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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION
Of any Cass County Paper.

WITH Venezuela and Brazil supporting Uncle Sam the bread cast on the waters by Monroe and his successors in office is returning after many days.

BLANCO should resign his job and secure the position of managing editor of the New York Journal as he seems to be peculiarly suited to the position.

THE forts at San Juan, Porto Rico, crumbled to pieces under the terrific bombardment of Sampson's guns, and a Spanish gunboat was captured without loss to our forces, is the encouraging report this morning from Sampson's fleet.

THE cutting of the cable between Havana and Cienfuegos will prevent General Blanco from sending any more wierd reports of Spanish victories to Madrid. It's too bad the bloviating Blanco is thus handicapped by the cruel Americans.

THE war news for the next two or three days promises to be about as exciting as the most sensational could wish. The storm center will hover about Sampson's fleet, and the landing of troops in Cuba will come in as a close second.

FORMOSA is more fertile than the Philippine Islands, yet it nets a deficit $6,000,000 yearly to Japan. It will cost many millions to establish good government where for centuries rottenness and tyranny have had unchecked sway. Let the European dogs fight over the Philippine bone.

SINCE America has concluded to take possession of the Philippines stories are in circulation about her wonderful gold mines that have never been worked on account of Spain's fear that the common people might grow wealthy. If there's any gold on the islands it won't take the "Yankee pigs" long to root it out.

IF the government wants 100,000 more volunteers, which now seems altogether likely, the boys who are anxious to enlist are very likely to have a chance. Nebraska's quota under the new call will be about 1,800 soldiers and the Plattsmauth company and the Cass county artillery will doubtless have a chance to go to war.

HAWAII will be annexed. That fact is made evident in the report of the ways and means committee of the house which on a vote of ten to four reported Saturday in favor of immediate annexation of the islands. The sugar trust has lost its grip and the "Pearls of the Pacific" will soon form a sister territory under the American flag.

ASST. SECRETARY of War Meiklejohn has been placed in entire charge of the secret service of the government. He will nail Spanish spies to the masthead and feret out the crooks who expect to prey upon the government. One of his men arrested on suspicion as a spy proved the correctness of the charge by committing suicide at the jail.

THE present war is likely to develop into something more than a little scrap between the Americans and the Spaniards. Other nations are altogether likely to take a hand and some of us who now slumber in peace and safety may yet be called upon to defend our homes and our beloved country. There are few of us but are ready to go whenever the emergency arrives.

THE first American soldiers to be sent to Manila will consist of 12,000 volunteers. They will sail from San Francisco the last of this week and will be three weeks on the way, if they have no mishaps. Admiral Dewey can then bombard Manila and take possession of the islands. It has been settled that General Merritt will go with the soldiers and serve this government as governor general of the new territory, which will be placed under martial law for the present. Spain is said to be making ready to send some war ships over there from Cadiz, but it would take over two months to make the trip, and that will be a little late.

THE conditions in Spain point to the fact that one more reverse like Manilla, the destruction of the Cape Verde fleet for instance, will settle the war. Spain is torn by internal dissentions and several members of the cabinet have already tendered their resignations. One more disaster and Madrid would be in the hands of a mob of angry people with the soldiers powerless to act. The different factions antagonizing the government would seize the reins of power, and peace at any price must ensue. On the contrary if by accident Spain should get the best of an engagement with Sampson the war would be prolonged for months and the present ministry would be strengthened.

SHALL THEY BE ANNEXED.

Porto Rico in shape is nearly rectangular. It has an area of 3,530 square miles. It is 37 miles across and 107 miles in length. A chain of mountains traverses the island east and west. El Yunque, 3,688 feet high, can be seen sixty miles at sea.

There are 1,300 streams. Forty-seven of these are navigable.

Population in 1887, 807,708. Negroes and mulattoes number less in proportion than in any of the neighboring islands,

The exports in 1887 were valued at $10,181,291; imports, $10,198,006. A variety of highland rice, requiring no "flooding" is the staple food of the laborers. Sugar, coffee, tobacco, rice, cotton, corn and potatoes are the market crops.

If Spain continues the war at great expense and loss of life to our government, this island, with all other Spanish possessions in America, should become a part of the United States, to recompense our people fully for their losses.

Porto Rico, with Cuba and the other Spanish islands, would enrich this country to the amount of millions of dollars annually by way of revenue, and would save vast sums now paid out to foreign countries for fruits and products of the tropics. If Spain should accept the inevitable and abandon Cuba at once, then the United States might not be justified in annexing the islands, but if the war continues for months, then no other course would seem tenable from a business standpoint. Neither Cuba nor Porto Rico are as far from Washington as one-half of the present territory of the United States and annexation would add no new burdens or responsibilities of any moment.

AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

European nations are having their eyes opened on the subject of American patriotism.

Their general impression has been that Americans are all noise and bluster. They note the intense partisan spirit displayed during presidential campaigns and at once conclude that this nation rests upon an insecure foundation.

They have failed to understand that these quadrennial outburts are but safety-valves to the pent-up patriotism of the American people.

Now that Spain has questioned the right of this government to interfere in behalf of justice and humanity, all partisan, geographical and social lines are eliminated. The blue and the gray march shoulder to shoulder, and the rich and the poor meet on a common level. Among Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" may be found the sons of federal and confederate soldiers, and the sons of millionaires of the east side by side with the cowboy of the western plains.

The solution to the mystery is that we are a nation of patriots, and that love of country is common to all sections and classes.—St. Louis Republic.

AMEN.

A little less politics in military affairs in this state would be appreciated about this time.—Nebraska City News.

THE first sacrifice of life by American seamen since the war began, is reported from Cardenas on board the torpedo boat Winslow, that incautiously approached a masked battery and was fired upon with effect. One officer and four seamen were killed and several wounded. The other nearby ships of the American blockading squadron came to the rescue and towed off the boat to a safe distance and completed the destruction of the fort and batteries, inflicting considerable loss on the Spaniards. The Winslow has been very active from the first, and alone drove away three Spanish gunboats with greatly superior weight of metal by her accurate firing of one-pound shells. Her misadventure at Cardenas will cause great regret throughout the country.—State Journal.

Spain is not without an ally. While the flower of America's manhood is mustering for the field of battle, and the veterans of the civil war, without regard to section or former allegiance, are offering themselves upon the altar of their country, a little band of political buccaneers, headed by Jones of Nevada, and backed by the almost solid support of the popocratic party, is straining every nerve to destroy the nation's credit and deprive it of revenue to maintain the war. Don Carlos hesitates from claiming his throne while his people are overwhelmed with a calamitous war, but not so the greenback fiatists and sixteen to wunners. To them their country's necessities are hailed as the black-flag politician's opportunity.

CONGRESSMAN STRODE has written a letter to the State Journal in which he says he will not be a candidate before the next convention for a renomination. This will give Lancaster county's leading candidate, Judge Charles Hall, almost clear sailing. Judge Hall is one of the best men in the district for the position and his well known integrity and ability would make him an easy man to elect. He has hosts of friends in this county who will be glad to hear of his promising outlook.

THE honors heaped by congress upon Admiral Dewey for his magnificent achievements at Manila, of course, are well deserved. So far as the American people are concerned, if Admiral Dewey does not see what he wants all he has to do it to ask for it. But it is especially gratifying to note that all the honors of that Manila victory are not bestowed upon one man. Every marine who took part in the battle will be the recipient of a gold medal voted by congress in recognition of his services.—Exchange.

INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

The ruling of the commissary department that whiskey is medicine will rob war of a good deal of its horror for some folks.—Ex

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Now is when the dairyman sits up nights and curses the fate that placed garlic in his pasture. Butter tainted with onions is almost as bad as limburger cheese.—Fremont Tribune.

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The American farmers do not pretend to know all that there is to know about corn growing. At a recent agricultural show in Paris a novelty exhibited was a variety of maize, said to have been imported from China, and improved by cultivation in France, which grows to maturity in seven weeks. The ears of the corn are small and the cob slender, thus making it an excellent variety for fodder. It is proposed that this variety of corn be introduced into England, Denmark, Sweden and other countries where the American corn cannot be grown. If it is successful there it will also be found of great value in the northern part of the United States in the strictly hard wheat country.—Omaha Bee.

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In South Dakota the medical examination of the volunteers resulted in the rejection of 50 per cent of the men and some companies were deprived of all their officers, which has made trouble. Perhaps this is because of the paucity of cities and towns of size. The boys from the town seem to be better fitted for the hardships of military life than the farmer's sons, which is not exactly new, but is always novel to those who firmly believe that the most robust youths live on the farms of the country.—State Journal.

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Cats rats and dogs are said to have a fair commercial value in the meat markets of Havana where roast beef is a luxury to be read of but not eaten.

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And now the plaint comes from Montana that the hobo is an extinct species and the herd owners have to pay big prices for a few helpers on the ranges. Inquiry should at once be made as to the author of this crime.—Ex.

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The account of the lively little fight at Cienfuegos, indicates that Blanco has lost another "mule." The American detachment that went out to cut the cable covered itself with glory and the losses under the fire from the batteries on shore, directed at open boats, were surprisingly small, indicating the usual wild marksmanship of the dons.—State Journal.

