

THE TIMES.

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This paper contains later news BY FULLY FIFTEEN HOURS, than any New York paper that reaches Oswego up to the time of our publication.

It is a very natural change at the time when it was made, because it was then a crying evil of the world that monarchs were in the habit of making war, regardless of the wishes and the sufferings of their peoples.

It is not difficult to conceive that our own Congress may make some interesting contributions to the literature of these questions during the next few days.

THE PLATFORM.

From the hour of achieving their own independence the people of the United States have regarded with sympathy the struggle of other American people to free themselves from European domination.

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These words from the St. Louis platform were deliberately chosen to define the policy of the Republican party with respect to Cuba in June, 1896, nearly two years ago.

It won't be an up-to-date civil service examination that doesn't have in it the question, "Can you shoot?"

It is plain that Mr. Wapamaker would rather be Governor of Pennsylvania than keep the peace in his own party.

The recent freezing weather has destroyed either a good many fruit buds or some popular theories about fruit buds.

"Snap shots" have been forbidden in Fort Wadsworth. At last the amateur photographer has found his match.

Independent Hose Company No. 1 of Hesterville village, near Binghamton, has offered its services to the country. Now let the war go on.

Several recent trials of the Holland submarine boat leave the question still in doubt whether the machine is more dangerous to its own crew or to the enemy.

The battle ship Oregon was at Callao, Peru, yesterday, 45 days' sail from Key West. Were the Nicaragua ship canal a fact, she would be at Key West now.

Jupiter will be in conjunction with the moon to-night but what is that in comparison with the approaching conjunction of Congress and the President's message?

Laura A. Daly of Illinois and Edward Cromette were married at Greenup, Ill., the other day, neither having seen the other before. The divorce was made by mail. Notice of divorce later.

Yong Mr. Bailey of Texas is quite too recently from leading strings himself, too flippant and too much given to prattling, to be the safe leader of a party when matters of

grave import are to be acted upon by, as well as talked about, in Congress.

If you have a bad cold in your head the best you can do is to keep still about it. Everybody else is similarly afflicted and would much rather talk about his own troubles than listen to yours.

Among the Americans resident in Madrid are two dentists and they were the first to pack their traps preparatory to speedy emigration in case of war.

Patience, neighbor. If you find this suspense wearing think of those benighted and frothing claim-jumpers up in the Klondike country getting hold of one of this week's newspapers and laying it down with the knowledge that they'll have to wait a month or two for the next news from Cuba.

Come to think of it, the Spanish board of inquiry reported that the Maine had been blown up from inside within twenty-four hours after the explosion occurred.

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tain all their race prejudices undiminished.

Such a field is fallow for the gang politicians and his system of spoils. He has reduced to an exact system the distribution of office according to race.

He makes a place on his ticket for the German-American, the Irish-American, the Swedish, the Polish, the Bohemian, the Jewish, etc., etc.

All these races are largely represented in Chicago. There are more Germans there than in any German city except Berlin.

There are 150,000 Scandinavians and (I write from memory) something like 75,000 Poles, 50,000 Bohemians—and so on.

These people, except the Irish, live together in colonies so that their votes can be delivered en bloc, especially in ward elections.

There is very little use of going among such newly imported voters and talking to them of the purity of the ballot.

The franchise is to them something new and, what is more, something of palpable value. A leader of their own race can marshal them against the army of reform because he offers to them some tangible benefit, whereas the reformer can only talk abstract politics of which they scarcely know the meaning.

In the face of all these difficulties it is really wonderful what the Chicago reformers have done—even in the heart of the enemy's country.

And much of this is due to one man, a young man at that—Alderman Harlan, a son of Mr. Justice Harlan.

Young Harlan is perhaps the most interesting figure in American politics to-day.

Like all his father's sons—and like their father too, for that matter,—he is a strapping big fellow physically, who has yet to learn the meaning of fear.

This is not Harlan's first appearance in the field.

He ran for Mayor last fall and was the only candidate of the four or five who ran to come within sight of Young Carter Harrison, the present Mayor.

He made such a fight on the powers of evil as Chicago never saw before, fighting not only the venal Aldermen, but the rich men and corporations who bought the Aldermen's votes.

He made himself just as odious to the franchise jobbers in the Chicago Club as to the rumpers and heeled on the "Lava Beds," and was no more intimidated by the one class than by the other.

This spring when Harlan entered the campaign once more "Johnny Powers, the boodie alderman's chief, gave it out that if the young reformer came over into his (Powers') ward to speak he might go home in an ambulance.

