THE TROOPS TO MOVE ON CUBA AT ONCE.

CONCERTED ACTION ALL ALONG THE LINE TO BEGIN. AGGRESSIVE OP-ERATIONS FOR THE EJECTION OF THE SPANISH TROOPS.

Orders Given for the Purchase of 5,000,000 Rations.

General Miles with a Numerons Staff Will Leave Washington To-Day for Tampa Fla.-Some of the Troops Now Being Hurried So Rapidly to the Gulf Coast May Be Intended to Co-Operate with Admiral Sampson in the Reduction of the Fortifications at San Juan De Porto Rico-The Revival of Doubts as to the Whereabouts of the Cape Verde Squadron Caused a Renewal of Anxiety as to the Oregon-It is Believed That Admiral Sampson Will Safeguard the Ship.

WASHINGTON, May 11.-The army movement on Cuba is now fairly launched, and to-day's news developed a concerted effort all along the line to begin aggressive operations on a big scale for the ejectment of the Spanish troops and government from the Pearl of the Antilles. An order given this afternoon by the war department for the purchase of 5,000,000 rations is an earnest of the scale on which preparations are making for the invasion of Spain's territory. Of this vast quantity one-fourth is to go to the Philippines, by way of San Francisco, and the balance to Cuba.

For some reason that was not discoverable there appeared to be a temporary check in the practical working out of the plans of the war department for this Cuban movement. After everything had been made ready for his departure last night, General Miles was detained, and for a time to-day the rather gloomy prospect of an indefinite postponement of the first military expedition was presented. Later on, however, the obstacle, whatever it was, was reached, and it was again announced that the commanding gen eral with a numerous staff would leave Washington to-morrow directly for Tampa.

The department has made a great many changes in the original program laid down for the concentration of the troops, and, as indicated in these despatches yesterday, many bodies of volunteers that were originally slated for one of the great concentration camps have found themselves suddenly under orders to proceed direct to southern points, so that soon volunteers from the East and middle West will be moving swiftly to Florida and the gulf, while from the far West the cars will be carrying troops to San Francisco.

AN EARLY MOVEMENT TO CUBA.

To-day's news in connection with the renewal of General Miles' orders to Tampa is pretty substantial evidence of a very early movement of troops in strong force to Cuba, while the Philippine program, of course, has been definitely fixed for some days.

Contrary to expectations, the day again passed at the navy department without news from Admiral Sampson. Notwithstanding what appears to be confirmatory newspaper advices relative to the presence of the Spanish Cape Verde fleet at Cadiz, the navy department officials are beginning to entertain strong doubt of the accuracy of the report. It was not possible during the course of the day to obtain anything like an official confirmation of the official report received yesterday, but this is not to be wondered at in view of the success which the Spanish government has so far met with in keeping secret the movements of its naval ships. Until news comes from Admiral Sampson of his doings in and around Porto Rico, it cannot be said definitely what program shall be decided on as regards that island.

It has been suggested that some of the troops now being hurried so rapidly to the gulf coast may be intended to co-operate with Admiral Sampson in the reduction of the fortifications at San Juan De Porto Rico and the subsequent occupation of the island. WOULD BE IN A PLIGHT.

It is felt that the admiral will be in a rather disagreeable plight, supposing even that he managed to reduce the forts with his fleet, if he were obliged to remain there in occupation of the place, for lack of troops, when he might otherwise be urgently needed either on the Cuban coast or somewhere in the Atlantic to meet the Spanish fleet. An evidence of the wisdom of having the troops and transports near at hand in such cases is shown by the predicament Admiral Dewey is believed to be in at Manila, where, for lack of troops, he is unable to occupy the town and to prevent the atrocities which the insurgents are capable of working upon their helpless Spanish foes.

Spanish Expedition to go to the Philip-of Attraction. Plucky Winslow, Brave Wilmington,

Nothing has been Seen of the Cape Verde Squadron, But it has not Gone Back to Cadiz.-Admiral Ber mejo says it's Where it Ought to Be.-Inquiries Made at London on Board Ships Which Have Recently Arrived There from the Canary Islands, the Islands of Maderra, Teneriffe and Gibraltar Show that Nothing has been Seen of the Spanish Fleet.

