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Custom work solicited. All work guaranteed.
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From the Keystone.

STOP YER KICKIN'.

Stop yer kickin' 'bout the times—
Git a hustle on you;
Skirmish 'round and grab the dimes
Ef the dollars shun you.
Croakin' never bought a dress,
Growlin' isn't in it.
Fix your peepers on success,
Then go in to win it.
Times is gittin' good agin—
Try to help them all you kin.

Stop yer kickin', git a hold
Of the wheel and turn it.
You kin never handle gold
'Less you try to earn it.
Brush the cobwebs from your eyes
Stop your blam'd repinin'
An' you'll notice that yerskies
Allus'll be shinin'
If you hain't the nerve to try
Sneak away somewhere and die.

Don't sit 'round with hangin' lip;
That is sure to floor you.
Try to git a better grip
On the work before you;
Put some ginger in yer words
When you greet a neighbor;
Throw your troubles to the birds,
Git right down to labor.
An' you'll notice ev'ry day
Things is comin' right yourway.

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EVERLASTING KICKIN' HAS GOT TO
BE AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.
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YOU NEED AND BE HAPPY.

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GREAT REDUCTION

IN PRICES

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For Spring Trade

Highest Price Paid for Butter and Eggs.

Confignation at Bernice.

Special to News Item.
Bernice, April 27.—The Culum Screen Braker at this place was totally destroyed by fire this morning at 3 o'clock when first discovered. The angry flames defied interference and all attempts to save the structure availed nothing. The loss is most severely felt as over fifteen men will be thrown out of employment by its destruction. The damage will aggregate \$20,000 and is understood to be without insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. There are doubts entertained as to whether it will be rebuilt very soon.

Bernice Echoes.

Mr. Thomas Lynch left Friday noon for Ithaca, N. Y. where he intends to remain for the future.

Mrs. Solomn Burns visited friends at Lopez on Monday.

Mrs. M. Donovan visited friends in Towanda last week.

A number of our boys attended the dance at Marshalls last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Taylor visited friends in Towanda Wednesday of last week.

H. C. Hibbard and son Henry attended the funeral of Mr. Hibbard's brother at Montrose Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Thomas Kelliher visited friends at Towanda Tuesday.

The Bernice Comedy Co. under the auspices of the Bernice Cornet Band gave their concert Tuesday evening of last week in the I. O. F. hall to a fair sized audience. The piece entitled, "The Manager's Trials," was well rendered. Prof. Jas. Rutherford was the star. The song and dance, "My Pretty Pearl," and the love song, "Will You Darling Wait for Me" by Master Thomas Johnson was well sung and acted. The trio, "Will You Not Come Back Again" by Messers, Rutherford, Kinsley and Cook was very fine.

If you want to know the short cut to Satterfield just ask Sally.
Michael Gilligan of Lopez, visited his brother James F., on Sunday.

A number of the boys from here attended the dance at Satterfield Thursday evening. We understand some of them had the color of their eyes changed. That's right boys, practice on one another for Uncle Sam will want fighters after a while.

The Comedy Company with the band played at Lopez Friday evening.

Miss May Watson visited friends at Towanda last week.

Rev. J. C. Campbell and Hon. J. S. Line attended the Presbytery at Scranton a few days last week.

Mrs. S. C. Campbell is visiting friends at Wilkesbarre this week.

A. L. Wilmot was in Shrewsbury last week viewing the location of a new bridge in that township.

We notice that some of our patriotic citizens who have been howling for war with Spain are now busy examining their patriotic bodies to find some deformity to exempt them from service. The stars and stripes were not raised and held up by calamity howlers and we can thank God that our patriotic citizens are men who do more fighting than talking and who are the first to extend a helping hand to a vanquished foe, such are the men who placed the stars and stripes above our country, and who will keep them there to the end of time. An old saying is; our enemy looks small at a distance. It is too true, but we think some of our war fanatics have had their sight magnified. We expect the doctors will do a rushing business for the next few weeks, writing disability certificates for the war howlers. God hates a coward but what must he think of a man who is too big a coward to help his country in time of trouble, yet by his voice is always trying to stir up internal and external strife.

