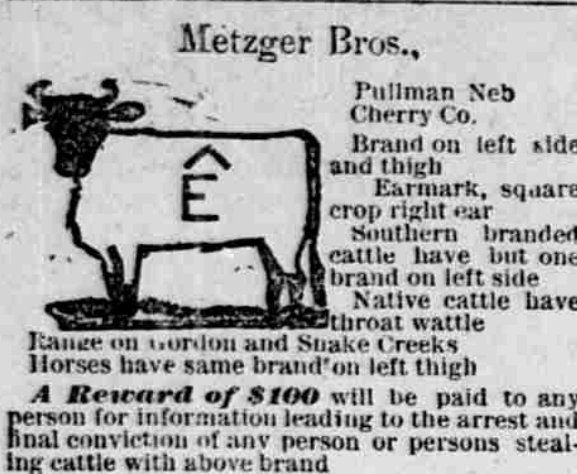
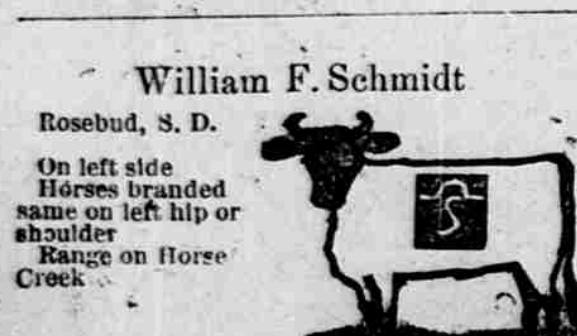
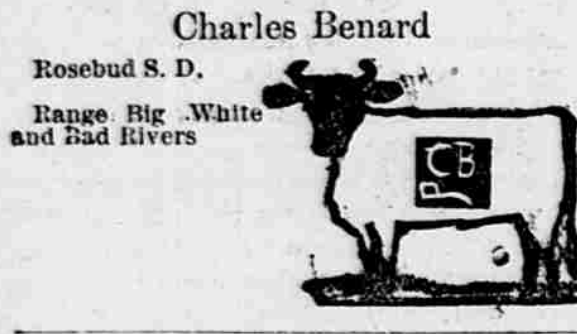
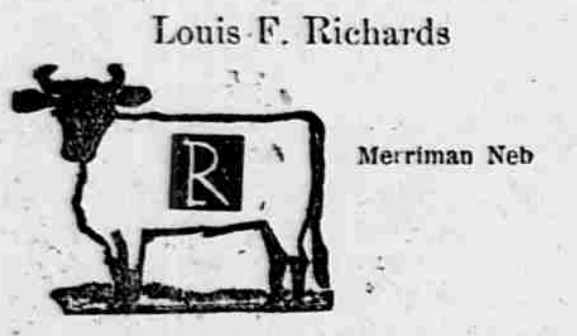
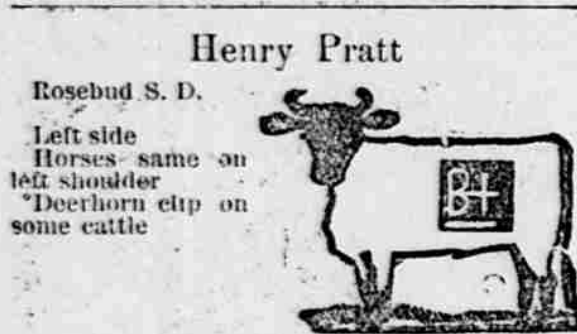
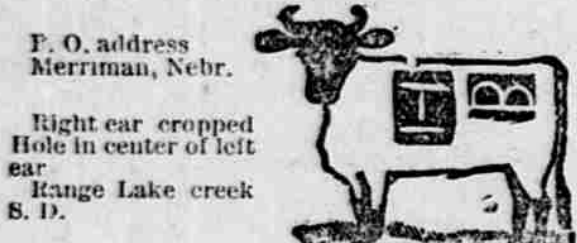


## STOCK BRANDS



Joseph W. Bownet



## WAR TALK IN SENATE.

Resolutions Introduced by Frye,  
Foraker and Rawlins.

## STORM GATHERS AT CAPITOL.

Two Senators Call for Belligerent Action  
Against Spain.

## WANT CUBANS' WOES ENDED

Upper House of Congress a Scene of  
intense Excitement.

