#### OLD TIMES IN MEDFORD.

The world is growing better, said Who ever heard of a Eli Perkins. man talking temperance a 100 years ago. My great-grandfather was a Baptist minister in Medford, Mass., then, and it is one of the family records that he once received seven barrels of Medford rum for preaching the gospel a year.

You ask me how he realized on it? Why, he used to peddle it out to the congregation. I can remember well how my grandmother said her good old white-haired father used to call and pray with the brethren, and then beg them to take a few gallons of rum to help the Lord's cause.

Now Medford is a temperance town and a Christian clergyman not a tee-

totaler would be ostracised. Speaking of these old times in Medford one day, my grandmother said:

"Yes, they were simple times. The church service was simple. There were no candles and fiddles and organs in the churches then-no boys dressed up in nightgowns, and not ritualistic service set to music by the middle fiddler of a German band. We didn't have long courtships in those days; and such a thing as flirtation was never known."

"Did I ever tell you how simply grandfather came to marry me?" ask ed grandmother.

"No; how was it?" I asked. "Well, I was a sitting one evening, after spinning all day, and a listening to the old clock tick-tack-ticktack-when I heard some one at the gate. I opened the door, and there sat Marvin Brewster on his horse with a sheepskin for a saddle.

"'Betty, is that you?' he asked, modestly. "'Yes, Marvin.'

"'Well, Betty,' he said, 'the Lord has sent me all the way from Medford to marry you.' "'The Lord's will be done!' I said.

And it was. "They do things differently now,"

said grandmother, with a sigh. "How ?" I asked.

"Well, that worldly Deacon Jenkins, who runs the steam creamery, rode over to Widow Monson's farm in a yellow buggy yesterday, hustled into the house right in the middle of din-

ner, and gasped:
"'Widder Jenkins, I'm a man of business. I am worth \$10,800, and want you for a wife. I give you just three minutes to answer.

"'I don't want 10 seconds, old man, she replied, as she shook out the dish 'I'm a woman of business, worth \$16,000, and I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth I give you four seconds to git !'

"I call that flirting," said grand mother, as she wiped her glasses with a red bandanna handkerchief.

THE TROUBLES OF A PROPHET .-"How hit happen, Brudder Johnsing, dat yo' dun quit preachin' down in their taste. Alabamy a'reddy?" inquired an Atlanta Journal man.

to ennything I say, an' dun shet off my salary.'

brotherin' an' sisterin' down dar.

after I went to profisyin' I lost all handicapped, having no secret fund. manner o' control o' the entire gang." "Dat so ?"

"Yas; you see, I dun bin profisyin' an' kollections waz jest comin' in fine, twell one day de sisterin' ax me whut kind o' weather we gwine to hab fur de 'possum supper festiful, an' I tell 'um hit sho will be de fines' sort, fer bekase I wuz mighty hongry, an' wanted de supper to sho cum off. But, suh, hit rained an' sleeted an' ner how I profisyed dey wuz sho fer esting: de blazin' lake, dey jest sot dar an'

NOT THE LAST CALL.-A literary man who was on the verge of bringing impossible so long as such war may out a book at the Pitt Press ordered his proofs to be sent to him at a house where he was engaged to dine out, intending to look them over in the halfhour after dinner. The printer's boy, however, was late in bringing them, and the gentleman had already joined the ladies in the drawing room when the company were electrified by hearing the sonorous voice of the butler announcing: "The devil from the Pitt has come for Mr. Jones."

An exchange says that an editor once applied to the door of Hades for admission. "Well," replied his sable majesty, "we let one of your profession in here many years ago, and he kept up a continual row with his former delinquent subscribers; and, as we have more of that class of persons than any other, we have passed a law prohibiting the admission of editors.'

REPAIRS WANTED.—After a recent railway collision a Scotsman was extricated from the wreckage by a companion who had escaped unhurt. "Never mind, Sandy," his rescuer remarked, "it's nothing serious, and you will get damages for it." "Damages!" roared Sandy. "Hae I no' had enough? Guid sakes, it's repairs I'm seekin'

and light the fire, and make the coffee, and wash the children, while I bang my hair!"

