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"Sampson, Dewey Schley them?" is the naval query just now.

Spain has discovered something harder to whip than bull-fights.

Turn the "balls" of our cotton and wheat markets loose on Spain and let her fight something she's acquainted with.

Congressman Broussard, failing to get a colonelship from Gov. Foster, can ship to Cuba as ballast in one of our naval ships.—Daily Item.

The latest excuse for the failure of the Spanish at Manila is that they cannot fight early in the morning—when it is dewy.—Daily Item.

It worried us to lose the Maine, But now it does not vex us, As Dewey gave it to poor Spain Right in the solar plexus. [Daily Item.]

Let Spanish parrots rip and tear And pour forth oaths of flame; Our glorious eagle scorns to swear, But gets there just the same. —Detroit Free Press.

The resignation of Postmaster General Gary takes from the president's cabinet the best man in it. He was an ardent believer in the establishment of postal savings banks, but his plan does not seem to have been pushed very hard by his republican associates. That would not be in keeping with their politics.—Nonconformist.

The people of Spain are split up into opposing factions which have come to blows and the shedding of blood, and will probably soon be civil war, while the people of the United States as usual, close up their ranks at the first note of war, and hence will make short work of Spain.

About all of our regular army, or over 20,000 well-seasoned soldiers are now at Tampa, Fla., ready for embarkation to Cuba, and about 40,000 volunteers will follow within a week. The days of Spanish misrule in Cuba are numbered.

The "Tin gee-gee" is what the girls are calling the parade soldiers who refused to enlist, and a Baton Rouge girl fires this in verse at her contingent:

I'll attend "germans" with the girls,  
But no cruel war for me,  
I'm a holiday warrior gay,  
A sweet little tin gee gee.

My girl admires a volunteer,  
Has gone completely back on me;  
But when he's cut and shot and maimed,  
I'll still be a tin gee gee. [Daily Item.]

The larger ships of Sampson's fleet have been around Porto Rico this week on the lookout for the Spanish fleet which left Cape Verde about 10 days ago. They have not been found, and it is reported that they have gone back to Cadiz, Spain, and will probably make a dash through the Suez canal on to Dewey at Manila, in a desperate attempt to recapture what they lost.

In that event Sampson wouldn't Schley Havana and Porto Rico, nor Dewey a thing to Spain while her fleet was away.

Spain is a "goner" any way she chooses to fix it.

A wild enthusiast in Havana wants to nail his nation's cross on the capitol at Washington, as an object lesson of Spanish faith. This would be a good scheme were it not for the fact that Spanish faith has never been known to work.—Shreveport Times.

St. Paul says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen," and the Spaniard's wish is still in the shadowy realms of faith, which without works is dead, says the Apostle, and the Spaniard will be before his faith ever materializes into an active belief.

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The great naval battle at Manila was even more sweeping than the account which we were able to give of it last week showed. There were eleven Spanish ships destroyed—all the war vessels Spain had in that part of the world. Some 1200 Spaniards were killed and wounded, while not an American lost his life, only eight wounded, and none of our ships disabled.

The forts of Cavite and Corridgor which guard the entrance to the bay were completely destroyed and are in our possession, while Manila could be taken in a half hour, and will soon be compelled to surrender from the blockade of our fleet by the sea, and the Manila insurgents by land.

Commodore Dewey has been given a vote of thanks, a sword and an Admiral's commission by congress for his brilliant record. The Spaniards made a stubborn fight, had many more guns, ships and men than we, and many of the men sank with their ships fighting to the last. It was the intelligent planning, the perfect discipline, the cool bravery and the skilled marksmanship of all on our side that achieved such wonderful results.

Twice did exploding shells start fires on our ships, that without the coolest and promptest attention would certainly have destroyed them. Twice the Spanish torpedo boats crept out under cover of the smoke, while the fiercest battle was apparently absorbing all attention, hoping to get near enough to administer certain destruction to our fine cruisers, but each time the eagle eye of the Commodore espied them and directed his men to center their fire on the little sea devils, with the result that one was cut in two by a single shot, another was driven ashore full of holes, and a third was sunk.

Thus does brain and brawn happily combined tell over all opposition. The Anglo-Saxon has another foothold in the Pacific.

**Cowboy.**

We clip the following from an Arizona paper, which also contained the names of the members, and among them our old Natchitochian S. D. Kearney, who joined the company as indicated by his card last week, was passed, and is now on his way to the rendezvous.

Fifty-five more recruits for Captain Jack Fleming's troop in the Cowboy regiment came up from the south last night and went on to Santa Fe. They were under the charge of G. A. Settle, of Central, formerly of the Fifth and Seventh cavalries, as Captain Fleming himself was unable to come on account of the death of one of his children. He will join his troop in New Orleans, to which place they have been ordered.

