

Humorous Department.

OLD TIMES IN MEDFORD. The world is growing better, said Eli Perkins. Who ever heard of a man talking temperance a 100 years ago.

Miscellaneous Reading.

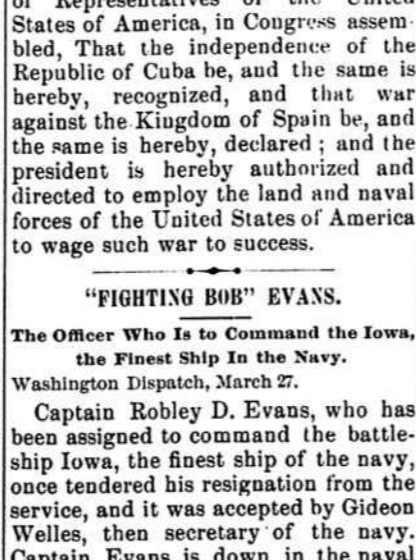
THAT ANONYMOUS LETTER. Concerning the Blowing Up of the Maine. WASHINGTON, March 29.—An interesting feature of the published report of the Maine testimony, issued from the government printing office today, was the famous anonymous letter mentioned in the evidence of Henry Drain, the clerk of the American consulate at Havana.

in vain, and that the recognition of the Republic of Cuba and armed intervention in its behalf by this government will alone be effective for the 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 our cause and that our action will meet with the approving judgment of all civilized peoples; now, therefore, be it 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.

But the disadvantages Spain would have to fight under are obvious; and a peaceful solution would best serve every purpose." TRIALS OF GENERAL LEE. The Havana Mob Is Bitter Against the American Consul. Consul General Lee, says a Havana dispatch of Wednesday to the Associated Press, continues as cheerful as 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-

ed by the government; but continued warnings of this kind are not a pleasant mental diet. The last story was that he would be poisoned by a bribed employe of his hotel. To this General Lee replied by asking the newspaper correspondents who sit near him at meal time, in case he is suddenly taken ill, first to shoot his waiter and then to 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. WASHINGTON, March 30.—Fearing 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 re-enforce Captain W. T. Sampson's command, instructions will be sent to their commanding officers, directing them to adopt every precaution against attack. The decision to issue these instructions is the result of an official

