

RECRUITS FOR REGIMENT.

Lieut. McGowan Musters in Five Volunteers.

Recruiting officer E. D. Law brought in his recruits yesterday to have them examined and mustered in. Lieut. McGowan who has charge of the recruiting for the First Regiment S. C. V., arrived in the city yesterday morning and proceeded without delay to have the recruits examined.

Sergeant Law has succeeded by hard work in securing twenty-two recruits who promised to be here yesterday for examination, but of the entire lot but six were on hand at the hour of called. The recruits who failed to report sent no excuse, but just did not put in an appearance. They probably took a good thought on the matter and decided that they do not care to fight, bleed and die for their country. At all events Sergeant Law was a very badly disappointed man when he was forced to go up for examination with a squad of only six men instead of a detachment of twenty-two.

The examination was conducted by Dr. H. M. Stuckey in accordance with the regulations of the Government, and of the six recruits who presented themselves five were accepted and immediately sworn in by Lieut. McGowan. The five were, Gus Lynch, C. O. Wheeler, Jr., S. R. Spang, Jr., Clifford Smith and Jim Tennant.

THE TELEPHONE MANUFACTURING CO.

A Prosperous Year's Business.

The annual meeting of the Directors of the Telephone Mfg. Co., was held at the office of the company Thursday evening.

The first year's business was found to be very satisfactory and was sufficiently encouraging to warrant a large addition to their already well equipped plant. The extension to be added immediately will very materially increase their output, their present capacity being used to fill their orders.

During the past season this company has shipped their "Imperial" line of telephones to points in nearly every State from New York to Texas, and since the present war was declared, they have furnished the government, through the war department, quite a number of their Imperial long distance telephones.

I was seriously afflicted with a cough for several years, and last fall had a more severe cough than ever before. I have used many remedies without receiving much relief, and being recommended to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, by a friend, who, knowing me to be a poor fellow, gave it to me. I tried it, and with the most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved me very much and the second bottle has absolutely cured me. I have not had a good health for twenty years. I give this certificate without reservation, simply in appreciation of the gratifying aid for the cure effected. Respectfully, E. W. Mary E. Beard, Claremore, Ark. For sale by A. J. China.

Wedgfield Items.

Contrary to the expectations of all, and disappointing to those who took part in it, the closing exercises of the Graded School here did not appear in your issue of last week. It was not my intention to overlook the most important event that has transpired here in some time. There were two visiting correspondents present that night, and one of them requested the privilege of writing it up, and the request was granted. I will not say anymore, but will wait and see if it will appear this week.

The rains of the last few days were welcomed by the farmers, as crops were suffering badly. I think though we have an exuberance for the present. I have heard of heavy rains being called lightwood knot floaters, but they had a log float about six miles below here one day last week. Logs that have been familiar sights by the divide are now missing. For a few days it looked as if it would be like an old colored woman told me, if I would look in the book, "The Bible," I would see where they said it would rain "forty" days in the month of June.

Rev. Foster Spear went up the country on a matrimonial tour last Monday and met with splendid success. He returned on Tuesday afternoon, bringing with him his fair bride. Friends of the groom had gathered at the parsonage to welcome the happy couple home. The afternoon was warm, but refreshments were served which made it cool for the time being.

Dr. F. M. Dwight is building a temporary dwelling at his place, which he bought recently about two miles from here, where he expects to spend the summer.

Miss Helen Cain and Lucy Mellett left for Monck's Corner last Friday, where they will spend some time with Mrs. J. S. George.

Miss Clara Langley, of Charleston, after a week's stop over on the way from college with Miss Kelley, resumed her journey yesterday. Messrs. Hotsinger and James, of Boykins, spent Sunday in town.

On Messrs. J. H. Aycock & Sons River ton farm about two miles below here, a rowlock place this morning between two of the hands, Jim Taylor and Peter Coakley, which resulted in the latter being stabbed to the heart with a knife, the effects of which caused instant death. Taylor claims they were only playing quite a rough game.

