

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

SANITARY CONTROL.

Health Authorities of the State Recommend Laws For Cuba.

The Associated Health Authorities of Pennsylvania, at their closing session last week, unanimously adopted a resolution setting forth that in consequence of the entire neglect of the Spanish authorities on the island of Cuba, to inaugurate and enforce sanitary laws, that no settlement of the pending differences between the United States and Spain will be satisfactory to the sanitarians of this country that does not insure to the United States the absolute control of the sanitary administration of the island of Cuba.

The following pensions were granted last week: John T. Park, Marion Center, Indiana, \$9; Henry H. Hoffmann, Gibson, Somerset, \$6; David Barnett, East Freedom, Black; \$10; Joseph Bidy, Caldwell, Clinton, \$6; A. Kilgus-smith, Pyra, Armstrong, \$15 to \$21; James Fogg, Beaver, \$6 to \$8; Isaac N. Rainey, Waukesha, Clearfield, \$8 to \$12; Dorcas Schneider, Jennerstown, Somerset, \$8; Robert M. Hazro, Altoona, \$12; Cementa Healy, Oakland, Armstrong, \$12; Sarah Francis, Connelsville, \$8; Catharine George, Evansdale, Juniata, \$8; Gertrude H. Bryant, Elliott, Allegheny, \$8; Sarah J. Owens, Johnstown, \$5; Loretta McCracken, Liberty, Tioga, \$12; Charles M. Austin, Erie, \$8; Susan H. Pithchorn, Manorville, \$8; Anthony Allen, Butler, \$6; Jacob Bryson, Mercersburg, \$6; Samuel Davis, Evans City, \$6; Simeon Eckles, Clarksville, \$8; Samuel Edelman, Altoona, \$6; Frank Case, Elliott, \$8; John C. Blass, Altoona, \$5; Henry J. Borcher, Marionville, \$17; Cary H. Russell, Tyrone, \$20; minors of Alonzo Gilson, Tyroneville, \$12; Martha A. Chapman, Sterling Run, Cameron, \$8; John L. Cline, Brownsville, \$6; Phillip Floray, dead, Center Hill, \$6 to \$12; William H. Crayton, Adams, \$8; Samuel C. Moreland, Mercer, \$5 to \$8; Joseph Barclay, Buffalo Mills, Bedford, \$14 to \$17; Jacob R. Sharrett, Johnstown, \$10 to \$12; Jacob P. Durant, Pittsburgh, \$6; Catharine Floray, Center Hill, \$8; Mary Bay, Clover, Lawrence, \$12; minor of Hugh Bay, Allegheny, \$10.

Thomas Gough, who conducts a general store at the Hicks mine, near Salsburg, had an encounter with three burglars the other night which will probably cost one his life. Mr. Gough was awakened by a noise, and found men packing up goods. He fired, wounding one, but all made their escape. Next morning some children passing through a woods came upon a badly wounded man. He was taken to Mr. Gough's home and thence to a hospital. He gave his name as Shelby of Blairsville, and confessed. He is 18 years of age.

The strong current in the river carried William Wheeler and John Angler, miners working at the Chamoun mines, under the barges moored near the works. Wheeler was rescued, but Angler sank.

The dead body of Annie Burkhardt, who mysteriously disappeared from her home at Greensburg, two months ago, was found in the Conemaugh river, near Blairsville, a few days ago. Miss Burkhardt, who was about 16 years of age, was wearing a necklace of pearls, a young man of the neighborhood, to the dissatisfaction of her parents. On the morning of her disappearance her mother insisted that her association with the young man should cease. She had declared that if she were denied the company of the young man she would drown herself. The body was sent to her home.

In the recorder's office at Butler a few days ago the Forest Oil Company filed for record 197 instruments, which represent the purchase of an immense tract of oil territory in Adams, Middlesex, Cambria, Fayette, Forward and Connoquenessing townships. In all 62 properties have been purchased and the amounts paid vary from \$800 for a 10-acre lease to \$97,776 for 40 acres of producing territory. The aggregate amount of territory involved is considerably over 2,500 acres and the total price paid is \$574,000.

