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RUMORS OF WAR.

Since the tragic destruction of the United States man of war Maine and the frightful slaughter of American sailors, all sorts of wild rumors have been flying thick and fast and great excitement has prevailed throughout the land. The martial spirit of the nation has been aroused, and with many war would be popular. The administration at Washington has been pursuing a conservative course, making necessary preparations to meet any unforeseen emergency, while waiting for the report of the court of inquiry which has been investigating the cause of the Maine disaster.

This great disaster has cast a pall over the whole nation and plunged it into deepest grief, and the indignation and fury of those who believe it to have been the result of an act of treachery on the part of the Spanish government are just and natural. If the awful disaster should be traceable to the treachery of that government then vengeance, swift and terrible, should at once be visited upon that nation, and no time should be lost in proclaiming war. The nation would rise up as one man to revenge America's slaughtered soldiers.

But, on the other hand, unless the disaster be due to the treachery of the Spanish government, there is, in our opinion, no cause for war, and to declare war without a just cause is a crime against humanity. Even if it were established before the court of inquiry that the destruction of the Maine was caused by the act of some miscreants, whether Spaniards or Cubans, unconnected with the Spanish government and acting without its knowledge or connivance, there would still be no cause for war, unless Spain refused to punish the miscreant, to disown their act, and to make just reparation to the United States and to

the families of the sailors who lost their lives.

To reach a just conclusion on this point requires time, investigation and deliberation, and while it is well and good that the incident should have stirred the martial spirit of the nation to its highest pitch, thereby vindicate American patriotism and pride, yet it is equally proper that no precipitate act done which would further complicate matters between two nations. It is an occasion in which the people must trust to the wisdom and patriotism of their constitutional authorities, and be prepared to support them in whatever course they may enter upon.

The publishers of a German novel once did a neat thing in the way of advertising. They caused to be inserted in most of the newspapers a notice to the effect that a certain nobleman of wealth and high position desirous of finding a wife, wanted one who resembled the heroine in the novel above named. Thereupon every marriageable woman who saw the notice bought the book in order to see what the heroine was like, and the work had an immense sale.

No Senators presents more unique arguments than Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, and his latest, on the silver question, was one of the best. He said, as he walked down the aisle: "Before 1873 we used to go on two legs. One leg was gold and the other leg was silver. Then we cut one leg off, but not content with that, we placed the cut off leg on our shoulder, and now we go hopping along on one leg with the other on our shoulder." The Senator illustrated his remarks by action and when he ended by hopping around on one leg, bending over with the imaginary burden on his shoulder, there was such a burst of laughter and applause that the vice president had to sharply demand order.—Meridional.

DON'T WANT A CHANGE.—Several newspapers in the States are advocating that the Constitutional Convention change the name of the parishes of Louisiana to counties. We have no doubt that will be done some time in the future, but we trust not until after we have "shuffled off this mortal coil." We were born in a parish of Louisiana, and during our life have spent but a few months outside a Louisiana parish, and we trust that we will be buried in a parish of Louisiana. In fact, Louisiana will not be the same old Louisiana to us without its parishes. It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks; and cruel too. Let the new generation, those born since the war, leave us anti-bellum fellows the employment of our memories, associations and legends as long as any of us are left alive. When we are laid to rest in parishes, you may then call them what you please.—White Centinel.

WHAT IRONY!—The most popular idea in that convention is to make officers hold for life time. Said we not that they would tread on the bones of Jefferson! Now if they will decree themselves to be the officers for a lifetime and then adjourn without submitting their work to the people, they will have accomplished all that the people expected them to do.—Monroe Bulletin.

What irony! But, Brother Gunby! withhold judgment until you see the sure tread of the convention mind. Remember there are a number of splendid men in that body. Earnest men; honest men; able men; strong men. They want to do right. They have as much pride in their State as any one. Their time, their talents and their ambitions have been consecrated to secure such an organic law as will appeal to the pride, intelligence and integrity of our school.

Such men as Wise, Alexander, Bell Boatner, J. A. Snyder, White, Favrot, Bruns, Watkins, Boone, Stringfellow, Jenkins, Carver, Price, Dymond and may be several others, will never consent to duplicity practiced on the people. At least The Progress will believe that way until common sense reverses that opinion.—Shreveport Progress.

What is the matter with Bro. Gunby himself? Since when has he quit wanting office?