REMEMBER.

Murderer Jailed.

Coroner Moses went to Wedgfield late yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest over the dead body of Peter Colclough, who was stabbed to death by James Taylor. The inquest was not concluded until a late hour last night, and the Coroner and his deputy with Taylor in custody did not return to this city until 10 o'clock a. m. The verdict of the jury of inquest fixes the crime on Taylor, and goes even further than customary to state that Taylor was criminally guilty. Taylor was committed to jail last night.

Mr. P. Ketcham of Pike City, Cal., says: "During my brother's late sickness from acute rheumatism, Chamberlain's Pain Relief was the only remedy that gave him any relief." Many others have testified to the prompt relief from pain which this liniment affords. For sale by A. J. China.

If you want a good, honest sewing machine trade, see Randle.

SUMTER CITY MISSION.

Editor Daily Item:

Allow me through the columns of your paper, to express my appreciation to the people of Sumter for their universal interest and generous response to my appeal in behalf of the Sumter City Mission. In my judgment there is no undertaking more worthy, no responsibility more pressing upon the people of Sumter, than the work this Mission is accomplishing among the hundreds of souls in this community, who do not and cannot be induced to attend the wealthier and more fashionable churches of the town. In the multitude of our own blessings, let us not forget our less fortunate fellowmen. The work of the Mission is crippled because we have not a church to accommodate those who come to hear God's Word. Let us help them to build a house of worship, and above its entrance, let the superscription be written, "The poor have the gospel preached unto them." Doubtless, there are many in the community, who would gladly contribute to so worthy an object if they were approached personally. A multiplicity of labors desires me this pleasure, but a card stating the amount each one will contribute and the time of year it will best suit to pay the subscription, will be greatly appreciated.

In the words of an eminent Churchman, it is not a question as to whether these people will be saved, if we refuse to give them the gospel, but rather can we be saved, if we withhold it from them?

The Sumter City Mission belongs to the people of Sumter, and every man, woman and child among us ought to have an equal interest in the prosperity and success of a work that no other church in the community is doing or can do.

Thanking those who have so kindly responded to our needs, and urging upon the people of Sumter the necessity of carrying on this work, I remain

Yours very truly,  
WM. ALLEN KELLY,  
Pastor Sumter City Mission.  
Sumter, S. C., June 21, 1898

Pisgah Dots.

The weather goes from one extreme to another. Since Wednesday last, it has been from three, to two heavy rains per day. So we are literally soaked. Lands have been washed terribly, and crops injured from the excessive rainfall. It is a critical stage with the corn at present, which is so easily injured, by the dry or wet weather, or injudicious work. Let this particular stage. It goes without saying, that the land is covered with young grass thicker than "hair on a dog's back." Rev. T. W. Scruggs says, it does not come from grass seed. Old folks say it does. So who is right. [Old folks, of course.]

An old man says he has never been able to find out, how salt water being drawn in the skies comes down fresh water. He says he would like to know where goes the salt? [How does he know that it comes down fresh?]

War news is getting to be rather dull. Spain gets money from some source, to go on. Two years ago the papers said she was bankrupt, and could not fight. Still she goes on, and will go on, for the old lady has got more than we think she has.

Children's day was observed at New Hope Baptist Church on Sunday last. The following is the order:

Address, J. E. DuPre. Subject, Knowledge—its power.

Hymn.

Address, R. E. Hatfield. Subject, Sunday School Work.

Hymn.

Remarks by Rev. J. J. Myers, endorsing what had been said.

Hymn.

Address, D. J. Hatfield. Subject, The great importance of engaging in christian work. The speaker took a wide range, and showed that he felt all he wished to impress on his hearers.

Sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Myers. Text, Acts, 1st chap, 8th verse. The rain interfered with the services to some extent. The ladies brought out lunch, which was heartily enjoyed by all present. Preaching again at 3:30 p. m. by the pastor Text, John 12th chap, 23rd verse. These were fine discourses. Mr. Myers is doing a good work at this church, and his congregation enjoy his fine sermons. "Onward," is his motto, in the great work of christianity. The day was an enjoyable one to all.