LONDON, May 11.—A special dispatch from Madrid says a formidable Spanish expedition is being organized for dispatch to the Philippine islands.

NOTHING SEEN OF THE SPANISH FLEET. LONDON, May 11.-Inquiries made on board ships which have recently arrived here from the Canary islands, the island of Madeira, Teneriffe and Gibraltar. show that nothing has been seen of the Spanish fleet.

The British steamer Galicia, Captain Bird, which left Cadiz on April 29th, reports that the only war vessels there were the auxilliary cruisers Normannia and Col umbia, two torpedo boats and an armed yatch, possibly the Girlada.

The British steamer Tetuan, which an rived here to-day from Gibraltar, after leaving Las Palmas on April 29th, Teneriffe on April 30th and Madeira on May 2nd, saw no signs of the Spanish fleet. She reports, however, that great excitement prevailed at the Canary islands when she was there.

DID NOT RETURN TO CADIZ.

LONDON, May 11.-A special dispatch from Madrid says : Admiral Bermejo, minister of marine, denies that the Cape Verde squadron returned to Cadiz. Bermejo says that the fleet is now where it ought to be, under orders.

AMERICAN SQUADRON HAS DISAPPEARED. MADRID, May 11 .- An official dispatch from Havana says: "The enemy's squad-ron has disappeared. Five warships have gone eastward."

GERMANY MUST HAVE GUARANTEES.

MADRID, May 11 .- The Madrid correspondent of a Berlin paper says that it is asserted in high Spanish official circles that on May 3rd the German embassador to days be ordered to sail westward to attack Great Britain, Count Hatzfeldt-Wilden burg, informed Lord Salisbury that, in case change in the form of government in the Philippines, Germany would be "compelled to put herself in possession of cer-tain guarantees with the view of maintaining German interests."

Count Weldenburg, according to the correspondent, pointed out to Lord Salisbury that Germany had to take into account the possibility that Great Britain, in order to plan of operations. protect British subjects in the Philippines, might be compelled to land an adequate force at Manila, in which case Germany would do likewise.

Lord Salisburg replied that he recogniz-ed the justice of this declaration, but designated the supposition that England has such intentions as incorrect, and, according to the correspondent in question, pro-posed to leave the matter open till the conlict over Manila has been decided.

BRITISH STEAMER STOPPED BY SPANISH. LONDON, May 11.-The British steamer Belmuir, which has arrived at Aberdeen. reports that a Spanish gunboat fired at and topped her in the straits of Gibraltar, on Rico to intercept the Spaniards, if they are making for that island, or south to the May 3rd. A Spanish officer boarded her, but, after examining her papers, he allowed relief of the Oregon in case that becomes necessary. The fact that Admiral Sampher to proceed.

Company B to Start for Tampa.

The 5th Regiment, Colonel Burchfield Commanding noon was pointed to by those officials who discredit the report of the arrival at Cadiz Will Leave for Florida Within Twenty-four Hours. Mustering of Companies.-Orders to have the Seof the Cape Verde fleet as proof that the admiral had not yet been able to convince lected Regiments in Readiness to Move Within Forty-eight hours Reached the Camp at Mount Gretna Yesterday Morning.—Batteries A and C, West Indian waters.

One Report Locates it at Cadiz and another at the Canaries, but Spanish Minister of Marine Says it is Where it Ought to be-Spain Must Throw up the eral boats arriving at this point from Car-Sponge or Else Give Sampson Battle. denas, where the engagement took place yesterday state that our forces lost one of-

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Accepting as true the report that the Cape Verde fleet is now with the Spanish fleet at Cadiz, it is

felt here that Spain must take without delay one of two courses. She must either send her combined fleets westward to give battle to the American fleet or she must sue for peace. The report, said to be official, that she will send a formidable fleet to the Philippines is regarded in Washington as a mere bluff intended simply to prevent further popular outbreaks in Ensign Worth Bagley, (killed instantly) Oliver Varnaris, S. Daniel, B. Meek Far-Spain while the government is trying to settle on a feasible plan of action, which it is dreading—in short, which of the two alternatives named above it will take.