The dead body of Adam Kamerer, a prominent citizen, was found at Butler a few days ago, lying between two boilers in a yard adjoining the yard of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His throat was cut from ear to ear and a pair of suspenders not his own were twisted about his neck. A case knife, a pocket-knife and a car coupling pin were lying near the body.

The sixth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, are now comfortably located at Camp Thomas, Chattanooga, and are ready for maneuvers and general instruction. The ninth Pennsylvania, which arrived in this city early yesterday morning, did not reach their permanent camp until today.

For the second time within a month vandals vented their spite against Harry Fees, of North Cornwall township, Lebanon county, by cutting to pieces his famous carriage.

In a suit against the city of Lock Haven for damages for injuries received by falling on a defective sidewalk, Mrs. Hannah Quigley was awarded \$8,000.

A boiler in the Hamilton & Dailey stone quarry, two miles west of Sharon exploded with terrific force. Nelson Burton was blown 30 feet away and seriously hurt.

Ford Scranton, of Riceville, while out with two boy companions, accidentally shot Archie Simmonds through the head, killing him instantly.

While walking with his mother in Lebanon, two-year-old George Gross was attacked by a vicious dog and terribly bitten in the face.

A little son of James Stevenson, superintendent of Hartsel, was drowned in the canal at that place Saturday night.

Farmer Hibbs, of Bucks County, has sold his wheat at \$1.50 a bushel, the highest price ever obtained in that section.

Survivors of the old Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry will meet in reunion at Lake Carey, Wyoming County, on June 1.

J. Snyder, of Ottville, reports having had a terrific fight with a monster blacksnake, which attacked him on the road, but was finally killed.

Some person distributed strychnine in Bologna sausage on many of the streets at Freeport and some 15 or 20 dogs are dead as a result.

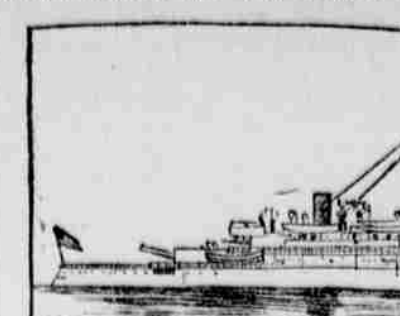
William Nixon, a farmer of Leasboro, by shooting himself while delirious from typhoid fever.

Lightning struck Engineer Zane's residence, at Mauch Chunk, and passed from roof to cellar, without injuring the inmates.

George W. Nobilt was appointed fourth-class postmaster at Pigeon.

GREAT BATTLESHIP ARRIVES IN SAFETY.

Great joy was manifested throughout the nation last week when Secretary Long officially announced that the Oregon had reached Sanpon's squadron in safety. The Oregon left the Pacific before war was declared.



OREGON.

THE RACE OF THE OREGON.

Lights out! And a prow turned toward the South, And a canvas hiding each cannon's mouth, And a ship like a silent ghost released is seeking her sister-ships in the East. A rush of water, a foaming trail, An ocean hound in a coat of mail, A deck long-lined with the lines of fate, She roars good-bye at the Golden Gate. On! On! Alone without gong or bell, But a burning fire, like the fire of hell, Till the lookout starts as his glasses show The white cathedral of Callao. A moment's halt 'neath the slender spire, Food, food for the men, and food for the fire, Then out in the sea to rest no more Till her keel is grounded on Chile's shore. South! South! God guard through the unknown wave, Where chart nor compass may help or save, Where the hissing wreaths of the sea And few may pass through the stormy tide, North! North! For a harbor far away, For another breath in the burning day!

For a moment's shelter from speed and pain, And a prow to the tropic sea again, Home! Home! With the mother fleet to sleep, Till the call shall rise o'er the awful deep, And the bell shall clang for the battle there, And the voice of guns is the voice of prayer! One more to the songs of the bold and free, When your children gather around your knee; When the Goths and Vandals come down in might, As they came to the walls of Rome one night, When the lordly William of Deloraine Shall ride by the Scottish lake again; When the Hessian spectres shall fit in air, As Washington crosses the Delaware; When the eyes of babes shall be closed in a dream, As the story of Paul Revere is read; When your boys shall ask what the guns are for, Then tell them the tale of the Spanish war, And the breathless millions that look- ed upon The midnight race of the Oregon, John James Meehan in "Leslie's Weekly."