The men were a fine looking lot, fully up to the high standard established by those who have passed through to Santa Fe before and it is safe to predict that New Mexico's quota will equal that from Arizona, which is saying a great deal.

The Santa Fe company has secured the contract for carrying in to San Antonio, Texas, from Santa Fe, N. M., and Prescott, Ariz., the New Mexico and Arizona cowboys that have enlisted in the cavalry regiment, being formed by Theodore Roosevelt, late assistant secretary of the navy. There are fourteen officers and 340 men on listed at Santa Fe, and ten officers and 200 men enlisted at Prescott. The men at Prescott have already left for San Antonio, via Albuquerque and El Paso, and the men at Santa Fe will leave this evening, via Lamy Junction and Trinidad, Colo.

At San Antonio the men will be equipped as cavalymen, and as soon as the regiment is formed it is reported that it will be sent to Cuba. They are the pick of the rough riders of the two territories and will make one of the most daring cavalry regiments in the service of the United States.—Albuquerque Daily Citizen.

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No matter what one may think about the propriety of the war with Spain, the war is on, and the pessimist, and the croaker who maintain their position in the presence of the fact are but little better than traitors.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

**Our Quota.**

After Co. I had died a natural death, some of its more patriotic members including its gallant captain, W. S. Trichel responded to the call of country for men and raised some thirty or more good young men, and by co-alescing with Co. "K" of Shreveport made a creditable presentation to the U. S. recruiting station New Orleans.

This had been done on the assurance that no rigid examination, if any at all, would be required, because several of the boys including the captain, were not in the best of health, and some did not come up to regular army stature.

But it seems that several of the company officers and all above them in the army have a pretty good salary attached, and the great salary-placer, Murphy J. "smelled a very large mice," and deftly worked the racket to make these salaries contribute to his political plans. A rigid examination was trumped up and several of course, were knocked out, and room was made for Murphy's friends.

When their captain was refused every boy for Natchitoches came home save two, Cary Blanchard and R. M. Walmsley Jr., who will hold small positions in a new company made up from remnants of several others.

The boys did right, some sacrificed what was to them very good positions in coming home. But war is one of the most serious things a man can enter, and he should be allowed to choose his own officers and have a few of his friends and acquaintances along with him. Politics have no place there and none save the most unscrupulous and abandoned trader and trickster in politics would think of doing what his fraudulency, Murphy J. Foster, is continually doing in this fraud-ridden State.

**W. J. Bryan to National Committeeman Daniels.**

An unanswerable Statement Showing why Those who are Opposed to Gold and Monopoly Should Co-operate.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Josephus Daniels, National Committeeman from North Carolina, from Mr. William J. Bryan:

Dear Mr. Daniels: Owing to the pressure of other engagements, my conference with you at Washington was very brief, and I write you now, least I may not have sufficiently emphasized the importance of co-operation in North Carolina.

If the action of the party in your State concerned the people of your State only, I would not venture an opinion, but the action of your State will have its influence on national politics, and will help or hinder that co-operation upon which we must ultimately win the fight for bimetalism.

Senator Jones and Butler, and Ex-Congressman Towne, acting upon the reform forces to unite for the campaign of 1898, and in my judgment that co-operation is both wise and necessary. When the Democratic party adopted the Chicago platform and became the champions of the great common people, the gold Democrats deserted the party and gave direct or indirect support to the Republican ticket. In the hour of need the Populist

and silver Republicans came to the rescue shall we repulse these friends now in order to conciliate gold Democrats. If the returning Democrats have been converted and are now in sympathy with the Chicago platform, they will favor such co-operation as will give success to that platform; if they are only acting with the party now in order to make a future desertion more hurtful to the party, they ought not to be permitted to alienate our real friends.

Mr. Carlisle, in 1878, denounced the gold standard conspiracy as the most gigantic crime of all ages; in the presence of such a conspiracy, personal considerations should give way to patriotism. For the President to reject the aid of Democrats in meeting the attack of the Spanish would be no greater blunder than for the Democrats to refuse co-operation with the Populists and silver Republicans overthrowing foreign domination in our financial affairs.

Co-operation is supported by the three National organizations, and a failure to carry out this plan in one State makes co-operation in other States more difficult. If our forces are to fight each other rather than the common enemy, let not the blame rest upon those who are devoted to Democracy as defined in the Chicago platform. Co-operation requires charity and liberality of opinion upon the part of all concerned, but I feel sure that a clear realization of the evils of the gold standard and an earnest desire for the restoration of bi-metalism will harmonize all differences.

The Chicago platform grows stronger every day, and our opponents can only hope for victory through a division of our forces.

Yours truly,  
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