# Miscellancous Beading.

THAT ANONYMOUS LETTER. Concerning the Blowing Up of the Maine

WASHINGTON, March 29 .- An interesting feature of the published report of the Maine testimony, issued from the government printing office today, was the famous anonymous letter mentioned in the evidence of Henry Drain, the clerk of the American consulate at General Lee a few days after the Maine disaster. It is dated February 18th, 1898, and signed "An Admirer."

It is in Spanish, written apparently by a fairly well educated person. The

certified translation is as follows: "It should be remembered that at dawn of the day of the terrible catastrophe an individual was killed in a small boat together with another who was found wounded and a prisoner. They were going about the cruisers Maine and Alfonso XII, and as the said individuals are of the worst antecedents as harbor thieves, I have interested myself in investigating what connection this occurrence could have had The Officer Who Is to Command the Iowa with the explosion of the Maine, and I have discovered that those two men, together with another, who is called Pepe Taco, had bought in a hardware divers, and that the three left Regla service, and it was accepted by Gideon in a small boat, which they placed un-Welles, then secretary of the navy. der the wharves of Santa Catalina, and Captain Evans is down in the naval they were loitering about more than an hour and a half, while Pepe Taco, who is a corker and a diver, probably the best in these parts, did the work to bring about the explosion of the Maine. With the data I went to Regla and discovered that the family

of the dead man, who lived in the utmost misery in a house in Rodriguez Batista street, had moved to a wellfurnished one on Gelbert street. There I learned that they had agreed with some merchants of Muralla street for the work of blowing up the ship for the sum of \$6,000-\$2,000 in advance and the other \$4,000 after seeing the result. But as they did not come out of the adventure very well, having been attacked when they were retiring, the result of which was the death of one, who left his teeth in the boat, and another one wounded, the third one has not presented himself to collect register as having been appointed from the rest of the money, and it could be Utah, but he was from Virginia. His probably secretly done, that by paying present home is a little frame cottage, him the rest that the others will not now pay him, he would declare the marking the entrance through Hamptruth of all this. The one whom I ton Roads to Old Point. There his called the third is the diver, Pepe family have lived for years, while the Taco, who is unwounded, who is no man, who is known by the sobriquet of doubt afraid to present himself to "Fighting Bob," was away on sea duty. doubt afraid to present himself to collect the rest. In Muralla street, they tell me, was the place where the business was arranged with Messrs. His sympathies were supposed to have Garcia Corujedo, Villasuso, Maribona, been with the south. He, with a num-Garcia Corujedo, Villasuso, Maribona, and whom else I do not remember. ber of other midshipmen, including The man who is arrested is being administered morphine constantly to see orders, sent in their resignations to the if he will die and not give evidence, so as not, as they express it, to spoil the terward relented and each wrote letaffair after it has come off so much to

I certify that the above is a true (Signed) A. MARIX, copy. "W'y my ch'ch quit payin' tenshun Lieutenant Commander U. S. Navy

and Judge Advocate. Drain, the consular clerk, stated in "Dey mus' be mighty bad lot o' his evidence that an effort was made to ascertain the authenticity of this "No, dey hain't so pow'ful bad, but letter, although the consulate was Witness discovered, however, that the name Pepe Taco must have been a mistake, as the man mentioned had bout what comin' to pass an' what died a few days before the explosion gwine to happen to all dem mean nig-took place. Witness thought the name which brought about their restoration took place. Witness thought the name which brought about their restoration gers whut wudden pay de preacher, should have been Pepe Barquin, who to the navy. Captain Evans has a had died a couple of days after the cripple knee as a result of the stormexplosion.

## DECLARATION OF WAR.

Full Text of the Rawlings Resolution.

