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THURSDAY, AUG. 11, 1898.

War's Daily Progress.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3D.

The Administration officially announces the terms of peace offered Spain. They are the same as previously published. Reports from Madrid say Spain has accepted the principal conditions.

The Americans took Guayama and Arroyo, Porto Rico, which if used as bases of supplies will shorten the road to San Juan, the capital, and avoid the dangerous mountain stations. The outposts of Miles' army are now one mile from Coamo, on the military road to San Juan.

Gen. Merritt has 20,000 troops assigned to him in the Philippines. He asks for 30,000 more on account of the attitude of the insurgents.

Camp Alger, Va., has an alarming epidemic of typhoid fever. The 20,000 troops there will be moved to a new camp at Manassas, Va.

Major Gen. Joseph C. Breckinridge is now in command of the army at Chickamauga Park.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4TH.

Spain's actions seem to assure peace, but she wants to play diplomacy on the minor details of the terms.

Whoop! The Cubans under Gen. Garcia are reported to have defeated the Spanish and captured the town of Mayari with 500 prisoners, while Gen. Gomez took the town of Gibora and 116 prisoners.

FRIDAY, AUG 5TH.

The Administration lets Spain know pointedly that she must accept terms offered or fight out the war. It is feared that Spain will learn of the terrible illness of Shafter's army and will conclude to fight it out, relying upon disease for an ally.

The War Department is preparing with the utmost expedition to remove Gen. Shafter's army to Montauk Point, Long Island. The condition of the troops is desperate and if their removal from Santiago is delayed very long it is feared that sickness will destroy them. Col. Roosevelt says not ten per cent. of the troops are fit for active work. The commanding and medical officers of the army, there held a meeting and gave their unanimous opinion that the army must at once be moved out of Cuba or it will perish.

Half of the First Ky. got away from Newport News for Porto Rico early Aug. 4th on the transport Hudson.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6TH.

San Juan, capital of Porto Rico, will make only a nominal resistance to Gen. Miles, as the Madrid government realizes it would be a waste of life to make a deperate defense.

Admiral Sampson has been given command of the Eastern Squadron, that may go to European waters. Commodore Watson will be second in command. Commodore Schley will be in command of the warships left in West Indian waters. Sampson will take all the armored vessels of the navy except the monitors and the Texas, which is being repaired at Brooklyn.

Captain Clark, of the battleship Oregon, has been relieved for six months on account of ill health.

SUNDAY, AUG. 7TH.

Advices from Madrid say the Spanish government has accepted the peace terms of the United States.

Gen. Shafter's army will be brought home from Santiago to Montauk Point, Long Island, this week. The soldiers will have a fine seaside camp at which to recover their health.

Gen. Haines' brigade after a sharp fight captured the town of Guyamo, Porto Rico, losing four men wounded.

An epidemic of mumps and measles will detain the 3d Ky. at Newport News for the present.

MONDAY, AUG. 8TH.

The American army in four columns is rounding up the Spanish troops at San Juan.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9TH.

Cambon has Spain's reply. It is said that no territory can be ceded without the consent of the Spanish parliament. That will cause a delay of actual peace.

JUDGE VINCENT BOREING without opposition was nominated for Congress by the Eleventh district Republican convention last week, to succeed Col. David W. Colson. The nomination is equivalent to an election.

THE Democrats with a majority of some 65,000 wiped out Populism in Alabama at the late State election. Fusion was fatal in 1896.

THE Dowager Empress of China has assumed power, and Li Hung Chang's political fortunes are again ascending. Can't keep a good man down.

SPEAKER REED's home folks still believe in him politically and renominated him for Congress. Tom is somewhat out of fashion with his party generally.

THREE Wisconsin young ladies are contesting for the honor of christening the battleship of that name. That wrangling over naming battleships is likely to become a nuisance.

GOLD is beginning to flow in again from Europe, while the Klondike is sending down its millions and the output of the home mines is steadily increasing. The gold standard is here to stay.

