



THE WAR.

On June 22nd two detachments of American troops were landed near Santiago to reinforce the Cubans. It is reported that Admiral Cervera intends dashing from Santiago harbor in the night, if he can pass the Merrimac and escape the fleet. Admiral Sampson has extended the blockade to Cienfuegos and Trinidad.

General Shafter and Admiral Sampson headed the first landing from the American transports at a point 12 miles west of Santiago, where they met General Garcia of the insurgent forces, and discussed plans for the attack on Santiago, which will occur in a short time after all the troops have been put ashore, which achievement is expected to be accomplished by Saturday night. The plans for landing the troops has been perfected, and carries perfect safety with it, as the insurgents have control of that part of the island.

General Shafter will have 23,000 American soldiers under his command when he makes the attack, with an addition of 6,000 Cubans and the help from Sampson's fleet.

Dispatches of June 22nd from Washington say that General Merritt and 6,000 men will leave San Francisco next Monday for Manila.

Seven contact mines were taken from the harbor of Guantanamo last Tuesday. The work was done under a heavy fire from the Spaniards on shore, but no damage was done to the Americans. In point of danger the deed was second only to that performed by Hobson and his comrades, and was accomplished by picked crews from the Marblehead and Dolphin, under command of Commander McCalla.

On Tuesday 3,000 troops of General Shafter's army of invasion landed at Baiquin and Aserradero successfully, completely taking the Spaniards unawares, who were not expecting the Americans at those points. The enthusiasm among the soldiers upon getting ashore was unbounded, and all are eager for fighting to commence.

One sailor, name not given, on the Texas was killed.

We are authorized to announce

JOHN P. BUTLER

of Milan as a candidate for Circuit Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Missouri, subject to the decision of the Judicial Democratic convention to be held at Salisbury, Wednesday, July 6th, 1898.

FOR CONGRESS SECOND DISTRICT.

W. W. RUCKER.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative:

T. H. CARSKADON.

For Sheriff:

JOHN R. DEMPSEY.

For Prosecuting Attorney:

J. A. COLLET.

For Recorder of Deeds:

J. M. MASON.

For County Clerk:

HERBERT H. MILLER.

For Circuit Clerk:

Z. T. LAMKIN.

For Treasurer:

JOHN KNAPPENBERGER.

For Probate Judge:

H. C. MINTER.

For Presiding Judge County Court:

EDWARD B. WELCH.

For Judge of the Eastern District:

WM. N. HAMILTON.

For Judge of the Western District:

B. F. FLEETWOOD.

For Coroner:

DR. C. A. JENNINGS.

The house has passed the bill for the annexation of Hawaii by a very large majority. The attempt to make a party question signally failed.

The gamblers have made all the profit out of the last wheat crop. Now watch the price strike the toboggan. It will meet silver at the bottom again, war or no war.

Of all vehicles that roll on wheels the bicycle proves to be the most dangerous and deadly. Scarcely a day passes without the appearance of reports of distressful and sometimes fatal accidents to wheelmen or to unlucky pedestrians.

In 1896 McKinley carried Oregon by plus 14,000. Now, with an unlimited expenditure of trust fund boodle for political effect, with no organized opposition, in the face of a loss of over 5,000, they have the brazen impudence to claim a victory.

PERHAPS the reason why the strategic board war of stagnation and starvation have kept our soldiers cooped up in red-hot transport vessels for over a week was not so much the fear of the rumored phantom Spanish warships, but the hope that there might be another Dead sea parting of the waters so that they could march through on dry land.

WAR's wild alarms have not thus far disturbed the serene valor of that numerically strong and tumultuously hostile army constituting the bedizened staff of the 45 governors of the 45 sovereign states of the union. Here in Missouri they stand full-panoplied for the worst, and it would be too bad if they, too, should have to leave us and go to the front.

IN order to recruit to full strength the federal volunteer regiments already mustered in, the war department officials propose to detail officers from each regiment for recruiting duty in their respective states, and the men thus secured, after examination and mustering, will be sent forward at once to join the regiments to which they will be assigned.

MR. JAMES PAXTON VOORHEES, sculptor, has completed the model of a bust of his father, the late Senator Voorhees, which possesses remarkable merit. It will probably, when put into marble, be placed in the library of congress whose interest the late senator did so much to promote. Young Voorhees promises to attain as great renown in art as his illustrious father achieved in eloquence and statesmanship.

ADVOCATES of the navy personnel bill in congress will find in the heroic conduct of Naval Constructor Hobson, who sank the Merrimac in Santiago harbor, an additional argument in favor of abolishing the existing distinction between line and staff officers of the navy. This gallant officer would not have been eligible for any post of command on a federal war-ship under current naval regulations; yet no one would deny his right as one of the bravest and most skillful of the nation's maritime defenders.

CHAMP CLARK has a rich faculty for description. In the course of his speech during the Hawaiian debate he said: "Mr. Speaker, if Hawaii is annexed and you are presiding officer over this house 20 years from now, you will be called upon to recognize the gentleman from Patagonia, the gentleman from Cuba, the gentleman from Porto Rico, the gentleman from Greenland, the gentleman from Hong Kong, the gentleman from Fiji, and with fear and trembling the gentleman from the Cannibal islands, as he gazes with gleaming and glistening teeth upon your imposing and tempting self."