In the dispatches to THE ENQUIRER last Tuesday, it was stated that Senacum two er three skykoons, an' den I tor Rawlings had introduced a resoluseed my 'fluence wid my way'ard tion declaring for war, and that the brudderin' wuz sholy busted. De resolution had been referred to the salary kollections tuck de drags, an' committee on foreign relations. The no matter how I exhausted my flock full text of the resolution is inter-

Whereas the war waged by the Poor Marie Christina Is Afraid of the wuddent pay me nurry red cent ner Kingdom of Spain against the people gin me de turkey dinner, ner nuthin'." of Cuba has destroyed the commerce between them and the people of the London Standard, writing under date United States, and its revival will be of last Thursday, says: continue; and

kingdom, in the course of such war including Emperor Nicholas, requestmuch American property has been ing not precisely intervention, but the destroyed and many American citizens, without just cause, have been imprisoned and some assassinated in their prison cells; and

Whereas, while our ship Maine was at anchor in the harbor of Havana, within the dominion and under the control of the Kingdom of Spain, at a place designated by her authority, that ship and most of the men on board, in the service of their country, by the explosion of a submarine mine, were wilfully, wickedly and treacherously mangled, and destroyed; and

Whereas the Kingdom of Spain has proven herself incompetent to tranquilize the island of Cuba, either by the methods of peace or by means of civilized warfare, and, accordingly, has proceeded to make desolate the homes of its peaceful inhabitants, driving men, women and children into guarded camps, detaining them there without making provision to shelter, clothe or feed them, thus wilfully causing their extermination to the number of hun- exercise of such influence at Washing-

tortuous process of starvation; and Whereas, against these wrongs, against these revolting acts of inhu-"An now," said the editor, "let Kingdom of Spain, at the same time pose to any danger, and at the same Samuel Gunbouse and family have he then for one day of rest and sales and same time pose to any danger, and at the same Samuel Gunbouse and family have he then for one day of rest and sales are sales and sales are sales and sales are sales are sales and sales are manity, this government has time and us be thankful for one day of rest and get ready for church."

where the same day of rest and get ready for church."

where the same day of rest and endeavoring by a helpful charity to time as the defender of the rights, honor and interests of Spain. To sur-distinct loss to Chester. Mrs. Gun-improving and hoped the matter would improving and hoped the matter would improving and hoped the matter would improve the same day of rest and endeavoring by a helpful charity to relieve those whom she has thus honor and interests of Spain. To sur-distinct loss to Chester. "Yes," said his wife, "run out and brought to such dire distress, and our render Cuba in any form would un- house is a lady of education and rechop some wood, and milk the cows, repeated protests having proved un-

vention in its behalf by this government will alone be effective for the every purpose.' redress for past and the prevention of future wrongs; and

Whereas, while regretting the necessity-now imperative-for such action, but mindful of our duty to a neighboring people and to humanity, and with a consciousness as to the justness of Havana. The letter was received by all civilized peoples; now, therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the independence of the Republic of Cuba be, and the same is hereby, recognized, and that war against the Kingdom of Spain be, and the same is hereby, declared; and the president is hereby authorized and directed to employ the land and naval forces of the United States of America to wage such war to success.

# "FIGHTING BOB" EVANS.

the Finest Ship In the Navy.

Washington Dispatch, March 27. Captain Robley D. Evans, who has been assigned to command the battlestore in Mercaderes street, called La ship Iowa, the finest ship of the navy, Marina, a hose such as is used by once tendered his resignation from the



just at the foot of the big lighthouse

In June, 1861, "Fighting Bob" was a midship nan at the Naval Academy. Captain Yates Stirling, now on waiting naval department, but four weeks af-



ing of Fort Fisher, which, however, does not interfere with his activity. He is one of the youngest captains of the navy and a brother-in-law of Captain Taylor, of the Indiana. He never misses a prize fight if he can belp it, and is an all-around sportsman. For four years he was the com-

panion of Mr. Cleveland on his gunning expeditions. APPEALING TO EUROPE.

Dynasty.

