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### SPAIN'S FORCE IN CUBA.

Summary of Number of Men Sent to the Island, Expenses and Mortality

The following information in regard to the war in Cuba has been published in La Epoca, of Madrid. It is a summary of the number of men sent to Cuba, the expenses and the mortality for the first year of the Cuban rebellion. When the rebellion commenced in Cuba in February, 1895, Spain had 13,000 men in the island.

Nine expeditions have been sent from Spain to Cuba. They consisted of the following officers and men: Generals, 33; colonels, 520; majors, captains and other officers, 4,623; sergeants, 3,257; corporals and soldiers, 109,302; grand total, 117,795, of all ranks.

The mortality for all ranks from March 1, 1895, to January 31, 1896, was: Generals, 3; colonels, 4; lieutenant colonels, 3; majors, 17; captains, 51; first lieutenants, 101; second lieutenants, 54; chaplains, 9; sergeants, 80; corporals, 161; and soldiers, 3,394. Total, 3,877.

Causes of death: Killed in action, 289; died from wounds, 1,192; died from yellow fever, 3,199; died of ordinary diseases, 252. Total, 5,072.

The cost of the war in round figures is given: February 24, 1895, to February 24, 1896, army in Cuba, \$10,000,000; navy and war supplies, &c., \$10,000,000, total, \$20,000,000. For four months 100,000 men have been in Cuba; after March 31, 1896, 150,000 men will be on the island. The increase in the army will mean an increase in expenditures. The estimate for the current year is \$75,000,000. The cost for this year and next, \$159,000,000, with \$20,000,000 already disbursed, means \$200,000,000.

The available funds are: Bank of Spain, \$30,000,000; Paris, \$10,000,000; Cuban bonds, \$20,000,000; Cuban securities and concessions, \$25,000,000; reserve fund, \$15,000,000; total, \$100,000,000. Fifty million dollars having been expended, \$50,000,000 remains.

While Cuba is on a war footing her finances are on a gold basis. The Cuban Custom House, for ten years previous to its present trouble, yielded \$20,000,000 per annum. The last year its receipts were between \$17,000,000 and \$12,000,000. In case of necessity, say a three years' campaign, the Spanish and Cuban credits will be relied on to furnish the shores of war.

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Do not be induced to buy any other if you have made up your mind to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. Remember that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all other fails. Do not stop up in despair, but also secure the best. Have talked to help you. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and you may reasonably expect to be cured.

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### FEEDING OYSTERS.

A Plan to Fatten Them on Pure Materials.

Oysters, being scavengers, fatten fastest in ocean waters fed by river drainage. This explains why oystermen transfer the oysters by ship loads from the bays along the Atlantic coast, where they multiply rapidly, but where, in consequence of the lack of food, they are stunted in growth, to the estuaries of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. It is believed, however, by many of the oyster growers that if the bivalves could be fattened in pure sea water they would be of better flavor as well as more wholesome. The difficulty has been to provide the proper food. After seven years of experiment these oyster growers have hopes that the difficulty has been overcome. The new method, which aims to supply the requirements of pure water and the necessary food has been put in practice on the shores of eastern Virginia, situated, as it is, near the end of the peninsula, there are no streams of any size flowing into the bay and the water is unpolluted as that of the ocean itself. In the low, marshy ground that fringes the bay a number of parallel canals are to be excavated, the sea water being admitted to them by sluice gates. In these canals the oyster will be grown. The mollusks will find their natural food, which consists of diatoms and other minute algae, which are reproduced in prodigious quantities under the conditions existing of the mixture of salt water with a small percentage of fresh water. The practicability of the plan has already been shown on a small scale. Thus far the practice has been followed of transplanting the small oysters from the beds of the canals. But with the plan in full operation this will not be necessary, as the canals open right on the breeding grounds, and during the early summer, when the spawn is given off, it will float into the canals, and oyster beds will be planted naturally. Other advantages claimed for the new method of culture are the easy exclusion of the enemies of the oyster and the convenience of harvesting. —New York Post.

### Sent Up For Six Years.

Stedman Williams, who murdered an infant a few months ago at Beaufort, N. C., a full account of which appeared at the time in the columns of the FISHMAN & FARMER, is now in the penitentiary serving a term of six years at hard labor.

