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HARASSING WEYLER.

Rebel Troops Met at Every Turn—A Series of Engagements—Weyler's Camp Fired Upon.

Havana, Feb. 4—Since General Weyler entered the Santa Clara province about a week ago, his columns have had a series of encounters with various parties of rebels, which were eventually dispersed. All the way from Las Cruces to Santa Clara the shooting on the part of the rebels increased and their movements became bolder, a party of insurgents even firing upon General Weyler's camp on the river Sauga. The vanguard of the Spanish columns, also, had to fight its way across the Sauga river and other bodies of troops were compelled to do likewise at different places along the river where they essayed to cross. Despite these frequent encounters, the losses reported were insignificant on both sides. Only two rebels were killed and seven wounded. Various engagements have occurred in the vicinity of Sauga de Tanamo, in which the rebels lost over sixty killed and wounded and the troops had two privates killed and a naval commander and two privates wounded.

Rifles Must not Aid Cuba.

St Augustine, Fla., Feb. 7—Preparations have been going on for some time for a bal masque to be given by the Rifles, one of the crack militia companies of the State, for the benefit of the Cuban cause. To-day, however, an order was received from Washington forbidding the giving of the entertainment for the purpose named. The order is the result of requests on the part of the Spanish Consul at Jacksonville.

Eat Apples Freely.

The Medical Review prints the following plea for the apple, it having been translated from a German writer by a well known Brooklyn physician:

The apple is such a common fruit that few persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid, in an easily digestible shape than any other fruit known. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It also agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretions and prevents calculus growth, while it obviates indigestion and is one of the best preventatives of diseases of the throat. Next to lemon and orange it is also the best antidote for the thirst and craving of persons addicted to the alcohol and opium habits.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of *Chas. H. Plitcher* is on every wrapper.

What Spain Must Do.

Spain is decaying at the heart. She cannot sustain herself as a nation which can command the respect of the powers of the world. She is gradually lapsing into barbarity, and were she not retrograding, the failure to keep up with the modern motion would put her in the antiquated list. Spain can't do anything for herself. What leeway can she give Cuba without letting go of the island, and how can she exist without it? Spain must keep Cuba, brace up or die.—Pittsburg Times.

Weyler Says Reform Depends Upon the Triumph of the Spanish Army.

Havana, Feb. 6—When Captain General Weyler reached the outskirts of the city of Santa Clara, where he has arrived, a delegation of prominent citizens of the city went out to receive him and presented him with an address, and among other things said: "I am disposed to finish the rebellion in the Santa Clara province. Those speaking about reforms must know that the government has promised them, and has given the subject thorough study, but the establishment of these reforms depends upon the triumph of the Spanish army."

Woe to Bachelors.

North Carolina bachelors are mightily stirred up over the bill recently introduced in the Legislature to tax unmarried men over 24 years old \$10 for the first year and double the tax for each year they remain unmarried. This geometrically progressive tax proposed would force the boys into matrimony bankruptcy or both, or banish them from the State. A 24-year-old bachelor who remained in single blessedness for ten years under the operation of this tax would at the age of 34 have to pay a tax of \$10,240. Meanwhile he would have paid prior to that age \$10,230 for his blessed bachelorhood. Of course the scheme is ridiculous and impracticable and will never be enacted, but it simply illustrates what a progressive, ambitious State North Carolina is. Under the operation of such a deep laid scheme North Carolina would, in a few decades, outstrip all the other States in population or mightily swell the population of adjoining States. But there's the rub. Such a prohibitive tax on bachelorhood would soon drive from the State the eligible catches, and the girls would rise up in their might and repeal the law and offer a premium for the bachelors instead. Great is North Carolina.—Danville Register.

A Remarkable Decision.

The courts sometimes make decisions that seem very queer to those who are not acquainted with all the facts and conditions involved.

The Supreme Court of Colorado, for instance, in a recent opinion holds that a man cannot pump from a well on his own land water, which, if let alone, would make its way to a stream in which another man has recognized rights.

A man named Wilson, living in Lone Tree valley, dug two artesian wells and with the water procured from them brought 480 acres of hitherto useless land to a high state of cultivation. But Lone Tree creek, which runs near by his land, showed the effect of the artesian wells very decidedly in its decreased flow. A water company, which had been supplying its ditches from the creek, obtained an injunction to prevent Wilson from using his pumps. This injunction has been made permanent by the Supreme Court, which holds that Wilson's pumping diverted water which would otherwise have gone into the creek, and is therefore an interference with the rights of others.—Atlanta Journal.

Geese got Drunk on Brandy Cherries.

Sallie Johnson, a colored woman living near the Lutheran graveyard, had a rather novel experience with two geese Thursday.