mortally, Lieutenant Brandon, seriously, R. E. Cox, D. McKean, M. Gray. To-night rumors are afloat here that this government has received strong intimation that under pressure of the powers the Spanish government is likely to throw up boat, weighed 1.392 tons, eight guns,) Hudson (revenue cutter) and Winslow the sponge and withdraw her army from Cuba in order to save Porto Rico and on indemnity that will cover the expenses we

the street. They are afloat in government rudder was blown away and she drifted circles, and while they cannot be confirmed in responsible quarters, they are receiving attention. It is felt that the known conditions in Spain and the course of the war thus far fully warrant the government After firing thirty-five minutes a six

in suing for peace. It is not doubted that the Spanish gov being repaired at sea. ernment would gladly take this course if it believed it could do it without precipitat-Winslow. ing a bloody revolution, which would not only overthrow the dynasty, but involve a lenced and the fort was destroyed. massacre of those whose corruption and In the meantime the Wilmington opened incapacity are regarded as the causes of the with her heavy guns and bravely bore the misfortunes of the country.

brunt of the battle until the Winslow was If the rumor that Spain intends suing for towed to a place of safety. peace is premature, then it is believed the Key West, 1:54 p. m.-The officers combined Spanish fleets will within a few the Hudson report that Cardenas was to be shelled by the gunboats Machias and our fleet in West India waters, or to make Wilmington again this morning. They believe that the bombardment has already a descent on our coast cities. But it will be at least two weeks before the Spanish occurred. ships can get across the Atlantic from Cadiz. By that time, unless the plans of

the administration go wrong, both Cuba and Porto Rico will be in our possession, -Nothing could have been more con temptible than the sneaking design that was entertained in certain quarters to de with an adequate American army in each feat the appointment of General Fitzhugh and our squadrons ready to take care of the Spanish fleet, whatever may be its LEE to a command in the military operations against the Spanish in Cuba. There The fact that Admiral Sampson has not was a clique of officers in the war departyet been heard from leads some officials here to persist in the belief that the Cape Verde fleet did not return to Cadiz, but is Whether this conspiracy springs from pro-fessional jealousy or from the old sectional now on this side of the ocean, either hovering about the Windward islands or heading south in wait for the Oregon and spite, it indicates a spirit of the meanest Marietta. But there is good reason to beorder. Nothing could be more offensive to lieve that Admiral Sampson's fleet is also

the feelings of the people of both sections ranging far south of Porto Rico, ready to than the ignoring of a brave officer who so go to aid the Oregon in case the American courageously represented his country in a scouting cruisers report that Spanish war position replete with danger when those at vessels are in that region. It is believed Admiral Sampson's mathe head of the government were shirking the decisive action which the situation in nœuvers are intended to place him a posi-Cuba demanded. tion where he can strike north to Porto

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Silence the Spanish Batteries and

KEY WEST, May 12, 10:58 a. m.-Sev-

ficer, four men were killed and several

PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE.

KEY WEST, 12:14 p. m.-The govern-

brings the intelligence that the steel tor-

pedo boat Winslow, weighing 142 tons, opened the war at 11 o'clock at Cardenas

The following Americans were killed :

THE CANNON BOOMED.

The Wilmington (third rate steel gun-

Seventy-five rounds were fired from the

The Spanish guns were eventually si

were wounded.

esterday.

Destroy the Fort at Cardenas.

The Centre district Ministerial Sunday son had not communicated directly with school and K. L. C. E. convention, of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the United Evangelical church, will be held in this place from May 24th to 26th. The meetings will be held in the church on himself that the enemy's ships were not in Willowbank street and there will be about

-On Wednesday evening the Bellefonte band and a number of his friends surprised Robert Gentzell by appearing at his home, on Willowbank street, with a first class supper and a number of choice presents. The affair was in honor of his birthday and proved thoroughly enjoyable to all.

WERE QUIETLY MARRIED.-At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Rev. G. W. nent boat Hudson has arrived here. It Lesher, of Boalsburg, pronounced the words that made Miss Mary E. Hasel and William Steel, of Axe Mann, one. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father, Adam Hasel, and none but the family were in attendance.

