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TUESDAY, JUNE 21, ——— 1898

Latest War News.

As we go to press Monday night the news from the front is very meager and mostly factory.

Our army that embarked from Key West a week ago had not arrived at Santiago Sunday night, but was expected to by the next day.

Our Marines assisted by the Cubans, still hold Camp Mc-Calla, where they landed two weeks ago, but the reports are that the whole coast round about where our army is expected to land is alive with Spanish soldiers.

Reported Cuzco's fleet from Cadiz are again being strengthened, but this is doubtful also.

The insurgent leaders of the Philippine Islands have declared the independence of the Islands and considerable interest is felt in official quarters that a conflict between the insurgents and U. S. authorities may follow. There is appearances that Germany is at last stimulate the insurgents to assist the policy of the United States, establish a republic and prepare a way for the landing of a German force on a plea of protecting German interests.

A commission declaring for peace is being circulated throughout Spain and is getting the government considerable trouble.

The reports from Cuba are contradictory—some say that food is plenty and others that the Spaniards are at the point of starvation.

He Declines With Thanks.

LEXINGTON, KY., June 17.—Cadet John Taliaferro Beckett, of Woodford, is one of "Fighting Bob" Evans' gallant band on the Texas. Young Beckett is a son of Judge W. M. Beckett of Woodford. He was born on December 20, 1878, and entered the Naval Academy May 20, 1896, and was assigned to active duty on the Iowa June 1, 1898. He has distinguished himself at the academy in mathematics, as it has carried off such an epidemic and command. His brother, Sam, is first lieutenant of the Woodford Rifles, Company Volunteer Infantry, now at Lexington.

Protracted Drought Broken.

FRANKFORT, KY., June 17.—The drought in the state, which has lasted over three inches of rainfall, which began yesterday and still continues this morning. Points in the lower parts of the state have had more than four inches of rain, and the Ohio river is on a boom. Immediate new is expected to have an upper stretch of it have their home in consternation.

COLSON CALLS ON BRADLEY.

FRANKFORT, KY., June 17.—Commissioner Hiram D. Colson, who has been at the head of the Fourth Regiment, Kentucky Volunteer Infantry, since the war with Spain, has resigned his commission. It is quite natural, definite could be gleaned from Colson's party at the capitol. Col. Colson's recent trip to Jewell part has caused much speculation as to the situation. Col. Colson's companies are said to be unfriendly to Governor Bradley, and it is believed to have a regiment instead of a brigade.

Alleged Tax Rate Raider.

LEXINGTON, KY., June 17.—Wm. Wynn, charged with making a false tax list work, was held to a bond of $1,000 by Judge Settle this morning. The case will be tried at the October term. The indictment charges that a conviction will follow, the grand jury and officers have learned that he was promised and fixed a deal when the assessor called on him.

Insane From Sorrow.

CYNTHIANA, KY., June 17.—Mrs. Daniel L. Johnson, a highly connected lady of this county, was taken to the Lexington asylum this morning by Sheriff Carey. Mrs. Johnson's mind was unsound by grief over the death of her mother.

The success of the Democratic Judges over the election of a Confederate soldier Democrat. Several ballots have been taken without result, the contest being between Judge Wm. Settle, of Bracken county, Captain Ed. Foster Thompson, of Owen county, and F. H. Newman, of Franklin county.

Two King of Spain has cried but of $1,000,000, and besides this sum, gives $1,000 each to other members of the royal family.

28th Annual Meeting of the Old Settlers.

The 28th annual meeting of the Old Settlers of Nicholas County was held in the Court House at Carlisle, Saturday, June 18th, 1898.

The meeting was called to order by the President, W. D. Rose, and opened with a pathetic prayer by Eld. J. M. Tinder.

Upon call of the roll the following names were answered:

E. F. Allen, Adolphus Brooks,
E. F. Sampson, Jno. Sudduth,
Jas. Peeler's wife, Wm. Henry,
A. E. Fisher, Wm. A. Peeler,
Judge J. W. Tilton, Jas. Huffstetler,
Jno. Monroe, P. B. Judy,
John S. Reed, Wm. Bush,
Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Wesley Campbell,
Reuben Stuart, Owen County,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Sr., Ky. Robertson,
Mrs. Eliza Sallee, Fay, W. B. Smith,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., Jno. Hinton,
Dr. R. J. E. Tilton, John F. Dorsey,
Chas. M. Winn, Ephraim Smith,
Mrs. J. W. Campbell, John G. Hunt,
Henry Stewart, John Wade,
A. T. Fisher, W. T. Ross,
Mrs. Elizabeth Ray, W. C. Hardesty,
Mrs. Jno. Hinton, Ezekiel Mann.
Jas. W. Black, E. D. Scott,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Sr., Mrs. Jno. Jacobs,
John O'Donnell, Lucas Mann,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., Mrs. Jno. Hinton,
H. M. Taylor, Mrs. E. Biddle,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, James Lucas,
John Mahoney, Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
J. D. Atkinson, D. L. Brooks,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Eliza Mathis, Fay, W. B. Smith,
Mrs. W. E. Herndon, James H. Sears,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, John F. Dorsey,
J. T. Stephenson and wife, John Alexander,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Sr., Mrs. Jno. Wells,
Mrs. Elizabeth Talbert,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., John Fisher,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Sr., Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Sr., Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Sarah Ann Berry, Covington,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher, Jr., Mrs. Jno. Fisher,

The President appointed Eld. Eckle and Jno. W. Camp a committee on the Dead.

R. F. Adair and W. W. Fritts were appointed committee on nominations.

After a few short talks the meeting was adjourned for dinner, to be called to order by F. P. Lancaster.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. Milton Mann.

Song by the choir.

Short talks by Wm. Tarr and J. G. Crooks, of Bourbon and Rev. Milton Mann.

G. E. Keller moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, This society has heard with regret of the serious illness of Col. T. T. Fisher, one of the founders of these meetings, and we extend to him and his family shall express to him our feelings of sympathy and good wishes, and that it shall be expressed to him that its friends hate not failed to mark his absence from our annual gathering.

The Committee on the dead submitted the following report:

While many of us are sparse in the beauties of a living heaven, Death, in its cruel visitations, has caused the passing away during the last year of many of the friends of our aged citizens, and we desire to express our sympathy for the bereaved friends and relatives of those who have been called away. The following is a list of the dead of the past year:

Mrs. Jno. Fisher,	W. H. Powell,
T. J. Adams,	Wm. Sweeney,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher,	Mrs. Richard Hopper,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher,	Mrs. Samuel Hopper,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher,	Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Elias Prather,	Mrs. Jno. Fisher,
Mrs. Jno. Fisher