Harlan's reply was to hire the biggest hall in Powers' ward for a Sunday night. The hall was packed and the Powers thumpers were very much in evidence.

To them Harlan said: "Johnny Powers may plant his men at every street crossing in this ward and arm every one of them with pistol and knife; I shall none the less come here and speak; for I would gladly lay down my life rather than admit that Johnny Powers or any other rascal could dictate where I may or may not speak."

And he kept right on speaking to the end, his big frame and massive shoulders towering above the crowd at every important meeting.

It is to such men (for one such betrays a like courage in others) that the reformers pin their faith. Even if they lose they lose with glory. But here's hoping they don't lose.

MacTAVISH.

LATE HAWAIIAN NEWS.

For a Cable to Hawaii.

HONOLULU, March 24.—Senator Brown has introduced in the Legislature a bill guaranteeing the construction by the Pacific Cable Company of a cable between the United States and these islands.

The act of March 3, 1883, authorizing the building of our first group of steel cruisers, under Secretary Chandler, laid the foundation of our modern steel navy.

Up to that time no steel war vessel had ever been built in this country, and the problem of constructing not only such a ship, but its proposed battery of high power steel rifles, was very serious.

Yet amid many doubts and criticisms the construction went on, and our first four great steel ships have not only done great service for many years, but are good for years to come.

The Chicago and the Atlanta have recently been supplied with better motive power, which their services and their capabilities will be greatly increased.

The Boston is one of our main sources of reliance on the Chinese station, and the Dolphin is in her place for the troubles with Spain.

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With these eight cruisers and gunboats authorized under President Arthur's administration, the great first step was taken.

Battleships and torpedo boats were to follow, with larger and faster cruisers; extensive shipyard factories and timber dry docks were to be established; but for the beginning of this great development which has been reached to-day we must turn back to fifteen years ago.

CUBA'S CLIMATE, A HISTORICAL INCIDENT

IN his Brooklyn newspaper, the Standard-Union, Mr. Murat Halsted prints a few selections from his own very interesting book, "The Story of Cuba," some passages of interest which he commends to the young men of America who desire to go into campaigning in the summer time on the soil of Cuba.

It may not be remembered by some of our readers that American troops have already taken part in a capture of Havana. This was in 1763 when Lord Albemarle, a British admiral, led down upon Cuba and captured its principal port, in campaign his Lordship was pleased to acknowledge, he received valuable aid from the American colonists which both men and provisions.

A thrilling account of the sufferings endured by these colonists is afforded in these passages which we reproduce at second hand from the Standard-Union.

"Through a great part of the bright day the English had been spoiled by the heat of the climate, the most distressing circumstances of the campaign was the scarcity of water. Of the vast catalogue of human ills, thirst is the most intolerable. On this occasion it was caused by the tongue to swell, and itself without the aid of any other cause in a state of mortification; then the whole frame became a prey to the most excruciating agonies, till death at length intervened and gave the unhappy sufferer relief. In this way hundreds resigned themselves to eternity. A great many fell victims to the fever. From the appearance of perfect health, three or four short hours robbed them of existence. Many there were who endured a toothsome disease for days, say weeks, together, living in a state of putrefaction, their bodies full of vermin, and almost dead before they were able to be removed to a hospital. From the country kept constantly hovering over the graves, which rather than buried the dead, and frequently stretched away the scanty earth, leaving in every man's corpse a spectacle of unspeakable horror to the eyes of those who were being engaged in the same enterprises were exposed to the same fate. Hundreds of carcasses were seen floating on the ocean.

The Earl of Albemarle being expressly ordered when the Havana service should be over to return to the United States, he returned to America that he might receive from thence, he embarked the Fifth Brigade for that continent; but most of them died on the passage or in the hospitals immediately on their arrival, and the artillery sent with them was entirely lost.

The troops who remained were not much more fortunate, many by this time so reduced by sickness that even seven hundred could not be mustered in a condition to do duty."

Here is a passage from the journal of the Rev. John Graham, a chaplain in the fleet, "Showing How the Provincial Soldiers (Americans) Perished before Havana of a Fever that Was Like the Plague."

SATURDAY, Sept. 25, 1762.—A pleasant morning, nothing extraordinary happened the last night—but Sabie night in gloomy March the Camp, a Season, when men used to Labour and fatigue in ye day retire from Labour to recline their weary Limbs, and refresh themselves with rest. . . . But in Camp how wide the difference, the Season we, invites to Rest but alas the fever came that hummed among the Tents and bursting groans from throbbing hearts seized with Panick, horror

Activity of Hawaiian Volcanoes. HONOLULU, March 24.—The latest advices from the island of Hawaii confirm the reports concerning the activity of the volcanoes of Maunaloa and Kilauea. Peter Lee, keeper of the Volcano Hotel, reports that they are on the brink of a great eruption.