OWING to banks reducing their capital stock Auditor Stone estimates that while the State has this year collected about $115,000 in taxes from the banks next year it will get not more than $75,000.

EX-SPEAKER BLANFORD, of the Ky. House of Representatives, of Breckinridge county, was nominated on the first ballot at Elizabethtown by the Republican convention for Congressman from the Fourth district. Four others received a small vote each.

COLLECTOR COMBGORE, of the 6th Ky. district, in retaliation for the Prison Commission's discharge of State officials, has civil service reformed nineteen Democratic storekeepers and gangers out of office. The spoils system is preferable to hypocritical civil service reform.

IT is fairly certain that even if peace is made soon the volunteer army will not be disbanded for a year at least. It will be necessary to garrison Porto Rico and Cuba until their local governments get in smooth working order. The boys of the Second and Fourth Ky. regiments needn't despair yet of participating in a campaign where the senoritas grow.

PERU is reported to have her back up because she was forced to arbitrate some differences with the United States dating back to 1885, and has dispatched Commodore Terryros to Paris to purchase warships with which to make a demonstration against the Pacific Coast, in the absence of the coast defense ships, and induce the United States to modify her demands. Such frequent exhibitions of national folly on the part of the bantam republics of Spanish America don't augur well for their future.

THE war has proved the surgical and commissary departments of the army to be inefficiently organized, and the transport department on the sea has many exasperating delays to its charge. This largely comes from the national policy of not preparing for the contingency of war in time of peace. Very likely political favoritism has considerable to do with the inefficiency. The custom of rewarding favorites with the spoils of office is one more honored in the breach than the observance. The people have to pay for their own neglect to exact proper conduct from the Government officials they choose.

THE readers of THE OUTLOOK are, through its publication of them, familiar with many of the essays of Lady Cook (nee Tennessee Claflin), of Richmond, England. Sir Francis and Lady Cook are strong advocates of harmonious action between the United States and Great Britain in international affairs, and in furtherance of that end held an Anglo-American reception in the form of a garden party at their elegant home, Doughty House, Richmond Hill, July 5th. A marked copy of the Richmond and Twickenham (England) Times received at this office contains a 4½-column report of the reception. Nearly three thousand of the notable people of England passed through the hall of Doughty House and out into the gardens between 3 o'clock and 7 p. m. The grounds of Doughty House were not sufficient to accommodate the guests, and the Wesleyan College, adjoining, threw open its spacious gardens for the occasion. The remarks on the ladies' costumes would please our lady readers. The Royal Artillery band gave a musical programme on one lawn, and a band of bell ringers another programme on another part of the grounds. Indoors an elaborate vocal programme was rendered, and poems were recited. Mention is made of the picture galleries, containing a rare collection of paintings by the Old Masters. Outdoor speeches were made approving an Anglo-American alliance or understanding. In the list of over 2½ long columns of names of notables present are many names familiar on both sides of the Atlantic. The nobility was numerously represented, while there are many names of high army and navy officers, members of Parliament, noted literary and artist folks, and hundreds of members of the high circles of society.

Evidently the English people as a whole are most kindly disposed towards an alliance, and perhaps by reason of the friendship shown for the United States in the Spanish war have already secured the American people's good will to an extent that an alliance in spirit is already existent. Looking at the subject from the standpoint of either sentiment, material interests or the world's welfare, next to the world being Americanized we should prefer it to be Anglicized.

THE evidence accumulates that Gen. Jo Wheeler was the most conspicuous hero among the higher officers at the taking of Santiago. It is said that at a council of war the weight of opinion, led by Gen. Shafter, was that the U. S. army had got in a place too hot to hold and should retire some miles, but Gen. Wheeler stormed against retreating one inch with all the eloquence and vehemence he could command. Gen. Kent in his official report says: "I desire to express my gratitude to Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler for his courteous conduct to me and through me to my division under the trying circumstances enumerated. Though ill and suffering, Gen. Wheeler was so perfectly at home under fire that he inspited all of us with assurance."

CORRESPONDENCE.

Naylor's Branch.

