

A Franco-Spanish alliance is soon to be announced.

Edward Bellamy, the author of "Looking Backward," is dead.

Spain will decree war privateering, if the great big six will allow it.

The State democratic convention of last week met and adjourned—nothing more.

The Spanish flying squadron is believed to be everywhere that it is not.

The Charleston battery of heavy artillery has been ordered to duty at Port Royal, this State.

With our right at Manila and our left at Porto Rico we have a good long line of battle, say thirteen thousand miles.

It is said now, or now said, that the Oregon has just reached Para, which is at the mouth of the Amazon river.

Congressman Robbins, of Pennsylvania, has resigned his seat in Congress to go to Cuba and fight the Spaniards.

Loyal Americans will boycott the Paris exposition on account of France's sympathy with Spain in the present war.

The cruiser Charleston left San Francisco for Manila on Saturday last with supplies for Dewey. On Monday and Tuesday three transports with ten thousand troops sailed for the same place.

The Spanish Cadiz squadron, it is said, is about to sail for Cuban waters. It is also said that the Cape Verde fleet is bottled up in Santiago de Cuba, and Sampson has nothing to do but pull out the stopper.

BISHOP STEVENS FAVORS DISPENSARY.

Bishop Stevens favors the dispensary. In a letter published in the News and Courier of Monday he has the following to say:

To the Editor of The News and Courier: The law, being now enacted by the States to be in its essential features, constitutional, it is to be hoped that the press and every good citizen will recognize it as a law of the State to be respected and obeyed.

Let the defects of the law be pointed out in temperate language, with a view to their removal.

Let no opprobrious epithets be applied to the institution or its officials created by the law. Let it have a fair chance to prove its worth.

With the unlimited and unjustifiable authority of search and confiscation by constables struck out: with every municipality free to determine for itself whether a dispensary shall be established in its territory; with hotel privileges withdrawn; with a board of control seeking to check rather than encourage the use of liquor; with the dispenser not dependent for his position upon the amount of his sales, but his faithful discharge of duty; with good wares, neither too high nor too cheap in price, and with a strict adherence to the law of sale, we may realize that we have found the safest and best solution of the sale of liquor ever devised.

P. F. Stevens. Orangeburg, May 20, 1898.

Will England Take a Hand?

London, May 24.—The Daily Chronicle commenting on a dispatch from its correspondent at Kingston, Jamaica, who says that England has thrown eighteen months supplies into Jamaica, where all the officers have had their leave withdrawn asks if England is going to take a hand in the Hispano-American war, and couples its correspondent's report with the rumor current in Liverpool yesterday that France is trying to buy the Canaries for \$30,000,000.

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THE RAPID RUSH INTO CUBA.

The Movement is on Today With all Possible Vigor.

FIRST ATTACHMENT OF TROOPS LANDED

And Others Following—Transports With Men and Guns Going Rapidly—The Movement Has Now Assumed the Swiftens of an Avalanche.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—According to good authority the movement on Cuba by the American army of sixty thousand has already begun. The first detachment of troops is believed to have landed.

Other transports sailed yesterday and are to sail to-day. The purpose is to rush the army into Cuba with the swiftness of an avalanche, taking Blanco by surprise.

The Cubans are rapidly pushing towards the coast and are opening landing places for the American troops. A battle occurred Thursday west of Matanzas. The blockading ships witnessed it. About three hundred Cubans were engaged. The fighting lasted all day. Friday morning the Spanish cavalry and infantry were retreating.

A Havana dispatch says: "The insurgents attacked the town of Palma Soriano near Santiago, using quick firing guns, but were repulsed by the garrison. The Spanish loss was slight."

Naval officers at Key West are puzzled at Blanco's new tactics. The signal and searchlights at Havana have not been in operation since Friday night. All is dark in the harbor and town.

General Miles said in Washington this morning that he expected to go south soon to take command of the army of invasion.

It is the opinion of military experts that our troops will be in Havana in a few weeks' time. Great credence is placed in the report that troops have already started for Cuba.