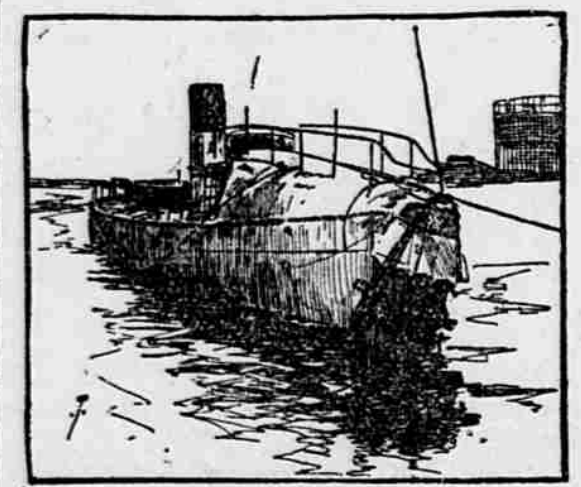
Rawlins of Utah Offers Resolution  
Recognizing the Independence of  
Cuba and Declaring War Against  
Spain—Allen and Foraker Offer Res-  
olutions Recognizing Cuban Inde-  
pendence—Senator Mason Makes a  
Red-Hot Speech in Favor of War—  
Galleries Applaud Belligerent Sen-  
timents.

Washington correspondence:  
The Senate plunged into the Cuban  
question Tuesday with a merciless dis-  
regard for the President's peace plan. Two  
Republican members of the Foreign Re-  
lations Committee, Senators Foraker and  
Frye, took the lead. Four resolutions on  
Cuba were introduced in rapid succession.  
Senator Frye of Maine, a conservative  
member of the Foreign Relations Com-  
mittee, who by precedent of long service was  
entitled to the chairmanship of foreign  
relations, but yielded to Senator Davis,  
offered a resolution calling upon the Pres-  
ident to intervene at once by force to stop  
the war in Cuba. Senator Foraker's res-

olution recognized the independence of the  
Cuban republic. Rawlins (Utah) offered  
one declaring a state of war between  
Spain and the United States. Allen (Neb.)  
offered one recognizing independence and  
Senator Foraker said he would insist upon  
early consideration of his resolution.

Mason (Ill.) followed the introduction  
of the resolutions in the Senate with a  
vigorous war speech. He described vividly  
the disaster to the Maine. He said that if  
ninety of the victims had been Senators  
or sons of Senators we would not have  
been forty days declaring war. Yet the  
lives of all Americans were sacred alike  
under our law and equally entitled to  
consideration. Mr. Mason said the catas-  
trophe should be repudiated vigorously.  
He could not speak for others, but for  
himself he was for war. This declaration  
brought out a vigorous outburst of ap-  
plause from the galleries.

The Illinois Senator declared there  
could be no peace so long as a European  
nation owns and butchers its slaves on  
this hemisphere. He said it was not nec-  
essary for the Maine case to fix the re-  
sponsibility. The law did that. If it  
was a torpedo or a mine it was a Spanish  
torpedo or a Spanish mine. Hence Spain  
must answer. He would oppose any pro-



position looking to indemnity, as he would  
oppose making a diplomatic incident of  
the catastrophe. He would oppose any  
kind of autonomy or any plan to assist  
Spain, but his demand was that the Span-  
ish flag should be driven from the western  
hemisphere. Neither did he believe Cuba  
should be required to pay an indemnity to  
Spain. "We are told," he said, "we  
must wait on the Spanish elections, but if  
Spanish elections are as rotten as Span-  
ish diplomacy we had better not wait.  
Let us awake," said Mr. Mason, in con-  
clusion, "to glorious war, as did our fathers—  
a war that shall insure the honor and re-  
spect of our flag all over the world."

A storm has been gathering in Con-  
gress. Monday afternoon and Tuesday  
morning before the cabinet met the Pres-  
ident was given to understand by leaders  
in Congress that unless he intervened soon  
he would have the matter taken out of his  
hands by Congress, which body has the  
right to declare war. The President has  
considered every conceivable plan looking  
toward peace, but Congress will hear noth-  
ing but intervention for Cuban indepen-  
dence. A Senator who is conservative  
made the statement that the President  
would be compelled to intervene for inde-  
pendence whether he wished to or not.