Plenty of rain, and corn crops never were better.

J. Match Coyle was in this community Friday and Saturday.

Geo. Lathram sold to J. B. Goodpaster 11 feeding steers and 1 heifer at 4 cents, to go in October.

Miss Lydia M. Lathram returned from Owen county Thursday, accompanied by her aunt, Miss Bell Lathram.

Forge Hill.

Watermelons are very plentiful in this vicinity at present.

Everything brought a fair price at the sale of Turner Hunt here Saturday.

H. O. Swinney and sister Miss Angeline, of Odessa, were in our midst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bramble and children, of Poplar Plains, are visiting relatives near here.

Moore's Ferry.

The good people met at Hedrick's on the 4th inst. and cleaned off the church yard and burying ground.

Morgan Goodpaster, of Owingsville, was here on the 4th inst. buying feeding cattle. He bought a lot of steers of Taylor Ellington at 4c.

Samuel Lathram, of Prickly Ash, was in this vicinity last week buying cattle, paying 4c.

Grant Triplett began a private school here Monday for the people of this district who have too much envy for the teacher of the public school to send to him.

Grange City.

Some of our citizens went to Owsville Monday.

Newton Johnson went to Moorefield last week.

Barney Hayden, who left here some time ago for Kansas, died on July 4 at Stanford, Kansas.

Isaac Eden returned last week from a visit in Indiana and Illinois. While gone he visited Jake Eden and wife, formerly of this place.

Misses Jennie Willroy and May Newman returned Sunday from a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Bath and Montgomery counties.

Married, Tuesday, Aug. 2d, 1898, Wm. Kissick and Mrs. Mary Pout; second marriage for each. The ceremony took place in Flemingsburg. May the rest of their journey through life be one of happiness.

Preston.

Miss Lizzie Stull is quite sick.

Mrs. Henry Johnson is on the sick list.

Miss Lizzie Nixon is visiting in Owingsville.

Jas. Shultz and wife, of Mud Lick, visited here Tuesday.

Mrs. Emma Graves, of Peeled Oak, visited here Saturday.

Died, Tuesday, August 3d, 1898, Will Williamson, aged 66 years. Funeral services by Elder Crouch; burial at the family burying ground Thursday. Deceased was a member of the Christian church. He leaves a wife and several children, also a number of friends and relatives to mourn the death of a loving father, a kind and generous friend.

Call not back the dear departed,
Anchor'd safe where storms are o'er;
On the border land we left them,
Soon to meet to part no more.

Upper Prickly Ash.

C. H. Carr, of Montgomery Co., was in the neighborhood first of the week.

Miss Mary Reynolds, of Owingsville, visited friends in this vicinity last week.

James Kendall, of Flat Creek, visited his aunt, Mrs. Frances Hamilton, Sunday evening.

R. L. Stone, of near Carlisle, was a visitor at Mrs. Frances Hamilton's Saturday and Sunday.

Joseph Gudgell, of near Sherburne, visited friends in this neighborhood Sunday night.

T. S. Shrout and family, of Owingsville, visited his mother, Mrs. Nancy Shrout, one night last week.

Charles Goodpaster sold a bunch of feeding cattle to Carroll Hamilton, to be delivered October 15th, at 4¼c.

Jas. P. Hamilton left Monday for Millersburg as a delegate from this county in the interest of the Hurst Home Insurance Co.

T. W. Hamilton and sister Miss Fannie accompanied by Isaac Jones and Miss Oddie Tower, of White Oak, visited relatives on Flat Creek Saturday and Sunday.

THE SICK.—Richard Burns has malarial fever. F. F. Tackett is better. Joseph Manley continues poorly. Mrs. Frances Hamilton is some better. John Fleming is some better since the doctors opened his leg.

Odessa.

Jake and Miss Lillian McKinnevan and Miss Eliza Vanlandingham visited in Montgomery Co. Saturday and Sunday.

Elbert Cassity, of Yale, was the guest of Jedie L. Darnell Sunday night and attended Court at Owingsville Monday.