Mrs. John McDonald visited friends at Towanda last week.

Mr. Jas. Gilligan and Mrs. Patrick Murphy and Miss Amy Kelley visited friends at Overton Sunday.

Some of our boys had a scrap at Mildred Friday evening. Such is life in time of war.

The small boy and the angle worm are the best of friends now.

Those who cannot support their country when called upon at this crisis should remove at once to some foreign country or some climate congenial to the breeding of copper-headed snakes.

Wm. Jennings Bryan ought to enlist in the cavalry as a bugler, he surely has the wind.

The Gazette scribe stated last week that we was having trouble with the ball bearings in our knowledge box. He also said we might have some for sale. We did have but he has bought them all and closed a contract with us to fix his knowledge box. Hereafter it will run on ball bearings so it will not make so much noise when in use. He will have the repairs done as soon as he returns home. He is now visiting at M. Gilligans of Main St.

PROMPT AND EMPHATIC RESPONSES.

The Old Keystone State Leads the War Procession.

Washington, April 26.—At the close of office hours to-day Adj. Gen. Corbin had received dispatches from the governors of nearly every State and Territory, in response to Secretary Alger's call for information as to the troops the States and Territories would be expected to furnish. The tenor of the Secretary's report shows there is no mistaking the patriotism of the people of the country in the present emergency. On every hand there was expressed a willingness to come to the aid of the government far in excess of the demand.

THE DECLARATION OF WAR.

Washington, April 25.—Following is the bill declaring war against Spain:

A bill declaring that war exists between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain.

Be it enacted, etc.
First, That war be and the same is hereby declared to exist, and that war has existed since 21st day of April, A. D. 1898, including said day between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain.

Second, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States to such extent as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

THE BIG PRIZES CAPTURED.

Rear Admiral Sampson has closed the ports of Cardenas, Mariel and Matanzas in addition to Havana. His war ships have captured two new prizes; the Miguel Jover, a merchantman, worth \$400,000 and the Spanish transatlantic liner Catalina, worth \$1,500,000. This makes six prizes in all, the others being the Buena Ventura, the Pedro, the Mathilde and a fishing smack. Spanish Transatlantic steamer Catalina, captured twelve miles from Havana by the cruiser Detroit. She is 415 feet long, is 3501 tons and is worth \$1,500,000. The United States gunboat Helena captured the Spanish steamship Miguel Jover early Saturday morning. The Jover's cargo is composed of cotton and staves. The prize is estimated to value \$400,000, her cargo alone being worth \$150,000. The total value of the prizes captured amounts to over 2,000,000.

The report that Morro Castle fired on the fleet came from the fact that shots were fired on a newspaper tug which lost her bearings at night and got too close to land. Spain yesterday issued an official decree recognizing the state of war and announcing that she would fit out privateers, but that she would give American ships 30 days to get out of her harbors. In some parts of Cuba the Spanish soldiers have started to burn the towns. A new fort is to be built at the entrance to Chesapeake Bay for the further protection of Washington.

Sherman Resigns from the Cabinet.

Washington, April 25.—Secretary Sherman resigned to-day as chief of the State Department, to be succeeded by Assistant Secretary Day, and the latter by John B. Moore, of New York, an acknowledged authority on international law.

Mr. Sherman handed his resignation of the premiership to the President early to-day. The reason for the resignation is the condition of the secretary's health, which is now impaired as the result of years of devotion to the public service and the arduous labors of a lifetime added to age, the venerable Secretary being now within a few days of seventy-five years of age.

On top of the resignation of Secretary Sherman came the resignation of Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt to take effect at the President's convenience after the commencement of active military operations.

The President has decided to appoint Mr. Roosevelt to be a lieutenant-colonel of United States Volunteers, to serve in a regiment of cowboys and mounted riflemen, to be raised by Mr. Roosevelt, and Dr. Wood starts West to-morrow to superintend the recruiting, many offers having already come to Mr. Roosevelt from individuals and organizations among the cowboys.

