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## THE FIRST BLOW.

### SAILS OUT AT 5.45 AND MEETS AN ENEMY.

Succeeds in Capturing a Fleet—Soldiers and Ammunition. Special from the Charlotte Observer to THE STANDARD at 9.27 a. m.

The Key West fleet left for Havana at 5.45 this morning with orders to blockade Cuban ports.

1 p. m.—United States fleet captured fleet near Key West this morning loaded with soldiers and ammunition.

### FIRE ALARMS

Given Thursday Night and Friday Morning—No Damage With One But a Loss in the Other

About 8 o'clock Thursday night the fire alarm was given and in a short while the people in the business part of the town were running to and fro. The fire was found to be at the residence of Rev. W C Alexander on West Depot street.

The fire was caused by one of the children knocking the lamp off of the table. The oil ran out on the floor and caught fire. An effort was made at once to smother out the flames with some bed clothes. But not until some water was brought did they succeed in quelling the flames.

No damage was done except the burning of some of the carpet and also some books that had fallen from a shelf.

The people turned out in large crowds. The reel and hose turned out but was not needed.

About 8 o'clock this morning the fire alarm was again given and in looking out one could see quite a black smoke arising, but a considerable distance off.

The fire was found to be at the barn of Mr. Wallace Cook, beyond Forest Hill on the Beatty's Ford road, and on the suburbs of our town.

Before the fire-excited crowd could reach the place the barn was past control and the work now to be done was the saving of the residence of Mr. Cook. The citizens worked faithfully and succeeded in keeping water poured on the house and saved the building.

When the fire started several hogs were in the barn, but no stock was in the barn. The immense heat from the fire caused the hogs to squeal considerably, but they were soon rescued. It was reported that one of the horses had burnt, but was false.

Mr. Cook had insurance on both his crib and barn, both of which were totally consumed. The insurance on his stock and all of his buildings amounted to \$1,200.

Both fire companies turned out, but too late to offer any assistance.

There is a report that some children were about the barn with fire, though it is hardly thought that this is true. Mr. Cook has no idea in the least how the fire originated,

and at the time the alarm was given he was on his way down street.

A tolerably good amount of roughness, one buggy, four pairs of double harness and a considerable amount of cotton seed were burned also.

A little boy asked for a bottle of "get up in the morning as fast as you can," the druggist recognized a household name for "DeWitt's Little Early Risers," and gave him a bottle of those famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, liver and stomach troubles.—Gibson's Drug Store.

## WE NOW HAVE WAR.

### TROOPS SAIL FOR CUBA—THE FLEET BLOCKADES THE CUBAN PORTS.

The Spanish Fleet Moving—The Oregon in Danger—100,000 Troops to be Called Out—Spain in Fighting Temper.

A condition of war exists between the United States and Spain as surely as if the cannons were booming, and indeed they may be doing so, when this is being read.

The first step taken by the United States is to blockade Cuba at once. If the Spanish fleet should attempt to relieve General Blanco there will be a battle royal. The Spanish fleet is said to have left the Cape Verde Islands. Its objective point is not known. The Oregon is on its way from the Pacific to the Atlantic. No little solicitude is felt for her. Should she be intercepted and be destroyed it will be a severe blow to start with, and Spain would rejoice over two instead of one.

The war department, it is said, intends to concentrate 80,000 troops at the gulf ports to be transported to Cuba.

A call for 100,000 volunteers will probably be made.

Spain's temper is at earnest fighting heat and Gen. Blanco has made a ringing appeal to the Spanish in Cuba, declaring that Cuba, shall never be anything but Spanish; that Spain's right can never be trampled upon by a nation of "nobodies."

Minister Woodford was not discourteously treated as he left Madrid Thursday.

### NEW POSTMASTER

Takes Charge of the Office—The Present Clerks to Be Retained for the Present.

After getting up the bond of \$12,000, Mr. Geo. L Patterson will take charge of the Concord postoffice. His first day will be Saturday, April 23rd. His term of office, which is for four years, dates from April 4th however.

A STANDARD reporter was shown his commission this (Friday) morning. The date that it was given is April 19th and this is very probably one of the last commissions signed by Postmaster General Gary.

In regard to the clerks at the post office, Mr. Patterson says that the ones will be retained at least for the present.