Williams was one of the defendants in the noted cases in which citizens of Beaufort were tried for fraud, forgery and conspiracy in life insurance. Williams' wife, whose life was insured for a good, large amount, died under suspicious circumstances, and many people thought he would be tried for murder.

Not many months after his wife died, he married a young woman; shortly after the marriage the body of a dead infant was accidentally discovered; the parentage was traced back to Williams and his bride. It was not known at first whether the child was born dead. Williams and his bride spent their honeymoon in jail at Beaufort.

At the last term of the Superior court at Beaufort, ended Friday last, the grand jury brought in a true bill against Williams for "concealing the birth of a child." He was convicted, and the judge sent him to six years in the penitentiary.

### A Pink Marble Bridge.

The bridge to be built over the Tennessee river at Knoxville is to be a remarkable structure in many respects. It is to be entirely of pink marble from quarries, 1,600 feet long, with one arch of 240 feet, 20 feet longer than any other arch in the world. At its highest point it is to be 105 feet above the water, and it is to have a roadway 50 feet wide.

### DISMAL SWAMP CANAL.

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR THE REBUILDING OF THIS GREAT WATERWAY.

An Important Factor in Commerce.

WORK TO BEGIN IN THIRTY DAYS AND TO BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 1898.

The Baltimore Sun of Tuesday says: A contract for the reconstruction of the famous old Dismal Swamp Canal has been awarded by the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Company to Patricius McManus, of Philadelphia. The work is to begin within thirty days and to be completed by January, 1898.

By the reconstruction of this canal an important link will be filled in a system of inland waterways from Boston to Florida. When opened for traffic the canal will give to an extensive section of the Southern States the valuable advantage of barge service for handling freight. Barges of large capacity in tow of tugs will be enabled to take this inland route from Norfolk to the Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds of North Carolina, avoiding the perils of Cape Hatteras.

The contract covers the construction of a completed canal, ready for business, with locks, dams, approaches, waste weirs, all necessary excavation, clearing, ditching, bridging, drains, wooden culverts and conduits. This work will extend over the whole route of the canal from a place on the Elizabeth river, four miles from Norfolk, Va., to a place where the canal empties into the Pasquotank river, near South Mills, N. C. The specifications call for the construction of a new dam and lock in Deep Creek, near Norfolk; waste weirs at Deep Creek, South Mills and Northwest river, without gates, each to be 100 feet long; four drawbridges at road crossings, each to have 40 feet span and be 14 feet wide. Deepening and enlarging of the present channel is also specified. A clear depth of 10 feet of water from Deep Creek lock to South Mills lock, with a width of 40 feet on the bottom and 60 feet at water level is to be given.

There are to be ten "turnouts" provided between these places. Each turnout is to be 20 feet wide on the bottom, and at least 200 feet long, curving out at each end to make uniform condition with the banks. For 1,000 feet at Deep Creek and South Mills, the respective northern and southern termini of the canal, is to be widened to 80 feet at the bottom.

A feeder about three miles long is to be constructed to Lake Drummond. The total length of the canal from Deep Creek to South Mills is about 22 miles. Right of way 300 feet wide in Virginia and 150 feet wide through North Carolina is owned by the company.

Moses Pender Caught.

Governor Carr on Tuesday paid a hundred dollars reward to C. W. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, for the capture of Moses Pender. Sometime ago Pender committed an atrocious murder in Edgecombe county. Since that time he has been in hiding, and the Governor offered \$100 reward for his capture. He has been placed in the jail at Tarboro.

### Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

Thousands of such cases have been cured by the use of Botanic Blood Balm ("B. B. B."). If you doubt it, call or send to the Company whose advertisement appears in this paper, and they will, for a one-cent stamp, send you a book of wonderful cures, not only of the above diseases, but of all manner of ailments arising from impure blood. It is the standard remedy of the age for the cure of all blood and skin diseases. \$1.00 per large bottle.

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### Remittances of Bill Arp.

