

THE CHRONICLE.

DURHAM, May 5th, 1898.

The war between Spain and the United States has so far, with the exception of the bombardment of Matanzas, nothing of a very exciting nature in it. Wiser heads on the American side feel the premature declaration of war was at least injudicious, and through Spanish strategy the game will not be a mere walk over. From present indications they evidently missed their calculations in regarding Cuba as the base of hostilities. The Spaniards seem to regard it as their best policy to let Cuba defend herself, and naval engagements must take place nearer the Spanish base of supplies. The Spanish squadron at all events is in no hurry to face the Yankees on this side of the Atlantic.

That Canadians would like to see the Americans win in the end is the general feeling, but to have a little of the wind taken out of them on the start, and put an end if possible to some of their jingoism is just as patent to every Canadian. The humanitarian cry of the jingoists doesn't seem to wash with the thoughtful Britisher, and the lovable demonstrations of kindly feeling towards Britain and her colonies is taken with a great deal of incredulity.

Whatever may be the wisdom of the Americans in going to war, and whatever may be the indemnity granted at the close, which will be awarded by the powers, the capturing of the Spanish vessels prior to the rejection of the ultimatum by Spain will not be allowed. During the continuance of hostilities the trade, and commerce of the country will be diverted and Canadian ports will reap a rich harvest. The millions of money spent on the war itself will not be the only drain upon the resources of the country, but the clogging of the wheels of progress will entail a legacy of debt to be felt for years to come, and a burden to be borne by those yet unborn.

Monday's papers brought to hand an account of the bombardment of Manila on Sunday and the destruction of the Spanish fleet in the Philippines. The reports, however, are not regarded as thoroughly reliable owing to the control of the cables by the Spaniards, and some time will elapse before the Americans can reach Hong Kong when more authentic information will likely be received. From the acknowledgement of the Spaniards themselves it is safe to infer that the engagement resulted in a signal victory for the Americans. Three Spanish ships were reported to have been blown up or burned. One Associated Press Despatch from Madrid, however, claims that the Spanish had gained a victory in the Philippines.

It is now stated that the destruction of the Spanish fleet by Commodore Dewey, prior to the taking of a port in the Philippine Islands, as a base of operations, is a literal fulfilment of the order of Secretary Long, cabled eight days ago. The destruction of the Spanish fleet and the seizure of the islands, the United States Government believes, will prevent Spain from operating against American ports on the Pacific.

While in the east the Americans are having such brilliant success against their enemies, the fleet in the West under Admiral Sampson is making preparations for the striking of a blow on Cuba. A despatch from Key West says: "There was every indication that a concentrated movement of some kind was in contemplation, and those on the flagship, who were ignorant of the object of the conference, confidently expected that the recent bombardment of the Spanish batteries at Matanzas and the firing upon a troop of Spanish cavalry at Cabanas, were to be repeated upon the more formidable batteries near Havana."

The Spanish Mail steamer, Argonata, having on board Spanish officers, soldiers, ammunition and war accoutrements for Santiago de Cuba from Batabanos, was captured by an American cruiser about 8 miles west of Cienfuegos. Important official mail for General Blanco was also found in the captured prize, but their contents have not yet been made public.

The Spanish fleet have left Cape Verde Islands westward, and the Americans are now in dread of a hasty bombardment of their Atlantic seaboard cities. New York is said to be fairly well prepared to resist an attack, but there are apprehensions concerning Boston and other cities.

His Holiness, the Pope is quite prostrated by the war news from Manila, and has repeatedly expressed the wish to have died before seeing such a war. He declares the attitude of the Vatican to be one of the strictest neutrality.

The Spanish reverses at Manila, the losses in the Atlantic, and the apparently poor prospects for future success, are now aggravated by an internal discontent between different factions of the Spanish people, which is likely to result in their total annihilation as a nation, and that perhaps in the near future.