The bride is an estimable young woman, fully competent to make a helpful and lovable wife, while the groom is an industrious young man, now employed at the Mill Hall brick works at which place the ouple will probably begin house keeping.

MARBIAGE LICENSES .- Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphans court clerk G. W. Rumberger during the past week :

Ira Grossman and Kate Sweeny, both of Potter township.

Samuel Woodring, of Worth township, and Minnie L. Stiner, of Taylor township. H. Herbert Stover and Gertrude Styers, The Winslow was shot through and both of Rebersburg.

Adam Yearick, of Marion township, and inch shell pierced her boiler. She is now Mrs. Louisa Stover, of Miles township.

Jacob C. Runkle and Ada Allen, both of Potter township.

George. P. Johnsonbaugh, of Bellefonte. and Alice H. Stover, of Aaronsburg.

George Washington Harter, of Millheim, and Emma Vonatta, of Hartleton, Union county.

Harry G. Swabb and Georgiana Krebs. both of Bellefonte.

William Steel and Mary Hazel, both of Axe Mann.

George B. Bander and Alice C. Meyers, both or Philipsburg.

Dilroy R. Young and Lizzie Illian, both of Potter township.

A BIG DAY FOR THE ODD FELLOWS. -On last Saturday morning representatives of all the lodges of Odd Fellows in ment who are said to have determined that | Centre county met in the rooms of the the gallant ex-confederate should win no Bellefonte lodge to arrange for a joint picglory in this war if they could prevent it. nic of the Odd Fellows of Centre county. It will be held at Hecla park on Wednesday, June 8th, and will be known as Odd Fellows day at that resort. The meeting here was purely an executive one. J. C. Meyer Esq., was elected chairman of the picnic committee and W. F. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, was made the secretary. Committees on transportation, speaker, amusements, and other events were appointed. It was decided to invite the societies of Clinton and Lycoming counties, to join those of Centre in the outing at Hecla and make as much of a success of it as possible, because they hope to make an annual out-

ing day for the order in Centre county. Three eminent members of the order have been invited to be present to speak ; one of them, Esau Loomis, of West Chester, deputy grand master, has already ac cepted and the other two, Samuel McKibben, of Philadelphia, who will be installed grand master at the meeting of the grand lodge on the 17th inst., and Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, representative from Pennsylvania to the sovereign grand lodge, have both intimated that they would like to come, though a definite answer has not been received from either.

were cruising off Cardenas yesterday about condition that she will be allowed by us to re-occupy the Philippines after paying an shore, and when about 500 yards from the shore the shrubbery suddenly parted and have incurred in the prosecution of the heavy cannon on the shore boomed. Heavy solid shot and shell alighted all about the These rumors of a prospect of Spanish Winslow, and her forward boiler blew up. surrender are by no means mere gossip of Her men, however, never flinched. Her helplessly until the Hudson took her in

The rivival of doubts as to the whereabouts of the Cape Verde squadron caused a renewal of anxiety as to the Oregon. The ship was at Bahia at last accounts and is believed to have started a day or two ago up the Brazilian coast to join Sampson's squadron in the West Indies. She will have to make a run of 3,000 miles, which will occupy the Oregon about ten days only, as she is in fine fettle and averaged thirteen knots Atlantic coast line to prepare for the invasan hour in the long run around from San Francisco.

SAMPSON WILL SAFEGUARD THE OREGON.

However, it is believed that Admiral Sampson is as well posted as any one in Washington as to the conditions existing in the West Indies and he, doubtless, will do whatever is necessary, in his judgment, to safeguard the ship in her run up the coast.

During the past month the bureau of construction and repair of the navy department spent one million and a quarter dollars in the repair and outfitting of ships, and none of this money went to new construction. This is said to be the largest expenditure in this particular line ever made by the equipment bureau even during the days of the civil war. The navy department felt obliged to decline the offer made by some wealthy New York gentlemen, headed by O. H. P. Belmont, to build and equip a torpedo boat for the use of the government during the war.

Possibly the declination was brought about through the condition attached to the offer that the boat should be commanded by Mr. Belmont, for without the least reflection upon that gentleman the naval officials have been obliged to decline to establish the precedent of appointing civilians to commands in this way. The practice, in some respects, would approach privateering, which is distinctly prohibitd by the agreement we have voluntarily entered into and proclaimed to the world.

Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt to-day turned over the duties of assistant secretary of the navy to Mr. Charles H. Allen, of Massachusetts, and the latter held a reception at the department to all the employes. The rush orders to the Charleston, which went out to-day, will have the result possibly of obliging the department to send another vessel, probably the Philadelphia, along with the troop transports which are expected to go out from San Francisco about the end of the week, since it is very unusual in time to go out from San Francisco about the end of the week, since it is very unusual in time of war to send such transports without a warship for convoy.

Send an Army of Negroes.

Hold the Philippines with a Force of 20,000 Men-Advice that comes from London-The Americans Will Emerge from the War with New Ideas and Larger Ambitions.

LONDON, May 8.-Referring to the outcome of the war, the Spectator remarks : 'The Americans will emerge from the war with new ideas and larger ambitions. They will have defeated a second class European

state and will feel acutely that, as matters stand, they would have been defeated by a first class one. They could not have fought France, to say nothing of Great Britain, without suffering grave defeats at sea and enormous losses on land.

"That is not the position which suits American temper, and Washington will set itself to construct a first class iron fleet. That once built, the desire for a position in the world equal to their position among nations will compel them to abandon the idea of non-intervention and change the Monroe doctrine into a direct and effective protectorate of the two Americas.

"We hope the Americans will keep the Philippine islands, and that they can keep them there is no doubt whatever. Europe, to put the truth in its most brutal form, cannot attack them without our permission."

The Spectator urges America to raise a colored army of 20,000 "and, with this ef-fective Sepoy army, hold the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico, paying the army of occupation out of the local revenues." It says :

vania Volunteers. Now at Newport News

MOUNT GRETNA, May 11 .- It is probable that by the time this reaches the eyes of the WATCHMAN readers B Co. of Bellefonte will be whirling southward over the ion of Cuba. Governor Hastings to-day officially announced that six regiments of the Pennsylvania volunteers now at Camp Hastings will be on their way to Tampa, Fla., within forty-eight hours from noon to-day

Orders to have the regiments in readiness to move within that time reached the camp about five o'clock this morning. Major Thompson, the United States army officer commanding, immediately began the work of mustering in the companies of the various regiments necessary to make up the required number, and by nightfall thirty-five companies had been sworn in. Arranged with their respective regiments. a grand total of five regiments is the record of to-day's work, and, including the two regiments completed yesterday, there are now seven regiments of volunteers ready to move at the word of command. Over thirty rail-road cars are side-tracked ready for the soldiers to board, and the first one will probably move in the morning.

It was definitely decided to-night that the regiments to go will be the six of the seven now mustered in. These are the teenth, Colonel Krebs; Ninth, Colonel Dougherty, and Fifth, Colonel Burchfield. tered are uniforms for the recruits, canvas belts and blanket rolls for the guardsmen and new Krag-Jorgensen guns for all. Lieutenant Hay, United States army,

was at work to-day distributing equipments of clothing to the commands mustered in. The non-completion of this will not interfere with the troops moving, as the equipment will be completed, in that case, at Tampa. All ordinances will be handed around at the same place.

In the addition to the muster of the above commands, two companies of the Sixth regiment took the oath ; also three of the Tenth, three of the Eighteenth, one of the Eighth and the Sheridan troop. All told, there is a total of 344 officers and 5,mentioned for her start. 223 enlisted men on the field now part of the volunteer army of the United States. These do not include batteries A and C. Pennsylvania volunteers, now at Newport

Elections are going on in a number of companies to fill vacancies caused by officers being rejected by the doctors. Colonel Morrell, who was thrown from his horse and injured yesterday, was on duty as usual to-day.

Fitz Will Fight Corbett.