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It turns out that aside from Holcomb politics, which has been a controlling element at Lincoln, the men who have been unable to pass the physicial examination failed very largely on account of the cigarette habit. Not a man who had been a cigarette smoker for any great length of time was able to pass. The injurious effect of this noxious habit is thus demonstrated and is not mere supposition.

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It may be, as Polo intimated, that Dewey is bottled up in Manila bay, we'll bet a bagful of pesetas that Spain can't put a cork in the bottle.—Bixby.

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A Spanish gunboat from the Caroline islands blundered into Manila bay the other day in blissful ignorance of the war and was immediately taken under the wing of Commodore Dewey. If there are any more remnants of the Spanish navy wandering around in Asiatic waters it will pay their commanders to subscribe for some good American newspaper.—Ex.

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Every day is flag day in Plattsmouth and beautiful emblems dot the hillsides and float from nearly every store on Main street. No town in the state has such a show of the stars and stripes as this city.

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Mayor Moores has issued a call for the people of Omaha to celebrate Saturday, May 21, as flag day.

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The people of this country are paying little attention to what congress is doing. War news absorbs all else.

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Messrs. Estabrook and Davies, whose heads became too large for Omaha some years since, have formed a partnership with Frank Louden for the practice of law in Chicago. It will be necessary to run our late citizens thro' a cotton compress now.

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The Nebraska City Press startles its readers by giving out the word in large black letters, running across the page, that they are expected to "read the Press for the truth." It isn't stated whether or not that paper has the "exclusive franchise" on "truth," or whether it has made arrangements to suppress the bible.

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Union shows her patriotism by the floating of a large flag across Main street, while many business houses and residences bear those patriotic decorations. Unfurl every flag in the town and send for more of them.—Ledger.

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The Maine "incident" is the only naval victory to Spain's credit since it became evident that an effort would be put forth to stop the war in Cuba.—Ex.

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Another grape vine telegram this week announced that the Spaniards had taken two of our best battleships, the Iowa and New York. An echo followed saying: "With a kodak." This is like the rumor that Commodore Dewey was arrested for gambling. Because he played a "shell game" at Manila on Sunday.—Ex.

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Oil Inspector Edmiston last year drew out of the big cash box of the state $716.17 for railroad fare, which would pay for 28,667 miles of travel, which is quite a little jaunt, it must be admitted. And the beauty of it was, he was like the governor, auditor, treasurer and the rest of the state house gang, rode on a pass. His $716.17 was clean velvet.—Fremont Tribune.

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A young farmer drove to Humboldt Saturday evening and hitched his fine team to the hitch-rack around the square and attended the circus. When he was ready to go home his team, buggy and harness were missing and they have not yet been heard from. It is supposed they were stolen. The young man had forgotten whether he enjoyed the circus or not.—Ex.

Death of An Old Settler.

John Philpot, sr., who has been a citizen of Cass county ever since the days when Nebraska was admitted to the union, died at his home, near Weeping Water, Friday morning, at the age of eighty-four. "Grandpa" Philpot's taking off was principally from his advanced age. He has lived a useful and exemplary life and has done much for humanity and the betterment of society. The last rites over the remains of this noble old man occurred Sunday afternoon at his late residence, and a large concourse of people who have known and respected him in the latter years of his life paid their last respects to his memory.

Cordially Welcomed.

Carl Hanni, who resided here for a time and was employed in the B. & M. shops, came in Friday from his home at St. Mary, Kansas. His friends were greatly pleased to see him again and the Turners gave him a sort of impromptu banquet at their hall Friday evening. Carl being a very successful teacher in gymnastics. He taught here once and has a class of 130 now at Maryville. Several speeches were made and the boys showed him a merry time. He expects to bring a select team to the great national Turnfest in Omaha this year.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

An Ugly Accident.

Thursday evening as James Kennedy was driving home along Lincoln Avenue one of the shafts to his buggy came down, the horse became frightened and the buggy was overturned throwing himself, wife and baby out bruising Mrs. Kennedy quite severely.

A man stands no chance of being elected to the mayorship of a city unless he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. Geo. W. Humphrey is the popular mayor of Swanton, Ohio, and under date of Jan. 17, 1896, he writes as follows: "This is to certify to our appreciation of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My family and neighbors have tested it, and we know it is an excellent remedy for coughs and colds.—GEORGE W. HUMPHREY," Sold by all druggists.

Married at Alliance.

It is reported upon good authority that Ed. Murphy of this city was married Saturday at Alliance to Miss Agnes Griffith, a prominent young lady of that town. The NEWS extends congratulations.