The despatch from Manila, dated May 2, 8:52 a. m., reports the complete destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manila harbor, early Sunday morning. Three ships were burnt, one sunk, and the rest rendered unfit to fight. "One after another," the despatch says, "the Spanish vessels were silenced, and three of them caught fire, including admiral Montijo's flagship, the Reina Maria Christina, from an explosion of a shell from one of the United States vessels. One Spanish vessel was sunk, and several were run ashore to escape capture."

Goldwin Smith, in the last issue of the Weekly Sun, gives an able and rational article on the Spanish-American war. After referring to the hopelessly bad character of government of Cuba as a Spanish dependency, and predicting her emancipation as an ultimate certainty, and showing the American right of intervention in the interests of justice and humanity he says:—"All these propositions may be received without pronouncing the present war wise or just." He claims that few responsible and thoughtful Americans are to be found in favor of the war. Mr. Cleveland's address to the students of Princeton, though "strictly patriotic, shows that the strongest and wisest men in American public life, regard the commencement of hostilities with sorrow." "The war," he says again, "is the work of irresponsible and unreflecting multitudes, inflamed by a sensational press, and too faithfully represented in Congress, especially in the Senate, the character of which has been greatly lowered of late years, while contractors and greedy speculators of all kinds, not to mention holders of Cuban bonds, have been stirring the profitable fire."

Over twenty-eight hundred Ontario farmers have received material and instructions for conducting tests upon their own farms during the present season. These include young men who have attended the Agricultural College, successful and painstaking farmers who have experimented previously, and others who are undertaking the work for the first time.

CO-OPERATIVE AGRICULTURE.

About two thousand experimenters have conducted satisfactory experimental work within the past ten years. Of this number, over two hundred have furnished good reports for at least three different years, and some for five, six, or even nine years. These little experiment stations form object lessons in nearly every neighborhood in the province, the influence of which can never be correctly estimated. To give some idea of this influence, I quote the following from reports sent in by experimenters:

"I get much benefit from my experiments, and my plots are visited by most of my neighbors every year."  
 "As a result of my experiments, I raise more bushels of corn, and make more money on my farm."  
 "Looking at it from a financial point of view, my neighbors have received benefit from my experimental work to the amount of a good many hundred dollars."  
 This system of co-operative experimental work in agriculture, which centers at the Agricultural College and operates through the medium of the Experimental Union, is being enlarged and improved from year to year. A study of the fertility of the soil on different farms, and of the relative merits of promising varieties of agricultural crops for different sections, are the main subjects under experiment on about twelve thousand plots this year. There are in all nineteen distinct experiments, which embrace the agricultural crops grown on about nine-tenths of the cultivated land of Ontario. The demand has been greatest for experiments with oats, spring wheat, peas, corn and mangels.

We could still furnish a number of applicants with a package of each of six leading varieties of corn, which forms a valuable test for farmers who are anxious to ascertain which varieties of corn are best adapted for the soil of their own particular farms. Ag'l College, Guelph. C. A. Zavitz, Director.

VARNNEY.

Mrs. Thos. Hazlett was visiting her niece, Miss Tillie Sirrs, for a few days last week.  
 Miss Mary Ann Gordon was visiting her sister, Mrs. Eden, for a few days last week.

Nelson Eden served his time with Alex. Grierson in two weeks instead of eight months.

Mrs. Little, sr., was very sick last week from the effects of a bee sting, but is improving.

Little Nelson Dowling while playing at school last week fell and dislocated his shoulder. He is doing nicely.

Mrs. Aldred, sr., is very low this last few weeks. We hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mr. James Ferguson is able to be around again after his long spell of sickness.

W. Clark and E. Sirrs wheeled to Mt. Forest last Saturday. E. said the next time he wanted to go he would take the train.

Mr. S. T. Orchard passed through our town lately on his way to Neustadt where he made two sales, one a piano and the other an organ. That is the way to do it up.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. J. Blyth were visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Aldred, one day last week.

Mrs. Allan was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Bradley one day last week.

