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ARRIVE AT SANTIAGO.

The Transports Reach Their Destination After a Voyage of Six Days.

On board the Associated Press dispatch boat Dandy, off Santiago de Cuba, Monday, June 20, 1 p. m., via the Mole St. Nicholas, Hayti, Tuesday, June 21, 3 a. m.—The United States army for the invasion of Cuba, 16,000 strong, commanded by Gen. Shafter, arrived off Santiago de Cuba at noon today.

The time of its disembarkation has not yet been determined upon, but it will probably be within the next three days.

When the fleet of 37 transports, with its freight of fighting men, swept up the southern coast today and slowed up within sight of the doomed city of Santiago de Cuba, the anxious awaited soldiers were greeted with ringing cheers, which faintly echoed to the transports from the decks of the blockading war ships far in shore. They were answered by the troops most heartily and in kind.

The weeks of anxious waiting on one side and of impatient chafing on the other were, and the army and the navy had at last joined forces and all felt that the final blow at Santiago was at hand.

It was 10 o'clock this morning when the lookout on board the armored cruiser Brooklyn reported seeing the smoke of several steamers away to the southeast, and a moment or so later he announced that a dozen transports were in sight.

The signals were exchanged from ship to ship, gladdening the hearts of the weary blockaders. Then the United States auxiliary cruiser Gloucester, formerly J. Pierpont Morgan's yacht "Corsari," dashed away to meet and welcome the troops.

In about half an hour later a grim forest of masts had sprung up, apparently from the sea, and a most impressive scene was presented as the Armada swept gracefully up from the horizon towards the shores where the great struggle is to take place.

The transports were arranged in three shifting lines, with the battleship Indiana on the extreme right, and the other men-of-war on the outskirts of the fleet. In this order the transports and their escorts steamed slowly toward the hills where the Morro's red walls gleamed in the sunlight.

The dispatch boat of the Associated Press, as she steamed among the transports, was eagerly besieged on all sides for news of Admiral Sampson's operations, officers and men clamoring for a word from the blockaders. Much satisfaction was expected among the troops when it became known that the actual capture of Santiago is to be left to the army.

The American fleet off Santiago has been materially strengthened by the addition of the warships which escorted the transports here.

Wherever the landing may take place, the operations and the information of the last ten days show now conclusively that bitter work is ahead for Gen. Shafter's men before the Spanish flag comes down from Morro's walls. The Spanish infantry, cavalry and guerrilla forces, estimated by Admiral Sampson to number from 30,000 to 40,000 men, are stretched from Guantanamo to Cabanas, a distance of fifty miles, ready to concentrate at the point of attack. But, starving and harassed from the inland by the insurgents, the situation of the Spaniards is desperate, and naval officers familiar with the situation fully expect terrific fighting about Santiago. Interviews with army officers on the transports show that there is some anxiety as to how the men will stand the strain, if the fighting begins immediately, after the long in-

activity at Tampa and the wearing voyage. There is no fear, however, for the final result, as the guns of the fleet will be immense assistance to the American troops.

STORY OF THE VOYAGE.

With the United States transport ships off Santiago de Cuba, Monday, June 20, noon, via the Mole St. Nicholas, Hayti, Tuesday, June 21, 1 a. m.—The fleet of the United States transports, having on board 16,000 men, under the command of Gen. Shafter, arrived off Santiago de Cuba at noon today, being exactly six days out from Port Tampa.

The army of invasion left Egmont Key at noon on Tuesday, June 14, convoyed by the United States warships Indiana, Castine, Helena, Annapolis, Bancroft, Morrill and Hornet. The passage was necessarily slow, as two big water barges and the schooner Stevens, also used for water, had to be towed.

At Rebecca shoals lighthouse the fleet was joined by the United States warships Detroit, Manning, Ocoela, Wasp and Ericsson. When the transport fleet left Port Tampa it was the intention of those in authority to take the western course, around Cape Antonio, but later it was decided to go via the Florida straits, that being a shorter distance.

After the fleet got through the rough waters of the straits, the transports were formed into three lines, about 1,000 yards apart, while 600 yards separated the ships. The easily advancing transports presented a very impressive spectacle, stretching for miles over the blue waters. It was one of the largest fleets ever gathered together; the grim looking men-of-war hovering like watch-dogs on the outskirts of the human freighted ships.

At night every precaution was taken to guard against any possible attack. No lights were allowed on the transports, and the gunboats in the direction of the shore were doubled in number, while at frequent intervals shifting search lights swept the waters in the direction of Cuba, in search of hostile vessels.

Throughout the voyage not one Spanish gunboat or sign of the enemy was seen.

On Friday the convoying fleet of warships was reinforced by the Montgomery and Porter, off Puerto Principe.

The voyage throughout was tedious and uninteresting.

To the weary soldiers, life on board transports is as unwarlike as a journey on a fruiter. The spectacle of transferring the sick at sea was presented on Saturday. For four hours the fleet lay to while the ships' boats carried 14 patients to the hospital ship Olivette. In the rough waters of the Bahama channel, this work for the little boats was quite difficult, and the hoisting of the limp forms to the rolling deck of the Olivette seemed dangerous. But it was accomplished in safety.

The weather throughout the voyage was excellent, and consequently, there was little suffering from sickness. But 14 cases of typhoid fever and some measles developed, the former being especially on the boats which carried the horses and mules. Surgeons, however, say the health of the men is unexpectedly good.

The first sight of land was obtained in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, and when the topmasts of the blockading ships were seen they sent a thrill of enthusiasm through the soldiers, and they are now eagerly awaiting the landing in Cuba.

The men seem confident of a swift and easy victory, but they seem rater to hope for hard fighting. The heat and long confinement in the holds of the transports have told very severely on the horses and mules, and many of them died during the last days of the voyage.

HIS WIFE'S BIRTHDAY.

Bill Arp Presents Her With Kisses, Roses and Gold.

Old Anno Domini keeps rolling on. It seems but a little while since my wife had a birthday, but here is another and we had to dine out and celebrate it with a feast and thank the good Lord for his mercies. Not since the last one has any affliction or calamity befallen her or those who are dear and dear to her by the ties of kindred or affection. She has good health and strength and her hair still shines with its raven gloss and she still speaks to her numerous and lovely off-spring and to me, too, with the same queenly tone of voice; reminding us of the centurion who said: "I say unto this one go and he goeth and to that one come and he cometh." Sometimes she is sad because of her absent children and says she feels like this will be her last birthday and she wishes they could all gather at the homestead once more before she dies. But I don't see any such signs and surely expect to leave her a widow some of these days and have her grieve for me a little while—only a little while—and then come on:

"We've been long together, Through pleasant and through cloudy weather, 'Tis hard to part when friends are dear, Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear, Say not good night, but in some brighter elme Bid me good morning."