Household Gods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs, it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at F. G. Fricke & Co's. Regular size 50c and $1.

Will be Arrestad.

The chief of police has issued orders to the effect that parties firing fire crackers on the street hereafter will be arrested as it is contrary to the ordinance.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often abated long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, yield to Electric Bitters. Fifty cents and $1 bottles at F. G. Fricke's drug store. 1

Chicago Markets.

July wheat today opened at 1.06 and closed at 1.09¼. Corn opened at 36⅝ and closed at 37.

Found.

At Smith & Parmele's and F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store, a marvelous cure for all kidney, complaints, nervous exhaustion and female weakness. It is Foley's Kidney Cure.

HEARD HERE AND THERE.

The price of meat and bread at Havana has grown so high that only the wealthiest people can afford to indulge in such luxuries.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. F. G. Fricke & Co.

The Fremont Tribune thinks that if the yacht which Mark Hanna has tendered the government for war purposes were only a sailing vessel the fellows who abuse him could furnish ample wind to drive the yacht forty knots an hour

Children like it, it saves their lives. We mean One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, grippe, and all throat and lung troubles. F. G. Fricke & Co.

The Union Ledger is waging war on the Klondike band of religious enthusiasts who visited that town recently and after having some job printing done went away without paying the printer. As the band is advertised for a meeting in Omaha Sunday Col. Graves had better go up and engage them at short range.

Thousands of sufferers from grippe have been restored to health by One Minute Cough Cure. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, pneomonia, grippe, asthma, and all throat and lung diseases. F. G. Fricke & Co.

Truman Hall has received word from Crawford that his nephew, Howard B. Lewis, lost his life on May 6th, by the careless and accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of a companion, while out hunting. The ball entered his abdomen and was extracted near the back bone. He lived twenty-four hours.—Louisville Courier.

M. L. Yocum, Cameron, Pa., says "I was a sufferer for ten years, trying all kinds of pile remedies, but without success. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was reccommend to me. I used one box. It has effected a permanent cure." A a permanent cure for piles DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has no equal. F. G. Fricke & Co.

The heirs of the Kirkpatrick estate have divided up the real estate and Robert gets the old home place, which is a valuable 80 acre farm. Miss Sue Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Katie Kime get 80 acres each lying east of the home place. The 80 acre farm lying on the east side of town, upon which East Nehawka is built and the stone quarries located, has been purchased by E. A. Kirkpatrick and will be kept in the family.—Nehawka Register.

I desire to attest to the merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as one of the most valuable and efficient preparations on the market. It broke an exceedingly dangerous cough for me in 24 hours, and in gratitude therefor, I desire to inform you that I will never be without it and you should feel proud of the high esteem in which your Remedies are held dy people in general. It is the one remedy among ten thousand. Success to it.—O. R. DOWNEY, Editor Democrat, Albion, Ind. For sale by all druggists.

Floral Day.

The A. O. U. W. lodges in this city Sunday observed their annual floral day. The exercises were participated in by the four lodges, No's. 8, 81 and 84, Svea lodge No. 7 and Ivy and Star lodges D. of H. The procession formed on Main street between Fifth and Sixth and headed by the band marched down to Third street, counter-marched and proceeded up Main to Seventh and thence to the cemetery where the graves of members of the order, and those of other friends interred there, were decorated with flowers. There were fully 300 ladies and gentlemen in the procession and they made an imposing scene as they kept stept to the music of the M. W. A. band.

This order is very strong in this city. The flowers were not elaborate owing to the backwardness of the season, but they were abundant and showed the same kindness and tender memories of departed loved ones as though they were the most rare, delicate or gorgeous productions of plant life.

The gentlemen in white pants and blue jackets were particularly attractive.

The march to and from the cemetery was made unpleasant by the rain and bad condition of the roads.

To Consumptives.

As an honest remedy, Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advance stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief in the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. Smith & Parmele and F. G. Fricke & Co.

Ready for War.

Nebraska's two regiments are now fully equipped ready to march to the front at the order of the government It is thought they will receive orders Sunday or Monday.

On the morning of Feb. 20, 1895, I was sick with rheumatism, and lay in bed until May 21st, when I got a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The first application of it relieved me almost entirely from the pain and the second afforded complete relief. In a short time I was able to be up and about again.—A. T. MOREAUX, Luverne, Minn. Sold by all druggists.

There will be a patiotic concert at White's opera house on the night of May 30th for the benefit of the public library.

Pasturage for Stock.

Horses and cattle taken to pasture at Cullom; good grass, plenty of shade and running water. Call on the undersigned, at Cullom, or address,

GEORGE HICKS,
Cedar Creek, Neb.