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No fusion for spoils will be one motto for the Democratic State convention, if the Populists and Republicans wish to fuse on that low basis let them. The Democratic party will gain in the end by refusing to do likewise.

That which adds glory to the American victory at Manila is the fact that while several of the Spanish cruisers engaged were armored, such is not the case as to a single one of the Americans. Three of them are protected, but not one armored.—Charlotte Observer.

None of the Spanish cruisers was armored, according to The Citizen's understanding—up to the time the Observer spoke. There were seven Spanish cruisers in the battle, and all are placed in the unarmored class by the Washington Post, which is near the fount of all naval knowledge.

If what we read of the administration of the Spanish in the Philippines can be believed, one-tenth of the money that has been stolen by officials of the crown from time to time would have made Manila impregnable, provided it had been expended in the erection of forts and the purchase of guns and mines. But as in Cuba, so in the Philippines—the one idea of the Spanish government has been to get the largest possible revenue out of the island, while, at the same time, the Spanish resident officials have stolen both from the natives and the government. Weyler is accused of having laid the foundation of his large fortune in Manila. Blanco, too, was for a time governor general of the islands, but from all accounts was far less capacious than Weyler.

We Have Come to Our Own.

How the horizon of the people of the United States has widened in the last month! Names of places that were almost unknown four weeks ago are now household words. Cuba we always knew, and Havana (rightly spelled Habana), but Matanzas was new, and Santiago de Cuba and Cienfuegos and Hondo Bahai. Then the circle widened suddenly. Cape Verde and the Canaries came in, had their day and went out for the time. Then Commodore, soon to be admiral, Dewey had been ordered out of Hong Kong and was not at home to visitors. We began to be anxious about him. He turned up first at the before unheard of Mirs Bay, south of Hong Kong and, by so much, nearer the ocean. Then a silence of a few days, while the Spanish telegrams said the United States fleet could not be found by the Spanish squadron.

Meanwhile Manila Manila with one D had moved into the dispatches and the wall maps were investigated and old atlases brought out. Yes, there were the Philippines, nearly 12,000 miles from New York, but now right at our doors as it were. Visitors began to drop into the newspaper offices, where they pretend to know everything whether they really do or not, confess that geography was not their strong point in school, and ask to be helped to the knowledge that was necessary to a complete understanding of the dispatches.

The fact is, we seem suddenly to have "grown up"—to be, as a nation, as the boy who comes of age just in a moment and begins to feel himself a man. We are sitting up and taking notice. Our coast line does not now bound our mental horizon. We sweep in the mind's eye magnificent distances—half around the very globe. We begin to ask ourselves what is the thing to do with "our possessions" in the "far East," though the title papers are a little unfinished as yet—a little smoky—need a seal or two. Even the foreign papers mention us now in their daily telegrams. In fact we are absorbing the interest of the whole civilized world and we know it. And here are two essays in the monthlies for May, one by Richard Olney and the other by Rev. Lyman Abbott, suggesting that while Washington's advice to beware of entangling foreign alliances did very well for his day and generation, it is really all too short a suit for the lengthened body politic of 1898. Washington had a larger grasp on national affairs, but he did not read the yellow journals of our day and therefore could not look forward and anticipate what a sweep there would be to our vision when generation had piled on generation; when we had become seventy millions of proud, rich and perhaps over-confident people, and when the nation we parted from in wrath in 1776 would suggest that an understanding that we act with it in the future would make the English speaking men the masters of the world.

We seem, in short, to have suddenly dropped out of the home nest into a far larger world than we occupied a month or two ago. Perhaps it is all for the best. Perhaps our childrens' children will look back at us and speak of us as slow and insular, up to April, 1898, though well meaning. What seems certain even now is that we have become, in the twinkling of an eye, as it were, one of the great powers of the earth, and that we must hereafter bear our share of the immense responsibility of such a position. Hereafter it will probably appear that they reckon ill who leave us out of their calculations in discussing affairs between the nations. We have become partners in a vast estate.

HIGH LIGHTS.

From the Chicago Record.

A man coward gets only abuse, but a woman coward gets cuddled and encouraged.

When some men go to war their wives know it will kill them to take brown sugar in their coffee.

