

Congress adjourned on last Saturday.

That was a glorious Fourth. Sampson had along the coasts of Cuba.

The siege of Santiago give us an idea of what is in store for us at Habana.

Camara's fleet has concluded not to go to the Philippines and is returning to Cadiz.

Hobson and companions have been exchanged and are on duty again, in front of Santiago.

Gen. Miles has gone to Cuba, will take part in the operations at Santiago, though not as commander-in-chief.

The Barnwell People is of the opinion that Walt Whitman may be elected governor of South Carolina by the year 1998.

Bradstreet and Dun, the great commercial prognosticators, say that the war has not interrupted business at all, but per contra many lines have been benefited.

Russia has adopted the South Carolina dispensary system and has gone a step further, in that the empire first manufactures the "stuff" and then bottles it for sale.

It was generally supposed in the beginning of the State campaign that Gov. Ellerbe was a most vulnerable candidate, but his opponents are playing their cards badly for the Governor has certainly not lost any feathers so far.

Dr. George F. Shady, one of the most eminent medical men in New York City, says there is much less danger than has been stated that the American soldiers will fall victims to yellow fever and other diseases in Cuba.

Lieut. Victor Blue received his prime education in the academies of Marion, under Prof. Witherow, Major J. B. White and others; his last teachers being Major J. R. McLean, then of Marion, now of Manning.

BUTLER COMPLIMENTED.

The presentation to Gen. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, of a fine saddle horse and accoutrements by the society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of New York, was a pleasing incident that has attracted favorable comment.

"The last nail in the coffin of sectionalism, if it needed any last nail has been driven," says the New York Mail and Express, "by the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Its members have at the same time, presented Major General Matthew C. Butler, of South Carolina, with a handsome warhorse, and handsome accoutrements, at Camp Alger, and given to Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, at Chickamauga, a sword richly chased and inscribed, together with belt and epaulettes of his new rank."

Reunion Co. K, 15th S. C. V.

The reunion of Co. K, 15th S. C. V., will be at Plum Branch on the 2nd Saturday of August, A. D. 1898. All the company are earnestly requested to attend. All veterans are cordially invited. The ladies of the surrounding country are specially invited to attend and bring their picnic baskets.

S. E. FREELAND, Sec'y and Chair. Ex. Bd.

BLOWN ALL TO PIECES.

Terrible Work Done by the American Fire.

The Destruction So Great That Shafter Begged the City to Surrender.

Playa del Este, July 12.—One hundred and one shells from the ships landed. Only five fell in the harbor. The army batteries fired 400 shots, carrying deadly havoc in many of the finest buildings in the city, which are reduced to dust. The slaughter and devastation was so great and so sickening a sight that Shafter sent in begging for the surrender of the city before the town was completely destroyed.

FLAG OF TRUCE SINCE 2 O'CLOCK YESTERDAY.

Latest Cable From Shafter Says There Has Been No Fighting Since Then.

Army Officers at Washington Express the Belief That Santiago Has Fallen and That Our Flag is Now Floating Over the City.

Washington, July 12.—Shafter in a cable this morning reports a truce since 2 p. m. yesterday. The enemy is considering a proposition for surrender. A thin line of Americans surrounds the city completely. Gen. Henry is marching up to reinforce the line. Only one man was killed yesterday, and three or four wounded. New batteries are being put in position. The refugees are suffering terribly.

Army officers after reading Shafter's dispatch, which was of yesterday's date, declared their belief that Santiago has surrendered, unconditionally, and by this time our flag floats over it.

Black Diamond Railroad.

Mr. T. C. Dickinson, of Washington, D. C., who is the financial agent of the projected Black Diamond Railroad system in Europe, is at the Grand all aglow with the prospects of the road. "I am just in from Cynthiana, Ky.," said he, "where a most harmonious and successful meeting of the Directors of the consolidated companies was held. There were perhaps forty prominent men present, representing the companies of the system extending from Ohio thence through several Southern States to the sea. The English capitalists whom I have interested in the enterprise during my five years residence in London have agreed to put up all the money necessary for the building and equipping of the system of 1,200 miles, estimated at \$40,000,000, contingent upon a favorable report from Sir Thomas Tancered (pronounced Tankard), the most famous railroad engineer expert and builder in the British Empire, who put through great railway lines in Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and other countries. He was paid \$10,000 to come out here this spring and pass upon the possibilities of a railway from Skagaway to Lake Bennett, Alaska, over the White Pass, which he pronounced perfectly feasible, and in consequence of his report five of the 45 miles of the line have already been constructed. He told me that the road requires no extra ordinary engineering skill. I submitted the profiles of our Black Diamond system to Sir Thomas some time since, and he pronounced them among the best that had ever come under his scrutiny. I have cabled him to come to this country as soon as convenient, and I go from here via Washington to meet him in New York, and expect to have him in Cincinnati in two weeks from today, where we will start out over the surveys. I apprehend that he will go over every mile of the trunk line horseback, and if his report is favorable we will get all the money in England that we want—in fact it has all been arranged for in that event. If his report is adverse, which I do not anticipate, our case will be all at once at an end. At the Cynthiana meeting of the Board of Directors this week \$10,000 was subscribed to pay the expenses, and fee for this tour of inspection. Our franchisees are first-class, and with the graded lines of old abandoned routes and tunnels nearly completed, I am sure that the system can be put through to the sea from Ohio and Indiana considerably under the estimate of \$40,000,000. There is an abundance of money in England awaiting investment, and American securities have not suffered a whit by the war, whereas I see that Spanish consols were shut out of the market June 29.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