The health of our community is very good. Blackberries are in abundance in the low places, but apples are none.

Quite a heavy rain storm occurred in the Hagood section, Sunday 12th inst. I am informed that Mr. T. O. Sanders, Sr., was out in it, and his buggy cushion was blown 50 yards, his umbrella 100 yards and his hat 300 yards. No doubt Mr. Sanders felt he might be blown away too. Several small tenant houses on his place were blown down. No other damage is reported.

Pisgah, June 20.

Meteorological Record.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Stateburg, by Dr. W. W. Anderson, for the past 19 days, ending June 19, 1898:

Table with columns: Date, Max, Min, Mean, Wind, Rainfall, Condition. Rows for dates from 18 to 21 June 1898.

Partly cloudy. Heavier rains have fallen in many places in the vicinity during the week than have occurred immediately around here.

Mr. John Bevis, editor of the Press, Anthon, Iowa, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for fifteen years, have recommended it to hundreds of others, and have never known it to fail in a single instance. For sale by A. J. China.

Terrible Destruction at Santiago.

WHEN THE BOMBARDMENT WAS OVER SAFRON FLAG WAS HALF-MASTED.

On board the Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless, off Santiago de Cuba, Saturday, June 19, noon via Kingston, Ja. Sunday, June 19, noon—A careful inspection of the fortifications along the crest of the hills defending Santiago harbor since the bombardment Thursday morning shows that the American gunners spread wreck and ruin everywhere. Some of the batteries were demolished beyond repair. The vultures, which circle on level wings over the hills as thick as swallows around a chimney, for hours after the firing ceased, furnished gruesome evidence of the fatality among the Spanish soldiers. Hundreds of troops could be seen from the ships digging in mounds of earth piled up by the explosion of the projectiles from the heavy guns for bodies, while their heads were fanned by the wings of the black scavengers of the battlefield. There were two spots, one on the east and the other on the west of the harbor entrance, which were denuded of the foliage. The hilltops seem literally blown away. These marked the places where the 200 pound charge of gun cotton blown from the Vesuvius landed.

But the most ominous token of death flew from Morro castle.

The Saffron flag of Spain was half masted on the keep for several hours. The significance of this is not known. It is not customary to half mast flags, but possibly some Spanish leader was killed by the heavy fire of our guns, though some officers of the squadron believe that the flag was half masted as a notification to the Americans that Lieutenant Hobson and his brave men were dead. If such is the case they must have been wantonly murdered. The Spanish might seek to lay their death to the bombardment, but not a shot from the American ships struck the fortress.

Neither Admiral Sampson nor Commodore Schley believe that Lieut. Hobson and his party have been killed. We have 17 prisoners taken at Guantanamo, including a lieutenant, besides a number in the United States, for reprisals or exchange.

There was evident demoralization among the Spanish troops during the bombardment. Officers could be seen, with drawn swords, driving the men to the guns, but even then they could not be forced to stay so long as our guns were directed at them.

The 15 minutes' night work of the Vesuvius had shattered their nerves. It is believed that some of the 13-inch projectiles fired from the Texas, which was reported to have exploded the powder magazine in one of the western batteries did not fall in the battery, but went beyond and blew up one of the ships in the harbor.

A dramatic incident of the bombardment was the act of a Spanish officer, who bravely ran along the parapet under a heavy fire encouraging his men to stand by their guns. Shot and shell rained about him, and after one terrific explosion he was seen no more and the parapet had disappeared. He could not have escaped death.

From the foretop of the Brooklyn, 2,000 yards distant, the men in the grounds could be noticed, but a minute later dust and flying debris would take their places and when the smoke cleared away only a spot of red earth could be seen—gun and gunners had been swept away. It was the most deadly and destructive bombardment of the war thus far. Scarcely a shot from the big guns of the squadron went astray. The aim of our gunners was superb and not only were the coast forts annihilated, but the batteries on Cayo Smith, up the harbor, were destroyed.