The revolt in the House against further  
postponement of action on the Cuban issue  
culminated in a conference of Republican

members whose ideas are in accordance  
with a positive course. About fifty rep-  
resentatives attended, representing all sec-  
tions. Representative Hopkins of Illinois,  
a member of the Ways and Means Com-  
mittee, presided, and Representative Joy  
of Missouri was secretary. The meeting  
was called to take steps to secure im-  
mediate intervention in some form and the  
recognition of Cuban independence.

It was pointed out that while it was fit  
that the executive should be given, as he  
had been, a reasonable time within which



to advise, it was exclusively the func-  
tion of Congress to declare war, commence  
hostilities or take action of that character.  
The remarks made carried the view that  
a mere recognition of belligerency was  
not to be considered, for it would not of  
itself bring a cessation of hostilities and  
that intervention, armed and immediate,  
and recognition of independence only  
would be considered.

## SPAIN SAYS ACCIDENT.

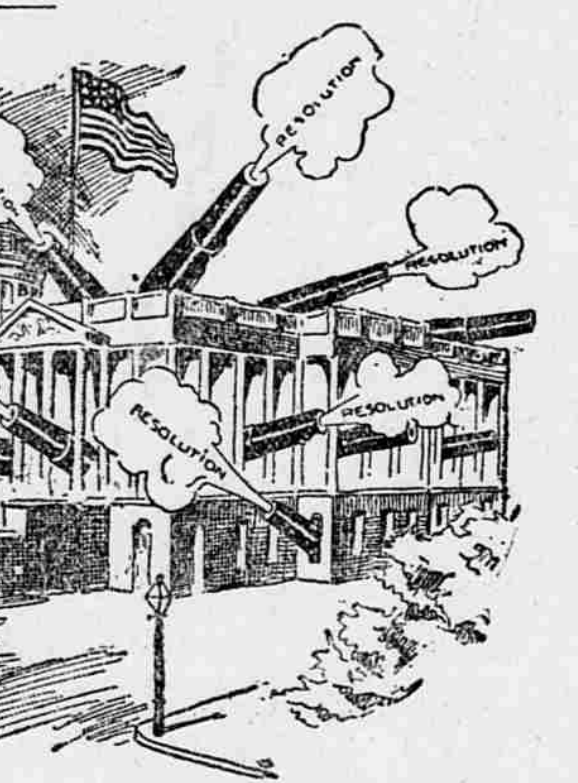
Madrid Experts Dispute Every Claim  
of American Board.

The conclusions reached by the Spanish  
naval commission which investigated the  
destruction of the battleship Maine are  
directly opposite to those in the report of  
the court of inquiry submitted to Con-  
gress. The synopsis is as follows:

The evidence of witnesses comparatively  
close to the Maine at the moment is to the  
effect that only one explosion occurred; that  
no column of water was thrown into the air;  
that no shock to the side of the nearest  
vessel was felt, nor on land was any vibration  
noticed, and that no dead fish were found.  
The evidence of the senior pilot of the har-  
bor states that there is abundance of fish in  
the harbor and this is corroborated by other  
witnesses. The assistant engineer of works  
states that after explosions made during the  
execution of works in the harbor he has al-  
ways found dead fish.

The divers were unable to examine the

## THE CONGRESSIONAL BATTERY IN ACTION.



bottom of the Maine, which was buried in  
the mud, but a careful examination of the  
sides of the vessel, the rents and breaks in  
which all point outward, shows without a  
doubt that the explosion was from the in-  
side. A minute examination of the bottom  
of the harbor around the vessel shows abso-  
lutely no sign of the action of a torpedo and  
the fiscal (judge advocate) of the commission  
can find no precedent for the explosion of  
the storage magazines of a vessel by a tor-  
pedo.

## From the Front.

Capt. C. D. Sigbee has been assigned to  
duty as aid to Secretary Long.

Merchants of Barcelona have offered the  
Spanish Government \$40,000,000 to be used  
in case of a war.

Spanish military engineers are starting for  
the Canary Islands, and the Balearic Islands  
are being fortified.

Italy has decided to sell the armored cruiser  
Giuseppe Garibaldi of 6,840 tons, and well  
armed, to Spain.

The remains of Lieut. F. W. Jenkins, of  
the Maine, were interred at Pittsburgh with  
military and civic honors.

Secretary Long has detailed officers to com-  
mand all the auxiliary torpedo boats recently  
added to the naval service.