So far the talk of a successor to Mr. Roosevelt as Assistant Secretary of the Navy has been mere speculation, and it can be stated positively that up to this time the President has not made a choice of his successor.

Chas. Emery Smith editor of the Philadelphia Press was appointed Postmaster General to fill the late vacancy in that department.

BLOCKADE CONTINUES PERFECT.

The Daring Porter Lands a Brave Crew on Cuban Soil.

The peaceful blockade continues, and deeds of heroism are being performed by the American Navy. Here is one. The torpedo boat Porter, which is as fleet as an express train, has a dare-devil crew, and an intrepid commander. Lieutenant John C. Fremont is the commander's name. He is a son of the famous "Pathfinder," and a "chip of the old block." Under the darkness of last night Lieutenant Fremont with the Porter made a landing on the north coast of Cuba with a small force in search of information. He did not meet any Spanish troops, but was ready to fight them if he had met them. He had got the information, and reported at length to Acting Vice-Admiral Sampson on board the flagship New York.

Captured by the Little Tender Mangrove.

Key West, Fla., April 26.—The light-house tender Mangrove, the baby of the navy, pulled proudly into Key West harbor to-day with the richest prize of the war thus far, a vessel four times her size trailing in her wake. The captive was the Panama. Capt. Quevedo, a big trans Atlantic liner and an auxiliary cruiser of the Spanish navy, which had been plying of late between New York and Havana. She had twenty-nine passengers including three women, one Frenchman and one Mexican, and a crew of seventy-two.

As the Panama carried two twelve pounders, she could easily have annihilated the Mangrove, and as the latter came into the harbor with her prize she was saluted with rousing cheers from every craft.

The Mangrove under Lieut. Com. William H. Everett, who came down from the hydrographic office a few weeks ago to take charge of her, was along the Cuban coast shortly before 5 o'clock last evening, about twenty miles north of Havana, when she sighted the Panama. The only other ship of the fleet in sight was the battleship Indiana, three miles to the rear.

Summary of Developments.

The Newport arrived at Key West with two schooners captured off Havana.

Conditions in Washington are rapidly settling down to those of actual war.

All the nations of the world have assured the State Department that they will preserve neutrality.

The President has laid down rules governing the seizure of prizes. They will result in the release of the first ships captured.

Hamburg-American Line officials announce that steamships Fuerst Bismarck and Columbia have been purchased by the United States.

United States Consul Springer arrived at New York from Matanzas, Cuba. He thinks it will take 60,000 men to subjugate the Spanish, and that Spain can raise an army of 250,000 men on the island.

The exchange of mails between this country and Spain was stopped.

The response from the governors to the call for troops has been general and in excess of the demand.

Pennsylvania was the first State to respond.

Preparations are being made at Florida ports to transport the first army of invasion to Cuba.

The Cuban insurgents are reported to have taken possession of the Miron-Jucaro trocha.

The first naval battle of the war is expected to be fought in Philippine waters before the end of the week.

The plan of the Spanish fleet appears to be an attempted bombardment of New York, Boston, or some other important city.

Capt. Gen. Blanco has informed the Madrid government that he can defend Cuba without assistance.

A ministerial organ at Madrid says that Cuba has enough provisions to stand the blockade for eight months.

Great Britain has issued a formal proclamation of neutrality.

Spain has issued another appeal to the powers intimating that it is the intention of the United States to annex Cuba.

Ex-Premier Crispi of Italy is quoted as saying that the result of the war will be the end of Spain.

The rabble of Madrid, incensed at the escape of the steamer Paris, from the clutches of the Spanish navy, are threatening a revolution.

The Shenandoah has been reported and therefore was not captured by the Spaniards.

The regulars may be kept at Chickamauga all summer, and no movement made on Cuba until autumn.

Pennsylvania has over 10,000 National Guardsmen at Mt. Gretna in response to the President's call for troops.