It will not avail Spain to protest that the mutilation of our soldiers left dead on the field after the fight near Guanamo was the act of the Spanish volunteers and not of her regulars. The beasts in human form who have made the war in Cuba a hell for non-combatants and women would have been disarmed long ago if Spain had had any just claim to be considered a civilized power. Our troops, however, will know how to deal with savages, and it may not always be found possible to discriminate between Spanish regulars and their fiendish auxiliaries. Spanish officers should be held accountable for the outrageous crimes of their chosen allies and be treated accordingly.

AN exchange says that a Milwaukee preacher asserts that "nude figures" on a five dollar bill are indecent. Perhaps this is so, but we never had one of these bills long enough to examine it critically. But we don't think "nude figures" would shock us very much. We have attended social entertainments where the ladies were in "full dress" and wore but little more than a necklace above the belt, and we still live. The figures on a five-dollar bill which the most attraction for us is the figure "5".

IT is very true that Washington is a hot town in July and August; but Manila and Cuba are hotter. The hottest place of all, however, will be in the immediate neighborhood of any statesman who runs away from the thermometer and duty to seek personal comfort while our brave soldiers and tars are fighting for their lives and for the flag under the burnishing sun of the tropics. The heat in Washington, never overpowering, cuts no figure in this matter of a fight for the country's welfare. Congress can easily stand a short summer racket. Let the country understand this and sound the warning to their senators and representatives.

How long will the goldbug party allow the war to last? This is a serious question for the people. A protracted war will create an excuse for more bonds, and the bankers and goldites make money out of bonds. The subjugation of Porto Rico, the Philippines and Cuba will demand a large standing army. Carpet-bag governors are profligate and irresponsible, and the money power will devise excuses to satisfy its greed. The people will be "allowed" to furnish the soldiers, pay the taxes and suffer the burdens, while liberty, justice and humanity will be laughed to scorn by the goldites and Rothschild agents.

THE weekly crop bulletin of the federal department of agriculture is very interesting. Crop conditions and prospects are exceptionally favorable in nearly all parts of the country. Corn-planting has been practically completed, and the wheat harvest is well under way in many localities, and is rapidly nearing completion in the southern and western states. The wheat yield will be very large, and it is not improbable that it will exceed the great production of 1891-2. The country has had good crops in years when political or financial causes of unsettlement have kept the tide of business at a low ebb, and there have been seasons of good business when crops have not been exceptionally abundant.

BEFORE this war a Rockefeller or a Havemeyer seemed a rather large figure to the popular eye. But in an era that is producing Deweys and Bagleys and Hobsons how very, very small a man of mere money is! And not small only, but loathingly repulsive. The rich men who have proved themselves to be Americans by showing mind and spirit and love of country, bear to these money swine of the trusts no nearer relation than does the evolved and finished human being to the original gorilla. Behold the Havemeyer sugar refinery and the Astor battery, and you get the idea. Think of a Carnegie, or a Hanna and of a Dewey, and you realize how much the past few months have done to raise the American standard.

ONE of the most pitiable victims of misplaced confidence is seen in the person of the coffee-colored ex queen of Hawaii—Mrs. Dominis. She has been living in Washington for the past 12 months, and now finds herself on the ragged edge of genteel poverty, a discarded tool of Claus Spreckles and the blown waif of Grover Cleveland's arrogance and stupidity. It is a fact, though not generally known, that "Queen Lullilokanis" has conducted her fight against Hawaiian annexation upon money furnished by Spreckles. This subsidy the sugar autocrat has now withdrawn, and the deposed sovereign falls helpless between two tools. There has never been a day until quite recently when the Dole government would not have given the old lady a respectable pension. She would not take it. Now Spreckles throws her overboard. It is rumored that the old lady will hardly be able to raise the money needed to return to Honolulu. The incident illustrates the meanness and cowardice both of sugar trust methods.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

Judge W. W. Rucker of Keytesville Nominated on the First Ballot --An Enthusiastic Gathering of Democratic Hosts.

The 1898 contest for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Second district of Missouri is a thing of the past, and after a lay-off in sharing congressional honors for more than half a century, the voice of one of Chariton county's "favorite sons," in the person of Judge W. W. Rucker, will again be heard in the halls of congress, as the nomination in this district is equivalent to election.

Last Wednesday's convention at Moberly was composed of 108 representative Democrats of the district, and they were a fine-looking body of men, too, especially the editorial delegates, of which our honorable and handsome self was one.

The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by S. S. Basset, of Monroe county, chairman of the congressional committee, and the call under which the convention was held was read by John N. Shepler of Sullivan county secretary of the congressional committee.

Temporary organization was effected by the election of Dr. Robt. Haley of Linn county as chairman, J. L. Newland of Livingston county, secretary, and John N. Lynch of Randolph county, sergeant-at-arms.

Permanent organization was accomplished by the election of Gen. E. W. Price of Chariton county as chairman, W. H. Balthis of Randolph county as secretary, and John N. Lynch as sergeant-at-arms.