The Vienna correspondent of the

The queen regent of Spain, I learn, wrote personally last week to Emperor Whereas, by the authority of that Francis Joseph and other sovereigns,



QUEEN REGENT MARIA CHRISTINA.

dreds of thousands, by the slow and ton as might conduce to a peaceful settlement, without injury to Spain's dig-

nity and vital interests. "I am in a difficult position," she wrote, "having to act as the guardian questionably injure the dynasty under finement. She took a very active part which it occurred; whereas to fight for in the Ladies' Benevolent society, and

in vain, and that the recognition of But the disadvantages Spain would cess and happiness in their new home. the Republic of Cuba and armed inter- have to fight under are obvious ; and a Reporter, March 31: Rev. T. C. Ligpeaceful solution would best serve on has announced his resignation as

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#### TRIALS OF GENERAL LEE.

The Havana Mob Is Bitter Against the American Consul.

Consul General Lee, says a Havana dispatch of Wednesday to the Assoour cause and that our action will ciated Press, continues as cheerful as meet with the approving judgment of sunlight, despite the fact that he was warned last Sunday and Monday of five distinct plots against his life. Of course he does not give credence to such stories, and he is carefully guard-



warnings of this kind are not a pleasemploye of his hotel. To this General run for a stomach pump.

#### FEAR FOR THE OREGON.

It Is Believed that a Spanish Torpedo Boat Will Try to Destroy Her. From the Associated Press

an attempt on the part of Spain to destroy the battleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta, which have been ordered to the North Atlantic coast to for the relief of Cuban sufferers passed re-enforce Captain W. T. Sampson's command, instructions will be sent to Adenville, Tuesday night, by Rev. J. their commanding officers, directing them to adopt every precaution against attack. The decision to issue these instructions is the result of an official



dispatch received from the diplomatic epresentative of this government in Uruguay, announcing that the torpedo boat Temerario, of the Spanish navy, had hurriedly left Montevideo, where she had been anchored for sometime and had gone to sea. Her destination she is under orders to lie in wait for starving Cubans. ..... At a Negro frolic, termination to go to the front. The the Oregon and Marietta and to cripple them if possible so that they cannot reach Key West.

## IN COUNTIES ADJOINING.

ummary of the News That Is Being Published by Exchanges.

CHESTER-Lantern, March 29: Mr. Will Jackson, of Clover, is now Corkill is announced as a candidate cordially invited to attend. .... Dr. J. face with American bullets, are not for auditor. ..... Mr. Boyce Norton died Roddey Miller went to Ebenezer, York afraid of Spaniards." on Friday from the effects of a fall county, Monday and returned Tuesfrom a window on the previous Sunday. He had been a member of Hart's battery......Mr. T. B. Meacham is father.....At a meeting of the mem-The venerable but still active Dr. A.
F. Anderson, of Lowrysville, was in the city vesterday was Port Dr. A.

