

The last two descendants of the immortal Christopher Columbus are in an almshouse at Cadiz, Spain.

An authentic portrait of Amerigo Vespucci has been discovered in Italy.

Rev. Sam Jones has entered the race for the governorship of Georgia. With his popularity it would seem that he must be elected.

Egypt has taken up the cultivation of the sugar cane, and last year \$8,000,000 was realized from the sale of sugar made in Egypt.

NEW COUNTY LAW.

The Text of The New County Law—Only Three Commissioners Hereafter for Our County.

The county government bill as it passed the House, with the amendments incorporated as adopted, reads as follows.

Sec. 1. That the office of county supervisor, as now provided by law, shall continue and the successors of the present supervisors shall be elected by the people at the next general election, with a term of office for two years and until their successors shall be elected and qualified; and such supervisors shall receive the pay and execute the bond as now provided by law.

Sec. 2. That the governor shall, before the first day of February, A. D. 1899, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and before the first day of February of each succeeding two years thereafter, appoint upon the recommendation of members of the General Assembly from the several counties or a majority of them, two persons from each county who shall be known as the commissioners of the county, and who shall act with the supervisor in the governmental matters of the county, the said supervisor and commissioners together to constitute a board to be known as "The board of county commissioners." The supervisor shall be the chairman of county commissioners so to be constituted; and said board may at their first meeting for organization elect a clerk.

Sec. 3. That on the first day of February, A. D. 1899, the office of county commissioners and township commissioners, as now provided by law to be appointed by the Governor shall be abolished; and the jurisdiction, powers and duties now devolved by law upon the appointive boards of county and township commissioners are hereby devolved upon the board of county commissioners herein provided for, to consist of the county supervisor and two commissioners; and all claims against the counties to be valid shall be approved in writing by a majority of said board, and entered upon the minutes; said board so constituted shall meet at the county seat at least once a month for the transaction of business; Provided that the provisions of this section shall apply to the counties of Lancaster, Georgetown and Oconee and Richland on and after the first day of April, 1898.

Sec. 4. The board of county commissioners and township commissioners now appointed by the Governor, after the appointment and qualification of the commissioners provided for in this Act, shall continue in office as county boards of equalization and township boards of assessors until their successors shall be appointed, and the Governor of this State is hereby authorized and empowered, on the recommendation of a majority of the members of the General Assembly of the respective counties, every two years, to appoint such county boards of equalization and township board of assessors as are now provided by law for the appointment of county commissioners and township commissioners. Such boards shall serve for two years from the time of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified, their terms to be co-terminal with the Governor who appoints them, and they shall receive such pay as is now provided by law. The chairman of special boards of assessors shall be an ex-officio member of county boards.

JOHNSON'S CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

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THE WAR SHIP MAINE BLOWN UP.

Terrible Disaster in the Harbor of Havana.

ONE OF THE FINEST VESSELS

In the United States Navy Destroyed, and Many of Her Men Killed or Wounded.

HAVANA, Feb. 15.—At a quarter of 10 o'clock this evening a terrible explosion took place on board the United States cruiser Maine in Havana harbor. Many are killed or wounded. All the boats of the Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII are assisting. As yet the cause of the explosion is not apparent. The wounded sailors of the Maine are unable to explain it. It is believed that the cruiser is totally destroyed.

The explosion shook the whole city. The windows were broken in all the houses. The correspondent of the Associated Press says he has conversed with several of the wounded sailors, and understands from them that the explosion took place while they were asleep, so that they can give no particulars as to the cause.

The wildest consternation prevails in Havana. The wharves are crowded with thousands of people. It is believed the explosion occurred in a small powder magazine.

Capt. Sigsbee and the other officers have been saved. It is estimated that over 200 of the crew were killed, but it is impossible as yet to give exact details. Admiral Manterola has ordered that boats of all kinds should go to the assistance of the Maine and her wounded.

The Havana firemen are giving aid, tending carefully to the wounded as they are brought on shore.

It is a terrible sight. Gen. Solano and the other generals have been ordered by Captain General Blanco to take steps to help the Maine's crew in every way possible. The correspondent of the Associated Press has been near the Maine in one of the boats of the cruiser Alfonso and seen others of the wounded, who corroborate the statement of those first interviewed that they were already asleep when the explosion occurred.

Capt. Sigsbee says the explosion occurred in the bow of the vessel. He received a wound in the head. Orders were given to the other officers to save themselves as best they could. The latter, who were literally thrown from their berths in their night clothing, gave the necessary orders with great self-possession and bravery.

The first theory was that there had been a preliminary explosion in the Sanra Barbara (magazine) with powder or dynamite below the water.

Admiral Manterola believes the first explosion was of a grenade shell that was hurled over the navy yard.

Secretary Long received Capt. Sigsbee's dispatch but a few minutes before the Associated Press dispatches from Havana were handed him. He received the news with apparent calm, and his first act was to comply with Capt. Sigsbee's request that assistance be sent from Key West. He immediately wired Capt. Forsythe, at Key West, to proceed with the naval tender Fern to Havana harbor. Secretary Long then sent for Capt. Dickens and the two discussed Capt. Sigsbee's brief telegram. No other naval officers were present, and besides the Secretary and Capt. Dickens the naval colony here is ignorant of this disaster, the greatest which has befallen the American navy since the disaster at Apia some years ago. The Secretary is inclined to believe that most of the officers were on shore at the time of the accident, as it was still early in the night. While neither the Secretary nor Capt. Dickens are inclined to discuss the probable cause of the accident, several suggestions were ventured upon. They believe that it may have been caused by a fire in the bunkers, heating the bulk-head near a magazine, or that an accident may have occurred while inspecting high explosives for torpedoes. Of course, this is mere speculation, and the Secretary is anxiously awaiting a more detailed report from Capt. Sigsbee.