Had all the ships used smokeless powder, as did the New Orleans, there would remain no signs of guns or fortifications to indicate that there had ever been any defenses there.

There were no casualties in the fleet, although the ships held a fixed position as if inviting the Spaniards to fire upon them. The half stripped ships' gunners never worked with more enthusiasm. The words of Rear Admiral Sampson were: "First silence the batteries on the shore and then continue firing until the fortifications are reduced."

The order was strictly obeyed. It was the first time that such instructions had been given and the men responded with a will.

In 38 minutes the order was given to cease firing and the message went to each ship from the Admiral, "Well done," and the officers and men turned in for breakfast. Every detail of the engagement had been executed to the letter, from the opening of the fire by the New York to the last shot from the Iowa. The Spaniards were evidently surprised while strengthening their fortifications.

The first shot of the New York landed full and fair on the top of the hills to the east where the gunners were already at work erecting new pieces. The earth seemed to rise in a cloud and when the 12-inch shells

of the Iowa and the 13 inch beauties of the Oregon landed squarely and fairly, a great cheer went up from the ships.

The western squadron got into line and began firing before the eastern one did and the effect of the shots could be plainly seen. The Spanish gunners at the batteries could be noted and a quick fire was returned, but only for a brief time did they withstand the terrible assault of the fleet.

Public Deceived.

HINT OF GREAT SURPRISE IN WAR LIKELY TO DEVELOP SOON.

N. G. Gonzales, who is himself a Cuban and is with the Cuban corps of the army at Tampa, Fla., writes thus to the Columbia State:

There seems to be in process of development a systematic scheme to depreciate and to misrepresent the Cubans in arms with a view to the preparation of public sentiment for an evasion of the terms of the congressional resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba. It looks to me as if the foundations were being laid in lies—for the indefinite control of the island by the United States, on the ground that the Cubans favoring independence are in a small and weak minority and have failed to contribute to the redemption of the island. There may be big money for the trusts and syndicates in government of the island by the republican party until 1901, and some very fat job for republican politicians, but the way the Associated Press in its "inspired" Washington dispatches works in gratuitous and really unjust sneers at the Cuban revolutionists on every possible occasion is exceedingly suggestive of an underlying motive.

In this connection I may say that in the course of a week or ten days the readers of The State will have the unpleasant conviction forced upon them that they have been deliberately deceived by that great news agency in a matter of profound public interest which I refrain just now from particularizing. I recognize the advisability of exercising great discretion in the announcement of military and naval movements, but I must express my repugnance at the lapse so great an agency as the Associated Press, which the papers pay for news and to which the people look for facts, into an agency of mere deception. If it be necessary, in the fear of Admiral Cervera's phantom fleet, to fool the Spaniards as to the dispatch of forces to Cuba, there ought surely to be some way of doing it without having lies broadcasted to the people of the United States through the unconscious agency of newspapers which they trust. It suggests, besides, unpleasant thoughts as to what may be done in a political campaign when the honor of the nation is at stake. Better no news than false news!

Speaking of fakes, Charles Hands, the war correspondent of the London Daily Mail, accomplished a neat bit of work on that line in his description of the Cuban officers and their uniforms which the Associated Press was considered enough to cable from London and The State printed last Monday. Nothing further from the facts could well be imagined I fail to recall one Cuban officer who answers to that description. They are the reverse of dandified, and canvas blouses do not lend themselves to decorative purposes or pretensions. The vets are hale and bluff old fellows with the air of the camp upon them, and the novices a quiet, unaffected, well-mannered set. This may be an offense to the British war correspondents, who usually dress in bags and have no manners to speak of.

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Spaniards Driven to The Last Ditch.

SOLDIERS ARE STARVING AND SPANISH POWER CRUMBLING.

