

THE PEOPLE CANNOT RESPOND AS THEY DESIRE.

Recently the President, through Secretary of State Sherman, made an appeal to his fellow-countrymen for assistance to relieve the suffering and destitute people of Cuba, whose condition of starvation and ultimate death was brought about almost wholly by that inhuman brute Weyler and the tyranny of Spain.

The more fortunate people of the United States are utterly unable to comprehend the frightful panorama of death daily enacted on that sunny isle. From youth, to their mind's eye, its white shores and tangled green of its verdure formed itself into an oasis of contentment and peace, smiling in the embrace of the shimmering waters of the tropics. At morn, the sun kisses the dew and studs the verdure with scintillating diamonds; the azure canopy melts in the distance to purple blue, as if to draw away from the ethereal pureness of the white-winged ships of space hovering over that dew-bathed, sun-kissed gem as guardian angels. But, list! That rustle in the fronds of the palmetto is the sweet breath of a siesta, and the murmuring of the whispering in the pine is the music from the dreamland of Cupid.

And so we dreamed for years, to be rudely awakened at this advanced era of christianity to the atrocity of a vile and unholy nation of despots, who have left untried no outrage, no inhumanity, to further enslave her subjects, and if successful in that, to exterminate them.

When the sun now rises at morn on Cuba it sweeps over a scene of desolation, where once were well-tilled fields and happy habitations, and sets a ruby in every dew-drop that has been intermingled with the flood of patriot blood, while the whisper in the pine has become a requiem for the dead and dying.

Figures cannot be comprehended—one cannot grasp the appalling inhumanity that Cuba has suffered from her mother country. Thousands upon thousands already dead—starved to death; thousands upon thousands dying—starving to death—dying from disease. And yet Spain offers to re-enslave Cuba—promises her anything, only to again pluck her of everything.

Food, clothing, and medicine by shiploads are needed in Cuba, and the President has asked his countrymen to send them. But the people were not prepared for the request. They had not forgotten his "promising" inaugural in which Cuba was to receive so much attention from his administration, and from which the people expected to soon rejoice with Cuba in her freedom. Alas! the President had not counted upon the holders of Spanish bonds, the Sugar Trust, Tobacco Trust, and the flogging hand of Manager Hanna.

Word comes from Washington that in response to this appeal for help for the non-combatants of Cuba, contributions have been extremely light compared to what was expected, taking similar emergencies for help in distress into consideration, and it is quite conclusive that the fellow-countrymen of the President cannot respond as they would like to do, for financially they are in sore straits. However, the fellow-countrymen of the President have some blood to spare and are willing to spill it for Cuba; and from the present crisis of affairs in that unhappy isle, the President may at last be compelled to supplement his appeal for money and medicine by force of arms, and remove forever the stigma and disgrace of the hell of death that Spain presides over at our very doors through favor to trusts and the creditors of a bankrupt nation.

It has been proposed in Congress to save money for the Postoffice Department by reducing the number of deliveries in the large cities of the country. This would be a gross injustice, as they really help to make up the deficiency. But if the Postoffice Department or Congress really wants to make the carrying of mail self-sustaining and without injustice to any one, they can do it. For years, from the inception of the postal service, all vehicles for the carrying of

mails have been rented. This, of course, is quite proper with stages and on star-routes. But is it proper for railroads, considering the price paid? The United States does not own a postal car—they are the property of railroads—but the United States pays a yearly rental of \$4,500 for each car. In fact the government pays rental enough every year to buy all the cars in use. It has done so for years and it will probably keep on doing so, for Congress will take no steps for retrenchment in the rental of postal cars, though its attention has been called to the robbery by railroads time and time again. Not only is the Department made to go down into its pocket yearly for thousands of dollars by this robbery—jobbery—but it annually loses thousands more by the corrupt and dishonest weighing of mails. The railroads are given notice when mails are to be weighed, and prepare for the event by having extra carloads of mail matter sent back and forth over the lines during the month of weighing, and the yearly payment based upon these inflated weights. Undoubtedly the Postoffice Department would like to make its business sustaining, but you may "go tell it to the marines" when Congress adopts the only measure necessary to accomplish it—that of paying a fair rental for postal cars or owning them and weighing mails on railroads at any time and without notice. The railroad lobbyists have owned Congress for a long time.

UNDoubtedly some of the appropriations of Congress have been enormously extravagant and could have been reduced several million dollars without detriment to the people or government. Yet there are others that should be increased. For instance, the Patent Office appropriation. The work of this office has steadily increased with the growth of the country; it has paid a profit to the government, and now has to its credit in the Treasury \$5,000,000 over and above expenses. The Secretary of Interior asked Congress for half the additional help needed, and the House Appropriations Committee refused to grant any additional help whatever, which will throw the business of the Patent Office from six months to a year behind. So this one branch of the government which pays a profit must wait—its patrons must wait—until Congress, regardless of the people's needs, cuts appropriations to meet if possible the McKinley-Dingley Deficit Tariff Bill—that wonderful measure which was to be loaded with prosperity with a big P, but which has proven an unutterable failure as a revenue raiser. In one thing, however, the Dingley bill has accomplished what it intended—it has repaid to trusts and monopolists the \$17,000,000 election fund, and unsatisfied with that unlawfulness is paying them usurious interest. This Great Oppressing Party is fixing to get itself dumped.