Cynics think they can reflect human nature correctly in the cheap, twisted mirrors of their embittered souls.

Women who go to church to show their finery always have a scornful attempt for women who don't go at all.

Grammar is all right, but much of the world's most original thought emanates from people who say "I done it."

When a man is sick the average woman likes to have him sick enough not to keep her running down town after cigars.

THEY LIVE LIKE PRINCES

SPANISH PRISONERS GUARDED AT KEY WEST.

Imprisonad Officers Entertain Their Captors—Pathetic Words of the Captain—If Put Ashore at Key West There Will be Trouble.

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KEY WEST, Fla., April 29.—Some of the Spanish seamen detained here on the captured vessels live like princes of large inheritance and entertain their guests with all the elaborate politeness and generous hospitality of their race. They give course dinners, have the choicest of Spanish wines and cigars and treat the United States officials who visit them as if they were petted friends instead of dreaded captors.

The Associated Press correspondent has visited all the Spanish ships and dined with the captain and officers of the elegant merchant steamer Miguel Jover. This vessel has a cargo of rice and other food supplies from the tropics and is owned in Barcelona, Spain. Next to the Panama she is the most valuable prize and is estimated to be worth $500,000. By far, she is the best equipped vessel in the captive fleet and the elegance and richness of her cabin and officers' quarters can scarcely be excelled by any merchant ship afloat.

Her cabin is finished in Italian marble with the finest of mahogany furniture, beautiful and expensive carpets and draperies, elaborate electric light fixtures, a piano, and in brief, the best of everything.

The representative of the Associated Press was received by the captain and his officers with great courtesy and polite welcome. The crew numbers 58 men and all of the officers of higher rank are men of education and refinement. Captain Juan Bil, is apparently about 65 years of age, stern, dignified, and with an exceptionally strong, determined face. The first officer, Vincente Terol, is a bright, genial little Spaniard, bubbling over with good nature and politeness and talking incessantly, with gestures and broken English of the beauties of old Spain.

At 6 o'clock the call for dinner was sounded and the captain took his place at the head of the table. A better dinner would be difficult to obtain at any table on the American continent. It consisted of seven courses with three kinds of wine, including the best champagne, the finest brand of cigars and Spanish cigarettes. Many of the dishes were Spanish and deliciously palatable. After the dinner was finished, Dr. Gonmenz went to the piano and played for half an hour. It was a striking picture. Here sat these proud Spanish prisoners in their floating palace. Their guests who sat with them were their captors and their enemies. Within the soft light of the tropical sunset streaming in through the cabin windows, they sang together the national airs of Spain, while a hundred yards away the black guns of a United States battleship frowned upon them. Perhaps it was their last song, their last night in the ship which to many of them was home, they did not know. The song ceased and the American visitors arose in silence to go. As they left the cabin, the venerable commander of the ship gave each a hearty grasp of the hand. As the little party were about to leave the dock, the old captain turned to his interpreter and said:

"Tell them I thank them for the kindness they have shown us. We are their prisoners, but they have treated us as gentlemen and a Spaniard knows how to appreciate such consideration. Say to them the Spaniard in Spain is one man and the Spaniard in Cuba quite another man. We are sorry for this war. We are not to blame for it, nor are these American gentlemen we have met. It is the fault of our unwise leaders in Cuba and we deplore it. If we lose our ship we will give it up like men. Ask the man of the press to send a message to Barcelona telling our families that we are all right and in the hands of Christian gentlemen."

With moist eyes and trembling lips the old captain bowed to his guests and disappeared within the cabin.

It is a very perplexing question with the United States authorities what to do with the Spanish soldiers in case the vessels are to be held as prizes.

Nearly all of them are penniless, and declare that they are, and they seem to fear they cannot get money from Spain or England to pay their passage across the Atlantic. Since their capture they have been kept on their ships under guard of deputy United States marshals.

Since the Spanish vessels were captured and brought here the water front has been daily and nightly fringed with Cubans, cursing and muttering all kinds of vengeance upon the imprisoned seamen out on the ships. Were the Spaniards actually on shore, it may easily be imagined what would happen to them.

