit to be confined to one only of the belligerents.

ENLISTED MEN OF THE NAVY.

The splendid behavior of the enlisted men of the navy in this war is in perfect harmony with the most cherished traditions of the service. It may not be possible to excel the devotion, the patriotism, the heroism of the sailors of the Union in former wars, but it settled beyond doubt that the crews of our modern ships are equal to any emergency.

GENUINE AMERICAN UNITY.

Now the interests of the country are one. The division is only history. No power of guns can keep the Supreme Court from making any decisions it pleases, within the constitution and laws, as to States' rights, and such decisions must affect all the States equally.

ENTANGLING ALLIANCES.

Twelve years after the father of his country admonished us against "entangling alliances," Robert Fulton first practically demonstrated the proposition of the propulsion of ships by steam.

HEROES OF THE STROKEHOLE.

At Manila, off Havana, before Santiago, in storm or in quiet seas, the true heroes are those in the strokehole. With hatches battened, far down below the water line, knowing nothing of what is going on, it may be to go down with the boat without hope of escape.

NEWS OF FOREIGN NAVIES.

Russia is now building six first-class battleships, one second-class first-class battleship, one coast defense ship, one armored cruiser, three second-class protected cruisers, three torpedo boats, one submarine boat, and one torpedo boat.

The Russian admiralty has offered a prize for the best competition for coating the bottom of ships-of-war to protect the hull from fouling. Experiments are now in progress in tropical waters with upward of 100 different kinds submitted for tests up to last February.

The French battleship Charlemagne has passed through a number of steam trials, which were apparently satisfactory. With 14,300 horsepower she made 17.7 knots in a run of four hours, and with only one boiler Belleville boilers are being introduced in most of these ships, and experiments at the Fairfield yard show an increase of evaporative efficiency of 2 1/2 per cent over the ordinary Belleville boiler.

Rear Admiral Arthur Khyvet Wilson, contractor in the British admiralty, won his Victoria Cross in the following manner: In 1884 he was in the Soudan campaign, and was with the naval brigade at El Teb. At the most critical moment of the action a gap was made in the British square, and half a dozen Der-

gines will be opened out and defects made good before further trials are made. In the Powerful it was stated that one of the engine foundations had settled, throwing the causes may be, structural weakness of hull or defective machinery, these two monster ships are far from coming up to expectations.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CARDS-T. F. L. City. The courts will not recognize gambling debts. PARK COMMISSIONERS-J. F. City. The Commission of Golden Gate Park were on June 20, 1898, Joseph Austin and A. B. Spreckels.

BLENHEIM-S. D. City. There is a place called Blenheim in San Mateo county. It is reached by rail and team. Nine miles to Colma and then twenty miles by team.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY-L. E. C. Oakland, Cal. The only 50-cent fractional currency for which a premium is offered is a crisp new note of the first issue with edges, corners, and postage stamps. Notes of that character command a premium of 25 cents.

FIRST WHITE CHILD-B. M. C. Valjejo, Cal. The first child of English parents born on the soil of the United States was Virginia, a daughter of Governor of the colony. The date of her birth was August 18, 1578.

HOMESTEAD-J. L. W. Elk Creek, Cal. An individual who has once used his homestead rights, everything having been favorable and he having obtained a patent, cannot take up a second homestead. There are cases where the homesteader being unproductive the homesteader having been forced to relinquish, he may make application for a second entry.

CHARTERED VESSELS-M. S. City. The vessels that the Government has secured for the transport of troops to the Philippines and other points have been chartered for such time as the Government shall require them. As the Government will have more troops to send on after the Hawaiian flag, the third expedition the City of Peking and the City of Honolulu will be hastened back here so as to take away their cargoes. It should be noted to send them to the Philippines.

THE CHINA-In the answer published in the issue of Sunday as to measurement of the steamer China the figures given were as taken from the register, but it appears that it was not that particular figure that the correspondent wanted to be informed about. The one he wished to know about is the China that was until recently sailing under the Hawaiian flag, but is now flying the American flag and used as a transport. The measurement of that one is: Gross register, 4573 tons; length, 440 feet; breadth, 45.1 feet, and depth, 32.8 feet.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

The first woman appointed by the Government as superintendent of nurses in the Civil War was Miss Dorothea Dix of Worcester, Mass.

The United States Company at Cape Town is now paying for the education of the three sons of the once great and dreaded chief of Matabeleland. The statue of President Kruger, to be erected at Pretoria, is to be topped off with a "stove-pipe" hat, a decision which has caused much time and artistic circles, and even among artists who themselves wear similar hats.

Cal. glace fruit 50c per lb at Townsend's. Giving up business, genuine eyeglasses 15c to 40c. 65 Fourth street, next barber; also Sunday till 2 p. m.

Celebrate the Fourth with California fireworks. Buy direct from makers. California Fireworks Co., 219 Front st.

Special information supplied daily to business houses and public men by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 510 Montgomery street. Telephone Main 1024.

The "elephant beetle" of Venezuela is the largest insect in the world. Its full-grown one weighs about half a pound.

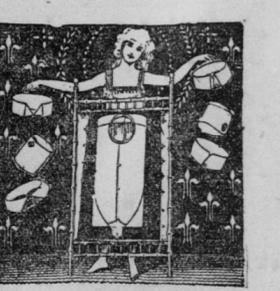
Excursion to the Yellowstone Park. A personally conducted excursion will leave this city July 12 for the Yellowstone Park, via the "Siasta Route" and Northern Pacific Railway.

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" Has been used over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, cures Wind Colic, regulates the Bowels and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes.

CORONADO-Atmosphere is perfectly dry, soft and mild, being entirely free from the mists common further north. Round-trip tickets, by steamship, including first-class berth, are \$10.00. Longer stay, \$2.50 per day. Apply 4 New Montgomery st., S. F., or E. S. BABCOCK, Manager Hotel 24 Coronado, Coronado, Cal.

The Santa Fe Route will run second excursion to Grand Canyon of the Colorado, Arizona, on Thursday, June 30. Noted scientists will accompany the excursion, and a number of portable trip. Get full particulars at No. 644 Market st.

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