I waited this morning till she took her accustomed seat at the breakfast table and then gave her a kiss on her classic forehead and placed a white rose in her hair and a gold piece on her plate. It was a good mixture she said of kisses and roses and gold. The roses will fade and the kisses may be forgotten, but the gold, oh the gold! how much comfort it will give. How many a little present she will buy for the grandchildren. Sixty-six years intransigence a mother's love for her posterity, but it does not paralyze her love for ornament and beautiful things. My wife still loves to look at pretty goods and price them and talk gushingly about them and how wonderfully cheap they are, but she won't wear common goods herself. She says she never did and she never will, and I say so too. And she wants the best of everything that is in the heavens above or the earth beneath or the waters under the earth. The best fruits, the best coffee and tea and ice cream and silver cake ever and anon. Her good taste and appetite show no weakness or delay and her solicitude about the poor heathen in foreign lands grows stronger at every missionary meeting. She takes but little interest in the war, for she says it is made up of big head lines and nobody knows whether there is any war going on or not. When she can hear the cannon roar and have to get up in the night and refuge from the fowl invader she will be sure there is another war.

"Why," says she, "the newspapers had the insurgent army up to thirty, forty and fifty thousand all the time for six months, and now it has dwindled down to 2,000 or less and one account says 300, and they have never had any more except at the junta in New York, and it may be that all this starvation business is another fake and the whole thing is a scheme to make money for somebody."

"And I said in mine haste all men are liars," saith the psalmist. If he had lived until now he might have said it at this leisure.

I try very hard to reconstruct Mrs. Arp and to reconcile her to the situation. "My dear," said I, "McKinley has appointed General Lee and General Wheeler and Colonel Gordon and Governor Oates and other rebels to high positions, and it does look like the Yankees

are trying to make friends with us." "That is all very well," said she, "but they have never apologized," and she draws the thread of her needle with a quicker and with a more defiant strain. "If a gentleman does another an injury, he repents of it and apologizes," says she.

"That reminds me of Bill Glenn's divorce case. His client was a dandy named Jack, and Jack had sued his wife, Mandy, for a divorce because she left him and took up with another nigger. Glenn had Jack on the witness stand and proved his case. There was no defense. Jim Brown was the judge, and he always takes a hand when the defendant is absent and not represented. Jack was about to come down from the stand when Judge Brown said: "Stop, Jack, a minute. Where is your wife now?" "She is at home, judge," said Jack. "At your house?" asked the judge. "Yes, judge, she's at my house, Mandy is." "Are you living with her now?" asked the judge. "Oh, yes, judge, me and Mandy have done made up. You see, judge, how it is. Mandy got sorry 'bout her conduct, and she come back one night and apologized, and what could a poor nigger like me do but take her back?"

Of course Glenn dismissed his case and I expect lost his fee, but our friends, the Yankees, have never apologized and Mrs. Arp's opinion is that the divorce case should not be dismissed until they apologize.

The other day I received a clipping from a Charlotte paper arranging me for lack of Americanism and calling me a suspect about the war. The friend who sent it says it was written by a ubiquitous penny-a-liner who has the cacklesheet scribbled and will write all day in the shade and can change his politics or his religion to suit the paper he writes for and have no strains of conscience. Why he does not rush frantically to the front, he does not disclose. And I received a war-like letter from another man on the same line, in which he seeks to teach me a lesson of patriotism about what he calls this just and holy war. I replied in three lines, saying that I was surprised to learn that he was still at his peaceful home and hoped that the next letter he wrote me would be dated in Cuba or the Philippine islands. No, I am not an enthusiast about the war, for some of our brave boys are going to be hurt and somebody will be to blame for it. If it was a war of defense, like ours was in 1861, the case would be very different. Then the mothers and sisters and sweethearts smiled through their tears as they bade the boys good-bye, but they don't now. The question still comes up and will not down: "What are we fighting for?"

But there is one answer, and that is manifest destiny. Perhaps the God of nations has willed that a new and better civilization shall control the islands of the sea and thereby advance the cause of Christianity all along the missionary line. This is the broad and philosophic view of the war and the only view in which there is comfort to the thoughtful minds of aged people. History is repeating itself. The old are serious and doubtful. The young are enthused with patriotic ardor and wish to fight. One of my sons and one of my grandsons are getting ready for camp, and just so it was in 1861. Experience is the best schoolmaster, and so let the boys learn what war is and what it means just as their fathers did, and in thirty years from now they, too, will be in a similar situation. Then let the present proceed.

But it is ever now, and the loving fam'ly broken up. Maybe they will all go home and stay there. I reckon they won't be in Atlanta in July when the veterans meet.

Mitford Items.

Children's day was celebrated at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday. There was a vast crowd of our friends present. All of the denominations in the community were well represented. During the exercises, as I looked into the beaming countenances of those present, I realized more fully than ever that we all serve the same God and look to the blood of the Lamb to wash away our sins and make us whiter than snow. Surely the promptings that assembled so many on this occasion are expressed in these lines: "More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show, More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me."

After singing an appropriate hymn the exercises were opened with prayer by our friend, Mr. Tillman Kilgo, which was followed by a very pleasing address of welcome by Mr. W. F. Scott.

PROGRAM.

Hymn number 96.
Recitation—Cora Kilgo.
Primary Exercises, conducted by C. S. Ford.

A Message of Song—Strother Ford.
Recitation—"An Indian Plea"—Willie Jackson.

Recitation—God's Call—John Brown.
Dialogue—Willie and Lucretia McWatters.

Anthem—Come let us Sing—Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Scott, Mr. W. F. Scott, Misses Eva Hall and Alma Lynch.

Recitation—A Christian at Home—Sumpter McWatters.
Recitation—Crucifixion—Holmes Scott.

Hymn—My Old Country Home—W. F. Scott.
Essay—One Star Differs from Another Star in Glory—Fannie Lee Ford.

Recitation—Last Hymn—Irene Scott.
Dialogue—Sunshine Factory—Lottie Jackson and Mary Brown.

Address—Plea for Foreign Missions—James Kilgo.
Address—Plea for Home Missions—Tommie Kilgo.

Address—Plea for State Missions—M. L. Austin.
Address—Rev. R. A. Yongie.
Hymn number 105.

Collection, conducted by Pastor. Prayer—A. N. Keistler.

AFTERNOON.

Hymn number 214.
Prayer—Rev. H. K. Ezell.
Address—Rev. W. S. B. Ford.
Address—Rev. H. K. Ezell.
Hymn number 303.

The Rev. R. A. Yongie gave us a talk on "Nets." It was very appropriate indeed, showing us when bad habits are formed, the difficulty of freeing ourselves of them. It was delivered in his usual gentle, impressive manner.

Rev. W. S. B. Ford, in the afternoon, told us about prayer. Prayer, prayers is not praying. Saying he says, to be effectual, should be a spontaneous outpouring of the heart's feeling. Many were the beautiful illustrations used. Mr. Ford speaks in an easy, graceful manner.