Bill Arp in the Atlanta Constitution says: That Fitzgerald settlement is an episode that is so unaccountable as it is sudden. Over 6,000 people—families of pensioned soldiers—have dropped down upon us without warning and are building a city in our pine woods. Their pension money, it is said, amounts to nearly a million dollars a year, and their comrades keep coming. They are said to be good, industrious people and sound in wind and limb and nobody can see from the outside where the pension business comes in, but nevertheless they are drawing the money and our folks are bound to get some of it. Six thousand are on the way and before long they will own the country and be voting the Democratic ticket. So let them come. I repeat it sir, let them come, as Patrick Henry said. They have settled in the best portion of Georgia. We didn't know it till recently. The pine woods have for half a century been under the ban. The few people who settled there were considered half-bred, tallow faced, long-legged crackers who raised a few poor cattle and razor-back hogs, and lived on 'taters and hard shell religion. But all that wide belt from Lincoln through Putnam and Houston and Irwin and Sumpter and Randolph and on westward into Alabama is now known to be a most fruitful and productive region, and the climate perfectly delightful. It is like a fairy tale to read that the last ten years have developed in that belt of country that is underlain with a clay subsoil and overressed with pine forests. In recent years I have been watching the fruit industries of Marshallville and Cyclonette and Pifson and Cuthbert with amazement, and delight, and my information is that the adjacent country is equally productive and delightful. The Georgia Southern railroad splits this region right in the middle, and along its line has been planted within ten years, by actual count, 742,000 fruit trees, covering orchards of 13,400 acres. The land devoted to melons is much more, and besides this the growers raise corn and cotton and sugar cane and potatoes and ground peas enough to sustain all family expenses—a thing of beauty and joy forever, and it is a fascinating feast to the eye to travel over this line of road and take notes of the beautiful improvements that meet the eye at every station. Mr. Sparks built a ferry over this line of road and was building this road through a region that everybody said was desolate and always would be. Dame Nature is ever unlocking her treasures and she has only recently unlocked the pine woods to our Southern friends. But Georgia is not the only State that has been found by the refugees from the long winters and snow-laden fields of the icy North. We see by the papers that the hegrira has begun from all over that frozen country, and that Alabama and Mississippi are rapidly filling up with prosperous immigrants. It is the swelling tide that has just begun to overflow the South and every letter that a settler writes back to his wintry home will bring ten more for these people are surprised to find that we are kind and hospitable, and that the barbarians of the South have moved away.

Still in Good Shape.

(Roanoke News.)

The comet which was recently discovered heading for this little earth of ours, and which was to have hit us a good square lick Saturday failed to materialize and the earth is in good shape.

Many people actually believed that the comet was to strike the earth Sunday and a few were really nervous about it. These scientists are really clever fellows. In all their predictions there is always a hole left big enough for them to crawl through. For instance, they said the comet would strike unless the earth was spry enough to dodge it, in which event it would miss and go shooting on towards the sun. Well, it missed, of course, and now the knowing ones will say, "just as we predicted."

When will the people learn to accept the great truths of the Bible and know for a certainty that no living human being on earth can know anything about how, or when the earth is to be destroyed?

### A BIG FIRE.

Occurred Last Monday at Philadelphia.

NO LIVES LOST.

\$450,000 Worth of Property Goes up in Smoke.

A most destructive fire occurred on the 23rd at Philadelphia, which, for a time, threatened to prove as disastrous as the fire of Feb. 3, when the seven story Hazlet building and that of the Baptist Publication Society were destroyed. The fire broke out about 5 o'clock in the six story building of the Thacker Manufacturing Company, dealers in fancy gas fixtures and candelabra. The firm employs about 200 hands who were at work at the time. A majority of the workmen made their escape. A dozen or more were hemmed in and were taken from the windows by the firemen.

The building is valued at \$300,000, fully insured. The rear part was but slightly damaged. The loss on the building amount to about \$50,000. The Thacker company's stock, machinery and patterns, was valued at about \$250,000. They are a total loss, but are protected by an insurance of \$150,000. A number of others who had offices in the building met with considerable losses.

### Novel Plan to Get a Wife.

Valentine Stark, a medical graduate, was arrested last week at Pittsburg, for scattering circular letters in the residence portions of the city. In the circular Stark described his ideal of a wife, whom he wanted. At court Stark told a rambling story as follows:

"I am a medical graduate. I first located in Baltimore, went to Cincinnati, then to St. Louis, and wound up in Atlanta. I came to Pittsburg for religious reasons. Like most young men, I would like to get married. I traveled all over the country, but failed to find the ideal of my dreams. I came to Pittsburg to find the young woman I sought. "Monday night I began up near the Cathedral to distribute letters for the most handsome woman in the house. You will see by the letter, Judge, that I do not address any young woman in particular. I describe her as of youthful countenance and covered with smiles, her hair cast in an auburn mold and human X-rays lurid in her eyes. She must be in good health, a Christian, and have illimitable love for Mr. Right—that means me. Now, no one needed to answer that unless she was the type of girl I described. I do not want an angel, but a woman whose catholic rays will harmonize with mine."

