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able that it was not made without a pretty full knowledge of what was contemplated and the reasons that will be assigned for it, and it was, doubtless, made with the view of influencing public sentiment in advance of the official declaration of that plan. But take it as a whole it simply amounts to an attempted apology for the Administration for not doing what its party was pledged to do, and which every one expected it would do if it did anything. It is an apology for ignoring that part of the Republican party platform which declared its sympathy with the Cubans struggling for liberty and pledged the party to use its efforts to restore peace to Cuba and secure the independence of the island.

The following is the Cuban plank in full: "From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggles of other American peoples to free themselves from European domination. We watch with deep and abiding interest the heroic battle of the Cuban patriots against cruelty and oppression, and our best hopes go out for the full success of their determined contest for liberty."

The Government of Spain, having lost control of Cuba, and being unable to protect the property and lives of American citizens, or to comply with its treaty obligations, we believe that the Government of the United States should actively use its influence and good offices to restore peace and give independence to the island.

There was no established seat of Government in Cuba then any more than there is now; the same leaders and the same armies were fighting the Spaniards then that are fighting them now, and these men are surely entitled to as much recognition, respect and confidence now as they were then. There is as much reason to believe that these leaders and these armies are supported by a majority of the people of the island now as there was then, and yet we are told that the President and his counselors will repudiate the declaration of their platform and treat these insurgents as irresponsible marauders and adventurers who are attempting to set up a government that may not have the sanction of the people of Cuba and may not be any better than the government of the Spaniards. What a beastly betrayal of a trust and desertion of the men for whom such ardent sympathy was professed!

But aside from this deceitful apology, what will be the outcome of this proposed line of action? Suppose the United States drive the Spaniards out of Cuba, and spike the Cubans' guns? What then? This Government must practically take possession of Cuba, and become the master, after overcoming both Spaniards and Cubans. This will simply be a conquest of the island, the United States instead of Spain being the sovereign power. This means that the United States must govern the island, whether the people of the island wish it or not, and no one supposes they do, unless, perhaps, it may be those Americans who own plantations there. They might, and probably would, prefer government by this country.

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The Bell Telephone Company isn't running the "hello" business for fun only. The receipts for the fiscal year just ended were \$5,130,844, expenses \$961,170, profits \$4,169,674. There are very few newspapers in the country that make more clear money annually than this.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says we could produce from 1,000,000 acres planted in beets as much sugar as this country now imports. That isn't one-twentieth as much land as we put in cotton, and all the cotton we raise wouldn't pay for the sugar we buy.

That Spanish consul at New York was too fresh when he started the story that the Maine was blown up by the insurgents, after the Spanish court had satisfied itself that the explosion was not external. They should now blow that consul up.

A Chicago health journal says water sipped is a stimulant and more potent than wine. But there is no use in telling Chicago people that. They could not be prevailed upon to sip water. If they take it at all they have to hold their noses and gulp it down.

Wages are still \$15 a day in Dawson City, but with candles \$40 a dozen, beef a dollar a pound, spirits \$20 a bottle and other necessities in proportion, the \$15 a day man does not run any risk of becoming a bloated plutocrat.

It is said that adulteration in flour may be detected with the X-ray. This is good news. Now all the housekeeper has to do is to equip her kitchen with an X-ray apparatus, turn on the light and defy the winding flour manipulator.

Now that Emil Zola has been turned loose by the French Court of Appeals he can come over here and rake in those \$60,000 offered him for a lecture tour and also have some fun.

DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Important Meeting Last Night—Dates For Primaries and County Convention. A meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee was held last night at the office of W. B. McKoy, Esq. The chairman, Mr. H. McL. Green, and the secretary, Mr. B. F. King, were present. The other members present were Messrs. G. W. Bornemann, J. C. Munds, W. B. McKoy, F. T. Skipper, J. H. Beery, J. W. Branch and E. F. Johnson. The main business before the committee was to decide on a date for the primaries. After discussion, the twenty-seventh of the present month was selected as the date for the primary elections. The call will be made publicly, and according to the plan of organization next week. It was further decided to hold the County Convention on Saturday, the thirteenth.

FRONT STREET MARKET. A Fine Array of Meats for Easter—Floral Decorations. The STAR has seldom if ever seen such a fine array of meats so well arranged and so artistically set off with becoming decorations as could be seen at Mr. I. B. Rhodes' beef stall yesterday morning. There was every kind of meat that a person could wish for, Easter or any other time for that matter. There was lamb, veal, mutton, pork, and an idea of the quantity which is disposed of on an Easter Saturday can be had from the statement that the day's business was begun with 58 lambs not to speak of similar quantities of other meats.