HANNA is elected Senator from Ohio for the unexpired and full terms by bare one vote. His success will probably benefit the Democratic party more than his defeat would, for the Republicans have accepted Mr. Hanna as its model and its opponents will not be slow to hold them to a strict accountability for his behavior. And as his behavior will be that of a boss, a distributor of boodle, a buyer of elections, an upholder of trusts, syndicates and monopolies, a trader in the energies of mining operative and skilled labor, and the whip of the Administration, he will not unlikely do the Republican party more injury than good before the next presidential campaign. Like Mark Twain's three men in a boat, none of whom could pray when in danger of the storm, but could do one religious act by taking up a collection, so is the Administration, the Republican party and Hanna, but their collection for the next national campaign will not be a saving grace.

Valdese News. Correspondence of The Herald. Our little settlement is welcoming the return of Mrs. M. E. Morrison, who was away the last three weeks to spend the holidays with her family.

Our day school is continuing in the most promising manner. Our gentle teacher, Miss Knox, is getting deeper and deeper into the hearts of our little ones.

The industrial school for girls, directed and taught by Miss Arm, Mrs. Rupert, and Mrs. Soulier, is also very promising, and it seems that the sunshine of a new era has dawned upon our little colony.

WANTED—To rent or purchase from 50 to 100 acres of land near Morganton suitable for truck farming. Inquire at the HERALD OFFICE.

Communicated. SMITH—RECTOR.

A Quiet Wedding of a Few Weeks Ago Just Made Public.

Married, December 21, 1897, by Rev. C. M. Teal, at his residence just across the line which divides the two Carolinas, in the State of South Carolina and about nine miles from Henrietta, N. C., Mr. H. Bascom Smith and Miss Rosalia Rector, both of Morganton, N. C. There were present besides the above named parties Mr. Teal's family, consisting of wife and five children; Mr. W. E. Marsh, now of Whitsett, and Mr. Sharp Butler, a liverman, who drove them out from Henrietta.

Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. A. J. Smith, an enterprising farmer of Cora, N. C., and is a young man of excellent character, intelligent, sober, and industrious, possessing that energy and straightforwardness which is characteristic of all men whose efforts are eventually crowned with success.

Miss Rector (now Mrs. Smith), a daughter of Rev. J. A. Rector, one of Morganton's best citizens and business men, is a young lady whose intelligence and innumerable attractions cannot fail to win the love and esteem of all who form her acquaintance.

Neither parents nor relatives of either bride or groom had the least idea of the marriage until a few days ago. On December 4, 1897, Mr. Smith, who had been an employee of the State Hospital nearly two years, tendered his resignation, to take effect the 19th inst., at the same time announcing his intention of taking a business course at Whitsett Institute this year. Consequently he and Mr. W. E. Marsh, then an employee of the Hospital, began preparations to enter college at the beginning of the spring term. Mr. Smith told no one of his intentions of marrying except one or two friends at the Hospital, of whom he exacted a promise not to mention it till he had completed his course at college.

Miss Rector, who had been away from home some few weeks teaching school near Hildebrand, had not mentioned to even her most intimate friends the fact of her approaching marriage.

On Monday, December 20th, Mr. Smith left the Hospital in company with Mr. Marsh, who, it was supposed, was going to spend a few days with him at his home before leaving for Whitsett. At Morganton when the noon train arrived they joined Miss Rector, who had left those at Hildebrand with whom she was boarding under the impression that she was coming to Morganton to spend the holidays with her parents. From here the trio proceeded via Marion to Henrietta, where they remained over night with Mr. J. Hicks, with whom Mr. Smith had previously arranged the matter.

Next morning, Tuesday, December 21st, they were driven to the home of Rev. Teal, where the knot was tied at 11 o'clock, after which they returned to Henrietta and remained until December 23d. They arrived in Morganton Thursday on the 5 p. m. train, got off without being seen, procured a horse and buggy by the aid of Mr. Marsh and drove to the home of the bride's parents in East Morganton. The family were attending an entertainment up town when they arrived, consequently, by Mrs. Smith's request, her husband went to her parents and got the keys to their residence for her in order that they might enter.

The entertainment over, the parents went home thinking their daughter had just arrived from her school by private conveyance, accompanied by Mr. Smith, and not dreaming that they were husband and wife, whom, upon entering the parlor, they found occupying seats on opposite sides of the fireplace. Mr. Smith spent the night at Mr. P. Hildebrand's and next day accompanied his father (who was in town) home. The holidays over, Mrs. Smith returned to her school, where she still remains.