Trescott, was elected president, and Felix H. Draws elected president, and the city yesterday. .....Rev. D. N. Mc-Lauchlin will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Clifford seminary, Union, on May 27 ..... The veterans are preparing an attractive programme and county executive committee. ..... Miss making all arrangements to entertain Edith Hyatt, of Chester, and Miss those who attend the presentation Cora Mobley, of Rock Hill, are in the on April 4. ..... Messrs. Robert Lindsay city on a visit to Rev. and Mrs. S. T. and Theodore Moore spent Sunday in Creech, on Frederick street. the city. .... Mrs. J. H. Miller, Mrs. CLEVELAND—King's Mountain W. J. Roddey and Mrs. O. S. Poe, of Reformer, March 31: "If you desire Rock Hill, and Mrs. Wm. Whitner, of to donate anything, or give us an ad. Anderson, spent last Friday at Mr. or subscription to help us print The Jos. Wylie's. ..... Misses Eunice Moore Reformer all here, call and see us. .... and Mary Jo Witherspoon, and Messrs. Messrs. Robert Whitesides and Thomas L. N. McNeace and C. H. Austin went Love, of Hickory, S. C., were in the to Rock Hill last Friday evening to city last Thursday, selling cotton... attend a reception given at Winthrop Just over the state line, near Grover, college......The subject of Judge on last Sunday a week ago, there Klugh's address at the Methodist occurred a fight or fracas in which church last Sabbath evening was "The Common Aims of Life." His remarks worked at Jackson's saw mill, was were both sound and sensible. He right badly used up by blows over the emphasized a truth, that with most head with a gun in the hands of Frank people needs emphasis, that every pur- Turner, also white. It seems that all pose in life can be and ought to be the participants are trying to keep the sanctified by that highest of all pur- matter a secret and hence we have poses, to honor and serve God in all failed to hear it "on time." The three Henry Connor were acquitted of the and his brother, Bud, were drinking charge of having stolen a bale of cot- and carousing around together and ton from a platform in Chester ...... when they came to Turner's house Arch Caldwell and others, charged and were about to separate, fell out with stealing corn from the crib of and Howard was struck over the head Robert Farmer, acquitted......Hosea with a gun by Frank Turner. Turner Marcus, who killed Duffy Estes, was sentenced to five years at hard labor on Howard, who had been knocked in the penitentiary......Armistead down and senseless, but Bud remon-Cassels charged with larceny from the strated with him for such cowardice, field, was acquitted......There will be communion at the Edgmoor A. R. P. bit one of his fingers very badly. church next Sabbath-preaching com- Howard was left lying outside of the mencing on Friday night before. The house all night in this condition, and pastor will be assisted by the Rev. J. next morning Mr. Jackson, hearing

pastor of Zion and Ariel churches. .... Judge Klugh will deliver the alumni address at Wofford college commencement in June ..... Nathan Upchurch, at court Monday was quite small, being confined to jurrors and witnesses. Chesterfield next Tuesday ..... Rev. name. C. E. McDonald preached interesting and profitable sermons at the series of last week ........ A. G. Brice and J. dates for the senate ; J. W. Means is a candidate for the house; R. D. Robinson, I. McD. Hood and J. A. Blake Wilks and W. D. Knox are announced for school commissioner.

LANCASTER-Enterprise, March 30: Miss Lena W. Heath is to be sponsor for South Carolina at the Mecklenburg's 20th of May celebration. ..... Magistrate Secrest, of Van Wyck, last week married a couple of Negroes who had been living together as husband and wife since the war. The chaingang or the war prospect is incidental expenses and that a few of thought to be the cause. ..... Congressman Strait was in Lancaster on Monday and Tuesday. He has been with his brother in Rock Hill, who is sick; school if their parents refuse to pay but is better. The doctor says there will be no war. .... Review, 30th: The pension roll for this county, as recently revised by the local board, con- public school charging such incidental ed by the government; but continued tains the names of 219 pensioners, an increase of 17 over last year's list. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the ant mental diet. The last story was There are 10 veterans in class B, 123 trustees cannot discharge from the that he would be poisoned by a bribed in class C and 86 widows in class C. school children whose parents refuse ·····Miss May Stevens was married on Lee replied by asking the newspaper of Union. Wednesday to Hon. B. F. Townsend, correspondents who sit near him at of Union. Mrs. Margaret E. Neal, meal time, in case he is suddenly taken widow of the late Matthew Neal, died ill, first to shoot his waiter and then to at her home last Sunday afternoon, aged 69 years. .... Mr. C. O. Stogner, son of Mr. W. P. Stogner, and Miss Desdy McManus, daughter of Mr. C. L. McManus, were married last Sunday, the Rev. J. S. Croxton officiating. "Mr. Thomas Baker and Miss Alice Hair, both of the Wild Cat section, WASHINGTON, March 30 .- Fearing were married on Sunday, the 27th instant, by Magistrate Carnes.