Last, but by no means least, our pastor, Rev. H. K. Ezell, spoke of the Chapel Car, and impressed upon us the importance of, and the good done by the Chapel Car services.

The day was very pleasantly and profitably spent, and while it is impossible for us to speak of each one separately, we will say that all did well and reflected much credit upon our superintendent, Dr. J. A. Scott, and his loving and helpful wife. The doctor is the "corner stone" of Mt. Zion and is the life and heart of the school.

Miss Alma Lyr, who has been visiting Mr. W. F. Scott, returned home yesterday.

here she has made a host of friends who will sadly miss her.

Mr. Elliott Holmes Hall, of Wofford College, came home yesterday.

Cadet Simon Lumpkin, of Clemson College, and his sister, Miss Susie, who has been attending Mt. Zion Institute in Winnsboro, are with us again. We are truly glad that our young college friends have returned after so long an absence and give them a hearty welcome home again.

Miss Kate Harshaw, of York, who has been visiting Miss Ethel Jackson, has returned home. Miss Harshaw won many friends while here.

We had a splendid season this afternoon, after a draught of more than seven weeks.

FOR VIRGINIA.

Mitford, June 16, 1898.

Minnesota and South Carolina Regiments Taking On.

The South Carolina regiment here seems to be quite a favorite. It is sought after, and its officers receive many attentions. Brig. Gen. Wiley has apparently taken a fancy to this regiment and he has repeatedly assured Colonel Alston that he wants to do everything in his power to please the South Carolina regiment and make it one of the finest here. When the Minnesota regiment heard that the South Carolina boys were likely to go in with Fitzhugh Lee's corps they promptly expressed their desire to join hands with the South Carolina regiment to go wherever they went. Every souvenir, cockade, button, envelope, or memento that the palmetto boys have is sought after, and our boys are hardly permitted to go around with trinkets on their person.—August Knott, in *News and Courier*.

Formidable Combination.

Three banks in New York City offered to lend the government two hundred million dollars for twenty years at three per cent. The banks, however, have had no opportunity to advance the money. The people have bought all the bonds in small amounts and have offered the government two or three times as much as it wants.

So far as we know, there has never been in the world's history such a magnificent manifestation of popular faith in any government in time of war or such a demonstration of the wealth and resources of a people. It will probably impress foreign observers even more than the battle of Mania and the incidents around Santiago. A population at home with money, material and confidence unlimited and dare devils at the front who struggle for places of danger and have a habit of accuracy in shooting make a formidable combination represented by the stars and stripes.—Greenville News.

Arbitration Conference.

The fourth annual meeting of this body was held at Lake Mohonk, New York. It was understood at the opening that there was to be no criticism of the present war. It was not a meeting of extremists. Lawyers, jurists, editors, business men, educators and ministers were the speakers and the addresses were dispassionate and of a high order. Resolutions were passed urging the creation of an international court always open to adjust difficulties between nations whenever it is possible. It was recognized, as the world is now constituted, that war is sometimes the only means of resort to serve the best interests of nations. It was pointed out by one of the speakers that in three of the last wars the issues were settled by arbitration after hostilities ceased.—Baptist Courier.

Newspapers are asserting that the meaning of morro is "wall, high bluff." "If that be true, it will be correct to speak of some politicians as morros.—Columbia Record.

J. T. BIGHAM, Editor and Prop.
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FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1898.

Lancaster has a prodigy. Two years ago Mr. J. E. Blackmon promised that if elected he would not be a candidate for re-election for another term. The remarkable thing about it is that he now remembers his promise and declines to be a candidate.

Commissioner Vance thinks the 90 dispensaries in the state should carry their own insurance. His plan is to assess each dispensary 2 per cent on its average stock, which would raise \$3,600, to be put into a common fund to pay fire losses. At present the premiums amount to \$4,000 and the losses average \$1,000 less.

We are pleased to find in the Albany Law Journal the following paragraph about a South Carolina writer:

The Sunny South, published at Atlanta, Ga., republishes from the Albany Law Journal the excellent article which appeared in these columns some weeks since, entitled "Lawyers and Politics," written for this journal by Walter L. Miller, Esq., of Beville, S. C. The Sunny South refers to Mr. Miller truly as one of the ablest of southern writers. It is also worth noting that the article referred to was also republished in full in the London Law Times and also in Madras (India) Law Journal.

The following very remarkable item appears in the proceedings of the state board of control.

During the meeting this morning the governor's secretary appeared before the board to plead for the release of some liquor seized down in Marion, which he said was the property of Mr. W. J. Ammons. Mr. Ammons, the secretary said, was a good friend of the dispensary and the seized stuff was consigned to him for personal use for a fishing expedition. The secretary also read a letter from Governor Ellerbe in favor of Ammons. But the board refused to grant the request until a statement could be had from the constables making the seizure. Chairman Haselden contradicted the statement that Ammons was a dispensary man, saying he had always patronized the o. p.'s in preference.

It seems that the question of Ammons' criminality hinges on whether or not he is "a good friend of the dispensary." The testimony of two reputable witnesses is in direct conflict, and it remains for the constables to throw the preponderance of evidence on one side or the other. If it turns out that he is "fur" the dispensary, he ought to have his stuff—for personal use for a fishing expedition." If he is "agin" it, then the liquor ought to stay seized, as the presumption is that it is intended not for the personal use of the fishermen but merely to keep the snakes from biting them. Of course this is all right, but the fool philistines can't understand it and are always getting themselves into trouble by supposing that equal privileges will be extended to all.

THE LANTERN of June 1 made this remark: "The heroism of the Merrimac crew was grand, but what was the necessity for the boat and her cargo of coal is lost, it is asserted that the men would be lost, there is no possibility of getting Cervera's squadron out to fight on the sea or of getting into the harbor to fight there; and what is gained? About the only advantage we can imagine is that the obstruction may serve to guard the outlet and leave the American fleet to do other work, to welcome the Cadiz fleet, for instance, in the very improbable event of its appearing, but the sunken Merrimac cannot be entrusted entirely with this service; it must be guarded by other warships, and it is asserted that one gunboat could stand in front of the entrance and keep the whole Spanish fleet in the harbor. It strikes us that there may have been just a little tinge of ambition to surround the world with a deed of desperate daring."

We wrote more wisely than we knew when we said "the sunken Merrimac cannot be entrusted en-

tirely with this service," viz: guarding the outlet. It has now been discovered that it serves no purpose at all, as it lies to the right of the passage and is no obstruction. As we intimated before, the outlet had to be guarded anyway, and therefore the old wreck was superfluous. Indeed it is fortunate that the aim to sink it in the passage was a failure, and Rear Admiral Sampson seems to regard the failure with satisfaction, evidently intending to use the passages very soon. So far, we have not heard of the commander's mentioning any definite advantage he expected to gain by the obstruction, had it succeeded, and in our judgment, which we do not ask any one else to accept, no advantage that he could reasonably have expected would have been worth the lives of the eight brave men that he offered as a sacrifice, but, fortunately, the offering was not accepted, the victims were spared, the plan of obstruction failed, and the passage is still open.