The love-lorn youth was held over and locked up.

### Reform.

A rhymier in the Washington Star gives the following definition of reform:

"Reform is a great moral thro' Whose cause we scarce can trace, Which makes some big man lose his job And puts me in his place."

Will Meet at Asheville.

The Teachers' Assembly will be held June 16th to 19th inclusive. The executive committee has decided to have the Assembly meet this year in the mountain metropolis—Asheville.

### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Populist paper is to be published in Orange county in a wagon.

The State Medical Association will hold its annual meeting in Winston in May.

Revenue Collector Simmons says there is more illicit distillation of whiskey in the eastern section than heretofore.

Charlotte and Mecklenburg are to build a monument in front of the new court house to the memory of Zeb Vance.

Secretary Morton has advertised for 10,000,000 packets of seeds, which will give to every member of Congress 15,000 packets for campaign purposes.

It has been estimated that electric railways have displaced in the United States no less than 275,000 horses, and the movement has not yet stopped.

An Indiana man has made application for his ninth divorce, and he didn't begin his matrimonial career until he was fifty-five years of age.

The annual report on the Y. M. C. A. in this State shows twenty-two associations, with 2,225 members, of these 722 being in college associations.

The North Carolina Supreme Court will not take up the graveyard insurance cases from Carter county until the September term.

South Carolina has been endeavoring to prevent drummers from soliciting orders for liquor in the State, but the United States Court says that they have a right to solicit such orders.

Ex-Sheriff J. M. Monger, of Moore, is working on the roads of that county as a convict under a three-months sentence for retailing liquor in Sanford, a dry town.

Benjamin H. Wilken, for several years the private secretary of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, has been acquitted of the charge of house breaking with intent to commit rape on Miss Gertrude Phillips, daughter of ex-Solicitor General Phillips, of Washington, D. C.

The North Carolina Supreme Court decided that though the revenue act was not signed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the house, the machinery act was signed and that the two are virtually one act, as the machinery act was signed properly. The court says the two acts are really one. So the State gets the tax.

A Pennsylvania man recently presented his wife with a piano lamp, which she said she would call after him. On asking her reason, she replied: "Well dear, it has a good deal of brass about it, it is handsome to look at, it is not remarkably brilliant, requires a good deal of attention, is liable to explode, flares up occasionally, is always out at bedtime and is bound to smoke."

Hon. C. M. Stedman, ex-Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, will move to Atlanta from Asheville May 1st, and enter the practice of his profession, law. Major Stedman is one of the most distinguished members of the bar of his State, is a truly Southern gentleman, and considered the handsomest man in the Old North State. Atlanta will welcome him in our midst.—Atlanta Constitution.

It has been decided by the supreme court of Michigan that it is not a prejudicial error in the trial of a criminal case for the prosecuting attorney to call the witness for the defense a "lot of liars" a "lot of dirty pups who ought not to be believed" if the circumstances of the case seem to justify the truth of the assertion. The court says that while such language is severe, there is no rule prohibiting an attorney from expressing his opinion of the truthfulness of witnesses where their testimony is conflicting, and the jury will be called upon to decide between them.—Ex.

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### FRUIT AS A MEDICINE.

More Virtue in a Basket of Berries Than in a Whole Drug Store.

Very few people are aware of the medicinal qualities of grapes, but these they possess. The pulp is nutritious, and the juice contains sugar, tannic acid, bitartrate of potassium, tartrate of calcium, common salt and sulphate of potassium. Without doubt, the woman who cultivates the habit of eating a great deal of fruit is the gainer of health and appearance. The grape fruit, or shaddock, so called from its discoverer, Lieut. Soadcock, or, to mention its soft Chinese name, pumelo, is highly prized by those who live in malarial localities. It is a charming rival to quinine and bonset, and is driving them from the field. She who eats her grape fruit with a spoon from the natural cup, or relishes it served as a salad, may gladden her heart with the reflection that she is not only pleasing her palate, but benefiting her health. Like oranges and lemons, the grape fruit has great medicinal virtues. If you are a bilious temperament, eat grape fruit, if fever threatens, eat grape fruit, but in this latter case do so only at the advice of a physician, as there may be certain tendencies which the grape fruit would only aggravate. The complaint is often made that this fruit is extremely bitter and unpleasant. It is only the white inner rind which is so, and this should be carefully removed.—Scientific American.