OUR WAR WITH SPAIN.

Bread has raised a cent in New York City. Ten thousand volunteers are now tenting at San Francisco. Cuban physicians say that the island is healthy except along the coast. The Tenth regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers will be sent to Manila. A trained Canadian regiment has offered its services to President McKinley.

Business precautions are being taken at Washington to protect the life of the president. A Spanish suspect has been sentenced to six months imprisonment at Detroit, Ala. Eggs are selling for 15 cents a piece at Havana, \$12 in gold buys a hundred weight of rice.

A \$50,000 prize was captured by the cruiser New York, on her trip to San Juan last week. The London Standard ridicules the condition of the volunteer army now at Chickamauga. The foreign affairs committee of the house has reported in favor of the annexation of Hawaii.

In Spain it is rumored that the Cadiz fleet is coming to bombard Boston and other New England cities. A projectile, throwing a liquid which sets the enemy's ship on fire, is being constructed at Washington. The United States has entered into an agreement with Great Britain not to bombard the Canary Islands.

Spain is imploring help from France, Germany and Austria offering territory in the Philippines for assistance. Food for 1,350,000 meals was purchased at Chicago and forwarded to Chickamauga last week. Cost, \$175,000. Two American newspaper correspondents recently captured in Havana are being treated as spies by Blanco.

The United States court at Key West has condemned four of the Spanish vessels captured some weeks ago. The Holland torpedo boat has been purchased by the government. This destroyer travels beneath the water. Attachments to the foreign offices are arriving at Tampa, Fla., to take observations as to the manner of conducting the war.

Idle people at Havana are forced to work upon the batteries, strengthening them against the impending bombardment. A more active strategy board has been substituted for the old one by President McKinley. Names not given. Now that the raining season has commenced in Cuba, forest fires are no longer noticeable to the crews of the blockading fleets. The Dupont Powder mills near Wilmington, Del., are being guarded by the first battalion of Pennsylvania's second regiment. During the recent engagement between Americans and Spaniards at Cienfuegos, the latter lost 300 men and hundreds were wounded. An American miner at Manila has been forced to leave by the Spaniards who feared he would supply United States vessels with coal.

The object of a visit to the United States of several prominent Mexicans is to impress upon our people that Mexico is not in sympathy with Spain. The United States government has absolute control of all the cables, and it is impossible to obtain information concerning army and navy movements. Spaniards in Cuba are now filling old hulls with iron and explosives, and thus setting them afloat. In this way they hope to sink some of the American vessels.

If water is not soon secured for the 12,000 men now assembled at Camp Alger, Falls Church, Va., there will certainly be an epidemic of fever. The heat is intense. No soldiers can pass through Pittsburg without receiving hot coffee, sandwiches and other necessities from the hands of a specially appointed citizen's committee. The military inspectors say that the Pennsylvania volunteers are the best they have ever seen. They are better than those of all the other states in organization, discipline, drill and equipment. A Portuguese lady who was a passenger on the Spanish steamer, Argonauta, recently captured by Americans, claims that the prize crew took \$5,000 in gold and some jewelry from her baggage.