BATON ROUGE

A Bee Sucks Honey from a Pansy.

Quite a while has elapsed since anything has appeared in your valuable paper from this place, and as we do not want to get behind our neighboring towns we will try to give the happenings of the past few weeks.

The farmers have been very busy since the recent rains planting corn and peas on their lands from which their small grain has been reaped.

The gardens and growing crops have been much benefited by the delightful rains and everything is growing nicely.

Rev. Joe Crosby and family spent a few days here on their return from the Baptist convention. We were all glad to have our old pastor with us again.

Miss Hattie Cornwell, one of our popular young ladies, visited relatives in and near Rock Hill a few days ago.

Misses Lottie and Annie Gregory, of Santuc, Union county, are expected to visit Miss Lottie H. Smith soon.

Mrs. Maggie Hafner and children, visited Mrs. S. M. Cornwell a few days ago.

Miss Annie Lou Smith, who has been quite sick with malarial fever, we are glad to report, is much better at this writing.

Miss Lillian McNinch, of Chester, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Graham.

Messrs. Gill Bennett and John McFadden, of Chester, have made several visits here recently.

Our venerable friend Dr. A. F. Anderson visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wise spent last Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wise.

The "handsome bachelor" visited here a few days ago.

We forgot to say that our annual picnic, on Sandy river, was quite a success.

Well, Mr. Editor, I will have to close as I have just been stung by a honey bee on my right hand.

PANSY.

Situation at Cienfuegos.

KINGSTON, Ja., June 21, 5:30 p. m.—The steamer Adula, which arrived here today from Cienfuegos, brings 100 refugees, well-to-do Cubans and Spaniards.

They are the Spanish soldiers there are anxious to fight, but that the populace is disheartened by the long struggle.

Food is no dearer now, they say, than it was a month ago; and while flour and meat are scarce, rice, fish, and vegetables are abundant.

The Sure La Grippe Cure.

There is no use of suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no life or ambition, have a bad cold, in fact are completely d. u. p. Electric Bitters is the only remedy that will give you relief. Buy it on your Liver. Get it at Stomach, who says like a new antedote to For Sale at Store, only

Is & Price's Drug ents per bottle.

PROHIBITION COLUMN.

UNDER DIRECTION OF REV. J. S. MOFFATT

Is it right for South Carolina to sell liquor to her sons that they may drink and become drunkards?

Am I a Fool?

A man once heard Sam Jones preach, and in that sermon he heard Sam Jones say, "The man who drinks whiskey is a fool." That man drank himself when he felt like it, and he felt like it almost every time he could get it. He took great offense at the language of Sam Jones and went away from the place of meeting declaring that he would never go to hear Sam Jones preach any more. On his way home he fell to thinking seriously about the remark of Sam Jones. He thought of that money spent for whiskey: What good did it do anybody? Wasn't it really wasted? How many useful things it would get for himself, and how many nice and useful things it would buy for his wife and children. Then he thought within himself, "Maybe Sam Jones is right, that the man who drinks liquor is a fool."

When he thought of the kind of company and associations the drink habit led him with, dead beats, red nosed toppers, big-bay-windowed beer swiggers, profane swearers, obscene jokers, gamblers etc., perhaps, after all, Sam Jones is right, and "the man who drinks whiskey is a fool."

His mind getting in good fettle, he thought again of the risk and danger he was taking. "Now there is neighbor A; he didn't use to drink any more than I do, and now he is a confirmed drunkard. There is young B; he started out well but became inefficient and lost his job because he drank too much. And there is neighbor C; he used to be a moderate drinker, and now he is full of whiskey all the time, and can't attend to his business, and his fine farm is getting a heavy mortgage upon it, and he and his family will soon be in poverty. Yes, and as I look back I see that I am drinking more than I did five years ago. The man who takes unnecessary risks, and needlessly exposes himself to danger about anything lacks sense. How much more when the risk and danger pertain to all of a man's temporal and immortal concerns. I believe Sam Jones is nearly right, the man who drinks whiskey is a fool."

Once more he thought of the example he was setting for his own boys, and his neighbor's boys; could he expect his boys to be better than he was? Was it safe for his boys to indulge in dram drinking? What might the end be? And the cold shivers ran over him. What if by the example of his drinking, his own dear boys should one day become drunkards, and what if he should lead some of his neighbors' boys in to the ways of darkness, misery and death; and he paused and said with emphasis, "I am sure Sam Jones is altogether right the man who drinks whiskey is a fool, and a devilish fool at that, and I have been a fool, but by God's grace I will be a fool no longer." How many fathers and church members in Chester county who will see themselves in the same light and go and do likewise.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a commission issued to the undersigned Board of Corporators by the secretary of state of the State of South Carolina, dated June 23rd, 1898, authorizing them to open books of subscription to the Capital stock of a corporation to be known as "Eureka Cotton Mills," the principal place of business of which will be at or near the city of Chester, S. C., with the offices of the President and Secretary and Treasurer at Lancaster, S. C., the capital stock being \$50,000.00, Fifty Thousand Dollars. Notice is hereby given that books of subscription to the capital stock of said corporation will be opened by the undersigned at the Bank of Lancaster, S. C., on the 18th of July, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dated June 23rd, 1898.

CLARY S. J. WEBB, LEROY SPRINGS, V. B. IPPEE, C. O. THOMSON, Corporators

THE GOVERNOR'S CALL.

For Two Battalions, Our Quota under Second Call.

Governor Ellerbe last night issued a call for two battalions of infantry. It is expected that this quota under the second call will be raised without any trouble. A full and complete explanation was given out with the formal proclamation, as follows: The first eight companies organized and passing the medical examination, and tending their services to the governor will be accepted and mustered into service. Each company will be examined at their homes before coming to Columbia by the mustering officer and surgeon, who will be appointed by the governor. Blanks will be mailed to any one who desires to get up or organize a company, by the adjutant general of the State, or any one who wants to organize a company can write to the adjutant general for the required blanks. Each captain in the organization of a company should take the names of all recruits and decide upon a certain day to concentrate at their home town. Then notify the governor of the day decided upon and he will send the examining physicians to that point. No captain must notify the governor unless he has the required number of men. The foregoing explanation and instructions are very explicit and no confusion should arise. The formal proclamation is terse and brief, and is as follows:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, COLUMBIA, June 22, 1898. In obedience to the president's second call May 25, 1898, for volunteers in the service of the United States, and the secretary of war having fixed the quota of South Carolina at two battalions of infantry, now, therefore, I, W. H. Ellerbe, governor, do call upon the State at large for eight companies of infantry, each company to consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, one first sergeant, one quartermaster sergeant, four sergeants, twelve corporals, two musicians, one artificer, one wagoner, eighty-four privates maximum, seventy-eight minimum.