Mr. Smith is now in school at Whitsett, where he entered at the opening of the spring term, January 3d, and intends to do some honest work until he completes his course of study. He did not intend to have his marriage announced until he got through college, but on account of the rumor which reached Mrs. Smith's parents to the effect that she had married without their knowledge they demanded of her an explanation. She wrote her husband asking his advice as to what she should do and he considered it prudent that they should announce it immediately.

Mrs. Smith will probably return home after the close of her school and remain with her parents until her husband's return.

When a young man deprives himself of the pleasure of being with a young and loving wife, to whom he has been married only a few days, in order that he may better prepare himself for some vocation in life, it is evident that he means business; and while Mr. Smith's many friends extend to him their heartiest congratulations upon the result of his little romance, they also wish both he and his wife a long and happy life, and that his every effort may be crowned with success.

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.

Glen Alpine Notes. Correspondence of The Herald.

Mr. John Lowdermilk has moved to Possumtown and Mr. James Grady has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Lowdermilk. After an unavoidable delay Miss Martha Marshall, arrived from Weaverville Thursday, and began her school here Monday. She comes well recommended.

Mr. Paul Giles has returned to his railroad work near Cleveland, after a few days' visit here with relatives.

Mr. Claude Bright, of Newton, spent Sunday in Glen Alpine with friends.

Miss Daisy Simpson returned Saturday from a delightful visit with friends near Bridgewater.

Miss Lou London has returned to Table Rock from an extended visit with relatives at Gilboa.

Miss Julia London, of Table Rock, is a guest of Miss Lula Clontz.

Mr. Will Bowman spent Sunday at Mr. James London's, in Upper Creek township.

Mr. Milton Giles was here as usual with friends on Sunday. Mr. Giles is an employee of the D. and D., and off duty until March 1st. He is a carpenter.

Mr. Will Giles returned from Henrietta last week. The social at Mrs. Tyson's in Eldridge Tuesday night was a most enjoyable occasion.

Quarterly meeting in the Methodist church convenes here on the first Sunday in February. The church is undergoing some repairs.

Mr. Alfred Scott, of the State Hospital, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Causley and Miss Florence Causley, of Eldridge, spent Saturday and Sunday near this place with their cousin, Rasse Carswell. U No Who. Jan. 18, 1898.

Marriage Licenses.

The Register of Deeds, W. F. Hallyburton, esq., has issued marriage licenses during the past week as follows: Wesley Ferree and Aimey Smith; Joseph T. Botts and Martha Hipp; Augustus Wall and Annie Causby.

Mothers whose children are troubled with bad colds, croup or whooping-cough will do well to read what Dr. R. E. Rodey, of Olney, Mo., says on this subject. He writes: "For years we have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and always keep it in the house. It is regarded in our family as a specific for all kinds of colds and coughs. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by W. A. Leslie, Druggist."

Gen. Benjamin Butterworth, commissioner of patents and a well-known Republican politician, died Sunday.

Rev. E. A. Ramsey, one of the best known Presbyterian divines of the South, died in Memphis, Tenn., Friday, aged 46 years.

The mercantile firm of T. E. Wright & Co., of Maiden, Catawba county, composed of T. E. Wright and G. W. Cochran, have made an assignment, for the benefit of their creditors, to W. C. Feinstern and M. H. Yount, of Newton. It is claimed that the assets are about \$4,000 and that the liabilities will exceed that amount.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant, of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails, and is a sure cure for consumption, coughs, and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at John Tull's Drug Store.

Logan Carlisle, son of Hon. John G. Carlisle, died of heart failure in New York Sunday. He was about 34 years of age. While his father held a position in President Cleveland's Cabinet, he was Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department.

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways: The first way is from imperfect action of the kidneys. The second way is from careless local treatment of other diseases.

CHIEF CAUSE. Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases. It is situated back of and very close to the bladder, therefore any pain, disease or inconvenience manifested in the kidneys, back, bladder or urinary passage is often, by mistake, attributed to female weakness or womb trouble of some sort. The error is easily made and may be as easily avoided. To find out correctly, set your urine aside for twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, is soon realized. If you need a medicine, you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet, both sent free by mail. Mention THE MORGANTON HERALD and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this paper for.

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The Railroad Commission Case.

In the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, D. C., on Monday, argument was heard on the motion for a rule on Messrs. L. C. Caldwell and John H. Pearson, railroad commissioners, to show cause why they should not be attached for contempt in defying the writ of superdeceas issued by the U. S. Supreme Court. E. O. Bartou, esq., appeared for Maj. J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson, and Judges McRae and A. C. Avery for the commissioners. The opinion of the Court will not be announced until next Monday. The rule will be issued, it is conceded, if the Court finds any Federal question involved in the controversy.

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