### A RIOT AT INDIANAPOLIS.

SERIOUS FIGHT BETWEEN UNION MEN AND NON-UNION MEN

A riot broke out at Indianapolis Saturday between the non-Union men employed in the iron works of Chandler & Taylor and a number of strikers and their sympathizers. Three men were shot, one fatally, and a number of men were more or less injured by flying stones and bricks.

The trouble originated over the fact that a number of non-Union men are employed in the works taking the places of the members of the Union. A number of fights have occurred at different times and the workmen were constantly under police guard. Saturday night the officers started to take them to their homes when they were set upon by the mob. It is estimated that no less than 3,000 persons were in the neighborhood at the time, many of them taking part in the fight. The non-Union men opened fire first after they had been pelted with bricks and stones. The fire was returned by the strikers.

The men shot were all bystanders and had nothing whatever to do with the trouble. One policeman was also seriously injured by being struck with a brick. A number of arrests were made.

### The Southern States Settlers Convention.

As a means of presenting to the people of the Northern and Western States, as well as to the outside world, the true status of affairs in the Southern States, the advantages of climate and soil; the low price at which farming lands can be purchased, and the opportunities for the profitable investment of capital, the Southern Interstate Immigration and Industrial Association have arranged for holding a convention at Southern Pines, N. C., on Tuesday, May 5th, the object being to gather together a number of Northern and Western people and persons from foreign countries who have settled in the South, that as a body they may express to the world their opinion of the Southern country in all its phases. The belief is that the expressions of such a body will have an influence for the good of the South that cannot be obtained in any other way. The Governors of several States have appointed delegates and a full representation is desired.

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### A LOVER'S DEADLY AIM.

FATHER AND SON LYING AT THE POINT OF DEATH.

Joseph H. Seaman and his son Isaac, are at the point of death at Walnut Lake, Ark., due to gunshot wounds, and Isaac Bangston, who did the shooting, is also badly injured as the result of a battle which was fought at that village last Saturday.

The cause dates back eight months. On the night of July 4th Miss Sadie Seaman, daughter and sister of the dying men, who had been receiving attention from Bangston, returned late from an entertainment, which had been given at the house of a neighbor. The young woman went to her room to retire and soon after she entered Bangston came out of a closet, in which he had been concealed. Miss Seaman screamed and Bangston ran down stairs.

The parents of the girl, attracted by the outcry, saw Bangston hurriedly leave the house with a pistol in his hand. He made his escape and was not heard of until last September, when he surrendered to the authorities and was indicted for attempted burglary, assault with intent to kill and attempted assault. The feud between the families and friends of Seaman and Bangston has been kept up ever since, but there was no bloodshed until last Saturday.

### THE NAVY BILL.

Provides for Four Battleships and Fifteen Torpedo Boats.

The naval appropriation for the coming fiscal year, says a dispatch from Washington, has been agreed to by the House Committee on Naval Affairs. The bill carries an appropriation of \$31,779,138, of which \$12,611,034 is for the increase of the navy. The President is authorized to have constructed by contract four sea going coast line battleships, designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance, upon a displacement of about 11,000 tons, to have the highest possible speed for vessels of their class, and to cost, exclusive of armament, not exceeding \$3,750,000 each, and fifteen torpedo boats.

### The Newberne Way.

The following poetical gem was found under the door of the editor's sanctum, which is submitted without apology:

"The cliche-bug eats the farmers grain!  
The bee-moth spoils his honey,  
The bed-bug gives his body pain,  
And the hum-bug gets his money.  
"The lightning-bug don't thunder much,  
The big-bug has no fame,  
The gold-bug has no argument,  
But he gets there all the same."  
—Newberne Journal.

### Two Men Were Killed.

A terrific dynamite explosion occurred at Ellicott City, Md., on Saturday morning, resulting in the mangle and killing of ex-tax collector John Claggett, and a colored man employed on the grading work of the electric railroad.

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