W. H. ELLERBE, Governor. The Register received the following dispatch from its correspondent at Hampton last night: Governor Ellerbe will be in Columbia on Sunday and Monday, and will then announce his regimental and battalion appointments. After conferring with Captain Fuller, who met him at Beaufort yesterday, he has decided to form two more battalions to add to Major Thompson's battalion. The mobilization will be at Columbia, but the men will be examined at their homes, each company being recruited to 106 men. The governor today offered a chaplaincy to the Rev. J. A. Sligh, of Newberry, who declined.—The Register.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Seltzer, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Woods & Lrice.

PROFESSIONAL: DR. SAM'L LINDSAY, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, CHESTER, S. C. Office, over Brandt's Store. Residence at Wm. Lindsay's.

PRYOR & MCKEE, DRUGGISTS. Prescriptions a Specialty. Teachers and Others Having official business with me will please take notice that my offices are at MORRIS and SATTENBAY.

W. D. KNOX, County Superintendent of Education.

MAY MEANS SPRING.

NATURE is clothed in her most beautiful attire. We all admire the works of nature and it is nothing but human nature to copy from the beautiful things that are everywhere to be seen by the 10th of May. All the leaves are fully grown. We may expect what we call hot weather. Summer Goods take the place of Winter. Up come the carpets, down come the heavy curtains. Both are replaced by something cooler. Mattings and Dress Materials of lighter fabric and latest design and best prices and values are the articles looked for. We have the correct things in all departments. Organdies are quite popular this season. Don't fail to see or line.

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES. The only thing we ask is that you look through this line. We know you can be suited in our stock.

OXFORDS AND SUMMER SHOES. Elegant stock—have had to re-order these goods. Prices, quality, fit and finish are the popular things for the people—the best goods for the least money—the shoes that we sell are good salesmen if you are looking for GOOD WEAR, come and see. We have the best money-making stock in a complete Dry Goods Store.

CLOTHING STORE. We are ahead of the procession—Spring Suits that fit like tailor-made goods at prices within the reach of all.

NECKWEAR. A great line—nothing like it ever brought to Chester. Only look through. We don't want to worry you.

HATS. The newest and most comfortable styles. Prices cheap. You will likely need a new trunk soon. Come and get one from us. Most complete trunk made up by us of course. We carry a great many things that we have not space for, but if you want to dress up we can fix you in up-to-date style and will be glad to show you through.

GROCERIES—NECESSITIES. Something to eat comes first. Large buyers of Provisions and Heavy Goods who pay the money down, secure the markets for thousands of miles around, hunting for the most reliable goods at the lowest prices, become experts in their line. We have been doing this for years and the longer we practice it the better are we able to buy at the lowest notch. Our prices are always in line, quality considered.

WYLIE & CO'S TOBACCO! WYLIE & CO'S TOBACCO! Is in everybody's mouth. We mean to use the weed and a judge of values and a first-class chef. We are selling by the box to merchants and farmers who buy to sell and retail to their lands cheaper than any drummer on the road will sell you. 500 boxes of our choice in the best money-making shapes and shapes to retail you ever saw. If you are buying tobacco to use or to sell, don't allow your prejudice to stand between you and your own interest but come and see our Tobacco, hear our prices, buy a box. I don't ask your trade, or you can't sell at our retail price, a box, unless you may return any part of it and get your money. As a proposition has never been made to the buying public, come and see the new non-taxed revenue tax of six cents per pound will will be paid to the State, and you will get a supply of Tobacco and save this enormous advance with this sale to come.

You are aware of the immense advance on flour, meal and corn. Fortunately we have anticipated this and bought it before the price rose about one dozen ears of the above necessities of life, consequently can save the prices of small buyers that carry small stocks. We also took advantage of the lowest prices we have seen since since the war and did a big stock. Now there is no advance of 1 1/2 to 2 cents per pound, and if they do go higher. Don't wait for any further advance and buy at least one year's supply of coffee before war prices are on.

FLOUR! FLOUR! FLOUR! It is a well known fact that the majority of the flour mills throughout the country are making and selling flour that is adulterated or blended with corn flour, etc. These adulterated substances are mixed to the extent of from 10 to 20 per cent thereof, thus reducing the value of the flour. Bred mixed with it to adulterate the flour, and make profit for themselves. Knowing these facts we are handling the product of one of the few mills that grind and ship pure wheat flour of the finest quality—strictly pure—and will make beautiful and wholesome bread, in every respect.

Joseph Wylie and Company. A Nice, Juicy Rosborough & McLure. Slice of boiled ham strikes the right spot. When it is the VERY BEST HAM at a low price it just fills the bill. I have always given you the quality and suited you in the price. HAM IS THE MOST ECONOMICAL MEAT ON THE MARKET. It is the cheapest meat now obtainable. When you buy it you pay for little bone. You get the most actual meat for your money.

—CALL FOR— Rohe Breakfast Bacon. —CALL FOR— THREE to ONE COFFEE.

L. H. Melton. For Sale or Rent. One two-story six-room cottage One one-story four-room cottage, with three acres of land, at the junction and between the three railroads. Good well of water. Terms easy. JOSEPH WYLIE & CO., In liquidation.

"ANDY WILKS." The above named stallion will stand at Richburg, Collins' Stables, Mondays and Tuesdays. Low-ville on Fridays. Balance of the time at Wylie & Co's stables. Josh Mayfield, groomman. JOHN C. WOODS.

REMOVAL. DR. JAMES B. BIGHAM, SURGEON DENTIST, Has removed from Blackstock to Chester. Office in Walker & Henry's new building, up stairs.

Importers and Manufacturers: Monumental Works. UNDERTAKERS AND EMBALMERS.

Fire, Life and Accident INSURANCE. PHONE 89.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION: TWO DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1898.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Advertisements inserted under this head at ten cents a line. No advertisements inserted as reading matter.

Some oats or other good feed taken on subscription to THE LANTERN.

To Rent—From 1st Sept. brick store in valley now occupied by Segal. J. D. MEANS.

Four new hats found in public road. Apply to J. W. Worthy, Rodman, S. C.

Postoffice key lost between P. O. and Fairview hotel. Finder please leave at this office.

For Rent—House on York street now occupied by D. J. Macaulay. Apply to F. M. Boyd, Telephone office.

LOCAL NEWS.

Read the business locals.

Miss Alfreda Nail, of Charlotte, is visiting in the city.

Dr. S. W. Pryor and family went to Cliffs today.

Miss Nora Wise, of Halsellville, is visiting Mrs. J. A. Blake.

Prof. J. L. Douglass, of Davidson College, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Childs are visiting relatives in Union.

Mr. M. S. Bridges, of Augusta, is in the city.

Dr. S. G. Miller has moved into the Coogler house, on Saluda St.

Mr. Langdon McKee and family, of Columbia, are visiting Mr. J. H. McKee.

Mrs. R. H. Cousar is visiting relatives and friends in Carlisle and Union.