Isaac W. Jones and Miss Oddie Power, Warren Swetnam and wife, of this place, Walter and Miss Fannie Hamilton, of Prickly Ash, visited the family of W. D. Darnell, on Flat Creek, Saturday and Sunday.

If you should happen to pass through this community about noon on Sunday and hear dinner bells ringing do not be alarmed or think a scrape of the ladies, they are only calling their husbands from the croquet yard.

THE SICK.—Aunt Sallie Darnell is about the same. Thos. L. Jones continues about the same, while his wife, who was taken quite poorly last week, is some better. Mrs. A. B. Sorrell is about the same. Chas., the youngest son of Mrs. Abe Jones, is quite poorly with fever.

Wyoming.

J. T. Estill, we learn, is in Minnesota.

W. S. Estill sold to J. B. Goodpaster 3 2-year-old mules at $60 each.

Ira Gossian and Oil Riley moved to the house vacated by Lige Jones.

Dr. C. W. Honaker and wife, of Owingsville, visited the family of J. L. Templeman Sunday.

There will take place in this community promptly on Thursday a wedding; furthermore deponent sayeth not, except that the contracting parties will be very young people who are dreaming, sweetly dreaming.

The Odessa fishing club will soon hoist its colors and start out on a conquering expedition among the tribe piscine. What the club does to the fish is usually a plenty. Geo. Boyd still retains the office of President and Hatton Snedegar can't be voted out of his position as treasurer and general overseer. "Barbley Borders" holds his job as game warden, while "Bridget" Bailey is finaly established as mess mate. Old "Pudgett" Jones couldn't be beaten for Vice President no way it could be fixed.

Grange.

Mrs. Arena Sorrell and Miss Myrtie Tey visited friends on Flat Creek last week.

Isaac Hunt and family, of Upper Prickly Ash, visited the family of Sam Shultz the past week.

Willis E. Mathison came home from Fleming county Sunday and spent Sunday and Sunday night.

Chell Hatton, wife and children, of Flat Creek, visited the former's parents, George Hatton and wife, Saturday night.

There will be preaching on the third Sunday in August at Prickly Ash bridge at 3 o'clock p. m., by Elder H. F. Parker.

William Lowry and wife were called the past week to the bedside of Mrs. Lowry's mother, old Mrs. Cannon, near Bethel, who is not expected to live but a short time.

Some sneak thief shot among a flock of sixty-two turkeys belonging to Mrs. Sam Shultz and killed and crippled fifteen. They carried off what they killed, including one old hen.

Brother Liming preached to a large congregation near Prickly Ash bridge Sunday eve. Subject: "Unclean birds and beasts," representing the different classes of Christians today. His subject will never be forgotten by the thinking people who heard it.

Flat Creek.

Austin Boaz lost a valuable cow recently.

Mrs. Will Powers, of Owingsville, visited her son Stoner last week.

James Crooks and wife, of Peeled Oak, visited in this vicinity last week.

Jas. Clark and Sam Crooks made a business trip to Mt. Sterling last Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Rice and son Holman visited in Montgomery Co. several days the past week.

Elder Adams will preach at See's school-house next Sunday and also the following week.

Voris Vanlandingham and wife, after a three-weeks' visit among friends at this place, returned home last Monday to Scott county.

[Another Correspondent.]

Some of J. C. Hamilton's tenants sold their tobacco on the Louisville breaks at 12½c.

Tobacco crops are looking well in this section and will soon be ready for the knife.

Elder Long will begin a protracted meeting at Fassett's school-house next Saturday night.

J. C. Hamilton and J. R. Dawson bought 125 head of cattle on White Oak and Prickly Ash at 4½c.

The Hamilton Farm Co. had a large tobacco barn to burn Thursday night at 10 o'clock; no insurance.

We feel inclined to compliment "West End" on his remark. Right you are, old boy. If Pugh can't beat brains into their heads perhaps you can. Let us hear from you again.

Misses Fannie Hamilton and Oddie Powers, two very pretty and accomplished young teachers, of White Oak, accompanied by their best fellows, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday and attended church at Fassett's.

