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Six inches	5.00	8.00	12.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00
Seven inches	8.00	12.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00
Eight inches	12.00	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00
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FRIDAY, JULY 5, 1898.

Latest War News.

There is nothing new from the army at Santiago except that our troops are getting closer to the city and are making ready for an assault upon the necks.

The eleventh hour is far on the Cuban Patriot's side. The rainy season must generally smoke Cuba as mahogany has so far failed to make its annual visit. The health of our soldiers and soldiers is reported as unusually good.

Commissioners McMillan, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed by the President treasurer of his state.

An armed case to test the constitutionality of the Scaled bill has been filed in the Lowden Circuit Court.

The new Evangelical Consociation will elect Bishops, Dupuis Weidner, Hamlin, or Jacket. F. W. Campbell and Wm. Alexander, of this county, are candidates for Guards.

Joe Woodard Sons, one of the best Democratic papers in the State, and one of the cleanest and purest papers in the world comes to us in a new form and dress. We know Billy Easley, one of the editors and proprietors, and he is one of the truest of the true.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Republican County Committee will meet at the room of Bryson & Neal's store, Saturday, July 2nd 1898, at 2 o'clock, p. m. for the transaction of business.

H. B. Rankin, Chairman.

Two crows has been added to each money order issued from the post office. You just put one cent stamp on every telephone you send, and put a one cent stamp on every bill of lading or receipt you give the R. R. Co. in battle.

Our subscription list is constantly growing and we wanted one and we got it, and now we need one more. It will be a real honor for you.

Now that Col. Bryan has come out and declared that all Democrats should be organized that will be Democrats, we suppose Democrats will be known as 1898 Spanish four leaf Uncle Sam's Democrats, or some other such name.

The above was written before the news of defeat reached us. Now that it has fallen on the forehead of Mr Bryan he will not be pained to read it.

Let Democrats of the North emphasize their loyalty, if necessary, by voting on that platform a plank advocating a national bank, and they will be true to Cleveland and Bryan.

We have not heard any thing of this kind, but we have been gone over to nevertheless. If we are permitted to express our opinion we will say that the members of the 9th district have every reason to feel satisfied with the nomination.

The Gaudiest Low.

Under the Kentucky statute passed the next Legislature effects in the state may be elected by the people. Governor Bradley's term will expire. He will be perpetually ineligible to that office. Governor Bradley will then step out and leave nothing to do but "Colonize" and "Kentucky Colonels" and to turn great jay and car loads of "Colonels" loose upon the country. Governor Bradley has been one for three weeks, and now a well known Democrat has moved up and will be the grace of another vacation."

Democrats, you have a chance. Let us nominate and elect a Democrat.

HEADQUARTERS

—FOR—

JUNE 28, 1898.

Farmers are mostly through harvest and in other work. Good crops.

Prince Arnaud and Van Rose bought Mrs. Ann Hall's farm at Hall's Gap and Rockford for $4,000.

Frank Conway is very low.

Preaching next 4th Sunday at Rock Haven at 2:30 p. m., by Rev. Lantz, of Hall's Gap.

Miss Lola Long will teach the Fall school at Hickman.

Prof. Floyd Long, who is professor of music at Lexington, is home on a visit. He is teaching his father, J. E. Long's family.

Mrs. Sam Sanford is visiting Mrs. Mary E. Hopper.

Mr. Wm. Fitzsimon, wife and son, of Hall's Gap, are visiting Mrs. Fitzsimon's father, Mr. Sam Bookman, of Hookhaven.

A BOTHERSOME QUESTION.

Getting possession of Cuba is not bothering Uncle Sam, but what to do with it afterwards is the question bothering.

The question of what shall we do with Cuba, Hawaii, the Philippines and other islands of the sea is going to be a most troublesome one. The British mental idea suggested by Washington and followed by every Administration since his day is about to be disputed from, and we are about to enter upon a career of territorial extension and government of colonies. Our first step in this departure is for the best in and patriotically settled in the minds of the leading men of the nation. Mr. W. J. Bryan took a stand against the idea and last week Mr. Cleveland spoke on the same question. Some of the leading Democrats of the country have joined with the Republicans in this movement to acquire and control foreign lands, and a few Republicans have dissented with their party leaders on the policy that seems to have been forced upon the administration.

The question will play a prominent part in the next National Campaign if it is not definitely settled by that time. The Republican party is in full control at every branch of the government, and it will be held responsible for whatever is done.

KENTUCKY NEWS.

The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

Lexington, Ky., June 27.—William T. Bishop, a prominent young farmer and stockman, committed suicide by shooting himself at an early hour here this morning. He was found dead in bed with a bullet hole in his head. He was unmarried at the residence of his father, Judge Bishop, and had been in bad health for some time. He had also been much annoyed recently from his connection with the Bishop-Bullock case, which was tried in this city. He was acquitted in the case after a hung jury had been discharged. He had been under bond to appear before the grand jury.