After the reports of the various committees had been made and passed upon, nominations were declared to be in order.

Capt. Wm. M. Eads of Carroll county was placed in nomination by Ralph E. Lozier; Judge W. W. Rucker of Chariton county by J. C. Crawley, and Hon. W. D. Leeper of Livingston county by Joseph Barton.

The vote was taken and resulted as follows:

Carroll, 18 for Eads; Chariton, 17 for Rucker; Grundy, seven for Rucker; Linn, 13 for Rucker; Livingston, 13 for Leeper; Monroe, 18 for Bodine; Randolph, 16 for Rucker; Sullivan, 10 for Rucker.

Judge Rucker having received 63 out of 108 votes was declared to be the nominee of the convention.

Then followed a grand old Democratic love-feast in which excellent speeches were made by Capt. Eads, Mr. Leeper and Judge Rucker.

The convention adjourned amid the greatest enthusiasm, and we shall confidently expect Judge Rucker to poll the largest vote on the 8th of next November that was ever cast for a Democratic candidate for congress in the Second district.

SECRETARY GAGE A BANKER.

Secretary Gage of the treasury is department above all things a banker. He runs the treasury on the lines of national pawnbrokerage. Whatever financial ability the secretary possesses has been gained in the management of a national bank. He makes of the treasury, therefore, a clearing house for the money serpent whose head wriggles in Washington whether you tread on its tail in Maine, Oregon or Texas. The preparation for placing the new war loan is in evidence. Congress assumed that it was to be taken by the people. Mr. Gage assumes, and most assuredly will help, that it will be taken by the "plutes" through the banks. A striking indication is given of this by a statement recently made. Leading banks of New York City have arranged for an increase of their currency to the amount of \$150,000,000. The bureau of engraving and printing is now engaged in printing said new notes. For several years past the same New York banks have been steadily curtailing their note issues, preparing of course for what seemed inevitable—the end of the present national bank system. The law itself makes a limit. Now, they suddenly want to increase their circulation. Is it not reasonable, then, to expect that they see the way to use the new "war" bonds as a basis for strengthening the tenure of the national banking system? The treasury, it is announced, has also made "in advance" all preparations for "placing" the new bonds without doubt, and the bankers know how it is to be done. Their "pals" in the treasury have fixed all that.

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Wedding Bells.

LUSHER-WACK:—R. B. Lusher and Miss Ada May Wack of Salisbury were married in that city, Sunday, June 19th, Rev. H. D. Maness applying the matrimonial yoke.

PLUNKETT-SHANNON:—R. T. Plunkett and Miss Pearle E. Shannon of Brunswick were married in that city, Thursday, June 23rd, Elder J. P. Furnish launching their hymeneal bark.

BILLS-BRAMER:—J. W. Bills of near Mike and Miss Emma J. Bramer were married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. E. Bramer, near Mike, Tuesday, June 14th, Rev. R. S. Maupin sealing the plight-ed vows.

SWITZER-NICHOLSON:—George L. Switzer of Mendon and Miss Flora J. Nicholson were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholson, near Mendon, Wednesday, June 15th, Rev. G. W. Norris making the twain one.

STARNES-NORTH:—James Starnes, col. of Kansas City and Miss Bertie North, col. of Salisbury were married in the latter city, Tuesday, June 21st, Rev. N. T. Gamble doing the splicing.

The Bloomer Girls.

The Boston Bloomer Girls will cross bats with the Keytesville team in a game of base ball in this city this afternoon. For the benefit of those who have questioned the propriety of attending, we take the following from this week's Fayette Democrat-Leader.

"The bloomer girls have come and gone. The pessimistic individual who thought the town and the young men who played ball with them would be disgraced, were woefully left. The girls behaved themselves in a very ladylike-manner, put up a pretty good article of ball and attended strictly to their business. They travel in a special palace car. The game of ball was played at South Side park, where a large canvass fence inclosed the diamond. Reserved seats under a tent afforded shelter for the 60 or more ladies who attended and quite a crowd of men. The women wore red blouses and bloomers and red stockings. There were seven of them and two men. The pitcher, first and second basemen could play ball; the other other girls were like the majority of women—couldn't throw. The pitcher's curves were quite deceptive and several of the boys 'fanned out.' The final score was 21 to 18 in favor of the home team."

Live Stock Notes.

A. S. Wilkes, the hustling merchant, farmer and stock dealer at Snapp, left for St. Louis yesterday afternoon with a car load shipment of hogs.

Messrs. Courtney & Co. shipped three car loads of hogs and one of cattle from Keytesville to Chicago last Saturday. Mr. Courtney accompanied the stock to market.

R. D. Vincent of four miles north of Keytesville went to St. Louis last Monday with a car load shipment of hogs. Mr. Vincent returned home, Wednesday morning, and was accompanied by his wife, who had been under treatment at the Mayfield sanitarium in St. Louis for the past five weeks with very beneficial results.

For Sale.

I have 23 head of good stock hogs, averaging about 150 pounds, for sale.

ANDREW JOHNSON, Dalton, Mo.