BOSTON, May 9.-Bob Fitzsimmons has announced his acceptance to the offer of Kid McCoy to pay the champion \$10,000 for a fight at middleweight, and also his Before the two United States vessels acceptance of the offer of James J. Corbett on his campaign against the machine cor-were aware of the scheme, they were in of \$25,000 for an opportunity to regain the ruptionists with undiminished vigor, conthe midst of hot fire from the battery. The heavyweight championship. Fitzsimmons aim of the Spaniards was, however, very will meet either man before the regularly organized club offering the largest sending back a few shots, scampered out to but he will insist on a side bet of \$10,000 occupation out of the local revenues." sea, out of range of the battery. Both sust says : "With such a garrison these islands" sea, out of range of the battery. Both sus-tained some slight damage by fragments of shells which exploded near them. before the last of September, this year. public affairs.

forty delegates here to participate. EXPEDITION TO PHILIPPINES. CRUISER CHARLESTON GOES ON AHEAD AND

the department up to a late hour this after-

be governor general.

sembled at San Francisco already.

with her heavy stock of coal, ammunition

and supplies. Her trip to Manila will take

in point of size and effectiveness.

Wanamaker's Two Wars.

The City of Pekin, which will follow her,

about two weeks.

TRANSPORTS FOLLOW THIS WEEK. A BIG FIRE NARROWLY AVERTED.-WASHINGTON, May 12.-Government One of the largest mercantile establishofficials say the Philippine expedition will ments in the county narrowly escaped debe started at the earliest practical moment. struction by fire on Wednesday afternoon. Preparations are going ahead at rapid rate. For feeding the men who will go on that It was exactly 3 o'clock when fire was expedition the commissary's department

discovered in the basement of Joseph Bros. made arrangements for the delivery at San & Co's. building on south Allegheny street. Francisco of over 1,000,000 rations, to ac-It was burning so fiercely by the time the commodate an army of 5,000 men for more than 60 days. It now looks as if the command might alarm was given that it was an hour before the firemen had it under control.

be placed in the hands of a major general, The fire was discovered by Samuel Weipossibly General Wesley Merritt, who will ser, a clerk in the store, who had gone The navy department has decided to down to the basement for some underwear. have the cruiser Charleston start at once on He tried to put it out and several of the its relief mission to Admiral Dewey's other clerks ran to his assistance, but they fleet. She will leave without waiting to convoy the City of Pekin and the other were unable to stop the flames that were ships loaded with supplies. The orders to spreading rapidly among the great piles of the commandant of the navy yard at Mare island are to put on board the Charleston clothing, dry goods and notions that were down there. The entire duplicate stock of all the ammunition she will carry so long the store was kept in the basement and the as her steaming capacity is not retarded. It is the understanding here that at least 150 flames once eating into the bales of woolen goods made such a dense, suffocating smoke

tons of ammunition can be put on board. All the powder, shot and shell requisite that the firemen were unable to enter the for this relief expedition have been asplace for a long time. Five streams of Owing to the hurried departure of the water were pumped into it and in less than Charleston, it is not expected that she will twenty minutes there was a foot of water wait for any considerable number of troops, as these will follow later on the other reover the entire length of that 110 ft. floor. The basement is ceiled with flooring and lief ships. She has a crew of about 300 men, and this probably will be augmented partitioned off into a number of apartments by a marine guard of a few hundred men. in the same way so that the fire got in be-The Charleston is a protected cruiser of 3,730 tons displacement, built of steel, and tween the partitions and burned furiously. mounts eight guns in her battery. She has twin screws and an indicated horse-power 6,666. The authorites here hardly Most of it was located in the front end, where it was hardest to fight, but by cutting holes in the floor of the store room the expect her to make more than 13 knots

firemen succeeded in subduing it. The loss in the basement is practically total. The immense stock of goods stored there, together with mattings, carpets and

is a very fleet merchantman, capable of being pushed to 18 knots or more, so that groceries, is all ruined by water or scorched even with the handicap she has of by the flames. On the main store floor starting several days after the Charleston there is no damage except by smoke, but there is a prospect she may overhaul her that will be a pretty heavy one, because in the race across the Pacific and reach the smoke was so dense that it must have Manila first. Saturday is the earliest date

saturated everything. It will change the The Charleston is commanded by Cap-tain Henry Glass. Aside from carrying color of the white goods and taint the wool-