A GRAND NEWS RUSH.

How the News Came From Manila in 35 Minutes.

From the New York Sun.

News of the fighting in Manila, on the other side of the earth, travels more than 14,000 miles, over a dozen cables and three or more overland wires before it gets to this city. Very few persons, among the thousands who watch the bulletin boards these days, stop to think, when a Manila dispatch is posted, that the message was repeated over and over again, as it was sent from cable office to cable office, in the long journey from the Philippine port to the American shore. It travelled across seas, gulfs, bays and straits, mountains, valleys and plains. But Monday the news that Commodore Dewey was ready to bombard Manila was known in this city 35 minutes in actual time after the British operator at Manila opened his key. The cables were rushing things.

PEOPLE.

Two locks of hair once belonging to Jefferson Davis are relics of the Confederate bazaar at Baltimore.

The late Charles A. Dana received $10,000 for his "Reminiscences of the Civil War," now running in McClures.

The wife of Maximo Gomez was Miss Pink Martin of Nall's Creek, Tenn. Her widowed mother went to Havana after the war because her brother was in business there.

Joaquin Moreno, Minister Woodford's clerk, whom the Spaniards tried to detain in Spain, was born in the penal colony at Ceuta. His father had been sent there for life because of his active republicanism and his sweetheart followed him and they were married.

Dr. Vaughan, the Roman Catholic bishop of Plymouth and the oldest prelate in the British isles, has just celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. The bishop, who attained his 85th birthday in February, has not only now been 60 years a priest, but for 43 years a bishop.

From all accounts, Czar Nicholas II. is really very fond of his wife, much to the dowager czarina's disgust, as she finds she is not the power behind the throne that she expected to be. The easy ceremony of the Russian court gives great displeasure to sticklers for time-worn forms. Their imperial majesties actually exchange endearing phrases in public, a thing previously unheard of in Russia.

AT CAMP GRIMES.

CAMP BRYAN GRIMES, May 3.—The first morning of soldiers' life opened as bright and cheerful as a May day should. A good night's rest, interrupted only by the frequent calls, "Corporal of the Guard, Post No. —," which only arouses our drowsy sympathy for the luckless corporal, sets us up in good style, and makes us ready for breakfast. We wish that breakfast had been equally ready for us, but it takes time to get all things in good running order, and a lesson in patience is a good one for soldiers to begin with.

Our chief move, thus far, consists of making selection from our 113 gallant fellows, whose names were sent you yesterday, 84 rank and file, which the War Department says shall compose a company. This is a hard task for our good captain, who hates to part with any of his men; but so it must be, and fortunately we know Captain Ellington of Reidsville and Captain Gardner of Shelby to be excellent men and officers, under whom our surplus will fare well and do good service.

You can scarcely appreciate the number of rumors which circulate in a new camp and your correspondent finds trouble in selecting from them those which are not utterly wild. One of these, and the most reliable in present appearance, is that our arms will be changed and new magazine rifles substituted. Then that drilling in earnest will begin, and when we are well drilled, How long? Who knows? We will be moved; yes, no doubt; but whither? Richmond is the answer now, but whether or not there is the least foundation for this rumor no one can tell.

No matter about rumors, when we have facts to substitute for them, and one of these, which is indisputable, is that the A. L. I. is composed of A1 material. Men who have seen service do not hesitate to remark upon the excellent morale which marks the company from captain to private. No loud boasting, no profanity, no obscenity, but a quiet determination to do all that duty calls for. Such men are the kind to be relied on when necessity arises.

Here are a few personals: Jess Patton wants something to eat—strange wish! But maybe Paul Bros. may relieve it.

Our first camp supper, an excellent loaf of baker's bread, did first rate as far as it went; but that was scarcely far enough.

Drummer Owen is anxious to show on the head of drum, how he would like to serve the head of Sagasta, and will if he will only submit it to his hands. We fear poor Owen will scarce be gratified in this modest desire.

"Oh, for the Biltmore Dairy milk and cream," crys Private Lindsey, and will no doubt continue to cry for some days to come.

