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### The martial spirit is in command.

"I am a good soldier on dress  
parade."

Even base ball has had to suc-  
cumb to war news.

Soon the tin soldier will be  
heard from no more.

The Constitutional Convention.  
What has become of it?

The blue and gray. What a  
magnificent blend they make.

There is glory in war for a few.  
There is suffering and sorrow for  
many.

We hope the war will not inter-  
fere with the Chautauqua arrange-  
ments.

Each one of our American boys  
will weigh a ton, when he is con-  
fronted by a Spanish soldier.

Soon the country will be full of  
the lame, the halt, the blind, the  
disabled.

Cause—Dont want to go to war.

"Down with Weyerism; re-  
member the Maine." Under the  
inspiration of this battle cry, what  
deeds of chivalry can the Ameri-  
can soldier not perform?

Many a boy has gotten out of a  
fight by saying "ma dont allow  
me to fight": and many a man by  
saying it give my wife nervous  
prostration.

Our editor has escaped on both  
pleas.

War now exists between the U-  
nited States and Spain; due to  
Spanish treachery and Spanish  
cruelty. Had the Maine not been  
blown up and murdered 266 of her  
crew, we firmly believe that the  
two Nations would have been at  
peace to-day.

### PARTISAN WAR MEASURE

The Hull war measure seems to  
us more of a cheap political trick,  
than an emergency war measure.  
In fact, it appears to be, in some  
respects, the letter of the senti-  
ment held by the Republican par-  
ty, the spirit of which was ex-  
pressed in General Grosvenor's re-

cent taunt hurled at the Demo-  
crats: "If there is to war, I want  
you to understand it will be fought  
by and for the Republican party."

These may not be the exact  
words; but the spirit was as deep,  
or even more intense, than we  
here present it.

We are aware that Mr. Grosve-  
nor afterwards receded from this  
position, and said he did not mean  
it that way: but this explanation?  
was given under the spur and lash  
of a Philadelphia paper. We be-  
lieve Mr. Grosvenor meant just  
what he said then; and we believe  
Mr. Hull's bill proves it. If it is  
not the intention of the Adminis-  
tration to attempt to carry on the  
war—if there be war—on low par-  
tisan lines, why does it desire to  
place even company officers, in  
the volunteer service, subject to  
the approval of the President?  
Is there one member of Congress,  
who expects to do any thing more  
than shout while others fight, who  
will volunteer his services unless  
the absolute and unqualified right  
be given to vote for his own com-  
pany officers, without being sub-  
ject to the approval of any one,  
save a majority of the men they  
are asked to lead? Don't play the  
hypocrite now, and say yes; be-  
cause we believe that no one but  
a cuck-oo would submit to it.

### BACK YARD HAPPENINGS.

Jimmie Jones "stumped" his toe  
Monday, and soon all the neigh-  
borhood knew that something had  
happened over there.

Henry and Alfred got into a dis-  
pute over a game of marbles that  
same after-noon, and the shingle  
had to be called in to stop the ar-  
gument.

Johnie saw a wasp on the fence  
Tuesday morning, and began an  
investigation. Soon a yell went  
up, with the cry, oh my soul, the  
thing was loaded!

Jennie and Mary were close  
chums until Tuesday last at noon.  
Then they disagreed as to whose  
doll's dress was the most becom-  
ing, and now they don't know each  
others house as they pass by.

Tuesday evening Sammie told  
our perambulator that pa was a  
mighty big bull-dozer until ma  
came around; and then he was as  
docile as a chicken.

Wednesday morning Helen was  
heard to remark that she thought  
a nine years old girl was plenty  
old to receive company.

About an hour after this Sibyl,  
her play-mate of the same age, re-  
fused to recognize William's po-  
lite bow, for fear her pap-pa, who  
was with her, would call her a  
flirt.

Wednesday after-noon at four  
o'clock Samford, aged 12, after  
drilling for a considerable while

with his wooden gun, proposed to  
Maude, the neighbor's daughter,  
the marriage to take place after  
Weyler had been subdued.

Thursday Sadie, aged five was  
quite hurtfully burned by a slip of  
the curling tongs.

It was scarcely more than two  
hours after this, that Bobbie was  
introduced to the slipper, because  
he would persist in testing the wa-  
ter pressure with the garden hose.

Just before dusk of the same  
day, Tommie vowed he would  
commit suicide if Susie went to  
Sunday school with Frank anothe-  
r time.

Friday was a hot day in all  
quarters. The nursery was in an  
uproar, and the shade trees shook  
with revolt.

Some one reported it that Texas  
street will be paved before next  
Christmass. But The Progress  
will not stand responsible for it.

MONDAY, MAY SECOND.

### THIS IS THE BIG LABOR DAY IN SHREVEPORT.

Every thing is now in readiness  
for the big Labor Day Celebration  
of the Trades Union next Monday.

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arrangement; has been carefully  
selected; is tastefully arranged,  
and can not fail to please.

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a sight worth seeing. It will be a  
blending of festal pageantry and  
business art and enterprise.

This will mark a notable event  
in Shreveport. It has virtually  
been made a dies non by public  
will, by universal acclaim. The  
artisan and the tradesman have  
entered into a common effort to  
bring about a community of sen-  
timent, aims and desires; and the  
professional man has been caught  
up in the vortex of the enthusiasm.

Business will practically be at  
a stand still. All the prominent  
business houses will, no doubt be  
closed until after the parade, and  
then every body will go to the pic-  
nic.

Look at the program published  
in to-days issue of The Progress.  
You will find abundant there to  
please. You will be sure to enjoy  
the execution of it. The Railroads  
think it will be a big thing, be-  
cause they have given reduced  
rates on that account.

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and children.

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