Washington, June 17.—The navy department has received the following from Admiral Dewey:

Cavite, June 12, via Hong Kong June 17.—There is little change in the situation since my telegram of June 4. Insurgents continue hostilities and have practically surrounded Manila. They have taken 2,500 Spanish prisoners whom they treat most humanely. They do not intend to take the city at the present time.

Twelve merchant vessels are anchored in the bay with refugees on board under guard of neutral men-of-war; this with my permission.

The health of the squadron continues excellent. The German commander-in-chief arrived to-day. Three German, two British, one French and one Japanese men-of-war now in port. Another German man-of-war is expected. The following is a correct list of Spanish vessels captured and destroyed: Destroyed—Two protected cruisers, five unprotected cruisers, one transport and one serving vessel, both armed. The following were captured—The transport Manila and the gunboat Calao.

AGUINALDO'S PROCLAMATION. Manila, June 13, via Hong Kong, June 17.—Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, has issued a proclamation calling upon the natives to assemble at the ceremony of a declaration of independence. Incessant skirmishing goes on in the vicinity of Malabar, Santa Mesa and Malate. The Spaniards are making desperate attempts to regain their lost positions. Under American orders, the insurgents are holding back and playing elusive tactics that are cruelly exhausting to the Spaniards.

To-day 300 native Carabineros deserted to the Spaniards. They were originally disarmed by the captain general, but recently were given their arms again.

AUGUSTI NOT AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH. Madrid, June 17, 8 p. m.—The following dispatch from Manila, signed by Captain General Augusti and dated June 13, is published officially:

"The grave situation set forth in my dispatch of June 8 continues. The troops are fighting on the line of block houses which stops the enemy's advance. "The enemy has been strengthened by desertions of the native troops, which diminish our means of resistance, and may compel me to take refuge within the walled city. Communication with the provinces is still cut and I do not know whether the detachments there will be able to hold out against a lack of resources. "I hope to receive assistance from the peninsula before our means of defense are exhausted."

Some letters from Habana have also arrived. They were three weeks on the way. They state that the outlook is desperate, and that there is no possibility of keeping the insurgents out of the best part of the province. They constantly harass the city, cut off the supplies and destroy the roads.

Gen. Blanco sent out a force to dislodge the insurgents, but the train was derailed and the soldiers had to retreat, and came back, leaving many dead.

The blockade is said to have been run several times by small vessels, but the total stores and ammunition landed was of little account. The statement is made that the city and garrison cannot withstand a close investment. The populace believe that Great Britain and the United States have united in the blockade. The officers of the H. M. S. Talbot are said to have obtained valuable information on the condition of the garrison, and reported it to the United States admiral. They believe Admiral Cervera's fleet has been sunk, and that Santiago is at Sampson's mercy.

The official order transferring the First Regiment, S. C. V., to Gen. Lee's command has been communicated to Col. Alston. The regiment will leave Chickamauga as soon as equipped.

Aguinaldo, the Philippine insurgent leader, proclaimed the independence of the islands at Cavite on June 12th.

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Applauds McKinley.

London, June 20.—The Standard applauding editorially this morning "President McKinley's wisdom in postponing a serious invasion of Cuba till after the rainy season," says:

"The President shows himself, as he has done throughout the whole business, a wise and strong ruler. Undoubtedly the American navy was ready for war. Scarcely in any past conflict has any nation asserted at once against its opponent such a complete mastery on the sea. The reason the operations hang fire is the unreadiness for what is to be done on land. America has splendid material for a fine army, but time is required to organize it. Therefore we congratulate the United States on the possession of rulers strong enough to turn a deaf ear to the wild impatience of the jingoes."

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CANDIDATES' CARDS.

FOR CONGRESS. Congressman J. W. STOKES is hereby announced as a candidate for re-election from this, the Seventh District, subject to the Democratic primary.

THOMAS F. BRANTLEY, of Orangeburg is nominated for Congress from the Seventh District, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR AUDITOR. Mr. Editor: Please announce the undersigned as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary and oblige J. DICKS WILDER.

FOR SUPERVISOR. Mr. Editor: You will please announce W. S. DINKINS