NAMELESS.

Olympia.

Rain has been plentiful the past week.

Miss Mattie Breen visited in Mt. Sterling last week.

Mrs. Chas. Fowler and children, of Pea Sticks, visited here Sunday.

Master Horton Young and sisters Susan, Mildred and Lillie returned home Saturday, after an extended visit to their grandmother, Mrs. Smith, on Beaver.

Miss Rosa Johnson, an accomplished and very pleasant young lady of Grange City, who has been visiting here for several days past, is now visiting relatives at Preston.

Rev. C. A. Bromley and wife and Mrs. G. W. Young returned last week, after a ten days' stay at the Holiness campmeeting at Wilmore, and report that they both enjoyed and were benefited very much by being there.

H. P. Adams, Agt. for the Prendergast Lumber & Coal Co., and Chas. Newhart, Jo Morrow and Mike Fehl, who have been in their employ here for some months past, left Friday on an overland journey with the company's teams and wagons to Doane, W. Va. Wm. E. Houston has charge of their business at this place for the present.

Bethel.

J. F. Trumbo, of Mt. Sterling, was here Thursday.

Miss Pearl Trumbo is at home now with her father.

Mrs. Louvisa Doggett is visiting the family of Seth Botts this week.

Morris Brown, of Owingsville, visited his grandfather, D. S. Trumbo, Sunday.

James Bigstaff, of Mt. Sterling, was here last week buying cattle. He purchased 80 head.

Mrs. Dr. Letton has gone to Maysville to see her mother, Mrs. Cone, who is quite sick.

James Lincoln, of St. Louis, is visiting at Dr. Judy's with his family, who are here for the summer.

Drs. Oscar Roberts and Sam Stone have located in Bethel. This village can boast of six doctors now.

Mrs. Maggie Young and two children, of Mt. Sterling, were here this week visiting friends and looking after her farms.

J. B. Donaldson, of White Oak, was here Saturday. He was accompanied home by his wife, who had been the pleasant guest of her brother, D. S. Trumbo, for a week.

Knob Lick.

Still continues warm and showery.

There is some sickness here,—a few light cases of fever.

The Roe's Run Iron Co. has stopped mining ore until Aug. 15th.

Harvey Collier and family visited his father, J. M. Collier, Sunday.

Capt. Pitman went to Lexington to see his brother, Col. Pitman, whose home is in Texas.

A few cattle passed here for the Owingsville market. What have gone in have been of a fair quality.

The two Misses Harrison, of Bourbon Co., and Harvey Noland, of Carter Co., are visiting J. W. Maze.

Henry Warren has quit "batching." He and his wife are living at the store-house on the Roe's Run Co.'s place.

Some more stealing going on. Last Friday night some one went into Wm. Lawson's house, he being over on the Kentucky river at work and his wife not at home. The thieves took ½ bushel of meal out of 1 bushel, about one half their meat and 2 packages of coffee. It would seem from this that Richey could tell the truth. He said he was not the only rogue, for he is now in Louisville in prison.

THE WONDER OF THE AGE.