A. G. Brice, Esq., went to Washington last evening, on professional business.

Miss Elizabeth Hall is visiting Miss-Tatite Boulware, on College street.

Mr. W. W. Coogler now occupies Mrs. Stewart's new house near her residence.

Mrs. Jos. H. Saye, of Sharon, spent a day with Mrs. Rudolph Brandt this week.

Messrs. Baker and Surratt, of Gaffney, called at the LANTERN office yesterday.

Ellis, the second son of Mr. J. T. Crist, of Lenoir, died at Gastonia last Tuesday of typhoid fever.

Mr. S. M. Flenniken has secured a position under Major David Hemphill, quartermaster.

Miss Annie Sanders, of Guthrieville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. A. Walker, Jr., on Pine street.

The Masons of Chester and Lenoir have a picnic at Cliffs today. A good number go from here.

Mr. Hugh White, who has been spending some time at Bryson City, N. C., was in the city yesterday.

Miss May Hood gave a very enjoyable party to a number of her friends Wednesday evening.

Solicitor Henry completed his work at Lancaster Wednesday and returned home yesterday morning.

Misses Henrietta Hood, Alta Hood, Burnie Marshall, and Sadie Gunhousen went on the excursion to Cliffs, N. C., today.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Aiken left this morning for Cleveland Springs, where they will remain till further notice.

Joseph A. Walker & Son have been awarded the contract for putting waterworks and sewerage in the A. R. P. parsonage.

Chas. J. Webb and others, copropriators, publish a notice in this issue that they will open books of subscription to the capital stock of the Eureka Mills.

Superintendent Skipper has been in the city looking after the preparations to start up the spinning mill, to be known here after as the Eureka Mills. He expects to have the machinery running within a month.

Mr. R. S. Davidson went to Yorkville this morning to see his sister, who has recently returned from China.

Miss Lizzie Alexander, teacher in Williamston Female College, arrived last night, to spend the summer with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen, of High Point, N. C., are spending some time in the city, with the former's brother, Mr. J. A. Owen.

Just this moment a katydid proclaimed its forecast. Let's see; that brings frost Sept. 23—pretty early.

Miss Ella, Kirkpatrick, who has been visiting the Misses Robinson, on Wylie street, returned to her home at Bascomville yesterday.

Dr. W. G. White's children, of Yorkville, are visiting their grandfather, Mr. W. A. White, and family.

The State of yesterday says: Last night at 12 o'clock Dr. Girardeau was growing weaker, and there was no hope of his recovery.

Miss Tatite Boulware gave a "tour of the nations" last evening in honor of her guest, Miss Elizabeth Hall. It was a small party, but novel and unusually pleasant.

The grading on the C. & N. W. link between Newton and Hickory is completed. Ties are being distributed and a half mile of iron has been laid. It will probably not be put into regular use before September.

Mrs. J. B. Carson, of Gaston county, N. C., who has been visiting in the city and county, returned home yesterday. Her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Bell, of Blackstock, went with her.

Mrs. J. G. Lowry, of Lowryville, was operated on by Dr. S. M. De Vega some two weeks ago. She has improved very rapidly, being about well now. A tumor weighing seven pounds was removed from her breast.

There was a game of ball played at Blackstock on Wednesday between the second team of Chester and a picked first team of Blackstock. Blackstock's picked team had an easy walk over. Score stood 28 to 4. So runs the report brought back by the boys. They say the Blackstock girls smiled charmingly and cheered the Chester boys.

Picnic at C. tramba Falls.

As the 4th of July is on Monday, one picnic will take place on Saturday, the 2nd of July. Everybody is invited.

Send in Coupons.

All persons holding flag contest coupons are urged to send them in at once to Mr. Jno. Daniels, at the express office. The contest has ended and the coupons must be sent in to-night at the latest.

Another Chester Man.

The president sent to the senate, on Wednesday, the nomination of J. C. McClure, Esq., of Chester, to be 2nd lieutenant in the 10th regiment. This is a fine appointment, and the senate's confirmation will be a mere matter of form.

Plow Peas Under.

We have received a communication bearing no name but "Subscriber." This rules it out. While we are objecting, we may say that the writing was done with a pencil, and a very poor pencil at that, being so dim that it can scarcely be read. Otherwise it is very well written.

There is one item in the letter, however, we will print, because we think it is sensible. Here it is: Some are sowing peas on their stubble lands, which is a very good idea, if they would plow them under in the fall, but to cut them and leave the land bare is very hard on the land. It would be better to let it grow up in grass and weeds. I saw a friend try a piece of land in wheat which had been in peas. He left some vines and plowed them under; the wheat was good. But some vines on this wheat was poor. Pulled some vines up; on this the wheat was very poor.

WILKSBUROG DOTS.

Last Thursday, the 16th, the long looked for and much needed blessing came in the shape of a heavy shower of rain, and a few days later a series of showers, the first of any consequence since the last of April. We witnessed a remarkable change on the looks of the farmers. They were beginning to look very blue, even the blackest of the tribe. Everything has been revived. The corn unfolded its curled blades and reached out for every drop possible. Cotton had not suffered a great deal. Pastures that had been grazed to the ground, in a few hours assumed their color of green. One could almost see the vegetables grow. In a few days apparently as much growth was made as is made ordinarily in a week.

The school here, under the judicious management of Miss Jerusha Mitchell, of White Oak, closed the 12th. There were no closing exercises, on account of sickness in the neighborhood.

Services were held at the Baptist church here last Sabbath. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather quite a crowd gathered. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Crosby, spent Saturday-night with Mr. T. Byars. Mr. Crosby is doing noble work here. He seems to be the right man in the right place.

Mr. N. A. Galloway and Miss Mattie, from near Bullock's Creek, York county, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. John Galloway, from near Yorkville, visited his sister, Mrs. Martin Wade, last week.

Master Ray Fant, who has been spending a while with his grandfather, Maj. J. W. Willis, returned to his home at Union last Friday.

Mr. David Wilks, one of our promising young men, has returned home from Greenville, where he has been attending school. We are glad to have him with us again.

Misses Lilla Waters and Wrennie McCallum and Mr. Richard Woods spent a pleasant evening at Mr. H. P. Montgomery's last week.

Mr. Brooks Jamison, near Cabal, visited friends here last week.

Miss Lula Worthy has returned home from a pleasant visit among relatives and friends at Baton Rouge.

Mrs. B. E. Worthy and Miss Maggie Wade are visiting relatives in this neighborhood today.

Wilksburg, June 20, 1898.

Reuben Ripples.

Rain has been plentiful for the past week. Crops looking splendid. Farmers will have to get a "hump on 'em" or the grass will soon take full possession.

Mrs. R. L. Douglas and little Robert spent several days with her parents last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Neely and Mr. John George Neely and son spent last Saturday night at Mr. James McCadden's.

Miss Eula Wilson, of Ridgeway, is visiting the Misses Burdell.