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Union Meeting.

Churches of the Lower division of Ridge Association will meet in union at Wards church Saturday before 5th Sunday in May.

10 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by H. S. Roton.

10:30 a. m. Organization and Verbal reports from churches.

11 a. m. Discussion of subjects

No. 1. "Do we attach sufficient importance to personal work for the Master's cause?" by L. G. Swearingin, W. W. Johnson, Rev. Jno Lake.

No. 2. "Are we not neglectful of those who need our sympathy?" J. H. Edwards, W. L. Coleman, Geo. Salter and W. S. Allen.

No. 3. "Do our deacons perform their duty as regards looking after backsliding members?" J. H. Watson, T. R. Denny, Calvin Watson and W. P. Seigler.

2 p. m., No. 4. What is the main object of protracted meetings? Revs. J. H. Pearce, J. W. Bishop and Mr. T. S. Wright.

No. 5. To what extent are parents responsible for nonattendance of their children at Sunday school? W. D. Holland, W. E. Lott, B. F. Lewis and W. A. Mobley.

SUNDAY MORNING.

10 a. m. Sunday school.

11 a. m. Sermon by Rev. A. J. Reamy.

Adjourn for dinner.

1.30 p. m. Song and praise services conducted by A. R. Eidson.

2 p. m. Discussion of query No. 6 "Which is the better method of teaching Sunday school lessons, asking questions or letting the scholars?" S. W. Scott, R. Turner, S. J. Watson and H. W. Jackson.

B. F. Lewis, Clerk P. N. Lott, Moderator.

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Did dey all git up en git? Has Jey tumbled in de pit? I wish you please, suh, tell me— Is de flyin' squadron lit?

O Mister—Mister Sampson, Is you all done fout en fit? I wish you please, suh, tell me— Is de flyin' squadron lit?

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—F. L. S.

As the Spaniards See Us.

The St. Joseph (Mo.) Herald culls some interesting items from Spanish newspapers of recent date. From El Heraldo of Madrid it quotes thus:

"All the troops of the Yankees are in the far western country many thousand miles from the Atlantic coast. There are only a few thousand men all told, and they are ill paid and not willing to fight. To utilize this force it will be necessary to bring it to the eastern seaboard. There is but one railway by which it can be transported and that is an old and poorly constructed affair. At one place this road passes over Niagara Falls, a cataract 1,000 feet high, near Labrador. At last accounts the bridge at this place was in a very dangerous condition. It need surprise none to hear that some agency did make it still more so. It would serve the hateful pigs of Yankees right if their miserable army was thus drowned.

It another part of the same paper a correspondent suggests that the Spanish fleet make a quick run from Cadiz to the American shores—which, he says, could be done in four days—and bombard "Chicago" (Chicago) and other seaport.

The Diario, another Spanish newspaper, evidently similar to our "yellow" journals, issued an extra with the following statement: "The Yankee Presidente Magginly committed suicide for fear that the Spanish fleet would capture New York." The next day it corrected this, saying that he died from wounds inflicted by a brave Spaniard. The Diario also distinguished itself by publishing a biographical sketch of President McKinley, in which it says: "Magginly is a naturalized Chinaman, having been born at

an attempt at humor on the part of the Diario, but is meant seriously.

The Imparcial, under date of April 20, publishes the following dispatch from Havana:

"Word has just been received here that the Indians are rising against the Yankees in Illinois, Ohio and other places. The farmers are petitioning the government to protect them from the blood thirsty savages, who are burning houses and killing on every side. Troops are asked for at Colorado, in the State of Denver, and at St. Louis (San Luis) in Missisipi.

In the same issue The Imparcial also says:

"We have repeatedly called attention to the fact that the Americans are ignorant swine who cannot take care of themselves under any circumstances. That they are imbeciles is shown by the fact that at Philadelphia the other day a boiler burst in a cigar factory and killed 27 people. And these are the people who dare to defy and insult the Spaniards, with centuries of chivalry and war like history at their backs."