Thirty five years make a generation. That is how long Adolph Fisher, of Zanesville, O., suffered from piles. He was cured by using three boxes of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve.—Gibson's Drug Store.

### PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Albert Freeze has gone to near Blackmer on business.

—Miss Ella Walter arrived at home this morning from Mont Amena to spend Sunday.

—Mr. Whit Sloop returned from Rock Hill last night, where he went on business.

### The Newest Thing in Town

now is CHICKEN TAMALE and IT'S MELLOW. They are both great.

### Ervin & Morrison GROCERS

### MR. GARY RESIGNS.

Ill Health the Only Reason.

Postmaster General Gary has resigned his place in the Cabinet, but it is not from discord on the President's foreign policy, as at first reported. It was purely on account of broken down health. He had prepared the President's mind before and withheld the resignation till the President found a successor in Mr. Charles Emery Smith, of Philadelphia. Mr. Smith's nomination was confirmed Thursday by the Senate.

### Our Naval Reserves.

The latest order issued at the navy yard, it is rumored, is the one countermanding the order to send sailors and marines to the auxiliary cruisers Yosemite and Dixie at Newport News. After a conference by several of the heads of the departments they think of using the Naval Reserves for the ships and from all indications they will be put into service. It is probable that the naval militia from Virginia and North Carolina will be used to make a crew for the two ships.—Norfolk Landmark.

### For Over Fifty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. Wolf Gets New Trial.

In the January court before Judge McIver in the case of the State vs. Wolf, appeal was taken to the higher court and Judge McIver was overruled. The finding is as follows:

State vs. Wolf, from Cabarrus.—The judge charged the jury, on trial of an indictment for forgery, that "if they were satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant signed the names" of the prosecuting witnesses "to the paper writing, as alleged, without the consent of said parties, the jury should return a verdict of guilty. Held, error, in that the charge failed to state that if the signing was done "with intent to defraud," etc.



This young man's mind lightly turns to thoughts of love, but we want to turn your thoughts toward our splendid line of spring and summer

### Hats.

We want you to look at our display of Straw and Crash Hats. We are taking the town on quality and prices. We'll give you straw hats for less than \$1, and we'll give you plenty at 25 and 35 cents that you can't match for less than 50 cents.

Our whole line of Crash Hats—the greatest variety in town—all go at 25 cents. You'll have to pay 50 cents for the same grade any place you find them.

You'll find what you want here, and the prices must be the lowest.

### Cannon & Fetzer Company.



YOU FURNISH THE FEET WE DO THE REST. That's all we ask you to do—furnish the feet. We will not only do the rest, but we will do it well for \$2.50.



We have everything in Oxfords except your feet.

An ounce of satisfaction is worth a ton of talk. Satisfaction goes with every pair of shoes we sell. Respectfully,

### Dry & Miller, Shoe Furnishers.

### Now For Business.

Through Stock taking, and finding balance on right side, we doff our hats and off our coats and roll up our sleeves, and we are after you for your business in the Furniture and House Furnishing Line. Buying as we do in car lots for spot cash gives us a long lead over small dealers. We expect to do more business during the year '98 than any previous year of our existence. We have the stock, we have the prices, we have the rabbit foot with the horse shoe thrown in. We are not giving away goods neither are we selling goods at or below cost. We are in the business for the money we can make out of it. If you want a

### Suit of Furniture,

Poplar, Oak, Walnut, Birch, Bird's Eye Maple or Mahogany, we can suit you in quality and price. If you want a

### Parlor Suit

Ranging in price from \$16.00 to 75.00. Call and see us. If you want a Side Board, Ward Robe, Cylinder Top Book Case, Office Desk, Extension or Parlor Table, Picture or Picture Frames, Easels or what nots, do not fail to see us. Should need a

### Baby Carriage

In your business, we think we have the best line in the State to select from.

### Cook Stoves.

The Star Leader is said to be the best. Twenty years guarantee on fire back. Look at them, and you will buy them when you hear the price.

Baby Benders, Boy Wagons, and every thing to be found in a First Class Furniture Store. Call and see us.

### Bell, Harris & Company.

Our Mr. Bell will answer all calls day or night in the Undertaking Department.