Private Patton, T. W., stretches his fair form betwixt Bayliss Rector and R. O. Patterson and lulls them to sleep with veteran snores. They do not regret that their bedfellow has been appointed private secretary to regimental commissary, and hope his duties will keep him all right. These duties are very heavy. Three private secretaries are constantly hard at work watching each other and working chess problems.

With lots of love to one and all.

R. S. S.

The News and Observer says: "At the meeting of the Daughters of the Revolution in Raleigh yesterday, a meeting was called for this afternoon to organize an association of ladies to care for any of the company in camp who are sick. This is a movement in the right direction, and the meeting ought to be largely attended."

Raleigh Post: Major W. G. Smith of Col. Armfield's staff, is a splendid officer and a handsome soldier. He is one of the most popular officers in the entire Guard and a valuable man in the service. Asheville has the war fever bad. The Asheville company brought along 120 men, after having previously given 25 to the Statesville company. Twenty five of the Asheville men will be given to the Reidsville compay to fill it.

A BATCH OF GOOD STORIES.

From the New York World.

A Michigan pastor recently surprised his congregation with this announcement: "Remember our quarterly meeting next Sunday. The Lord will be with us during the morning service, and the presiding elder in the evening.

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After a dinner of legal dignataries in England a barrister remarked to a judge: "I have made a comfortable fortune at the bar, and now I think of retiring and devoting the remainder of my years to the study of those things that I have neglected. Whom would you advise me to begin on?" "Law," promptly replied his lordship.

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One of the late James Payn's stories concerned a dean, famous as a gourmet, who in his dinings out was, of course, asked to say grace. The worthy dignitary first scanned the menu. If it was an ordinary repast, the grace began, "Lord, we thank thee;" "but," added Payn, "if there was turtle soup the invocation commenced, 'Bountiful Creator!'"

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In a Pontiac (Mich.) Sunday school a little girl timidly told the story of Solomon and the disputing mothers in this wise: "Solomon was a very wise man. One day two women went to him quarelling about a baby. One woman said, 'This is my child,' and the other woman said, 'No, 'tain't; it's mine.' But Solomon spoke up and said, 'No, no, ladies don't quarrel. Give me my sword and I'll make twins of him, so you can both have one.'"

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This story is told in Boston of Col. T. W. Higginson. He was travelling in the South a few years after the war, and chanced to fall into talk with an old farmer who had engaged a number of old soldiers to help in the haying. "You see over there where those four men are working?" asked the farmer. "All of 'em fought in the war. One of 'em was a private, one of 'em was a corporal, one was a major, and that man 'way over there in the corner was a colonel." "Are they good men?" asked Higginson. "Well," said the farmer, "that private's a first class man, and the corporal's a first-class man, too." "But how about the major and the colonel?" "The major's so-so," said the farmer. "But the colonel?" "Well, I don't want to say nothin' against any man who was a colonel in the war," said the farmer, "but I've made up my mind I won't hire no brigadier-generals."

DEALS IN DIRT.

The following deeds have been filed in Register of Deeds Beachboard's office.

C. P. Kerlee and T. K. Brown, trustees, to T. P. Sutton, 40 acres near Black Mountain.....$ 600

T. P. Sutton to H. B. Kerlee, 40 acres near Black Mountain 600

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THEY'VE A BATHING POOL

TROOPS SWIMMING IN ALL THE LUXURIES.

Camp Life—Postoffice Near Camp—Private T. W. Patton's New Work—No Tents Yet—Hoke Commends Dewey.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 5.—At Camp Bryan Grimes yesterday real work began in the way of making things tidy. At 2 o'clock in the morning the Washington company of the 2d regiment arrived. Ivey Foreman, an old Guardsman, is captain. The company was a little short as to men but had a "tip" that plenty of the latter could be secured here.

The surgeons in examining men take first the Guardsmen and then the recruits. As soon as they get 84 men they stop so far as that company is concerned. This in most cases leaves a lot of men who have not been examined. They are then on the lookout to get into other companies. "Slop-overs" is the slang term for them. They are popular fellows in the eyes of people who want recruits. Thus it happens that some extreme western men are in Piedmont companies.

