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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

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Sixth District,
OLIVER H. ALLEN.
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THOMAS A. MCNEILL
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WILLIAM A. HOKE.

FOR SOLICITOR:

Fifth District,
ROBERT D. GILMER.

SANTIAGO was formally surrendered on last Sunday. Its capitulation had been pending for some days, and much time consumed in making the Spaniards come at its terms, but the delay probably prevented more fighting and saved many lives. The surrender includes not only the city and harbor of Santiago, with all the soldiers there with their arms and munitions of war, but also the eastern portion of the province of about 5,000 square miles—embracing several towns and several thousand soldiers who had not fired a gun.

A garrison of two or three regiments will occupy Santiago but the main body of Shafter's army will be encamped several miles inland, on a high range of hills, where the wearied soldiers can obtain a much needed rest and be more comfortable and less liable to sickness.

The Spanish prisoners will be conveyed to Spain the first of August in transports hired by our government. It is much cheaper to carry them to Spain than to feed and guard them either for labor in this country. They can do us no harm in Spain, and certainly will never return to Cuba.

An expedition will, as soon as possible, be sent to Porto Rico and that island speedily occupied by our troops, who will there be much less liable to sickness than in Cuba as it is much more healthy there. Gen. Miles with small forces has already sailed for Porto Rico, and reinforcements to the number of 10,000 will rapidly follow him. With the city surrender of Porto Rico it seems probable that Spain will prefer the war any longer, but make peace on the best terms she can get.

ONE result of the surrender of Santiago is very significant, and it is the occupation and control of that city by a portion of our army, instead of turning it over to the government of the so-called Republic of Cuba.

Many Americans censured President Cleveland, and then President McKinley, for not recognizing the so-called Republic of Cuba, and now, after our army has driven the Spanish army out of Cuba's third largest city, we have to govern it by military power in order to protect its inhabitants.

The truth of the matter is the Cuban insurgents are not capable of self-government, nor fit to govern other people. While the Spaniards are cruel and treacherous, the Cuban insurgents are equally as much so, and are unworthy of the sacrifice of blood and treasure that our country is making in their behalf. Commodore Watson's fleet is preparing to start in a few days to bombard some of Spain's seacoast cities, and carry the war home to the Dons.

SIX companies of the second North Carolina regiment of volunteers have been very fortunate and peculiarly favored in having been ordered from their camp, at Raleigh, and stationed at southern forts to do garrison duty.

Company A (from Fayetteville) is at Tybee Island, near Savannah. Company D. (from Greensboro) is at Port Royal, South Carolina. Company C. (from Lenoir) and Company I (from Tarboro) are at St. Augustine, Florida. And Company F. (from Lumber Bridge) and Company M. (from Murphy) are at Fort McPherson, near Atlanta.

This is certainly much better than being sent to Cuba, or Porto Rico, where some of our soldiers are foolishly clamoring to go.

The other six companies of the second regiment are still at Raleigh, and it is unknown when or where they will be moved.

Search throughout the State and where will you find a better lawyer, who has not office been given an office or does not occupy a high place in his party?

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The first step toward the [illegible] of Santiago after its surrender, was the [illegible] Texas, loaded with supplies for the suffering sick and poor. The [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] the Americans.

First Three Months.

The war began on the [illegible] months ago and in the [illegible] most important events [illegible] over it, a brief summary of [illegible] we copy from the Charleston [illegible] as follows:

The flying squadron left Hampton Roads for Key West on April 21st, and during the same week President McKinley called for volunteers. On May 1 the Spanish fleet in Manila Bay was destroyed by Commodore Dewey. On May 11th Sampson's fleet bombarded the forts at San Juan, Porto Rico. On May 19th Admiral Cervera's fleet was reported in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. On May 25th Commodore Schley's fleet was reported off Cienfuegos. On May 29th Commodore Schley's fleet was reported off Santiago de Cuba. On June 3rd Lieut. Hobson sunk the collier Merrimac in the channel of Santiago harbor. On June 10th Gen. Shafter's army began landing at Daiquiri. On June 22nd the first battle was fought between Shafter's army and the Spanish troops. On June 24th the battle of Las Guasimas was fought, in which Roosevelt's Rough Riders participated. On July 1st and 2nd the battles of San Juan and El Caney were fought, in which our troops drove the Spaniards from their strongly fortified positions, with heavy loss. On July 3rd Admiral Cervera's fleet was destroyed by Admiral Sampson's fleet. On July 10th Gen. Miles arrived at Guanica, Porto Rico, with reinforcements. On July 14th Santiago surrendered. On July 17th Spanish troops surrendered at Manzanillo. On July 18th Gen. Miles issued a proclamation to the people of Porto Rico.

[illegible] Santiago, July 17.—At noon today the American flag was hoisted over the city of Santiago, while in the streets of the [illegible] our bands played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Officers and men recently subjected to the rebel rule they went sailing up the bay and [illegible] a few hours before had supported the yellow and red emblem of Spain.

The hoisting of our flag meant the actual occupation of the city by our troops. At 11 a. m. the official entrance to the town began. As soon as possession had been taken Gen. Chandler McKibbin was appointed Military Governor of Santiago.

The first troops to enter were the men of the Ninth Infantry. The position of honor was given them as reward for their heroic conduct on that hill during the first days of the fighting in the present positions.

Gen. Shafter and his staff as they rode into the town were escorted by the Second Cavalry.

As the Ninth entered the city the people broke into cheering. The balconies of the houses were crowded with people. Many of them waved handkerchiefs in welcome to our troops. Others showed their satisfaction in quieter ways.

[illegible] Spanish troops [illegible] Our men, with a few [illegible] of the illness of [illegible] the rebellion [illegible] to avoid the pulls of [illegible] and the [illegible] Spanish officials accepted [illegible] of officers.

Gens. Shafter, Wheeler, Kent, Lawton, Ames, Duncan and McKibbin took up their quarters in the Governor General's palace, where they were soon joined by the wounded and [illegible] Admiral Sampson had been taken.