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A GALA DAY

For Our Boys in Havana When Old Glory Was Hoisted on New Year's Day—Pay Day Has Come Again—Honorably Discharged.

Written for the Standard.

Camp Columbia, near Havana, Cuba, January 6th, 1898.

To THE STANDARD:—Much has been said through the Associated Press giving details of the celebrated New Year's day in Havana, therefore I will state briefly that the North Carolina regiment participated in the event of lowering the Spanish and raising American flags over Morro Castle and Fort Cabanas. The parade consisted of twelve regiments of the Seventh Army Corps. The soldiers stood the march of 20 miles—to the city and return—far better than anyone expected, it having been the first long march since being in the service.

The city of Havana was gaily decorated with festoons of bunting and Cuban and American flags. The gala attire in the quaint, narrow streets presented quite a pretty scene, but the most impressive was happiness of the Cuban people. Their expressions and manoeuvres were not of a boisterous, though exultant nature. The streets were thronged with people who had gathered for the occasion, but business in the shops, rum-cellars and hucksters was flourishing.

The flags of the two nations were exchanged at the salute of the gunboats in the harbors and from guns in the respective forts. It was very solemn, and immediately after the firing ceased Old Glory was unfurled to the breezes and the American and Cuban people made the entire city roar with cheers and salutes, short impressive speeches from the officials, etc.

Wednesday was pay-day and the boys are now living on the tropical products instead of army bacon, beef and beans. "B. B. B." is a sure remedy for the aching void peculiar to soldiers after an extensive drill.

Normal Threadgall, who was sent from Jacksonville to Fort Thomas, Ark., last September, has been given an honorable discharge from the service.

The inhabitants of the Island are divided into four classes—Spanish, Cubans (Kubans), Mulattos and Negroes, and they do not mix under any circumstances. Some of the Cubans are highly educated and accomplished in the works of art, architecture, science and warfare, but the majority are of the less fortunate. The lower classes have very peculiar ideas of their "freedom," and seem to think that they are now at liberty to do as they please, and this is the class that the American people will have to subdue.

The "Nanigo" is an organization among the lower classes, principally negroes, who are banded for the purpose of wreaking vengeance upon an enemy, and they are considered as being very treacherous and dangerous.

The members of Co. L are all well and are enjoying splendid health, with the exception of Primly Dry, who sprained his left ankle and is now in the regimental hospital.

Regards to all.

H P DEATCH.

TO BE AMENDED.

A Committee Appointed for the Amendment of the Town Charter for Several Reasons—Damages Paid to the Trustees of the Lutheran Church.

The board of commissioners for the town met Monday night at the city hall. More than the auditing of accounts, there was some other business of interest to our readers.

On account of the damage done to the Lutheran church in the making of the pavement, the trustees of the church were ordered to be paid one hundred dollars.

A committee, composed of Messrs. A B Young, Root, F Coble and Mayor Crowell, was appointed, whose duty it shall be to formulate amendments to the present town charter. Several changes are expected to be made.

One intended change is to issue bonds to pay the floating debt now standing against the town and which is drawing 8 per cent. interest.

An effort will also be made to make the mayor of the town chairman of the school board.

Another probable change will be to decrease the number of commissioners from eight, as at present, to four—one from each ward. Then committees will be appointed by the board instead of having the commissioners to do this, as they have been doing in the past, receiving no compensation for their service more than as a commissioner.

A committee was appointed to investigate the amount of damage done Mr. M L Blackwelder's property on South Main street by the cutting of the pavements, and to report at the next meeting of the board.

What Was the Thief's Purpose?

On Monday night some one went to the stable of Mr. Jake Dove below town and took Mrs. Harry Fryling's black horse, which she recently purchased from Mr. Columbus Goodman, out of the stable. In order that no one would hear the movement of the horse, it was not taken over the bridge leading to the road from the barn but was taken to one side, which was found by the tracks left behind. The next morning Mr. Columbus Goodman found the horse at his house with Mr. Dove's bridle on it. As to what the intention of the rider was, nothing is known. There is a supposition that some person used the animal as a means of getting to a distillery in that community but the suspicion has not been definitely fixed on anyone.

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PERSONAL POINTERS.

—Miss Lelia Cook, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting Mrs. Jas. P Cook.

—Mrs. Chas. Kimball, together with little Miss Ruth Thom, returned this morning from China Grove.

—Mrs. Chas. Stone arrived here last night from Charlotte to visit her folks. Miss Janie Patterson, who has been visiting her, returned also.

—Mr. J A Moore and wife, who have been staying at the St. Cloud for several weeks, returned to Charlotte this morning. Mr. Moore is in the sewing machine business.

—Misses McDonald and Maxwell left this morning to visit at the homes of Messrs. W L and P M Morris.

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For a Textile School.

The growing demand for a State textile school has taken shape in a bill offered by Mr. Clarkson, of Mecklenburg, in the House. It provides for a board of 27, of whom Mr. J W Cannon, of Concord, is to be a member. It provides that it shall not be established in any city that does not give the sum of \$15,000 toward it, and when such amount is obtained the State of North Carolina will give \$15,000 also. If established it is to teach the manufacture of all kinds of cotton and woollen yarns and fabrics. The name is to be "The Vance Textile School."

Probably Another Enterprise for Us

Mr. T W Cureton, from Greenville, S. C., is here today looking out for a location for a fruit and news stand. He is in conference this afternoon with Mr. Robt. Phifer for a stand in the south end of the postoffice building next to Mr. Jas. Dayvault's market. Mr. Cureton has visited several towns in the State with the intention of locating. He is also seeking a healthy locality as his health is bad.

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