All the shipyards on the lakes may be start-  
ed in full blast in case the war with Spain  
lasts more than four months.

The United States naval attaches at the  
various European centers are endeavoring to  
purchase more torpedo boats.

The Navy Department has issued instructions  
to transfer twenty cadets from Annapolis  
to the battleship Indiana.

There are over 2,000 men at work in the  
Brooklyn navy yard and operations continue  
without interruption day and night.

Orders have been given to remove from all  
the war vessels in the Key West harbor all  
surplus baggage and unnecessary parapher-  
nalia.

Foreign bankers are evidently becoming  
alarmed for the safety of their funds in  
Havana branches and are withdrawing them  
to New York.

Gov. Black, of New York, sent to the Leg-  
islature an emergency message advising an  
immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 as a  
contingent war fund.

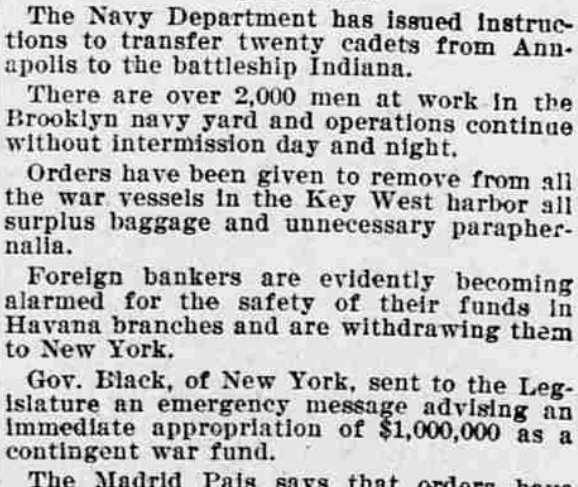
The Madrid Pals says that orders have  
been issued to mobilize all the Spanish war-  
ships and that a second torpedo squadron  
is being prepared for sea at Cadiz.

The Dupont powder mills have received  
urgent orders from Washington to use every  
possible means to furnish the Government  
with smokeless powder without delay.

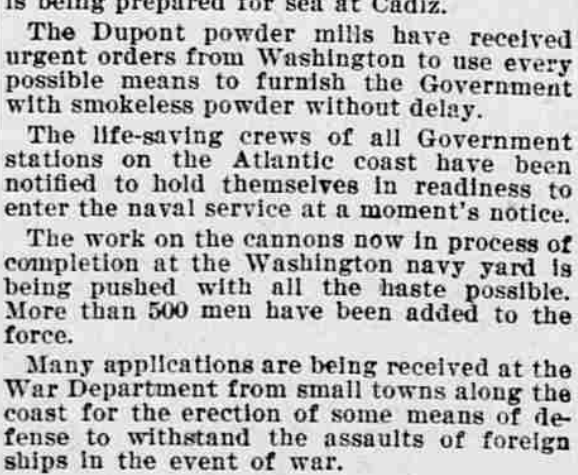
The life-saving crews of all Government  
stations on the Atlantic coast have been  
notified to hold themselves in readiness to  
enter the naval service at a moment's notice.

The work on the cannons now in process of  
completion at the Washington navy yard is  
being pushed with all the haste possible.  
More than 500 men have been added to the  
force.

Many applications are being received at the  
War Department from small towns along the  
coast for the erection of some means of de-  
fense to withstand the assaults of foreign  
ships in the event of war.



## THE OHIO RIVER FLOOD.



Scene in Fulton street, Cincinnati,  
where people are obliged to get about in  
boats.

## THE WAR IS OVER.

For the Time Being the Big Hat Has  
Been Overthrown.

The war against the high theater hat  
has ended, at least, for the time, in the  
overthrow of the hat. In some Western  
cities, notably in San Francisco, the City  
Council has passed an ordinance em-  
powering the managers of theaters to  
expel ladies whose headgear im-  
pedes the view of spectators. Fortified  
by this law, ushers politely invite wear-  
ers of offending hats to remove them  
or call at the box office to get their  
money back. To stern necessity the  
ladies have succumbed, and orchestra  
and dress circle, instead of presenting  
the appearance of a parterre of flowers,  
glowing with the gay colors of myriads  
of showy birds, are now mere backs of  
heads, frowzy with disheveled hair, and  
gloomily the eye with dull neutral  
tints. For the preparation of the fe-  
male hair for exhibition at the opera in-  
volves a hair dresser and a carriage,  
and forbids the use of a hat or toque  
until the show is over, whereas no lady  
cares to walk bareheaded through the  
streets on the way to the play.