After Fifteen Years. New York Sep. With so much now depending on our navy, it is only just to award to President Arthur's administration the honor of beginning that reconstruction of it on a modern basis whose fruits we see to-day.

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and Surprize because febrile flame kindles upon their vitals, or Tyrant pain, Tiger like preys upon their Bones or as happy devours their entrails, or birds reposed on Boomer did I deposit my weary Limbs to Bed and embrace the delectable pillow, but groan echoes to groan, and Sigh rises upon Sigh not unlike the waves and billows of the Raging Sea.

Thus with our Melancholy Camp a fatal disease enters tent after tent and with irresistible force strikes hand with soldier, and with hostile violence Seizes the brave, the bold, the hearty and the Strong, no force of arms, no Strength of Limbs, no Solemn vows, no piteous moans, no heart rending Groans, no virtue in means, no skill of Physicians can free from the Tyrant hand, but death cruel death that stands Just behind, draws the Curtain, Shows himself to the unhappy prisoner, and with percing Sound Creled thou art, and at once throes his fatal dart, and fast binds them in Iron Chains—or Some disease in a Milder way takes its course, and more gently treats them, but by Sure and certain Steps fastens them along by Slow degrees till they are introduced into the hands of unrelenting death. . . . Others roll from Side to Side, and turn into every posture to find ease from pain the wrack their tortured Limbs—others that are yet unladen with the disease, Call for their friends to help the distressed; hearken and likely you'll hear them as they pass along, return oaths for groans and Curses for Signs horrible to hear! Thus death in Camp reigns and has Triumphed over Scars already, and diseases has turned back to Rank the Dead in Command and alas how few are Prisoners of Hope. . . .

But heark methink I hear a different voice, uttering heavy Groans where is it? Surely its in the next Tent. O the officers of the Field, Certainly no difference in the manner of the disease, from the Regiment is seized with Cold Chills all pass through every part, throw all nature into violent agitation and Shakes the whole frame; a febrile flame Scarcely active, till his vigorous active limbs becomes feeble, and his febrile countenance, purpore pale and languid hue— he liveth. . . . This night after night are we accosted with the cries and the Groans of the Sick and dying. . . . The whole number died out Gen'l. Lyman's Regiment Since we Left New York, which then Contained 1400—this day, is 184.

1 Lieutenant. 1 Ensign. 1 Surgeon's Mate. 5 Sergeants. 1 Drummer. 173 Privates. Total, 184.

Sabbath Day, Oct. 17, 1762—All in a hurry making preparations for the Embarcation and laying Stores for the Voyage to New York—the day is the Lord's by a special appropriation, yet many of religious service ceased, or anything besides the present importunate affair of providing each one for himself without an relation to another, and as tho' there was no being to be dependant upon but each upon himself. Visited the sick officers in Camp—by Yesterday returned the last Week . . . 19 Dead before. . . . 207

"In Gen'l. Lyman Regd. Total 226." This is but a scrap of a horrible record. It shows what happens at Havana when unaccustomed troops beleaguer the city in the season of fevers and plagues. We can capture Havana, of course, but as Mr. Halsted says, we should count the cost.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Forecast till 8 P. M. Wednesday: For Eastern New York—Clearing weather Wednesday; northeasterly shifting to northwesterly winds.

For Western New York—Snow, clearing weather to-night; Wednesday fair; high northerly winds.

WEATHER BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF TELEGRAPHS AND REPORTS. Meteorological reports received at Oswego, N. Y., April 5, 1898 at 10 a. m. 52d meridian time. Observations taken at the same time at all stations.

Local Weather Report. For 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. April 5, 1898.

Time. Bar. Temp. W. Dir. Vel. State of Sky. 8:30 A. M. 30.16 23 25 W. 12 Cloudy

Maximum temperature 25. Minimum temperature 19. Maximum velocity of wind 20 miles. Mean daily barometer 30.01. April 4 was 30.00.

Mean temperature . . . and mean humidity of atmosphere . . .

Rising barometer during the day and stationary during the night. Stationary temperature, light to brisk variable winds.

Comparative temp. . . .

Mean temp. . . .

Excess of deficiency of temperature for this date . . .

Accumulated excess of deficiency since Jan. 1, 1898 . . .

Total daily rainfall . . .

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Total excess or deficiency of precipitation from Jan. 1, 1898 . . .

Total precipitation in inches for this month: 1897 . . .

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