

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES:

First District, GEORGE H. BROWN, JR.

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Fifth District, ROBERT B. BOOSE.

The one hundred and third annual commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina were held last week, and were unusually interesting and pleasant.

The annual literary address was delivered by Hon. Hannis Taylor, late Minister to Spain, who is a native of this State and an alumnus of the University.

The corner stone of the proposed alumni building was laid with imposing ceremonies by the Grand Lodge of Masons, and very appropriate and eloquent speeches were made by Col. Julian S. Carr and Mr. Francis D. Winston.

The orations of members of the graduating class were highly creditable, and the Willie P. Mangum medal for the best oration was awarded to Mr. E. K. Graham of Charlotte.

At the annual meeting of the alumni association it was resolved to have an alumni banquet at Raleigh some time next winter, and have as large a re-union as possible of the alumni of the University.

The sinking of the Merrimac, in order to obstruct the entrance to the harbor at Santiago, is one of the most daring and heroic feats recorded in the annals of history.

No more new white companies of volunteers will be organized in this State, but the quota allotted to North Carolina under the President's last call will be assigned to the two regiments already organized.

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Cuba has at last been invaded. On last Monday the American fleet bombarded the fortifications at the entrance of Santiago harbor, silencing all the forts, destroying several earthworks and rendering useless the strongest batteries.

Now that the Democrats have shown their want of confidence in the sincerity of Senator Butler's political principles will he again try to cooperate with and fool the Republicans?

If he and the Populist committee were really sincere and honest in their proposition to fuse or cooperate with the Democrats, how can they now consistently fuse or cooperate with the Republicans?

But, having betrayed and deceived the Republicans once, will the Republicans again trust such unreliable mercenaries? Hardly, if all the Republicans have the same opinion of Butler as that expressed in last week's issue of the Rockingham Register, one of the ablest edited Republican newspapers published in this State.

Hot Times at Manila.

Manila, May 31, via Hong Kong, June 6.—The Spanish outposts have been driven in all along the line, simultaneously and with great slaughter. It is said that over 1,000 have been killed.

Today the insurgents hold Malabon, Tarias and Bacoon. They are now attacking Santa Mesa and Molate, the suburbs of the city, which is completely encircled for a distance of seven miles.

Chief Aguinaldo, in the course of an interview, has said that the insurgents are eager to rush upon Manila forthwith, but that Admiral Dewey refuses to allow "hordes of passionate semi-savages to storm a civilized metropolis."

Admiral Dewey intends to await the arrival of the American troops. In the meantime the insurgents have been forbidden to cross the Mabete river, seven miles south of Manila; otherwise the Petrel will be stationed there to bombard them.

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An Heroic Exploit.

On Board the Associated Press Dispatch Boat Dauntless, off Santiago de Cuba, June 4, via Kingston, Jamaica, June 3.—Rear Admiral Sampson during Friday morning decided to close the narrow harbor entrance of Santiago de Cuba by sinking the collier Merrimac, loaded with coal, in the channel.

By this time I calculate, the six men will be in the dingy and the Merrimac will have swung athwart the channel, to the full length of her 300 yards of cable, which will have been paid out before the anchors were cut loose.

The investment and capture of the city means destruction of the Spanish flotilla. No one in authority here expects Cervera to surrender. He will blow up his fine cruisers.

The capture of Santiago may bring forth suggestions from France. The latter power will be the intermediary between the United States and Spain.

What actually happened on board the Merrimac can best be judged from what Lieutenant Hobson said before leaving the flagship.

"I shall go right into the harbor until about 400 yards past the Estrella battery, which is behind Merro Castle. I do not think they can sink me before I reach somewhere near that point.

The great obstacle to peace will rest on the Porto Rican question. The President regards that fertile island as a prerequisite of the United States. Cuba will have an independent government, guaranteed by the United States.

The President is still hopeful that warlike operations on that island will be unnecessary. A success at Santiago will, he trusts, bring about peace negotiations.

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Goldsboro Headlight: Two daughters of Dallas Ward, colored, were killed by lightning near their home in Greene county Thursday morning while at work in the field. A mule was also killed and fell on one of Ward's sons, injuring him quite severely. The father was knocked senseless but soon revived.

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