There was Tuesday night a temporary arrangement of the First regiment into two battalions, as follows: First battalion, Robertson, Chadwick, Bessent, Crawford, Flannigan, Hannah; Second battalion, Bain, Hill, Ellington, Michie, Bookhart and Gardiner.

It is expected that regular drills will begin today. It will be work, but healthful. Setting-up exercises, school of the soldier, squad drill, company drill, battalion drill, regimental drill—it will go on. There is the main parade ground and a number of smaller subdivision, admirable for company drills. There will be schools of instruction for officers and non-commissioned officers, and they will be taught a great deal.

There is a postoffice—West Raleigh—in 500 yards of the camp.

Major Russ ordered the big bathing pool at Pullen park, which is very near the camp, put in proper condition and filled, so as to afford ample bathing facilities for the troops. The pool will accommodate 200 or more at a time. The troops have begun to utilize it.

It is positively asserted that Adjutant General Cowles is to be a major in the 1st or 2d regiment. He says each regiment will certainly have three battalions.

There is some pressure to have Gov. Russell appoint an ex-Confederate colonel of the 2d. The local camp of Confederate veterans has endorsed a well known gentleman for that position.

On the street yesterday Private Thomas W. Patton of the Asheville company (F of the regiment) was seen. He said he had passed the surgeon all right. With great pride he said Asheville had sent 158 men here, and not only was the company full but had furnished many men to Shelby, Statesville and Reidsville companies. Good for Buncombe! Catawba county men are proud too and say they have over 50 men in the regiment.

It is not yet known whether tents, blankets, etc., for which requisition was made on the government will arrive. Lt. Marshall, A. Q. U., tells me telegrams were sent last night to the Secretary of War urging that these and other necessaries be sent here by express.

The State charters the Camden Telephon company, capital $5000, with the privilege of extending its lines into the other northeastern counties.

Gov. Russell is deeply interested in Democratic-Populist fusion—it is said because Senator Butler so greatly hankers after it. Butler will make a desperate effort to get it, but in his convention he will meet with his first defeat.

Chaplain Pruden of the First Volunteers was the rector of St. Philip's church, Durham. He arrived here yesterday.

North Carolina troops are among the earliest mustered into the United States service.

"Bailey of North Carolina" is confirmed as postmaster. Gov. Russell fought him to the last—no doubt simply because Senator Pritchard favored him.

One of the foremost men in this State, Gen. Hoke, says this war means the building of the Nicaragua canal. He also says it means that the United States will become a great naval power. He has the heartiest praise for the gallant Dewey. Gen. Hoke knows what fighting and gallantry are, and praise from him is praise indeed. He says the bombardment of Havana ought to be prompt and thorough.

OUR LAWFUL PRIZES.

The United States Could Do as it Wills With the Philippines

LONDON, May 4.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, discussing the Philippines question, quotes the assumption of American newspapers "that the United States can do precisely what she chooses with Manila or the Philippine islands—return them, keep them, sell them or barter them," implying that America has only to speak and no one will venture to dispute her right to dispose of her lawful prize as she chooses.

The Westminster Gazette says it much fears that "this view will entail disagreeable surprises," adding: "In entering European politics the United States will probably discover that these simple ideas of doing what you will with your own have become obsolete in Europe. The first symptoms are likely to be marked by an increase of the anti-American pressure, which, if Great Britain could be counted on to join it, it would speedily lead to intervention in behalf of Spain."

After pointing out the futility of expecting Great Britain to join in such a movement, and the probability of attempts upon the part of the continental powers, at the close of the war,, to prevent the United States from holding the Philippine Islands, the Westminster Gazette says: "The natural tendency of all his is to bring the United States and Great Britain together, and we hope it will be fostered by statement and by a revival of the arbitration treaty at the first opportunity."

TABLE TALK.

The May issue of Table Talk contains much good reading as well as helpful information. "The Edible Weeds and Grasses," are discussed by Miss Cornelia C. Bedford, who also ably conducts the departments of "Housekeepers' Inquiries" and "New Menus and Seasonable Recipes," being an authority on all culinary and household matters. "The passing of the Pie" is much regretted by Martha Bockee Flint: "Familiar Superstitions," are spoken of by Mrs. Burton Kingsland; "The Olive and its Oil," and the processes through which they pass before placed on the market are described by Isabel Bates Winslow; Mrs. Jacobs tells of "Chocolate in Cockery." A sample copy of "Table Talk is offered to any of our readers, who will send their address to Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

LEGAL BLANKS.