If a politician teaches certain principles are right if he is honest and consistent for those principles he will fight; and if he be strictly honest and consistent and sincere he will practice what he preaches every day within the year. But the fusion politician which we have with us today is an inconsistent mortal and we venture here to say his match for inconsistency has never yet been known since this nation first afforded politicians of her own. For the fusion politician with his eyes bedimmed with tears has been crying reformation for lo these many years, and his words of condemnation heaped upon the G. O. P. have been oftentimes repeated and been heard from sea to sea, and as often has he told us—yes, in language plain and true—that the Democratic party was corrupt and sinful too; that it always legislated in the interest of the few. And yet he favors fusion with this Democratic crew. And he advocates free coinage of our precious silver ore, yet he fuses with a party which in Congress heretofore has defeated every measure introduced along the line providing for free coinage of silver from the mine. He condemns redemption money; says that system will not do; yet he fuses with Bill Bryan and the whole redemption crew. Likewise the bonding system he condemns with sighs and groans, yet he fuses with a party led by Bondbill J. K. Jones. Yes, he fuses with a party which in Ninety-three or four issued bonds two hundred million, plus the sixty-million more, and has always been in favor, we would have him bear in mind, of redeeming paper money with the coin or specie kind. Oh, how thus so inconsistent can this politician be while our people stand astounded at his inconsistency? Yes, the people of this nation, all our statesmen, wise and sage, are united in proclaiming him the wonder of the age. For this fusion politician, as it has been truly said, has a Populistic body with a Democratic head, and he first originated nearly twenty years ago, and he wants to serve the public as an officer, you know. Hence, upon his every action we should keep a watchful eye, for he seeketh after office with an appetite for pie. He is a fusionist for office, politician's narrow gauge, for inconsistencies we brand him the wonder of the age.

South Side.

Once in a while you see a woman who would look better in trousers.

A man who says anything against women as women is not a man. We call him something of the brute species.

When a young man gets so worthless that he can't hold any other kind of a job he becomes a cigarette holder.

A young married woman always talks to bachelors as though they didn't know much. When she gets older she gets more suspicious.

The prospects are good on this side for one of the best corn crops ever raised. The corn is almost matured and some people are beginning to grit.

A mistake in the print last week made us say Elder Long would preach at Flat Creek the 1st Sunday when it should have been the 2d (next) Sunday.

Don't envy your next door neighbor because he receives more letters than you, but charitably presume that his are all bank protests, bills payable and notices of arrears on his life insurance, etc.

Elder Blevins and Kendall preached at Olympian Springs the fifth Sunday in last month and added sixteen to the church; eleven by confession and six reclaimed, and closed with baptizing in the evening.

Early to bed and early to rise, does very well with preachers and guys, but makes a man miss all the fun till he dies and joins the old stiffs that are up in the skies. Go to bed when you please, and lie at your ease, and you'll die just the same from a Latin disease.

Lives there a man with nose so red who never to himself hath said: "I'll pay, before I go to bed, the debt I owe the printer?" Yes, and over there are some we know full well, but they, we fear, will go to—well, the place where there's no winter.

A friend tells us the day before a Spanish girl is married she is taken to the bath by her lady friends and lumps of sugar are broken over her head as a forecast of the sweets of matrimony. A year or so after card he husband breaks the whole sugar bowl over her head.

Never accept a slander or report against a man, whether an acquaintance or a stranger, without giving him a chance to defend himself. There are couples in all communities who are mean enough to resort to anything to injure some one else against whom they may hold a grudge.

We dreamed the other night that the officials of the Owingsville and Mt. Sterling turnpike had sold out to the county at a reasonable sum and the gates were thrown open and everything free; even dreamed we were living under a free-silver government and Uncle Sam was paying the soldiers 16 to 1. We later woke up and found we had been laboring with a severe case of night-hoss.

A farmer went into a store in Menifee Co. a few weeks ago to sell a load of fine peaches. He was offered one dollar a bushel for them. A traveling man who was standing near remarked to the farmer: "If you had those peaches in New York you could get a dollar and a half a bushel for them." "Yes," replied the farmer, "and if I had a barrel of water in h—! I reckon I could get a half a dollar a glass for it." And the drummer was sorry he spoke.

Alf Warner came to us with tears in his eyes and tried to persuade us to leave the country. He claims that "West End" has his war-paint on and a tomahawk in his belt hunting for us. Upon one condition I'll show up. If he'll have a keg of fresh moonshine and a big mess of fish and corndodgers and send us word we'll slip in the back door and fall on our knees and make the proper acknowledgement. What say you, "Uncle" Ben?

The class that builds up a town and country and enjoys life and makes the best citizens are the enterprising and liberal men who believe in living and letting others live, and who when they get a dollar don't squeeze it until the Goddess of Liberty feels as if a corset laced to the last notch would feel more comfortable. Such squeezing is what causes hard times and stops the circulation of the American eagle. If it were not for our broad-guaged, enterprising men it would be impossible to build a prosperous city.