She had a bottle of brandy cherries, which, on investigation, she believed to be spoiled. She threw the cher-

ries in the yard and the two geese belonging to Sallie came along and devoured them. What was her amazement then to go into the yard Wednesday and find the geese breathless, quackless—stone dead, she supposed. She picked the feathers from the inanimate geese and threw them into a ditch near by.

If she was surprised Wednesday morning she was struck dumb with amazement when the two geese, without a feather to speak for their genuineness, walk to her back door and begin to chatter for food.

They had eaten the entire bottle of brandy cherries, became drunk and only sobered up after being stripped of their plumage. This is an actual event and just one of the many strange things that are happening daily.—Ex

Robinson Crusoe's Chair.

The chair upon which Daniel De Foe sat when he wrote "Robinson Crusoe" is in possession of Mrs. Hannah May Mendenhall, of Hamonton, Pa. The chair came to her through Elizabeth Maxwell, who ran away from her home in England in 1693 because of the opposition of her parents to her marriage. She afterward married Thomas Job, and on the death of her mother the chair was sent to her. The father of Elizabeth Maxwell was an officer under Cromwell with De Foe, who was his cousin. When the cause failed De Foe went into hiding with Maxwell, and there wrote his famous book sitting upon the chair now owned by Mrs. Mendenhall.—N. Y. Press.

"Put John on the Island."

We have received a postal card, and copy of the local newspaper, from Mr. John F. Engle, the photographer, who is at present in Hamilton, Bermuda, British West Indies. He writes under date of Jan. 25th, and says that the coldest day since he has been there the thermometer registered 58 degrees, the warmest 72. All vegetation grows throughout the winter, onions, potatoes, tomatoes &c., are shipped in large quantities. A big trade is done there he says in warming up Yankees. Hamilton is the cleanest town in the world he thinks, but an expensive place to live. It is about 700 miles east of Charleston, S. C., the nearest point of land. They have mail only every ten days, so the Bermudans are not in very close touch with the outside world.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

(Mr. Engle is well known here as he was for some months a member of the firm of Engle & Lund.—Ed.)

Why Picnics are so Called.

Everybody knows what a picnic is, but some folks would find it hard to say how it got that name, and yet it is simple enough when you come to learn it. When a picnic was being arranged for, the custom originally was that those who intended to be present should supply the eatables and drinkables. A list of those necessities having been drawn up, it was passed around and each person picked out the article of food or drink that he or she was willing to furnish, and the name of the article was nicked, or ticked off the list. The open air entertainment thus became known as a "pick and nick." The custom is said to have date from 1802, so that the picnic is wholly an institution of the nineteenth century.—Ex.

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1:42 P. M. Leaves Wilson	2:05 P. M.

Between Wilmington and Norfolk, No. 48.	No. 49.
12:48 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	2:12 P. M.

"Shoo! Fly" Wilmington to Rocky Mount:

No. 40.	No. 41.
10:23 P. M. Leaves Wilson,	6:15 A. M.

THROUGH TRAINS.

Between Florence and Weldon, No. 32.	No. 35.
12:22 A. M. Leaves Wilson,	11:18 P. M.

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CHURCHES.

St. Timothy's Episcopal church, Rev. F. C. Bayliss, Priest-in-charge. Services: Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School at 3 p. m., Week-days—Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. Holy days at 10 a. m. Celebration of Holy Communion on 1st Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., other Sundays at 7:45 a. m.

Methodist Church, Rev. J. B. Hurley Pastor; services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Sunday School, 5 p. m., J. F. Bruton, Supt. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30.

Disciples Church, Rev. D. W. Davis, Pastor; services on Second, Third and Fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Sunday School at 3 o'clock, p. m., Geo. Hackney, Supt.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; services on the First, Second and Third Sunday in every month and at Strickland's church every Fourth Sunday. Sunday School at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Baptist Church, service as follows: Preaching Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and 8:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Rood Pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 5 p. m., D. S. Boykin Supt.

Primitive Baptist Church, preaching on 2nd Sunday by Elder Jas. Bass; on 3rd Sunday by Elder Jas. S. Woodard; on the 4th Sunday and Saturday before by the pastor, Elder P. D. Gold. Services begin at 11 a. m.

LODGES.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M. are held in their hall, corner of Nash and Goldsboro streets on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month. J. D. Bullock, W. M.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 are held in the Masonic Hall every 2nd Monday night at 7:30 o'clock p. m. each month.

Lat Williams, H. P.

Regular meetings of Mt. Lebanon Commandery No. 7 are held in the Masonic hall every 4th Monday night at 7:30 o'clock each month.

W. H. Applewhite, E. C.

Regular meetings of Wilson Lodge, K. of H. No. 1694 are held in their hall over the 1st National Bank every 1st Thursday evening at 3:30 o'clock, p. m. B. F. Briggs, Director.