A Colored Company.

Winchester, Ky., June 27.—A. T. Ramsey and E. T. Wood, two prominent members of this county, have secured a charter for a company bearing their names as the city, Fort and Mt. Sterling Railroad Company. The charter was secured and in preparing the articles of incorporation the name of Fort was left out, and Mt. Sterling substituted in its stead. Messrs. Ramsey and Woodford for several days have been in Frankfort and secured the charter. The road will be a part of the old United States turnpike from this city to Mt. Sterling.

Examination of Evidence.

Lexington, Ky., June 27.—Judge Nelson H. Smith, of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, has been appointed the official notary of the examination of evidence in the Bishop-Bullock case, which was begun at Lexington, Ky., on the 20th inst. The evidence will be taken in shorthand and will be typewritten. Judge Smith will also act as notary in the case of Bullock against Bullock, and in that case will be assisted by Judge Bullock, a brother of the defendant.

A Woman Disappears.

Lexington, Ky., June 27.—Mrs. Ed. Bullock, of the German Evangelical Church, has been missing since Friday, and it is feared by some to be insane. Mrs. Bullock left her home on Friday morning, and has not been seen since. She is about 35 years old, and is well educated and refined.

Democratic Committee Meeting.

Frankfort, Ky., June 27.—The Democratic Committee of Franklin County will meet at the Democratic office in Carlisle, Saturday, July 9th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of choosing the mode of selecting delegates to attend the Congressional Convention to be held at Cynthiana, August 16th, 1898. Jno. W. Dampier, Chm.

In order to fan the flames to a higher need first left the stamps.

OFF FOR MANILA.

Gen. Merritt, the Governor General of the Philippines, Writes a Manifesto.

IT IS ALSO TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH.

As the Representative of the United States he Will Establish a Benevolent Government.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, June 28.—Gen. Wesley Merritt left this city for Manila at 11 o'clock Wednesday and assumed command of the Philippines. Gen. Merritt is a lucky, has prepared a proclamation which will be issued before the fleet arrives at Manila. He expects to enter the city without much resistance, but in case of a country a large force of insurgents and military forces of his command to be in readiness for any emergency. The proclamation to be disseminated has been translated into Spanish and the thousands of copies will be circulated. Although his instructions are not made public, the general has been entrusted with full authority to act as he thinks best. He will establish a benevolent government, and it will announce in the proclamation that it has come to Manila as the representative of the United States to give protection to our enemy, and intend to act accordingly. He has not only deprived Spain of sovereignty, but has taken the attack in the rear some days might be this various little boat, but he has demonstrated that an auxiliary cruiser is equally able to take care of herself against a torpedo proboat, and that the Spanish, in the case of the Isla de Cuba, has been very much overrated. The torpedo proboat was not destroyed by the auxiliary, but at this time. Another time a torpedo boat destroyer will be sent out to the assistance of which the torpedo boat was the victim, and in this way, and in this way, the torpedo boat will be destroyed. Gen. Merritt has also issued instructions that he wants not to interfere in any way with the people in the peaceful liberty enjoyed by them under the laws of law and order and all personal and property rights will be respected.

Gen. Merritt has been appointed by President McKinley and his associates with the Spanish Commissioners, and with Adm. Dewey on his arrival at Manila. He will establish a temporary government and will be in charge of the same. He will be assisted by Admiral Dewey and Consul Wildman.

Gen. Merritt satisfied his staff officers that they must have all the baggage they could carry. He left Wednesday night, and clerks and messengers were busy all day packing up the effects of Gen. Merritt's department and the personal baggage of the officers and men.

It was estimated at headquarters that the baggage would weigh 100 pounds. This is not to wait for transports, which are only enough to take men and horses, but to have only necessaries, provisions and ammunition. Gen. Merritt's baggage is now on board the steamer Newport, with Gen. Merritt and his staff, and the remainder will be shipped on the transport.

With the advantage of a faster boat, Gen. Merritt will probably reach Manila a week in advance of the third expedition. The Newport can easily make 18 knots an hour.

Gen. Merritt has been assisted on campaigns that have been dated on the upper Nile by Lieut. Col. Derby, who is now on the staff of Gen. Merritt, and who is said to be one of the best officers in the army.

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 27.—Gen. Merritt left this city at 11 o'clock this morning for San Francisco, en route to Manila, where he will assume command of the land forces of the United States in the Philippines. He has the following staff: Lieut. Col. Derby, Capt. Whitney, Capt. Hoyle, Capt. Bowen, Capt. Marshall, Capt. Bates, Capt. Hall, Capt. Greene, Capt. Hall, Capt. Greene, Capt. Hall, Capt. Greene