El Pais, another great journal of Madrid, recently said, editorially:

"It is pitiful to see what children, what weaklings the Americans are. They are unable to care for themselves as infants in arms. Yesterday there were no less than two railway accidents in America, the total victims being six. They are ignorant of the use of steam and their telegraph poles are continually blowing down."

Speculating upon what Spain should do with the United States when she has conquered this nation, El Pais says:

"The country is not fit to live in. The climate is execrable. When it is not steeling or snowing the heat is almost unbearable. Avalanches are frequent at all times and these threaten the principal cities. As for the people, besides the few whites engaged in business along the eastern coast, the remainder of the country is one vast plain covered with Indians called cow-boys and great herds of roaming cattle."

In one of the recent issues El Heraldo says:

"News is brought to us that Buffalo Bill, a notorious outlaw and leader of a band of half breeds, has arisen against the American government and is burning towns near his birthplace in New York."

These references are all a serious sarcasm, they are not humorous, they are published as actual facts so far as the Spanish editors know them. To us they are extremely ludicrous, but they manifest the ignorance of the people and the bad influence that a gagged press, under power of steaming and cor-

rupt statesmen and military leaders, exerts upon the public of Spain. They are much like our "yellow" journals in the publication of figments of the imagination that has run mad.

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Respectfully, W. J. TALBERT.

For House of Representatives.

The many friends of P. B. Mason, Esq., respectfully present his name to the democratic voters of Edgefield county for a seat in the House of Representatives, and respectfully solicit their support. He will abide the result of the primary election and support the nominees of the party.

MANY FRIENDS.

For County Treasurer.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer. I will abide the result of the primaries and support all the nominees of the party.

T. C. MORGAN.

For County Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination to the office of County Supervisor at the ensuing democratic primary election. The cordial support of my fellow citizens is respectfully solicited.

JAMES T. MIMS.

I announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Edgefield county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

R. A. COCHRAN.

I am a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, will abide the result of the primary election and support the nominees of the party.

J. M. BELL, JR.

I will abide the result of the primary election and support the nominees.

D. D. PADGETT.

Oh, the Pain of Rheumatism!

Rheumatism often causes the most intense suffering. Many have for years vainly sought relief from this disabling disease, and are to-day worse off than ever. Rheumatism is a blood disease, and Swift's Specific is the only cure, because it is the only remedy which can reach such deep-seated diseases.

A few years ago I was taken with inflammatory Rheumatism, which became so intense that I was for weeks unable to walk. I tried several prominent physicians and took their medicines faithfully, but was unable to get the slightest relief. In fact, my condition seemed to grow worse, the disease spread over my whole body, and from November to March

but when I had me my guardian, who was a chemist, analyzed the remedy, and pronounced it free of both arsenic and mercury. I felt so much better after a few days, and continued the remedy, and in a few weeks I was cured completely. The cure was permanent, for I have never since had a touch of Rheumatism, though many times exposed to damp and cold weather.

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Don't suffer longer with Rheumatism. Throw away your oils and liniments, as they can not reach your trouble. Don't experiment with doctors—their potash and mercury will add to your disability and completely destroy your digestion.

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Silks--Brocades--Silks.

22 new colors in Mouseline de Soir, fine quality, 25c. All Silk Satine Duchesse at 75c. \$1 25 Black Brocaded Gross Graines and Satine, 59c. \$1 25 and \$1 50 quality Moire Velocets at 59c. Black Taffetas, worth 1 00 at 50c. Taffetas in all the newest shades, 39c. \$1 25 Taffetas in the Check Plaids at 76c. 34 inch All-Silk Chines, all shades 75c grades at 35c. Beautiful line Silks for waists, this week, 49c. 12 Silk Waists, new designs, neatly made at \$9. 9. 15 Silk Waists, we bought them as a job lot, some in the lot is worth \$9, to close at \$4 90.

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