Wonder what has become of Pete? He must have gone to Klondike this time for sure, or else they have kept him in Orchardville.

Those two young men who have been making such frequent trips to Orchardville had better get black hats and leave the dogs at home or everybody will be on to them.

That young man that started home with a little pig in a bag and let it out through the bottom after running a mile to catch it, exclaimed "I'll never go pigging again. I'll let the old man go."

EDGE HILL.

The Union Sunday School opened with a good attendance last Sunday. Thos. Banks is Superintendent.

Mrs. Lindsay of Walkerton is visiting the Edge families.

Misses Kate McFayden and Grace Greenwood are full fledged dress-makers now. They may, perhaps, set up shop either at Edge Hill or at Glenroadin.

Misses Maggie Ector and Martha Firth have returned to Edge Hill for the summer, and for the picnics.

Wm. D. Staples is home for a time. He is spying out a good location for a dentist to start business. He was successful in passing his final examination for a dentist two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. James Allan attended the funeral of Mr. Waring, a brother-in-law who lived near Kimberley, on Saturday.

Hugh Firth's patent gates and fences adorn the front of some farms down this way. They are all right.

Miss Millie Ector writes to say she is well suited with her new school near Calgary. The people and pupils are intelligent, helpful and kindly.

Prof. Brush, a horse trainer and veterinary dentist held forth to a small audience in Wm. Edge's barn on Friday, and held a school on Saturday, which was not so well attended as might be expected. The times are too busy just now. The Garafra fellows are more enthusiastic horsemen than those of our burg, if numbers count, as they generally do.

If the Prof. would hold here again in a busy season, he will get a bigger lot to take lessons.

The seeding is pretty well finished Dan Greenwood and Arch. Ector lead well in the race, and the rest of us are not far behind.

Excuse bad writing and spelling, as this is a new pen, and it does not write or spell as well as my old one. My hand is shaky too, after holding on to my temper, and my plough handles, in a stoney piece of new land.

Yours,  
 RORY O'MOORE.

Cash for butter and eggs at Laidlaw's dollar.

News from Mexico Friday last announced the death of Barrister Harry H. Hardy, a cousin of Premier Hardy Deceased was about 45 years of age and had been sojourning since last Thanksgiving Day in Mexico, where he had gone for his health. The body will be brought home for burial.

Like an Old Clock.

Many men and women in the spring time are badly run down in health. Sloan's Indian Tonic is just what they need. It positively cures constipation, purifies the blood and gives tone and vigor to the system. It is a certain tonic for every organ in the body. Six weeks' treatment in every \$1.00 bottle. Sold at all drug stores.

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The Selection of Seeds is from the best British American and Canadian Houses, and prices (quality considered) will compare favorably with other dealers.

GARDEN SEEDS in bulk and papers, our own paper seeds, two for 5c. Flower Seeds, PLANTS in Season. Cabbage, Califlower, Celery and Tomato. CLOVER Seed all varieties, Prices Timothy Seed. (Low.) ORCHARD GRASS and mostly all other sorts of grasses. SUGAR Beet, CARROT, all the best. MANGEL WURTZEL: Carter's Mammoth Long Red—a very large mangel. Carter's Giant Yellow. Evan's Saw Log Mangel—an immense cropper. SWEDE TURNIP Seed. All the best varieties. (See our Catalogue.)

**H. PARKER, Druggist and Seedsman, DURHAM.**

**Cheap Fares G. T. R.**  
 Toronto and return \$2.50. Good going May 4, 5, 6 and 7, and returning May 9th. The above fare includes admission to the "Canadian Horse Show." Town Office open at 6:45 a. m. for sale of Tickets on the above dates. Jas. R. GUN, Town Agent.