Our college boys are at home again. We should judge from their looks that they are enjoying their freedom.

Miss Lottie McWaters spent Sunday night with relatives at Fort Lawn.

Womps have again made their appearance. They are not going to slight any it seems.

The health of our town and community is better than at our last writing. Some of our soldier boys are reported sick at Chickamauga and some of "our girls at home" are looking pretty blue, but we hope they will all get over their troubles in the very near future.

Will come again when we have more news to report.

OLD MAID. Rodman, June 23, 1898.

Troops Landed. The troops sent to Santiago, Cuba were just a week on their voyage. They have already landed on Cuban soil near Santiago, much sooner than they expected.

NEEDS-DOOR NEIGHBORS.

On Tuesday Prof. Witherow's horse ran away with the surrey, breaking the shafts and doing other damage. The horse took fright at the ice wagon.

Mr. J. W. Hanahan is trying to raise a company of volunteers, and all those in the county desiring to enlist may communicate with him. We understand that quite a number have already given Mr. Hanahan their names. It would be gratifying if a distinct fairfield company could be raised.

A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying that I could not live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones' above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman."

Major General M. C. Butler's admirers are to present him with a horse, and he will accept it on condition that it is not a white one. General Butler had three white horses shot from under him during the late war.—Aiken Journal and Review.

ART CLASS.

Miss F. L. Saunders will instruct a morning class in art for 2 months, beginning July 4th. Will teach oil, pastel, china, and miniature painting; charcoal, crayon and pencil drawing.

Recruits Wanted.

Men who wish to enlist in Company D, First Battalion South Carolina Volunteers, will please communicate with me or leave applications or inquiries at the store of Hafner & Howze, Chester, S. C. T. C. HOWZE, Recruiting officer.

HARD TIMES!

From all about Chester I am constantly hearing the dismal howl—"Hard times and worse coming. Everybody in debt and can't pay. No money afloat. Business played out."

Well, your cheap friend Klutz is thankful proud to say that in the blossoming and flowery path of the always busy New York Racket money is plentiful. The way goods are wrapped up in here these hot summer days reminds one of October Cotton Picking time. My cheaper than cheap price is what fetches the cash buying people in such great crowds.

Understanding it to be my duty as a merchant standing between consumers and the yankee markets, to guard the best interests of my customers in every way possible, and also to stand like a "Stone wall" between consumers and Home High Prices—I have not hesitated to make my own cheap price, regardless of what other merchants had to pay or wanted to get for the same goods.

It takes spot cash to fetch cheap prices. I go armed with the almighty cash; soon and late, far and near, scooping and scraping for the best interests of my thousands of customers and the glorious result is that a cash buying people who are no fools—smilingly carry out these cheaply bought goods so fast and in such quantities that your always busy cheer friend Klutz "don't have to" vain about

HARD TIMES.

PHONE 6.

I. WARD, 175 old stand.

Legal blanks of all kinds for sale at this office.

NEWS OF VICTORY. From every side makes all of us take greater pride than ever in the AMERICAN EAGLE. Just so have R. BRANDT'S WARES. Been put to the test and have won victory everywhere. During the summer we have reduced prices in order to suit the times. OUR WARES WEAR AND OUR PRICES PLEASE. R. BRANDT, - - - Chester, S. C. Under Tower Clock.

TOBACCO! MOLASSES! -EVERYTHING CHEAP AT- Wm. LINDSAY & SON'S. Just received car load of NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, in new clean barrels, which we will let go as fast as possible, so come and see us. We will sell you good TOBACCO so you can make money on it. Don't forget us.

Wm. LINDSAY & SON.

CALL AT WALKER'S FOR SOMETHING APPETIZING. These hot, sweltering days. TEAS ESPECIALLY FOR ICES. If you are looking for PURE VINEGARS, call and get Samples, nothing but pure Malt Cider and White Wine Vinegars.

PAINTS, OILS, VARNISHES, TURPENTINE, KALSOMINE. EVERYTHING IN THE PAINTING DEPARTMENT AT- Jos. A. Walker's. PHONE 84.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. SUPERVISOR. CHESTER, S. C., March 15, '98. I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination to the office of County Supervisor at the ensuing democratic primary election, and pledge myself to abide by the result of said election. The cordial support of my fellow citizens is respectfully solicited. J. R. CULP, Sr. AUDITOR. We are authorized to announce W. A. Corkill as a candidate for re-appointment to the office of County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. TREASURER. Being well pleased with Mr. W. O. Guy's services as treasurer of Chester county, we hereby nominate him for reappointment to the same office, subject to the recommendation of the democratic primary. TAXPAYERS. AUDITOR. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of auditor, subject to the result of the democratic primary. JNO. A. BLAKE.

WHY? Pay such large prices for PIPE FITTINGS, VALVES, Stop Cocks and all kinds of Brass Goods. When you can get them from JOS. A. WALKER & SON. At wholesale prices. We keep on hand the BEST HOSE for heavy pressure made. Guaranteed for one year. Come and give us a call or drop us a card. Cold Wave at T. H. WARD'S. Ice Cream, Sodas, Milk Shakes, Lemonade, Orange Sherbets, etc. Just received a car load of California Lemons 35c per box. Any of delivered anywhere at short notice. PHONE 6. T. H. WARD, 175 old stand.

THE DISPENSARY.

Abuses Inseparable—Still Asking for a Trial.

The first report made by Chairman Haselden, of the State board of control, is a strong arraignment of the dispensary system as it has developed in South Carolina. We do not understand that Mr. Haselden intends this report as a campaign document, or that he is influenced in any way except to point out abuses of the dispensary law itself, with the hope of correcting and amending the administration of the law so that it will be enforced and carried out in the manner expected by the people when it was put into operation five years ago. He has our best wishes for the attainment of this object, which is very desirable in itself if the law is to continue on the statute books, but we are convinced that his task is well nigh hopeless, and Mr. Haselden will learn by his chagrin that the political aspect of the dispensary does not and will not permit the reformation of abuses that have grown so steadily since the mill was started.

A strict adherence to the law in every respect, and holding the dispensers to a rigid account for their conduct and management of the business, will quickly destroy the profit feature of the dispensary, and it is apparent that the friends of the dispensary would disappear like the mist before the morning sun were the profits abolished altogether. The law is only defended and upheld as a means of procuring funds to prevent heavier taxation, and its moral advantages are not urged to any extent by its advocates at this time. No careful observer will contend that the maintenance of the dispensary has lessened the drink habit in the State. In some towns and cities there are positive gains in this respect, mainly due to the cash payment required at the dispensary, which has shut off the supply of liquor from a certain class of men who are unable to raise the money for its purchase, and who are no longer the recipients of favors from the owners or frequenters of bar-rooms. But it is undeniably true that the drink habit has fearfully increased in the country, where blind tigers are operated with impunity. Every candid and unprejudiced citizen must admit that the illicit traffic in whiskey, outside of the towns and cities, has grown tenfold in the past five years, which is strong testimony against the dispensary and in favor of the prohibition which prevailed in the country for ten years before the dispensary law was passed.

