

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Tells a Good Story on Gen. Joe Wheeler.

Atlanta Constitution.

They say that Joe Wheeler forgot himself at Santiago when the Spaniards fired their deadly volleys from the brush, and he spurred his steed forward and shouted, "Charge 'em boys! Charge the damn yankees; run 'em out of the brush!—the damn Spaniards, I mean!"

The boys in camp get up many a joke, and they go on the grand rounds, and that reminds me of Pat Doolan, a fresh Irishman, who was put on picket and ordered to let no man pass without the password.

The boys say that down at Camp Griffin, when a new recruit comes in, the devilish fellows take him off to drill him. "Young man, you must remember the Maine, and also remember that you are a private."

When you meet an officer you must salute him and say, "I am your dog, sir," and the officer will wave his hand and smile and say, "I know it," and pass on.

They have the green ones as bad as college boys have a verdant freshman. There is many a wag around the camp fires and they spice the weary hours with wit and wisdom.

The average soldier bears no malice, not even toward the foe he has been sent to fight. Cervera and Hobson are the best of friends and if it is possible for us to like Cervera, it is possible that the people who placed him in high command have some redeeming virtues.

In our civil war the privates of both armies exchanged civilities on the picket lines. Stonewall Jackson rebuked them and once when a picket brought him a New York paper he refused it and said: "Take nothing from them, sir, and give them nothing but lead. They are our enemies."

But the common soldier has not considered the casus belli, the aggravation from a national standpoint nor can he, like Cromwell or Stonewall Jackson, worship God by killing his country's foes.

A soldier's life is a good training school, and he soon loses some of his conceit and selfishness. When a boy who has been humored and petted at home becomes a schoolboy and has to rub against other boys, he soon learns to give and take and tote fair with his schoolmates.

Just so these young soldier boys, when far away from father and mother, soon find themselves enduring a common hardship and in peril a common danger, and it softens their nature and takes away their vanity.

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Both Americans and Spaniards have shown that they can fight with conspicuous courage. Mere animal bravery, however, has been hopelessly beaten when it had to contend with courage reinforced by a thorough knowledge of the weapons which modern science has placed in the hands of Governments.

The willingness of the Spanish soldier to die in the last ditch, and of the Spanish sailor to go down with his ship, has not prevented Spain being beaten at every point. Nor has it enabled her to inflict any considerable damage upon her enemy.

This can be proved by placing side by side the losses suffered by the combatants in the first three months of the war: SPANISH LOSS. 21 war ships. 21 merchant vessels. 1,200 sailors killed.

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"Indeed!" said Bismarck, who has not a high opinion of linguistic acquirments. "What a wonderful head-waiter he would make!"

Mr. David Aiken, of Coronaca, was in the city Tuesday and had with him the sword that was worn by his father, the lamented Col. D. Wyatt Aiken, when he was wounded at the battle of Sharpsburg.

The longest wall in the world is the famous defence made by the Chinese against the Tartars, about 200 B. C. It is 20 feet high, 25 feet thick at the base, and stretches for 1,280 miles over hills, valleys and rivers.

Thousands of persons have been cured of piles by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals promptly and cures eczema and all skin diseases. It gives immediate relief. Evans Pharmacy.

Will Go in Effect September First.

The separate coach bill, or as it is known in general parlance, the "Jim Crow car" act, passed at the last session of the legislature is to become effective on Sept. 1, and the railroads of the State are preparing and getting ready for it.

While some of the roués may possibly kick and endeavor to do away with some of the provisions of the law, the Southern will not be among that number but will obey the act to the letter and will carry it out in every detail.

This information came from Superintendent Welles yesterday, who said that the Southern did not want the act passed and used its endeavors to show those in charge of the bill during the session of the legislature that it was useless and imposed extra hardships upon the railroads.

Since these efforts had failed and the bill became a law the Southern had gracefully acquiesced, and would certainly do no more fighting now.

Mr. Welles told the State representative that for some time he had been having a number of cars changed to suit the new conditions, and that on Sept. 1 white and colored passengers would be transported over the Southern as the law at that time would require.

The one who is polite to all ladies except his mother and sisters. The one who takes out his expenses by borrowing money from his friends.

The one who makes it a point to be "up" in all the latest slang. The one who "knows it all" and refuses to be instructed and is ashamed of honest work.

These are a few of the chaps that are not wanted. There are others. Fired the First Shot of the War. Michael Mallia, gun-captain of the United States steamship Nashville, has the honor of being the first to fire a gun in the war with Spain.

The shot was delivered twenty miles south of Key West, April 22, and it resulted in the capture of the Buena Ventura, the first prize of the war.

Mallia is a round and jolly little Irishman, thirty years old. He had served nine years with the United States Navy and has been a gun-captain for seven years.

He is so short that he has to stand on a stool to aim his gun. He had served on the Swatara, the Lancaster, the Castine, the Yantic and the monitor Terror.

Mallia says that he likes his work and will stay with the navy.—Chicago Record.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

The bicyclist gets there with both pedals. Poets are born, but some of them manage to live it down. It's a mean man that isn't a hero in the eyes of his dog.

Professor Deepnob says a widow receiving a marriage proposal always reminds him of a cow at a railroad track. "In what way, pray?" "She acts as if she wouldn't go across, but she always does."

The man who hesitates is lost, but the woman who hesitates is won. Angel-food is the proper diet for those who dwell in air castles.

The man who makes hay while the sun shines is liable to get sun-struck. The quiet action of the little wasp is responsible for many loud words.

The person who leaves fly paper on a chair is never the one who sits down on it. A woman prefers a husband taller than herself, so she can pretend to look up to him.

Some men go to the front and engage in battle and others stay at home and get married. You never hear the poor man who has lost a fortune say anything about riches being a curse.

In union there is strength, but the unknown husband of a prominent woman doesn't believe it is equally distributed.

The young soldier at the front should not cogitate too seriously over the hardness of hard tack. Had he remained at home he might have married, with the result of now being engaged in the futile effort of complimenting his wife's biscuits.

A Kalamazoo crockery dealer was just closing up his store for the day when one of his customers, a grocer, came in in a great hurry.

"Here," said he, "I packed this jar full of butter, and the jar split from top to bottom. Perhaps you can explain the phenomenon." "O, yes, I can," was the ready reply. "The butter was stronger than the jar."

The average person trims off the thirty-second part of an inch from each finger nail a week, or about an inch and a half every year. The average human life all over the world is forty years.

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