ammunition and supplies to Admiral As to the origin of the fire, it is a mys-Dewey, the Charleston will prove a valuable adjunct to his squadron. She will come next to the Olympia and Baltimore tery. The story was in circulation that it had caught from a lamp carried by J. H. Runkle, a plumber who is said to have been at work down there, but the story is Candidate WANAMAKER is dividing untrue because the plumber had not been his attention between the Spanish enemy, that has ravaged the fair island of Cuba. fn the basement that day and was on the second floor of the dwelling side of the and the QUAY enemy that has looted the building, where he was detaching a radiatreasury of Pennsylvania. While he is entor and had no light of any kind. It is listing volunteers to fight the Spaniards he does not allow that service to interrupt his probable, however, that the fire started attack on the QUAY camp. He is carrying from a leak in the gas pipe. Gas was kept burning in the basement all the time and it is thought that a leak in the pipes betinuing his anti-QUAY speeches in all parts came lighted and set fire to the goods. of the State. The truth he is telling about the rascally practices that prevail in the There is an insurance of \$63,000 on the state government should have its effect stock and \$11,000 on the building. The

store is closed and will be reopened immediately after the insurance is adjusted.

The committees for the event are as follows:

Transportation, W. H. Fry, Pine Grove Mills ; W. M. Cronister, Bellefonte; S. S. Crissman, Philipsburg.

Entertainment, A. Lukenbach and W. H. Musser, Bellefonte ; Dr. S. S. McCormick, Hublersburg.

Speakers, C. H. Evey, State College; E. W. Meyers, Boalsburg ; C. W. Hartman, Millheim.

Finance, H. B. Pontius, Bellefonte; John D. Brown, Snow Shoe ; Abe Weber, Howard.

Amusements, F. E. Naginey and J. Will Conley, Bellefonte; C. L. Gramley, Rebersburg.

Printing, S. S. Miles, Port Matilda ; Ira G. Burket, Stormstown ; D. W. Glossner, Blanchard.

Music, J. C. Smith, Bellefonte; John Williams, Lemont; J. S. Rowe, Centre Hall.

Madisonburg.

Mrs. Mary Shaffer is again very ill.

Rev. H. H. Romig is in Lehigh county on business.

Andrew Ocker has taken a trip to the northwestern part of the State.

A number of our young people attended the circus at Bellefonte on Tuesday.

The present work of the farmers is planting corn. Most of them will finish this week.

Centre Hall.

D. A. Boozer has added several new carriages to his livery and Gross Mingle is sporting a new top buggy and harness which makes his the finest turnout in the valley.

Mrs. James A. Keller is in the Medico Chi. hospital in Philadelphia being treated for supposed cancer of the stomach. It is sincere-ly hoped that her case will not be a serious

one. The Grammer school will hold an enter-tainment in the Grange auditorium Saturday evening next, that will be well worth the admission of ten cents. Prof. Snyder having volunteered his services to the government. D. A. Freeman was secured to finish his term of school and will conduct the exercises. All should show their appreciation of the efforts put forth by the scholars and principal by patronizing the entertainment. Three anus-ing plays will be given "Murder will out," "Wanted, a confidential clerk," and "Hans von Smash" and every one of them are en-tertaining. tertaining.

James Sandoe now represents Centre Hall in Uncle Sam's brave army. He applied for a position in the navy shortly after the

full of business as Broadway or the Strand." Two Ships Under Fire. And only Poor Marksmanship on the Part of the

would be as safe as a drawing room and as

Spanish Gunners Saved Them. KEY WEST, Fla., May 8 .- Only poor marksmanship on the part of the Spanish gunners saved the Vicksburg and the cutter Morrill from destruction off Havana yesterday: For only half an hour they were under the fire of guns of the Santa Clara water batteries, but both escaped without material injury, although shrapnel shells from eight inch guns exploded all about them and both now show pitted scars of Spanish bullets.

The wily Spaniards had arranged a trap to send a couple of our ships to the bottom. They baited it as a man would bait a rat trap. 'A small schooner was sent out from Havana harbor shortly before daylight yesterday morning to draw some of the Amer-

icans into the ambuscade. The ruse work-ed like a charm. The Vicksburg and the Morrill saw the schooner, gave chase and were led right in front of a masked battery on the crest of a rocky eminence which juts out into the waters of the gulf.

bad, and the Vicksburg and Morrill, after