The decorations were as handsome as the meats were fresh and plentiful. Pine, myrtle, dogwood and evergreens and flowers combined to make the stall a place of real beauty. And the decorator had drawn liberally on a hot house for a liberal sprinkling of cut flowers, ferns, etc. The decorations were planned by Mr. Jno. C. Hintze, Mr. Rhodes' clever and competent chief clerk.

While knocking about the market yesterday, the reporter was invited by Mr. Rhodes into his big refrigerator, where he tells us twenty cattle can be put away.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Supreme Court Decides They Cannot Be Members of the Board of Education. The Supreme Court orders that one and the same man cannot hold two offices. This ruling is violated in a number of instances, but the best illustration is to be found in the fact that in several counties, New Hanover included, the Board of Education is formed by members of the Board of Commissioners. The plea put up by the double office-holders is: 1st, that the Board of Education is no office; 2nd, acceptance of a second office does not vacate the first; 3rd, that the duties of the two offices do not conflict. This demurrer was sustained by the Superior Court of Bladen county last Fall in quo warranto proceedings brought against Z. G. Thompson, C. W. Lyon and Jno. F. Croom, County Commissioners and members of the Board of Education, but was overruled by the Supreme Court in a decision last week, in which Chief Justice Faircloth says: "The question in this State does not turn upon the incompatibility of the two offices alone, as it did at common law, but upon the plain and positive language of the constitution."

THE STATE GUARD. Adjutant General Cowles Says it Will be Mobilized at Raleigh. At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. D. T. Cronly was made a committee of one to communicate with Adjutant General A. D. Cowles with reference to the possibility of having the State troops mobilized at Wilmington. Mr. Cronly mailed his letter the same evening and yesterday received the following response which shows that the mustering will be in Raleigh: ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, RALEIGH, N. C., April 8, 1898. Mr. D. T. Cronly, Committee, Wilmington, N. C.: Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 7th instant is to hand proposing mobilization of the troops at Wilmington in the event of a call for troops by the General Government for purposes of war. In reply will say that it is necessary that the mobilization and reorganization of the troops should be at the Headquarters, at which point all supplies and equipment will be shipped by the War Department for distribution. After their organization and mustering in is completed it may be that the troops will be placed at different points along the coast. Yours truly, A. D. COWLES, Ad't General.

A Sneak Thief. One of a gang of petty thieves which infest the business portion of the city made a sad failure of an attempt to rob Mr. E. E. Ward, a produce dealer on Market street late yesterday afternoon. The diminutive rascal entered the store about 5 o'clock and thinking that no one was looking, seized a seven-pound ham which was suspended in the centre of the store and started out with it. An employe of Mr. Ward, who was out in front of the store, saw the transaction and hailed the boy, who became frightened and dropping the ham made off. A warrant was issued for the boy last night, but up to a late hour he had not been apprehended. —Schooner Van Laer Black, Lacey, was cleared yesterday by Powers Gibbs & Co., loaded with pyrites for Charleston.

TO MINE THE HARBOR AT FORT CASWELL.

Arrival of a Detachment of the Engineer Corps of the U. S. Army. Nearly Three Hundred Men at Work on the Fortifications Day and Night. SUBMARINE MINE BATTERY. In Readiness to be Placed in the River—the Fort in Telegraph Connection With Army Engineers' Office in Wilmington. Fort Caswell continues to be the scene of great activity. The Government operations are being pushed with haste and though the authorities will not say whether the additional fortifications will be completed soon or late, it may well be presumed that with between 250 and 300 men at work, half in the day and half at night, and more wanted, it will be only a short while before everything will be in readiness for the successful operation of the first line of defence. This will be the heavy guns of the fort, some of which are already on the spot and others are expected daily.

The Secondary Line of Defence, or the battery of submarine mines is already practically prepared. As soon as the detachment of army engineers, ordered here from Willet's Point, got to Caswell, they were hustled into the old fort where they hustled out their coats and went to work in earnest. The mines have not yet been laid, but this part of the undertaking is the easiest and when all the rest of the preparations are made, which can be done inside of thirty-six hours, the remainder of the work necessary to a complete defence of the harbor can be completed in comparatively a short while. No place where a ship can pass will be left undefended.