Throughout history the female head  
dress has been a worry and a vexation.  
Five hundred years ago, when Europe  
was taking breath after the crusades,  
ladies wore a head dress which was  
built up in a couple of pointed spires an  
ell long, and had long, loose pieces of  
crape fastened to the top of them  
and hanging down the back. Such  
head gear enraged a pious monk named  
Thomas Conecte, and he preached  
against it with such fervor that hun-  
dreds of women threw down their head  
dresses before the pulpit and the street  
boys took delight in pelting with stones  
those who clung to their high hats. But  
when Fra Conecte died the high hats  
came to life again, and, in the quaint  
language of Monsieur Paradin, the wo-  
men who had crawled into their holes  
like snails now put forth their horns  
once more.

It was left for Louis the Eleventh to  
deal a death-blow to the fashion. In  
our day we put the high hat out of the  
theater; the king excluded it from court  
and church. But even his power was  
inadequate to set a limit to the Norman  
cap, which to this day soars two feet  
above the wearer's head, and is the joy  
and pride of the countrywomen of  
Charlotte Corday.

It was rather by its breadth than by  
its height that the modern theater hat  
made itself offensive. If the hat wear-  
ers could have kept their heads still,  
the nuisance would not have been so  
unbearable. But the tall hat seemed to  
set the muscles of the neck quaking, so  
that the wearer waggled her head in-  
cessantly, like the old effigies of Chi-  
nese mandarins, and the spectator be-  
hind her had no sooner discovered a  
practicable vista under one of the hat  
wings than it was closed by a change  
of pose. For its disappearance may we  
all be duly thankful; and now, if some-  
body will devise a cure for the chatter  
of the sweet girl graduate at the most  
interesting part of the play, we may  
really cease to take our pleasures sadly.  
—Harper's Weekly.

## Causes of Corns and Bunions.

The feet are surely pliant members  
when they can endure the variformed  
shoes that from time to time compel  
them in new habits with each pair put  
on; yet they rarely rebel or give real  
trouble unless barbarously neglected.  
Corns and bunions are more often the  
result of wearing old shoes than in a  
wrong selection of new ones. A con-  
stant change of foot-gear injures the  
foot to variety, and even those who  
confine themselves wholly to the ready-  
made article need suffer no ill effects if  
they will keep their shoe-supply as  
carefully replenished as is the rest of  
the wardrobe.

It is one of the most fallacious of  
practices to attempt to economize by  
wearing old shoes about the house, un-  
less they possess all their buttons, have  
straight heels and soles, and are daily  
brushed and aired, as are their newer  
fellows. Only in this way may the an-  
kles be continually braced into  
straightness and the toes allowed to  
move gently in an almost straight di-  
rection. When the foot is thrown out  
of balance by worn-down heels, the  
toes, attempting to retain a level posi-  
tion, perform prehensile feats which  
resemble the action of the forebears  
some scientists have ascribed to us.  
Moreover, the combined heat and mois-  
ture of the normal foot hardens the  
leather of the continuously worn shoe  
into permanent creases, which in turn  
render the foot extremely sensitive,  
and a struggling against its hard en-  
vironment enlarges the joints and causes  
local distress.—Harper's Bazar.

## Slow.

The Rev. John Watson (Ian Mac-  
laren) tells this story about his trip to  
the Holy Land, to which he had been  
looking forward for a number of years  
with pleasurable anticipation, says Tit-  
Bits.

As he was nearing the center of his-  
toric Palestine he met an American,  
who was making all haste to get away.  
After a few greetings, such as two En-  
glish-speaking men meeting in a for-  
eign country might exchange, the  
American asked Dr. Watson where he  
was going.

"To Jerusalem," was the reply.  
"Jerusalem!" exclaimed the Ameri-  
can, in tones of unfeigned disgust; "you  
don't want to go there. I've just come  
away. It's a slow town. Why, there  
isn't a daily newspaper in the whole  
place!"

## Wheels in France.

As France taxes bicycles and tri-  
cles, the number of machines used in  
that country is known exactly. On  
January 1, 1897, there were 329,814  
taxed, an increase of nearly 74,000 over  
1895, which had shown an increase of  
53,000 over the preceding year. The  
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