LAST OF THE SEASON.—Grand popular excursion to Huntington, W. Va., and return, including a steamboat ride to the famous Horse Bend free of charge on Sunday, August 21st. Tickets good going and returning on special excursion train leaving Lexington going at 7 a. m., returning leaving Huntington 5:30 p. m. Stops can be made at Ashland and Catlettsburg if desired. Look at the low rates offered for this excursion.

Lexington and Hedges inc	$1.50
Thomson and Salt Lick "	1.25
Farmers and Enterprise "	1.00
Olive Hill and Kilgore "	75
Mead and Ashland "	36

For further particulars call on or address Ticket Agent Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.

Battleship Kentucky.

The following letters in regard to subscriptions to the fund to purchase a silver service for the battleship Kentucky have been sent out from the office of the Commission having the matter in charge.

GENERAL CIRCULAR.

Louisville, Ky., July 27th, 1898.

Dear Sir:—

The great battleship "Kentucky," named in honor of the State, was, in the presence of the Governor and many representative citizens from all parts of the State of Kentucky, launched March 25, 1898, and will be put in commission some time between January 1st and March 1, 1899.

The presence of Kentuckians at the launching was merely a preliminary recognition of the honor done the State by the Government, and it was universally conceded that something more substantial must be done by the people of Kentucky, and that when the great ship shall have been completed, a handsome silver service, emblazoned with the arms of the State, should be presented.

Such has been the custom of all the States which have been so honored by the Government. Kentucky, I know, will not be behind, but will rather excel them in the splendor of her gift and the universality of the offering.

The gift will not less than $10,000. It is proposed to secure this amount by popular subscription. Every town in the State of Kentucky should be represented, and with the view of making the subscription as general as possible, I addressed this letter to representative citizens in every part of the State. No one need fear that his subscription will be too large, nor none so small that it will be overlooked. We want both dollars and dimes, for it is to be the people's gift.

With the gift to the ship will go a list of the contributors, and the place of residence (but not the amount), so in making your contribution please write your name and address distinctly.

It is also proposed to publish a souvenir book, which will contain a cut of the battleship "Kentucky," with description; cut and description of the silver service; an account of the launching and the presentation; also names of subscribers. The book will also contain the latest revised list of the American Navy and other interesting data. The publication of this book depends largely on the amount of the subscription; it will be sent free to those who contribute $20 or more.

As chairman of the Finance Committee, I ask your personal co-operation in this work; that you will at once take this matter up with your neighbors to the end that the call may be liberally and promptly met.

The splendid achievements of the American Navy in the present war thrill every American heart with pride whenever it is mentioned, and I am persuaded that on this occasion there will be no backwardness on the part of our people, but a patriotic rivalry as to who will give first and most.

Yours respectfully,
HARRY WEISSINGER,
Chairman Finance Committee.

N. B.—Address all letters containing subscriptions to Jas. F. Buckner, Secretary Board of Trade, who will acknowledge receipt of same.

LETTER TO MAYORS.

Dear Sir:—

I desire to call your attention to the enclosed circular letter which I have caused to be largely distributed over the State. I want to ask you to use your influence with your City Government to the end that they make a liberal contribution. We desire to record in our souvenir book the record of a contribution from every important town in the State. When you send in the contribution from your town we would be glad to have you write a brief statement of your town, giving such advantages as it may seem to possess. This statement will be published in the book along with your subscription. If the contributions will permit we will make large distribution of the book; thus it will be valuable not only as a souvenir, but as an advertisement to the towns who contribute.

Allow me to impress upon you the importance of early action, because the committee does not care to make any contract for the silver service, or the book, until they have some knowledge as regards the amount they will be permitted to expend.

Address all communications to me at Room 16, Board of Trade.

Yours truly,
HARRY WEISSINGER,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Nation's Prosperity.