or three more car loads of provisions by last week ..... The lecture at Mc-C. Galloway had to be postponed on account of the downpour of rain. A sure to come. treat awaits the McAdenville people for some other date. ..... Miss Emma of letters from citizens in my district," Presbyterian church to Mr. E. J. Rankin, ..... Captain W. T. Stowe and famthe intention of making this place their anxious to back up my vo future home. "Mr. Monroe White-with a sword or musket." sides, of Crowder's Creek, caught about sein recently. ..... Rhodes's Merry Ma-

shot and killed Buck Allen Gist, and day with Mrs. Miller and the little boy who had been visiting the doctor's bers of the Blacksburg Democratic W. Thompson, who was president of the club as well as chairman of the

- Steve Brodie, the celebrated bridge Whereas, firmly convinced that furit would keep those interests intact,
ther peaceful protest will prove equally together with my country's honor.

IT IS UNLAWFUL.

Public Schools Cannot Charge Pupils Incidental Fees. Columbia State, Saturday.

It appears to have been customary for sometime for the public schools of who killed Robert Belk, is still at the state to charge a small incidental large. ..... The crowd in attendance fee of 10 cents a month, or \$1 a year. Frequently the patrons complain that this is a perversion of the public school Judge Gage expects to spend a law and that the trustees have no right day or two at home the latter part of to impose this fee, as a public school this week. He will open court at should be free in fact as well as in

The state superintendent of education recently received a letter from the special services in the A. R. P. church superintendent of the Laurens graded school, in which it was stated that Lyles Glenn, are announced as candi- some of the patrons of the school have refused to pay this incidental fee.

Mr. Mayfield forthwith submitted the matter to Attorney General Barare announced for auditor; J. W. ber, who has expressed himself as of the opinion that public schools have no right to impose such incidental fees. The letter from Mr. Barber reads as follows :

DEAR SIR-Your reference to this office of the letter of Professor J. B. Watkins, superintendent of the Laurens graded schools, has my attention.

I note his statement that the trustees of his school charge \$1 per session for the patrons refuse to pay this fee. His inquiry is, "Whether or not the trustees have a right to stop children from the fee ?"

In the school law of the state there is no authority for the trustees of any fee, and the charge is, therefore, illegal. payment. Yours very truly,

WILLIAM A. BARBER, Attorney General.

READY TO FIGHT.

Congressmen Wish to Prove the Sincerity of Their Words by Actions. New York Herald, Wednesday.

Representative Robert F. Broussard. of Louisiana, has tendered his resignation to the governor of his state, to take effect immediately upon a declaration of war with Spain, says the GASTON-Gazette, March 31: Two Washington correspondent of The Herald.

Mr. Broussard left for his home in Louisiana where he expects to form a regiment, which he will command in the event of war, which he says is

"I have been in receipt of hundreds Stowe, daughter of Mr. C. T. Stowe, said he, "offering their services in case was married last night in Belmont of hostilities, and I have decided to organize a regiment of my own. I have spoken and voted, and will speak and ily came to Gastonia yesterday with vote for war, and I am willing and anxious to back up my vote and words

Mr. Broussard is not the only repre-50 pounds of suckers in two hauls of a sentative who has announced his intention of giving up a seat in the kers to be at operahouse Friday and house for a sword and blue uniform. Representative Sulzer, of New York CHEROKEE-Gaffney City Ledger, was the first to announce that he would March 31: The county board of equal-raise a regiment in his district, and ization adjourned Thursday. ..... Dr. Representatives Colson and Berry, both Du Pre collected \$37.17 Saturday for of Kentucky, have expressed their de-

"I am very anxious," said Colonel mortally wounded Joe Sanders, both Negroes. Anderson escaped...... A se-men, their sons and their grandsons, it ries of meetings will be commenced in may be, and go to Cuba with them. the First Baptist church on the third We would soon show what American Sunday in April. The pastor will be soldiers and Kentucky soldiers at that assisted by Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, of were made of. We would show them Edgefield. All interested in the spir- that the men who fought under the itual welfare of the community are blue and the gray, who stood face to



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