The war is costing Spain \$20,000,000 a month. An order of \$1,250,000 worth of projectiles was let by the government last week. The Pennsylvania regiments now at Chickamauga are suffering from an epidemic of sore eyes. A Spanish spy, having in his possession drawings of New York harbor was arrested by government officers in New York a few days ago. A freight train, consisting of 15 cars transported to Havana the supply recently brought to Cienfuegos by the Spanish steamer Montserrat. Spanish private steamship companies have placed their vessels at the disposal of the government, and over 600 vessels are ready for service awaiting orders. As owing to existing circumstances the city of Havana is not lighted either by gas or electricity, all persons are compelled to put lights in front of their houses. The Havana naval station has sent a cablegram of congratulation to the Philippine naval station and the feet for the alleged victory obtained against the American flag. The consuls of Germany, Italy, Uruguay and the Argentine Republic, at Cienfuegos, have protested before the civil governor against the bombardment by the American fleet without due notification. A report was current last week that the Cuban insurgents had submitted to Spain. Later this was denied at Madrid, although it was admitted that a few unimportant leaders had accepted the advances of Gen. Blanco. The Sixth Massachusetts regiment which 37 years ago was received with hisses and hostile demonstrations at Baltimore, was last Saturday accorded a most enthusiastic welcome as the regiment again passed through the city. The crew of the cruiser New York has asked permission to sink the bell which is now on board the ship. This bell was presented to them by the seventh regiment of New York which has refused to enlist. The sailors have already subscribed \$500 for a new bell. Fire in a car containing the personal effects of the 36 officers of the Ninth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, en route for Chickamauga, caused wild excitement at Conemaugh Junction last Tuesday night. The car was burned to cinders and caused a severe loss to the regiment. William Doherty, a noted scientist has just arrived at his home in Cincinnati from Hong Kong. He it was, who some time ago, secured drawings of the Manila fortifications, risked his life in passing the Spanish guards, and then presented the important papers to Admiral Dewey. Over a score of lives were lost and thousands of dollars' worth of property was destroyed by a tornado which swept Clinton and Jackson counties, Ia., last Wednesday. The storm jumped into Western Illinois near Havana, and it was at that point that the loss of life was greatest. Capt. Duval of the United States commissary department has made a contract with St. Louis bakeries for 610,000 pounds of army crackers. This is equivalent to 30,000 barrels of flour. On each will be printed the words, "Remember the Maine." Besides the big contract for hard bread, Capt. Duval has let a contract for 25,000 gallons of vinegar. Soldier Killed in a Wreck. A passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome & Southern railroad, which left Chattanooga Saturday morning, ran into the third section of the military train conveying the First Missouri volunteers, near Rossville, Ga., killing Private George M. Walker, Company D, and painfully injuring A. Maynard Lane, Company M; Howard Broalski, Company D, and slightly injuring several others. Another Powder Mill Destroyed. Three thousand pounds of powder at the plant of the Economical Smokeless Powder Company, about four and a half miles from Hammond, Ind., blew this afternoon, killing Arthur E. up this afternoon, killing Arthur E. G. Porter, S. Piper, Frank Halse and C. J. Porter.

The explosion occurred about 1 o'clock. The plant has been running only three days, and was about to begin work on a Government order for 50,000,000 cartridges. The officers of the company have been unable to determine the cause of the explosion.

CUBA WANTS ABSOLUTE FREEDOM

WAR DISAPPOINTING.

Independence of the United States as Well as of Spain the Aim of the Insurgents. An Opinion from Madrid.

The vice-president of the Cuban Republic, Senor Mendez Capote, now journeying to Washington said the other day to an Associated Press correspondent: "I go to Washington to set forth the aspirations of the provisional government in conjunction with Senor Palma. I cannot disclose the precise nature of the representations I shall make. Their object is to establish a firm understanding between the governments and arrange a basis of co-operation in military designs and a civil re-organization of the island. We feel immensely grateful to the United States for their aid. The non-decisive character of the war so far is a little disappointing to us, but we know the American plans must be wise and certain in the end to the effect the result striven for. That result for us is not liberty alone but independence—Independence of the United States as well as of Spain." The Madrid correspondent of the London Times, commenting on the situation in Cuba, says: "Whether any large number of insurgents will ever fight for the Americans is considered extremely doubtful, but despite Spain's hope it is equally doubtful whether Gen. Maximo Gomez and the other influential insurgent leaders will boldly declare against American annexation. All that can be said with certainty is that the cabinet at Washington has not found and cannot count upon the efficient assistance from the insurgents which it evidently expected when it rushed into war without having an army of occupation ready. Since the ministry has been reconstructed publicity and prominence are being given by leading organs to certain movements of troops, which seem to indicate an intention to warn them it may concern that Spain is ready to resist any unjustifiable schemes of aggression from whatever quarter they may come. These movements have reference to the idea that Spain may be helpful to the powers in the event of any combination against an Anglo-Saxon alliance.

