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When Sampson strikes the Philippines there will be a rattling of bones.

Omaha once more has a plumbing inspector and everything in the city hall is again plumb.

If you put your ear to the ground you may hear the guns roar in the neighborhood of Porto Rico.

There are two camps in the United States named after McKinley and one after Dewey, but none after Bryan.

The Nebraska volunteers are sorely perplexed. They don't know whether to set their watches by Manila time or by Havana time.

California missionary agents want the United States to take the Caroline Islands also. This calls for the issue of a new set of maps.

Congress now proposes that inauguration day be in May instead of March 4. That might interfere with the celebration of Dewey day in after years.

Everybody knows where the enemy's country is this year. Yet Bryan is making speeches in Kansas and writing letters of advice to Utah politicians.

It is not yet too late to have those telegraph poles painted before the throng of exposition visitors begins to arrive. But there is not much time left for the paint mixing.

The Spanish minister of war is credited with having recently declared that "I wish to God Spain had no navy." Commodore Dewey has done his part toward making the wish come true.

What's that? A meeting of the principal chiefs of police of the United States at Milwaukee and the great police chief of Omaha not there? No wonder the meeting was a questionable success.

The United States will establish a stable government in Cuba. The work of establishing a stable government in Spain, however, will devolve upon some European power ambitious to make a record in that line.

Discussing the fusion proposition, a democratic newspaper in San Lake says that "co-operation means buzzard for democrats and turkey for the other fellows."

If Geraldine were still in the saddle in the exposition there would have been no opposition among his supporters to making him director general. The opposition to a director generalship now is the last remnant of Geraldineism.

Tampa, Mobile, Chattanooga and a few other cities are the liveliest camps in the United States this year outside of the mining regions of the western states. Some of the new mining camps are overflowing with industrial excitement.

An Iowa newspaper says it asked its correspondent at Hong Kong to rush 100 words on the latest from Manila, and received in reply this message: "Cable no work, no news from Manila. The Iowa editor erred in guessing the source of the yellow news."

In consequence of the demands for the boys in blue in the neighborhood of Havana and Manila the opening day exhibition demonstration may lack the impressive of the drawn and muscle that stands ready to answer the country's call when needed.

The delegation to Assistant Secretary of War Melkielejohn of the important and responsible duty of taking charge of the secret service during the war is a recognition of the all-around abilities of Nebraska's representative in the War department councils.

ON TO CUBA.

The vanguard of the American forces that are to invade Cuba departed from Tampa on Tuesday and is reported to have made a landing. As rapidly as the transports can be got ready they will convey troops to the island and it is probable that before the end of the week 12,000 or 15,000 United States soldiers will be on Cuban soil.

With the invasion of Cuba public interest will again center there. It appears to be the intention to push the military operations with the greatest possible vigor and the expediency of such a course is not to be doubted. Our soldiers have more to fear from the climate than from Spanish bullets, so that it will be wise to make the war sharp and short. Lives will be saved by doing so. In order to do this the invading army should be strong enough, in conjunction with the Cubans, to sweep all before it and it is safe to say that the military authorities have provided for this.

THE DISORDER IN ITALY.

The political outbreaks in Italy are so general and so serious a nature that a revolution seems imminent. This may be averted by the vigorous measures of the government, but it is evident that a very large element of the people are ripe for revolt and if the army should become infected with this spirit, just past experience shows not to be impossible, a very grave situation for the monarchy would result.

The fact is that Italy is not in very much better condition financially than Spain. The ambition to play the role of one of the great powers, maintaining a large army and navy and seeking territorial acquisition, has been the means of accumulating an enormous debt and as expenditures are kept up the demands of taxation are beyond the ability of the people to meet them.

THREATENING CONDITIONS IN EUROPE.

Grave developments in the relations of European powers are threatened. Much significance is given the recent utterances of Lord Salisbury that "the living nations will encroach upon the dying and there will be wars." The tone of the British premier was distinctly pessimistic and there could be no doubt that he had in mind affairs in the far east. A late London dispatch says that whatever may be the future distribution of power in the far east keener rivalry must ensue between Russia and Great Britain in that part of the globe and that "any avoidance of a conflict between the interests of the two powers in consequence of the capture of the Philippine Islands is now considered impossible."

It doesn't detract one iota from the glory of Dewey's superb seamanship and splendid strategy to state that he had never a sailor who executed his orders with never a fear, and a hearty good cheer to win the day. Like rats to a perfectly adjusted machine every man responded to his duty. Like cogs in a gigantic wheel each man bore his strain of the conflict. Obedience to discipline was cheerful and every one of the brave jacks failed to do his share to win.

From the fact that the Oregon has been a long time making the journey around Cape Horn it might be inferred that it is a slow battleship. But the Oregon on the official trial trip in Santa Barbara channel two years ago made a speed of 16.79 knots an hour for four consecutive hours, exceeding the required speed by 1.79 knots and earning for the builders a premium of \$175,000.

The Oregon is not a racing yacht, but as a battleship there is nothing slow about it. The United States consul at Corunna recently reported to the State department on the outbreak of the bicycle trade in that part of Spain that there is no demand for bicycles, that it would be difficult to induce the lower classes to buy them and that "very little is to be expected from the wealthy classes."

PREPARE FOR THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE.

Among the national conventions to be held in Omaha this year none will attract greater attention and attendance than the National League of Republican Clubs. While the exposition management will doubtless make ample provision for the reception and entertainment of the league delegates, it should be the special care of the republican clubs of Omaha and Nebraska to extend to them a royal welcome and show appreciation of the compliment paid to Nebraska republicans by their collaborators in the great cause throughout the United States.

What the Blockaders Fear.

The combined Spanish fleet in battle array could not excite the degree of alarm our Cuban blockading fleet has felt. Evidence accumulated that the corner has been turned in the trade situation and that the work of Commodore Dewey's guns in Manila has given a new sense of security to American industries and interests.

THE NEW BOSTON TEA PARTY.

While American historians delight to recount the acts of self-sacrifice of the colonists during the revolution, to tell how they threw the tea overboard in Boston harbor rather than pay a distasteful tax, and clothed themselves in homespun in preference to imported cloth, they must not imagine that the future historian of the present war with Spain will be lacking in subjects for similarly inspiring tales.

Have Some Enthusiasm for Those Who Manned Ships and Guns.

Dewey didn't do it alone. Down on the decks of the stripped ships, enveloped in smoke, covered with black sweat, handling ammunition, training the big guns, stoking the furnaces, steadying the throbbing and cheering like mad, were the hardy sailors. Every shell and shot that went through the muzzles, every cartridge of shot and shell carried with it the skill, the daring and the courage of men who "remembered the Maine."

CHERRIES FOR THE CREWS.

One of the ordinances passed over the mayor's veto by the council repeals the authority of the city electrician to condemn wooden poles of the street railway company in the business center of the city and practically perpetuates the unsightly posts with which many of the downtown streets are lined. There is no good reason why the street railway company should be so favored at the expense of the public. If the ordinance was repealed by mistake or under misapprehension of the effect it should be re-enacted at once.

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Chicago News: "I wrote a letter to my son which will bring him back from the Klondike." "What did you write?" "I told him there were mines in all harbors." Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Yes, sir, we know. War is a purifier, a clearer of the atmosphere than any grand good thing."

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The Weather. Is coming now, when you will want something cool and comfortable to wear, and its time to throw away, or lay away that winter suit and bud forth, prepare for the warmer days. You can't read war news in a heavy suit, nor enjoy doing the Expo.