THE SAILORS SAY THAT IT WAS A TORPEDO.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—A special to the Times-Union and Citizen from Key West, Fla., says: The steamship Olivette arrived here to-night with a large number

of wounded and many other survivors of the Maine disaster. The officers were, as a rule, reticent, and followed in line with their chief, Sigsbee, in saying that the cause of the explosion could only be ascertained by divers, but many of the sailors were outspoken in their declaration of belief that the explosion was a deep laid plot of the Spaniards. They are greatly incensed against the Havana people, who have shown them small courtesy, who looked upon their presence as a national affront, and who have published anonymous circulars captioned "Down with Americans." They believe that the author of such expressions of cowardly hatred would not stop at an act of such terrific vengeance as the blowing up of the Maine. These sailors, acquainted with the drills, discipline and ensemble of a man of war, pooh-pooh the idea of an internal explosion as the last thing to be thought of.

SCOVEL'S POSITIONS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A cablegram from Sylvester Scovel to the Evening World under today's date from Havana via Key West, says:

"The consensus of opinion of those who have studied the wreck closest is now that the explosion was caused by a submarine mine. The forward magazine, it is now generally supposed is intact, also the forward 6-inch magazines. This leaves only a few saluting charges and a few small calibre shells in the pilot house, which could possibly have exploded aboard the ship. At the same time the fearful damage is too big for any but an extremely large torpedo. If it was a torpedo, the divers will find the torpedo fragments, but if it was a submarine mine no traces would be found. All the American officers are internally boiling; there is not one of them from Capt. Sigsbee down who is not firmly convinced a government submarine mine did it."

"The Spanish dailies are loudly clamoring 'accident, accident,' when even now the fact is known that the whole middle deck which was blown straight up, never had an ounce of ship's powder under it, and that was where the first flame was seen."

EXPLOSION WAS SOMETHING BEYOND MAN'S DESCRIPTION.

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—Capt. Sigsbee of the battleship Maine, in an interview today with the correspondent of the Associated Press, described in detail the explosion, which destroyed the great ship:

"On the night of the explosion," said Capt. Sigsbee, "I had not retired. I was writing letters. I find impossible to describe the sound or shock, but the impression remains of something awe inspiring, nerve-racking, vibrating, all pervading. There is nothing in the former experience of any one on board to measure the explosion by."

"After the first great shock I cannot myself recall how many sharper detonations I heard, not more than two or three. I knew my ship was gone. In such a structure as the Maine, the effects of such an explosion are not for a moment in doubt."

"I made my way through the passage, in the dark, groping from side to side, to the hatchway and thence to the poop, being among the earliest to reach that spot. So soon as I recognized the officers, I ordered the high explosives to be flooded and then directed that the boats available be lowered to rescue the wounded or drowning. Discipline, in a perfect measure prevailed. There was no more confusion than a call to general quarters would produce; not as such."

"I soon saw by the light of the flames that all my officers and crew left alive and on board, surrounded me. I cannot form any idea of the time, but it seemed five minutes from the time I reached the poop until we left, the last man it was possible to reach having been saved. It must have been three-quarters of an hour or more, however, from the amount of work done."

"I remember the officers and men worked together lowering the boats and that the gig took some time to lower."

"I did not notice the rain of debris described by Lieut. Blandin and others who were on deck at the time of the first explosion, but I did observe the explosion of the field ammunition and wondered that more were not hurt thereby."

"Without going beyond the limits of what was proper in the harbor of a foreign power, I always maintain precautions against attack and the quarter watch was ordered to have ammunition for the smaller guns ready to hand, so that in the improbable event of an attack on the ship it would have been found ready. It was this ammunition which exploded as the heat reached it."

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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 woman, 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 24 hours; a sediment or settling indicates kidney or bladder trouble. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention the Advertiser and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

Municipal Registration Notice.

The books for the registration of the voters of the town of Edgefield, S. C., will be open at my store from Jan. 1st, 1898, to April 1st, 1898, said registration being for the general election to be held on April 11th, 1898, for the election of Intendant and Wardens to serve for the ensuing year. J. L. MIMS, Supervisor Registration Town of Edgefield, S. C.

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Assessment of Property.

For the purpose of assessing property Auditor Haltiwanger will be at Edgefield from Jan. 1st to Jan. 6th. Trenton, Thursday, Jan. 6. Johnston, Friday, " 7. Elmwood, Saturday, " 8. Pleasant Lane, Monday, " 10. S. Chestnut's store, Tuesday, " 11. Red Hill, Wednesday, " 12. Colliers, Thursday, " 13. W. Chestnut's store, Friday, " 14. Clark's Hill, Saturday, " 15. Modoc, and at Spartanburg, Sunday, " 17. Parkville, Tuesday, " 18. Plum Branch, Wednesday, " 19. Longmire, Thursday, " 20. Quarles, Friday, " 21. And at Edgefield, S. C., on Feb. 20th, 1898. After which date 50 per cent penalty will be added to the personal property of all persons who have failed to make their returns.

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