Telegraph Line to Caswell. The army headquarters in the third story of the government building are now connected by telegraph wire with Fort Caswell by means of the Wilmington and Southport line with connection from the Postal office to the government building and from Southport to the fort. Mr. Adolphus Robinson, one of the experienced young operators of the Postal, is assigned to duty in Capt. Craighill's office, Mr. V. S. Stevens is the operator at Southport and Sergeant G. T. Taylor, who has had abundant experience, will most likely send and receive messages at the fort.

Stone Continues to Come In. The government steamer H. C. Wright brought up two empty lighters from Fort Caswell yesterday morning and placed them at the C. F. & Y. M. docks. A large force of men were busily engaged all day in loading the rock received the day before for the new emplacement at the fort. At midnight the tug Marion, Capt. Edgar Williams, took the lighters in tow for the fort. A force of hands went down on the lighters to assist in unloading them. Rapid Fire Guns. A consignment of Maxim rapid-fire guns for Wilmington and other Southern points is expected this week.

THE SUPERIOR COURT. Some of the Cases to be Tried at the April Term Which Will Convene in This City on the 18th. Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, has completed his calendar of cases for trial at the April term which opens one week from tomorrow, his Honor Judge S. B. Adams presiding. The trial docket shows the following two cases set for the first day: Thomas Croom vs. J. W. Harper and Daniel Lee vs. Mag Morgan et al. A suit which promises to be of some interest appears on the summons docket. It was filed yesterday by the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company and seeks to restrain the sheriff from levying an execution on the railroad property that it bought from the Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk Railroad Company. The execution is on a judgment obtained by T. B. Burnett against the Wilmington & Newbern Railroad Company after this company had bought the property. The plaintiff company will be represented by Col. A. M. Waddell and Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., while appearing for the other side will be Messrs. M. Bellamy & Son, Col. T. W. Strange and attorneys E. S. Mack, C. P. Lockey, George Rountree and J. A. Marshall. The case will be heard at chambers.

Important Changes of Schedule. The readers of the STAR will note the following important changes of schedule on the Atlantic Coast Line: The Atlantic Coast Line morning passenger train for the north, commencing to-day, April 10th, will leave at 9:00 A. M., instead of 9:35 A. M. The Atlantic Coast Line truck train, going north, will leave Wilmington at 7:30 A. M., commencing April 11th, instead of 8:00 A. M.

Freight Car Thieves. Mr. Henry Harris, the watchman who detected thieves removing lead from a case on one of the tracks at the Atlantic Coast Line depot, says that there were ten or twelve persons in the crowd. One of them was carrying a guitar, which was almost certainly the one stolen from the window of Mr. A. E. Reville's store. While they were escaping, one of them lagged behind the rest, and Mr. Harris fired on him. The thief fell, but gathered himself together and ran again. The watchman reports that as he fired he heard one of the men cry, "My God, he's killed my partner."

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LEE'S DEPARTURE FROM HAVANA. On the Dispatch Boat Fern, Accompanied by His Staff and Others. OTHER AMERICANS LEAVE. The U. S. Flag on the Consulate Building Taken Down—News of the Departure Caused Considerable Surprise Among Spaniards.

By Cable to the Morning Star. HAVANA, April 9.—At 10 o'clock this morning Consul General Lee, accompanied by British Consul Gollan, called on General Blanco to bid him good bye. The Governor General was very busy and could not receive Gen. Lee. The American flag upon the consulate building has been taken down by consular employes.

HAVANA, April 9.—Early Saturday was generally observed at all the churches. The services began at 10 o'clock with bell-ringing, accompanied by cannon salutes from the fortress of the Cabanas. Later on the Cuban capital resumed the ordinary run of business.

THE SWEDISH BARGE Hanna, Capt. Paclsson, from Brunswick, Ga., for Bremen, with 400 barrels of resin, was towed into Bermuda, yesterday, leaking badly. At Denver, Col., W. F. Sager and E. W. Swannbrook broke the world's unimpeded tandem record for four to ten miles, inclusive, on the new board track. The time at the finish was 21.18.

CURE-FIT'S. When I say I cure I do not mean merely to stop them for a time and then have them return again. I FITS, EPILEPSY and WALKING BECKEN'S a life-long cure. Because others have failed, it is no reason for not now trying CURE-FIT'S. Send at once for a free bottle of my infallible remedy. "CURE-FIT'S" and "POTASSIO-IRON" are sold by all druggists.

W. H. PERFE, F. D., a Graduate, New York.