ADMITS FINAL DEFEAT. But Spain Hopes for the Intervention of Some European Power. Senor Capdepon, Spanish minister of the interior, has denied, in the course of an interview, that the change in the constitution of the ministry would involve any alteration in the foreign policy of Spain, all the new ministers being in favor of prosecuting the war to the end with the utmost energy. "Spain," said Senor Capdepon, "went perilously near sacrificing her honor in the interest of peace, only making a stand when further concessions would have involved her disgrace and effacement as a nation. This she will never do, and in this resolve the new cabinet is as thoroughly uniform as the old. The new cabinet entertains no illusions. It is aware that weakness and poverty are opposed to strength and wealth; but Spain is in the position of a duelist bound to defend her honor against the gross insults of a more powerful antagonist, who, although he is convinced that the result is almost certain death, yet he feels



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Ship Returns to Spain, Having Landed Supplies for Blanco's Soldiers. The Spanish auxiliary cruiser Montserrat arrived at Coruna, Spain, last week from Cienfuegos, having escaped the American blockading ships. Large crowds of people thronged the quays and the members of the crew received an ovation when they went ashore, the people embracing the captain and officers of the steamer. Popular demonstrations followed in various parts of the city. The commanding officer of the Montserrat declared that he was not charged with any mission and said he was not carrying dispatches; but the Spaniards claim he is patriotically concealing the facts in the case. The Montserrat is to be sent to Ferrol or Cadiz in order to have her guns mounted. The newspapers claim that the Montserrat "thrice ran the blockade of the Cuban coast," and that, therefore, the blockade is ineffective. It is asserted that the Montserrat landed 15,000,000 pesetas, 1,000 soldiers, 200 guns, 15,000 rifles and a quantity of ammunition in Cuba. Powder Explosion in Spain. An explosion has occurred at the Chautauque San Julian, Spain, in a projectile factory. Five soldiers and five workmen were killed outright and 62 persons severely injured, among them the governor of the port. The explosion was accidental. Zion Evangelical church of Chicago a few days ago gave an ice cream social. But the pastor permitted beer to be sold to those who did not enjoy the cream.

CAMPING GROUNDS IN CHICKAMAUGA FOR UNITED STATES TROOPS. Chickamauga Park is now being prepared for the thousands of volunteer troops which are daily assembling. A water works plant for pumping water from the Chickamauga river is being erected. Twenty-five cars of provisions arrived at the grounds last Sunday. Fifty-one improved ambulances for the hospital service have

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HEAVY EXPENSES.

Cost of the War Thus Far Estimated at \$205,210,840.

Secretary Alger has sent to the secretary of the treasury for transmission to Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations aggregating \$58,538,840 required by the war department for the support of the regular and volunteer armies of the United States for the first six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, in addition to the amounts appropriated in the acts of March 15 and March 4, 1898. The particular items for which appropriations are asked are given as follows: Expenses of the commanding general's office, \$1,000; contingent expenses Inspector general's department, \$1,000; signal service of the army, \$14,000; pay, etc., of the army, \$4,317,804; pay of volunteers, \$35,056,286; subsistence of the army, \$10,219,635; regular supplies quartermaster's department, \$6,000,000; incidental expenses quartermaster's department, \$2,500,000; horses for cavalry and artillery, \$200,000; barracks and quarters, \$75,000; army transportation, \$20,000,000; clothing and camp and garrison equipage, \$13,000,000; contingencies of the army, \$50,000; medical and hospital department, \$34,000; ordnance service, \$25,000; ordnance, ordnance stores and supplies, \$3,394,000; armament of fortifications, \$130,510; manufacture of arms, \$40,000; equipment of engineer troops, \$75,000; civilian assistants of engineer officers, \$40,000. Total, \$58,538,840. Up to this time the estimates and appropriations already made on account of the war aggregate \$205,210,840. General Stanton has submitted estimates aggregating \$30,000,000 for the pay of the regular and volunteer army for the six months beginning July 1.

CALENDAR FLASHES.

The American consuls at Hong Kong is crowded with volunteers who wish to fight for the United States. The Prussian diet was closed by Emperor William last Wednesday. He made no reference to the war. A great fire has broken out in the Zollern mine at Dortmund, Prussia. It is feared that at least 45 miners have perished. The German foreign office has received reports from Paris saying France is indignant at the American cable cuttings, considering such action to be contrary to international law, and that she intends to ask the powers to protest against it.

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