TIME TO TALK OF PEACE.

Spanish and Americans Show High Qualities of Fighting Order. London.—The Times, this morning, discussing the fighting at El Caney, says: "Both sides have shown courage of a very high order, and it is hard to say whether the splendid dash and bravery of the American advance in the teeth of a galling fire or the stubborn tenacity of the Spanish defense is the more admirable.

"Both sides have learned to appreciate the splendid military qualities of their adversaries. "It is a pity that enemies who show themselves such worthy foemen in the field cannot see their way to save bloodshed by coming immediately to an arrangement on the inevitable basis. The Spaniards have amply vindicated their honor, and if they were wise they would now prove their common sense by offering terms to their opponents—terms which if they were reasonable would almost certainly be discussed in a generous spirit. The editorials in the Daily Graphic and Times fairly represent the opinions of the London newspapers. There is no word of blame, but rather unstinting admiration, for General Shafter's bravery; yet all remark that America finds Santiago a tougher task than she anticipated. Spain, it is suggested, might now sue for peace on honorable terms, but it is not thought she is likely to do so.

A Cotton Picker.

We have seen during the past week something that we never expected to see—a machine that will successfully pick cotton. Like all inventions of its kind it is right simple. The machine we saw is only a model, but the finished machine will be pulled by one or more horses. It straddles a row of cotton and a belt moves upward on each side of the stalks of cotton. On the face of the belts are a multitude of rubber fingers on the tops of which are small wire spikes somewhat like the wires in a cotton carder. The feature wherein the machine differs from all other experimental cotton picking machinery is that the fingers, being of rubber, are elastic, are easily bent about and pass in and out among the leaves and bolls without tearing them or breaking off the limbs of the plant while all lint the little spikes come in contact with will be plied out and carried up by them until turned over a trough, one on each of the machines, where it is knocked off by a set of wire fingers set in a cylinder traveling at a higher rate of speed than the belt, on the same principle that the brush takes the lint from the saws in the operation of ginning. The bottom of the trough is a belt moving towards a basket, box or other receptacle attached to the machine, and it pours the cotton out in a constant stream. The machine is the invention of a man named Martin at Maiden, N. C., a one armed Confederate veteran, of comparatively modest circumstances. The machine has been patented and Mr. A. S. Withers of Yorkville has an interest in it. We believe the machine will work a revolution in King Cotton's dominions.—Yorkville Yeoman.

Cardinal Gibbons called on President McKinley recently and requested the appointment of more chaplains from the Roman Catholic church.

TO ASSAULT OLD HAVANA!

Notice to That Effect Given to Captain-General Blanco.

Washington, July 11.—While the navy department refuses to affirm or deny truth of the report that Commodore Howell had notified Blanco that the harbor defenses of Havana would be bombarded if he did not haul down the Spanish flag and evacuate the city within four days, there is general belief that such an ultimatum has been issued. It is a part of the general system of terrorizing which is to be inaugurated along the Cuban coast. Blanco is hard pressed for food. Supplies from Jamaica via Cienfuegos have been cut off and half the population in Cuba are thoroughly sick of the war and desire a resumption of business and normal conditions.

RUSH TO SOUTH AND TO CUBA

War Will Hasten Tide of Home Seekers from West.

Mr. W. H. Nesbitt, manager of the American Real Estate Exchange, Dayton, O., is in the city accompanied by Secretary W. T. Godfrey.

Yesterday, in company with Mr. Howard Stafford of the Georgia Railroad Land Colonization company, they visited Belair colony and other points along the Georgia road as high as Harlan, and returned to the city last night. Today they will take a look at other farming properties in this vicinity.