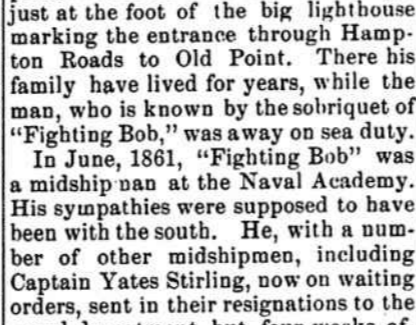
cess and happiness in their new home. Reporter, March 31: Rev. T. C. Ligon has announced his resignation as pastor of Zion and Ariel churches. Judge Klugh will deliver the alumni address at Wofford college commencement in June. Nathan Upchurch, who killed Robert Belk, is still at large. The crowd in attendance at court Monday was quite small, being confined to jurors and witnesses. Judge Gage expects to spend a day or two at home the latter part of this week. He will open court at Chesterfield next Tuesday. Rev. C. E. McDonald preached interesting and profitable sermons at the series of special services in the A. R. P. church last week. A. G. Rice and J. Lyles Glenn, are announced as candidates for the senate; J. W. Means is a candidate for the house; R. D. Robinson, I. McD. Hood and J. A. Blake are announced for auditor; J. W. 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 changing of the war prospect is 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; 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, contains the names of 219 pensioners, an increase of 17 over last year's list. There are 10 veterans in class B, 123 in class C and 86 widows in class C. Miss Mary Stevens was married on Wednesday to Hon. B. F. Townsend, of Union. Mrs. Margaret E. Neal, widow of the late Matthew Neal, died 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, were married on Sunday, the 27th instant, by Magistrate Carnes. GASTON—Gazette, March 31: Two or three more car loads of provisions for the relief of Cuban sufferers passed by last week. The lecture at McAdenville, Tuesday night, by Rev. J. C. Galloway had to be postponed on account of the downpour of rain. A treat awaits the McAdenville people for some date. Miss Emma Stowe, daughter of Mr. C. T. Stowe, was married last night in Belmont Presbyterian church to Mr. E. J. Rankin. Captain W. T. Stowe and family came to Gastonia yesterday with the intention of making this place their future home. Mr. Monroe Whitesides, of Crowder's Creek, caught about 50 pounds of suckers in two hauls of a sein recently. Rhode's Merry Makers to be at operahouse Friday and Saturday. CHEROKEE—Gaffney City Ledger, March 31: The county board of equalization adjourned Thursday. Dr. Du Pre collected \$37.17 Saturday for starving Cubans. At a Negro frolic, two miles above Union, Saturday night, Jerry Anderson, a stray Negro, shot and killed Buck Allen Gist, and mortally wounded Joe Sanders, both Negroes. Anderson escaped. A series of meetings will be commenced in the First Baptist church on the third Sunday in April. The pastor will be assisted by Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, of Edgefield. All interested in the spiritual welfare of the community are cordially invited to attend. Dr. J. Roddey Miller went to Eubenez, York county, Monday and returned Tuesday with Mrs. Miller and the little boy who had been visiting the doctor's father. At a meeting of the members of the Blacksburg Democratic club, on Saturday, March 26, Edward A. Trescott, was elected president, and Felix H. Dover, secretary. This election was caused by the death of Junius W. Thompson, who was president of the club as well as chairman of the county executive committee. Miss Edith Hyatt, of Chester, and Miss Cora Mobley, of Rock Hill, are in the city on a visit to Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Creech, on Frederick street. CLEVELAND—King's Mountain Reformer, March 31: "If you desire to donate anything, or give us an ad, or subscription to help us print The Reformer all here, call and see us. Messrs. Robert Whitesides and Thomas Lovess, of Hickory, S. C., were in the city last Thursday, selling cotton. Just over the state line, near Grover, on last Sunday a week ago, there occurred a fight or fracas in which Henry Howard, a white man who worked at Jackson's saw mill, was right badly used up by blows over the head with a gun in the hands of Frank Turner, also white. It seems that all the participants are trying to keep the matter a secret and hence we have failed to hear it "on time." The three men, Henry Howard, Frank Turner and his brother, Bud, were drinking and carousing around together and when they came to Turner's house and were about to separate, fell out and Howard was struck over the head with a gun by Frank Turner. Turner then was about to continue his assault on Howard, who had been knocked down and senseless, but Bud remonstrated with him for such cowardice, whereupon, Frank fell upon him and bit one of his fingers very badly. Howard was left lying outside of the house all night in this condition, and next morning Mr. Jackson, hearing about the fight, sent over and had Howard cared for. Our informant says at last account, the wounded were improving and hoped the matter would end. — Steve Brodie, the celebrated bridge jumper and sport, died suddenly last Thursday while on board a train.



CAPTAIN EVANS.



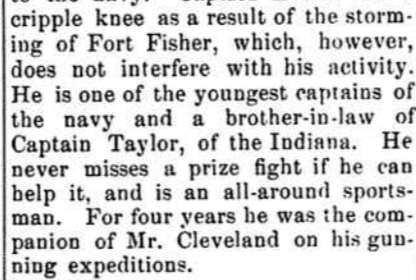
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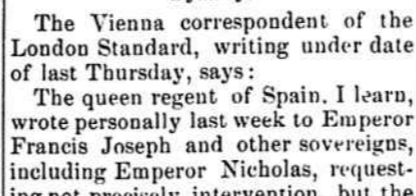
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QUEEN REGENT MARIA CHRISTINA.

IT IS UNLAWFUL. Public Schools Cannot Charge Pupil's Incidental Fees. Columbia State, Saturday. It appears to have been customary for sometime for the public schools of the state to charge a small incidental fee of 10 cents a month, or \$1 a year. Frequently the patrons complain that this is a perversion of the public school law and that the trustees have no right to impose this fee, as a public school should be free in fact as well as in name. The state superintendent of education recently received a letter from the superintendent of the Laurens graded school, in which it was stated that some of the patrons of the school have refused to pay this incidental fee. Mr. Mayfield forthwith submitted the matter to Attorney General Barber, 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 incidental expenses and that a few of the patrons refuse to pay this fee. His inquiry is, "Whether or not the trustees have a right to stop children from school if their parents refuse to pay the fee?" In the school law of the state there is no authority for the trustees of any public school charging such incidental fee, and the charge is, therefore, illegal. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the trustees cannot discharge from the school children whose parents refuse payment. Yours very truly, WILLIAM A. BARBER, Attorney General.

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