The Citizen company has for sale a full assortment of legal blanks, such as deeds of conveyance, deeds of trust, (long and short forms) chattel mortgages, search warrants, state warrants, summons, executions, etc. These blanks are well printed, neat and clean and on good stock. Call at The Citizen Business Office.

When you are led to buy any article because you saw it advertised in The Citizen, tell the merchant so. The merchant will appreciate this and so will The Citizen.

WITH THE MOTHERS.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—[Special Correspondence.[—Washington City is arrayed in a suit of spring weather that would do justice to Asheville, in honor of the National Congress of Mothers now in session. Scores of intelligent, earnst-faced women flutter the blue and silver badges of the delegate, the pink badges of the visitor, or the white one sacred to the press. The blue and white ones cost a dime, but as Mrs. Mary S. Gist, the bright chairman of the commite on registration said, as she pinned a white one upon the coat of your correspondent, "the press is free."

Tuesday has been a day of miscellanies at the grand opera house where the meetings are held. In the morning Mrs. Helen Sorenson, a Swedish woman of Salt Lake City, Utah, spoke upon the "Physical Side of Motherhood," and in the afternoon Mrs. Rebecca Robert, a charming Jewess of New York City, upon "The Early Century Child," and Helen A. Cook, a cultured negro woman, upon "We have been hindered; How can we be helped?"

The gallop of the pet hobby was heard in all these addresses, as well as in the discourse of Mary Wood-Allen of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and in the excellent remarks of William B Powell, superintendent of Washington public schools.

A handsome silver mounted gavel was presented to the Mother's Congress by the "Home Circle Club No 1" of this city. A rising vote of thanks was moved and seconded and Mrs. Lilly Devereux Blake made a most witty impromptu speech upon the motion before it was carried. She said she believed that men had some rights as well as had women. She sympathized also with the wrongs of men—one of which was that they had not been taught to sew and embroider, and had to fall back on smoking, as a kind of work, even if not very hard. The gavel was a hammer, an implement of power within a few years, only delegated to the hand of woman. She hoped in this congress it would be used to hit the nail on the head.

During the chorus singing of the last verse of "Nearer My God to thee" all heads were reverently bowed, at the request of Mrs. T. W. Birney, president of the Congress, in memory of Frances E. Willard, and it was evident that a wave of deep emotion swept over the large and brilliant audience that filled the auditorium of the grand and overflowed into the boxes and galleries.

Mrs. Margaret Bottome, Elaine Goodale Eastman and Helen H. Gardiner are among the distinguished guests in attendance at the convention.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

—Murphy Scout: At the home of James Whitaker, one mile from Andrews, a most remarkable family reunion occurred last week, there being present children, grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and kindred, 9 in number. Mr. Whitaker is 84 years of age and vigorous in mind and body for one of his years.

—Cherokee Scout: The protracted meeting at the Methodist church by the Rev. Mr. Abernathy, aided by Rev. T. Bright, has resulted in the conversion of 30 persons, 14 have been added to the church. Penitents are still crowding the altar. The church has been greatly revived, and the preaching from first to last has been profound and instructive.

—Wilmington Star, Wednesday: A telegram received here last evening from George Rountree, now in Richmond, Va., says the United States Cirsuit Court of Appeals has sustained Judge Simonton in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway case. This means that the road will be sold as a whole, and not by divisions as contended for by the committee of the New York bondholders.

—Murphy Scout: William Donaldson of Brasstown is an aged man. He informed us that he had raised 13 children, never had a physician called in, never had bought a pound of bacon or flour, a bushel of corn or meal, or anything that could be raised on the farm, in fact never since he had kept house he had bought but little aside from coffee and salt. His wife has done all the housework. They make an interesting and remarkable couple.