Mr. Haselden cannot be too urgent and emphatic in his demand for the strict enforcement of law. The dispensary is on trial before the Democratic voters of the State, and the very abuses he has pointed out constitute the mainspring for its indictment before the people. A different management in the past might have avoided this arraignment for the time being, but in the very nature of things, so long as politics controls the business of liquor selling, this corruption and mismanagement will inevitably follow, because men are appointed to conduct the business on other grounds than competency. The numerous defalcations and shortages abundantly prove this statement. It has been the misconduct of officials, coupled with the growth of intemperance in the rural districts, that has aroused the indignation of the people, who were promised an improvement if they would give the new system a trial, and after five years of constant growing evils under the dispensary law, they are now asked to give it another trial because it has not had a fair chance, when all the power and potency of the State was behind it. How long will it require to establish the dispensary as a moral agency? Have the legal contentions against it caused the internal deficiencies? The State has summoned to its aid the best available business talent in managing the affairs of the dispensary, and yet Chairman Haselden conclusively shows that the workings are cooked and indefensible. Is

not the system inherently wrong? Can the State any longer engage in the traffic when it appears beyond question that the business is on the down grade, and that there is no tendency toward a moral elevation of its citizens?—Greenville Mountaineer.

An Impotent Protest.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 18.—The following was received today per steamer Miowera from Honolulu, June 1:

The following is the full text of the correspondence between the Spanish vice consul at this port and the Hawaiian government, relating to the entertainment of American troops at this port:

HONOLULU, June 1.

H. E. Cooper, Minister of Foreign Affairs:

Sir: In my capacity as vice consul for Spain I have the honor today to enter formal protest with the Hawaiian government against the constant violations of neutrality in this harbor while actual war exists between Spain and the United States of America. Requesting you to acknowledge the receipt of this communication, I have the honor to be,

H. RENJES,

Vice Consul for Spain.

The reply of the government, which is now in Mr. Renjes' hands, is as follows:

Department of Foreign Affairs, HONOLULU, June 6, 1898.

Sir: In reply to your note of the 1st inst., I have the honor to say that owing to the intimate relations now existing between this country and the United States, this government has not proclaimed a proclamation of neutrality having reference to the present conflict between the United States and Spain; but on the contrary, has tendered to the United States privileges and assistance, for which reason your protest can receive no further consideration than to acknowledge its receipt. I have the honor to be, sir,

Your humble servant

HENRY E. COOPER,

Minister of Foreign Affairs. To H. Renjes, Esq., Vice Consul for Spain, Honolulu, H. I.

Is This So?

The Columbia Record, which is very pronounced in its opposition to Governor Ellerbe, says:

Governor Ellerbe claims that he has kept his promise to be the governor of the whole people of South Carolina. We will give a very recent incident of how well and faithfully he has kept that promise. A gray-haired gentleman, who was a friend of John Evans in 1894 and supported him for governor then against Ellerbe, but who supported Ellerbe in 1895 and McLaurin last year, called recently on the governor, accompanied by his nephew. The young man is strong and has a fine military education. His uncle asked that he be given a commission in the South Carolina volunteers, for which he is admirably fitted by nature and education. The brutal reply to the old man, in the presence of his nephew, was "You supported John Gary Evans in 1894; now go to him when you want any favors." And the man who made that remark is the one who is now saying on the stump that he kept his promise to be the governor of the whole people. If Governor Ellerbe wants this story filed out with names, he can be accommodated.

With Rank of Blacksmith.

Mr. Albert Hiller, who has been employed at the Brennen carriage factory, has been given the place of blacksmith of the First South Carolina regiment now stationed at Chickamauga, and has gone to accept the position. Mr. Hiller is a competent workman. His salary is to be \$75 per month.—Columbia State.

Bismarck in a published interview lamented the growing power of the United States, and complains that Europe is suffering as years ago. He never ran and he never ran for the nsas. He and the legislature ate the only living humans who do not believe this is a success.—

Good-bye "Sweetheart."

This is from the Indianapolis Journal: The Second Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, in command of Colonel Chaffee, passed through Indianapolis yesterday morning on its way to Chickamauga. As the train pulled slowly out the girls began the tactics of shaking hands with each soldier leaning out of a car window as he passed. The evolution met with its usual success to the girls in all instances save one. A girl about 17 years old, described, of course, as very pretty by those who saw the incident, was shaking hands with all the soldiers on her side of the train and as the last car rolled by she raised her hand to the man in the last window. He took it and heartily pressed it and as she withdrew he slipped off two rings which she wore. When she came to from her disconcertation and called to him to give back her rings the train had gathered speed and was fast leaving her behind. The soldier, holding the rings high in the air, cried with an exultant laugh: "Good-bye, sweetheart; take care of yourself," smacking the expression that the soldiers' fair admirers are wont to use. The girl quickly left the station when she saw that her rings were gone irrevocably, and her name could not be secured. One of the rings was set with diamonds and worth probably \$35, and the other was a plain gold band. It cannot be stated whether or not either of the rings signified an engagement.

It was suggested that though it was a "good-humored" theft, the girl would probably be inclined to cheer for Spain until she is consoled for the loss of her jewelry.

Lee's Stenographer Killed.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 19.—When about to go in bathing at Pablo Beach this afternoon, James T. Gatewood, private stenographer to Gen. Lee, of the Seventh army corps, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Gatewood was from Richmond, Va., and had been here about a week. The lightning came from a clear sky, hitting Gatewood at the base of the brain and passing down the spinal column. Chris Robertson, of this city, was beside Gatewood, and was thrown to the ground, a large part of his body being paralyzed. He recovered after a time, however, and is now all right.

Dancer's Deadly Fall.

NEW YORK.—Edward Mackin was a devotee of the dance and wore a medal as the champion waltzer. He was very slight in physique. At a public dance he took for a waltz a woman who weighs 210 pounds. Some one threw a piece of fat on the waxed floor and Mackin stepped on it. He went down as if shot and the woman fell heavily upon him. He was injured so that he died after some hours in great agony.

A somewhat reckless youth who had enlisted for the war, had spent his time in camp in writing home for money, finally sent this telegram as a "clinch": "Father—Leg shot off in sham battle. Send all funds you can." To this the old man replied: "Son—Don't know your number, but wooden leg goes to you by express. If it does not fit, get camp carpenter to plane it. Best love. All well here."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Is the editor-in-chief in?" asked a stranger, as he sauntered into the city reporter's room at 8 o'clock in the morning. "No, sir," replied the janitor, kindly. "He does not come down so early. Is there anything I can do for you?" "Perhaps so. Are you connected with the poetical department of the paper?" "I am, sir." "Oh, what do you do?" "I empty the waste baskets, sir."

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