A comprehensive inquiry into present agricultural conditions at home and abroad has been conducted by the Orange Judd syndicate of agricultural weeklies. It leads to the conclusion that America in particular and the world in general will see several years of good times based upon the bedrock of agricultural prosperity.

One thousand million of dollars will hardly measure the increase of the farmers' receipts for the last year's produce over the values that prevailed as late as 1895. More than $200,000,000 of farm mortgages have been paid off in the past two years. Millions in chattel mortgages have been wiped out, and the paying up of all other forms of indebtedness has become almost a mania in the West. This has been attended with such an increase in bank deposits that throughout much of the trans-Missouri country interest rates on farm loans are down to from 5 to 8 per cent., contrasted with from 6 to 10 per cent. as late as two years ago. These gains in the West are largely responsible for the vast increase in national bank resources of more than $1,000,000,000 since the low point of 1893, and more than $400,000,000 during the past twelve months.

The two wheat crops of 1896 and 1897 have returned farmers nearly twice as much as the crops of 1894 and 1895—a gain of more than $400,000,000. Corn shows a decline of some $150,000,000, but these two staples alone make a net gain of $250,000,000. The wheat exported from the United States during the past twelve months sold for about as much as the whole crop was worth in 1893-'94-'95. While the agricultural exports of the past twelve months reach the neighborhood of $930,000,000, by far the greatest on record, this was largely due to the phenomenal crop shortage abroad. Hence the American Agriculturist bases its conclusions on the past two-year and four-year periods rather than on a single season's exceptional conditions. It compares the last four-year's agriculture and export with those of 1878-'81, which ushered in the brilliant prosperity of the early eighties, and concludes:

"We look for an industrial activity early this fall quite unparalleled, with quick markets at home and abroad for the surplus of American farms. We find no reason to anticipate higher fancy prices for produce, but with economy in marketing and production brought about by recent improvements and having regard also to the cheapness of manufactures (also due to inventions) and the ease of money, our deliberate conviction is that the American farmer is to have the largest prosperity he ever enjoyed. This forecast is measured by the standard of the present, by the exchangable power of farm products for products of labor in other vocations."

The balance of trade in favor of the United States during the past two years is more than $1,000,000,000. From resumption of specie payments up to July 1, 1898, the United States have imported some $50,000,000 worth of gold more than it has exported, to say nothing of the large additions of gold from American mines, amounting to from $30,000,000 to $50,000,000 yearly. Thus with the immense excess of merchandise exports may well raise the question whether the United States have practically paid up their foreign obligations, what they owe abroad being offset by what foreigners owe our people, so that the United States may enter upon the new century as a creditor nation.

There is a brilliant promise for the largest tonnage of crops this year ever produced in America. Prices bid fair to be reasonably well maintained, compared with the low values of 1892-'95, indicating a total return from staple crops alone of $1,000,000,000 more this season than last year. Railroads may justly expect a large traffic, and some remarkable figures are given as to the earning capacity of railroads under assured conditions. Even if the world should have a bumper wheat crop, its supply for the two years ending July 30 next would be some 100,000,000 less than for the previous two-year period of advancing prices, indicating that the fair prices paid for the 1897 crop (from 82 to 85 cents at Chicago) are likely for the present crop.

The advance in the value of agricultural land is noticable, with a more active buying demand for improved land in view of the comparative scarcity of public land. The live stock industry is again flourishing, with a great revival in the breeding of thoroughbred stock, $300 and $400 being frequently paid for fine breeding animals of the best beef breeds and as high as $5,000 for a bull and $1,500 for a cow.

"The strongest possible confirmation of the results and future prospects," says the American Agriculturist, "is afforded by our returns from the leading firms in all branches of the agricultural trade, particularly in the Western or Middle States. Most of these returns go into considerable detail and give very full insight into the real state of farmers' finances. They show that trade with farmers has increased this year from 10 to 200 per cent. over the corresponding seven months for last year. Only in one or two cases is the business reported less than last year, and those were for special causes. The universal report is more business. In a few cases, manufacturers of popular specialties for farmers are making three or four times as many sales as in recent years."

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