## WEEKLY ERA. <br> SELECTED.

## CUBA.

0 ere thy purple hills, 0 , Cubs : Though thy valleys of romance,
All thy glorious dreams of freedom Are but dre Mountain pass and fruitful valley-
Mural town and spreading plain Mountain pass and freading plainn,
Mhowat town and spreate forteps the spaniard,
In tis burning lust for gain.

Since the caravel of Colom Since the caravel of Colon
Grated first upon thy strand, Grated first upon thy strand,
Every thing about thee. Cuba,
Shows the iron Spanish band.
Hear that crash of martial music
From the plaza how it awells


Turn thy step to Artares-
There was one on od oed of shame:
Helpless men were coldy butchere
Helperess wan wer ere eodily buame!
'Tis a part of Spanish fame.
Wander now down to the Punta. Lay thy hand upon thy throat,
Thou wiil sea a spanish emblem
In the dark and grim garrote.
In the Moro-in the market-
In the shadow-in the sunTho wilt seo the bearded spaniard
Where a gold piece may be won. And now Santiago's, story

And they latten on thee, Cuba :

Than Prometheus of the Ocean,
Bound down, not for what thou But for fere thy gocial statue
Sould start living in the sun And we give thee tears; O . Cuba :
Aud our prayers to God aplift, Aud our prayers to God uplif,
That at last the flame colestial
May come down to theos-a gift Last Wednesday afternoon, at a the report of the Special Committhe on Salaries and Economy was
 maximum annual salary of the male principals of grammar schools
at $\$ 3,000$ of male vice-princi pals at at $\$ 3,000$, of male vice-principals at
$\$ 2.500$, of male first assistants at $\$ 2,500$, of male first assistants at $\$ 2, \$ 1,000$, the report provides that the maximum salary of female vice-principals, $\$ 1,500$; of female of a particular grade), $\$ 1,000$, and
of other female assistants, an amount ranging from $\$ 500$ to $\$ 800$, but it is certainly not consonant with wisdom or humanity. It outrages common sense, we might
say common decency. We defy say common decency. We defy portant work ought to be paid unequally because there happens to
be between them a difference of

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