—Lexington Dispatch: S. C. Robinson of Buncombe county left here last night for Salisbury. He has been in charge of Pink Busseckes distillery for several days as storekeeper and gauger. He told a Dispatch reporter that he was promised one of the best positions in the service in Rowan county. This is awful hard on our local Republicans who worked, bled and died for the cause, and are now deprived of the loaves and fishes in order to provide places for Richmond Pearson's heelers.

THE SONG OF DEWEY'S GUNS

From the New York Sun.

What is this thunder music from the
other side of the world,
That pulses through the severing seas
and round the planet runs?
'Tis the death song of old Spain floating from the Asian main;
There's a tale of crumbling empire in
the song of Dewey's guns;

The hand that held the sceptre once of
all the great world seas,
And paved the march with dead
men's bones 'neath all the circling suns,
Grew faint with deadly fear when that
thunder song drew near,
For the dirge of Spain was sounded
by the song of Dewey's guns.

There is music in a cannon, yet, for all
Sons of Peace—
Yes, the porthole's belching anthem is
soft music to her sons
When the iron thunder song sings
the death of ancient wrong—
And a dying wrong was chanted by
the song of Dewey's guns.

—SAM WALTER FOSS.

THE SUMMER CONFERENCE

FOR SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION WORKERS.

The Sessions Are to be Held at Asheville From June 17 to June 26—Prominent Workers on the Program.

The Summer Conference for Southern Association workers will be held at Bingham school, Asheville, simultaneously with the Southern Student conference, commencing June 17 and closing June 26. The first session will be held Friday evening, June 17, at 8 o'clock. This conference will not only be enjoyable and helpful to general secretaries, assistant secretaries, and physical directors, but will be equally beneficial to members of state committees, boards of directors, chairmen and members of association committees and active members. Young men looking forward to the secretaryship will find splendid opportunities for training. Young men from communities not having associations who desire training in Bible teaching and in methods of organized Christian work for young men are also invited.

Since the greatest need of the associations today is more thoroughly organized Bible study, special effort will be put forth to train teachers for this important work. For this purpose there will be held each morning, at the same hour, two normal Bible classes. Each visitor may have the privilege of choosing at the beginning of the session which course he will pursue. H. B. Sharman of New York City, will conduct the normal class in the devotional method of Bible study. An experienced worker will conduct the normal workers' Bible training class.

Each morning practical discussions will be conducted on the principles and methods of Young Men's Christian association work by the following experienced association workers: H. E. Roseveur, state secretary of Kentucky; L. A. Coulter, state secretary of Virginia; W. M. Lewis, state secretary of North and South Carolina; L. E. Buell, state secretary of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana; S. Waters McGill, state secretary of Tennessee and Georgia.

One platform meeting will be held each day for the purpose of deepening the spiritual life. The plan is not to have a large number of speakers, each giving one address, but to have a few strong men, who will spend several days at the conference, enabling each to give several addresses. The following prominent leaders of Christian thought in this country have already definitely promised to speak: F. S. Brockman, New York City; Rev. R. G. Pearson, Asheville; Rev. John R. Sampey, D. D., Louisville; Robert E. Speer, New York City; Rev. J. I. Vance, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. R. J. McBryde, D. D., Lexington, Va., who will also preside.

The afternoon of each day will be devoted to delightful recreation and exercise. The athletics and gymnastics will be under the direction of J. F. Voorhees, physical director of the University of Tennessee. A gymnastic drill will be conducted in the Bingham school gymnasium. Baseball, lawn tennis and other outdoor games will be played. Special excursions will be arranged to points of peculiar interest.

FOR THE TENTH.

Mrs. Vance Expected to Attend the Dedication Exercises.

The suggestion that the county court house be decorated for the Vance monument dedication exercises is being followed, by Chairman Brown's order. A prominent piece of the decoration is the coat of arms of Tennessee, in honor of Governor Robert L. Taylor of that State, who will deliver the oration on the 10th.

Maj. Robert Bingham has informed President Powell that the Bingham cadets will attend the exercises in a body.

Mrs. Z. B. Vance of Washington is expected to come here on the 10th if her health will permit.

Charles N. Vance will also be a visitor on that date.

It is desired that, as far as possible, the school children attend the dedication exercises. Wherever they can attend in a body accompanied by teachers, the committee will endeavor to provide seats for them.

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