Mr. Nesbitt has done a great deal toward settling Georgia with homeseekers from the West, having operated, principally around Fitzgerald and the lower part of the state. He is thoroughly acquainted with that section of Georgia, and is now turning his attention to the middle eastern portion. He is very much impressed with what he has seen of agricultural resources and possibilities so far. Belair colony was of special interest to him, and he sees in this tract great prospects for early development. He is much impressed with the location and the character of the land, and will direct his efforts in great part this way on his return home.

Mr. Nesbitt says the war has turned the homeseekers this way more strongly than ever, and as hostilities cease he looks for a rush to the south and to Cuba. The war is doing more than all agencies in the past to acquaint the people of the north and west with the south, and the returns to this section will follow early and rapidly upon the settlement of peace conditions.—Augusta Chronicle.

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ASHLEY AND TILLMAN.

The Anderson Man Beats the Senator in a Hand Primary.

A correspondent of the Greenville News gives the following account of what must have been an intensely interesting episode at the picnic at Sunyside:

Senator Tillman, in throwing brick at Sunyside on Saturday, dropped one on the toes of the redoubtable Josh Ashley, of Anderson, and found that he had waked up the wrong passenger. Mr. Ashley promptly "flung back," carried the crowd with him and in a hand primary on the management of Clemson College beat the Senator seven to one in a crowd of 2,000 people.

The occasion was a reunion of Confederate veterans, and the audience was from Abbeville, Greenwood and Anderson counties. Congressman Latimer and J. E. Boggs, of Pickens, who wants to succeed him, spoke. They developed no issues, personal or political, and were remarkably courteous toward each other.

Senator Tillman talked about two hours and of many things. He said he was no orator, his genius being for debate. Probably he did not think he would soon have the opportunity to test it. He spoke very much at random on national and State issues and repeated much of what he said in his recent speech in the Senate against annexation. Presently he touched on Clemson college and in a good humored way referred to the opposition and criticisms of Josh Ashley, who was present peacefully getting solid among the voters.

Mr. Ashley immediately called out from the crowd, saying he thought as he had been hit he ought to have the right to hit back. The people cheered him and Senator Tillman and the committee united in saying that he should have a chance.

When Mr. Ashley's time came he defined himself as not opposing. Clemson college but as disapproving of its management. The Senator interrupted him and they had a sharp but good natured running debate amid much cheering and laughing. Mr. Ashley stood his ground stoutly, and really made a sensible, straight forward talk. Presently he saw he had his man where he wanted him and turned one of Tillman's own guns on him by demanding a hand primary. The crowd sustained him clearly, some said five to one, others said ten to one. The right estimate was probably about half way between the two extremes.

All the this passed off without any apparent ill feeling, although it was evident that the Senator did not enjoy his defeat. He even

took another and rather a more serious turn at it and spoke earnestly and at some length in defence of Clemson's management, but he could not move the crowd. Some resentment was caused, however, by Senator Tillman's outspoken and urgent advice to the crowd to vote to return Latimer to Congress. There was much murmuring that this was interference in a district matter and an attempt at dictation, and many went away from the meeting in a rather bad humor.

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For State Senate. The friends of Hon. John C. Sheppard present his name to the voters of Edgefield county for the State Senate. He will abide the result of the primary and support its nominee.

The Hon. T. H. Rainford is hereby announced as a candidate for the unexpired term of J. M. Gaines in the State Senate. His record in the lower House for five years proves him to be a wise and prudent legislator, capable of taking care of the interests of his constituents. We pledge him to abide the result of the primary election.

For House of Representatives. I am a candidate for the House of Representatives. Will abide the result of the primary and support its nominees. It will be impossible for me to make a thorough canvass of the county, but I shall make every effort to see as many of my fellow citizens and as often as possible.

We are requested by the friends of M. P. Wells, Esq., to announce him for the House of Representatives. He will abide the result of the primary and support the nominees.

Dr. W. P. Timmerman is announced as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules and regulations of the democratic party.

The friends of N. G. Evans, Esq., respectfully announce him for the House of Representatives. He will abide the result of the primary and support all its nominees.

The many friends of P. B. Mayson, 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.

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.

For County Auditor. I am a candidate for the office of County Auditor, and respectfully solicit the support of Edgefield democrats. I will abide the result of the primary and support the nominees of the party.

I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Auditor. I will abide the result of the primary and support the nominees of the party.

For County Supervisor. I hereby announce myself as 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.

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

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

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

For Judge of Probate. I respectfully announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Judge of Probate of Edgefield county, subject to the rules and regulations of the democratic primary election, pledging myself to abide by the results and support the nominees of the party.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education, and pledge myself to abide results of the primary.

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