The ironical life of the Chicago News of last week are these:

If a girl is pretty and unable to marry she is a matchless beauty.

If a fool keeps his mouth shut he can pass for a weather prophet.

If a man tries to teach a pretty girl to ride a wheel he has a good steady job.

If a man would have an untarnished name he should keep his doorplate well polished.

If it wasn't for the lynchings occasionally there would be more trials in this world.

If you want to get on to the latest

wrinkles in clothes sit on the tails of a damp coat.

If men are always judged by their company its pretty rough on some men who are alone.

If all the good had not died young there would be a lot of cranky old people on earth to-day.

If you intend to drown yourself always remove your clothing. It may fit your wife's second husband.

If you would enjoy your food be good humored. An angry man does not know whether he is eating boiled cabbage or stewed umbrellas.

THE COUNTRY WEEKLIES.—No form or character of publication gets as close to its readers as the country or local weekly. No publication has the same intimate relations with its subscribers. Other papers may be more widely read, but they are not as closely read, nor are they as faithfully preserved from week to week. The country weekly goes into homes that no other current publication ever reaches, and they are substantial homes, too. The above is taken from the Atlanta Constitution, and there is a whole chapter of truth in it, which would do well for advertisers to consider.

OUR NAVY.

The following is a list of names of the principal new steel ships for war purposes of the United States:

Atlanta, protected cruiser; Baltimore, protected cruiser; Bancroft, naval cadet practice cruiser; Bennington, gunboat; Boston, protected cruiser; Brooklyn, armored cruiser; Casine, gunboat; Charleston, protected cruiser; Chicago, protected cruiser; Concord, gunboat; Crushing, torpedo boat; Detroit, cruiser; Dolphin, dispatch boat; Indiana, coast line battle ship; Iowa, coast line battle ship; Katharin, harbor defense gun; Machias, gunboat; Maine, armored cruiser; Marblehead, cruiser; Massachusetts, coast line battle ship; Minneapolis, cruiser; Monterey, coast defense; Montgomery, cruiser; Newark, protected cruiser; New York, armored, cruiser; Olympia, protected cruiser; Oregon, coast line battle ship; Petrel, gunboat; Philadelphia, protected cruiser; Raleigh, protected cruiser; San Francisco, protected cruiser; Stiletto, wood torpedo boat; Texas, battle ship; Vesuvius, dynamite cruiser; Yorktown, gunboat.

At least a dozen others, new steel battle ships, costing \$1,000,000 and less each, are not enumerated in the above list. Of our old steam navy there remain 26 war vessels. Of single turreted monitors we have 13. Of armored wooden sailing ships, 11. In addition to these, several iron tug boats and wooden tug boats, armed with Howitz's batteries may be mentioned. And yet our navy in comparison to Great Britain's is considered a mere bagatelle.—Truth.

WASHINGTON'S ADVICE.

What he said of our foreign policy in his farewell address is so filled at once with common sense and patriotism that it ought to be our guide for all time.

"Observe good faith and justice toward all nation; cultivate peace and harmony with all; religion and morality enjoin this conduct; and can it be that good policy does not equally enjoin it? It will be worthy of a free, enlightened and at no distant period, a great nation, to give to mankind the magnanimous and too novel example of a people always guided by an exalted justice and benevolence. * * * In the execution of such a plan, nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded; and that in place of them just and amicable feelings toward all should be cultivated. The nation which indulges toward another an habitual hatred or an habitual fondness is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest.

* * * It is our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world, so far, I mean, as we are now at liberty to do it; for let me not be understood as patronizing infidelity to existing engagements. I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs that honesty is always the best policy. * * * Taking care always to keep ourselves by suitable establishments, on a respectable defensive posture, we may safely trust to temporary alliances for extraordinary emergencies."

The words of Washington are as wise to-day as they were when delivered a century ago. They deserve our careful thought and consideration now.—Times Democrat.

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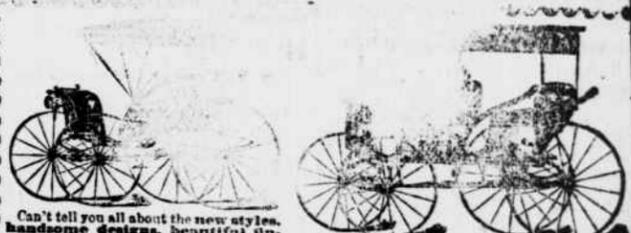
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