**Market Report.**  
 DURHAM, May 4th, 1898.

Fall Wheat.....	90 to 1 00
Spring Wheat.....	90 to 1 00
Oats.....	28 to 30
Peas.....	54 to 57
Barley.....	35 to 40
Hay.....	5 00 to 8 00
Butter.....	14 to 14
Eggs per doz.....	9 to 9
Apples... per bag.....	50 to 1 00
Potatoes... per bag.....	45 to 50
Flour per cwt.....	2 50 to 2 90
Oatmeal per sack.....	2 00 to 2 25
Chop per cwt.....	75 to 1 00
Dressed Hogs per cwt.....	5 75 to 5 85
Hides... per lb.....	7 to 7
Sheepskins.....	65 to 1 00
Turkeys per lb.....	9 to 10
Geese per lb.....	5 to 6
Ducks per pair.....	40 to 50
Chickens per pair.....	30 to 39
Wool.....	17 to 2

**A LIFE SAVER TO MANKIND**  
 is what Mr. George Benner, Warton, Ont., styles **Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.**

Not that I am at all fond of having my name put in public places, but as a life saver to mankind, I hereby state what Dr. A. W. Chase's K-L Pills did for me. For nearly four years I was generally troubled with Constipation and general weakness in the kidneys, and in my perilous position was strongly advised to use Chase's Pills, and to-day I can safely and truthfully state that they have saved my life.

**GEO. BENNER.**

To all who find themselves with health gradually slipping away, Kidneys and Liver so disorganized that they are incapable of keeping the system free from poisonous waste material, Stomach Disordered, Bowels Constipated, Head Aching, Back Pain, take Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. The only pills that help you back to health.

All Dealers sell them at **25 CENTS A BOX.**

**Advertisement for Creditors.**

PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE made under Rule 94, in a cause of Gadd against Gadd et al, the Creditors of THOMAS GADD, late of the Township of Normanby in the County of Grey, Farmer, who died on or about the 5th day of April, A. D. 1898, and also the creditors of WILLIAM GADD, late of the said Township of Normanby in the County of Grey, Farmer, who died on or about the 15th day of May, A. D. 1894, are on or before the

**27th day of May, A. D. 1898,** to send by post prepaid to G. LEFROY McCULL, of the Town of Durham in the said County of Grey, the Solicitor for the Plaintiff, their Christian and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, or liens, or charges, (either special or otherwise) a statement of their securities and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them against the said Estates or either of them; or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order for Administration.

Every Creditor holding any security is to produce the same before me at my Chambers in the Court House at the Town of Owen Sound on the

**3RD DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1898,** at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudication on the claims.

Dated this 25th day of April, A. D. 1898.  
 DUNCAN MORRISON,  
 Master at Owen Sound

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**Stone & Wellington**  
 TORONTO.

**A SEVERE**

It was an ill-fine penetrating wind. Everyone store shivered as they, and the east possession of all Caleb Wilson, store, was at be-tleman with an which was growi the day progress cumulated. Mrs. erything she price Harmon's." Mrs. tomer and butte doubtful butter tell her so, but a dress because ed spot right in piece." So it had Just at nightfal a boy of fifteen, the showcase, talk vicinity of Mr. W ing goods behind "I feel awful be ing our arithmeti ing. "Pa just ca one, I know." "Yes, 'tis had l lows." Bruce ans "Of course with ther can get wh The old man's and his thin lips line. "So, so, you ed; you are crov Bruce went on; glad my father's er die than go dr fellows have to, an of work." "Guess you cou to," the boy repli "Yes; but I don' tormented with a laugh "You don't sonn Mr. Wilson mutt around the muslin ther supercilious-l gaze wandered de the long well-filled largest in the cou est, energetic old n age of the entire spite of his surly w down into the dim clerks commenced "I am tired of way," he said, half ed sharply. "Never he called to the tw here." He moved to followed him. "I s more. Here's a mo that will last you ing another job." h money toward them "Why," they bot ishment, "have we "No, no, boys; y will give you good you will have luck He turned from t ed to pile up the They stood an instam ent, "Shan't we e evening?" one of th no; you can go now; patiently. "Why, father, wha questioned Bruce, w interested auditor ings. His father, v er, went around ca great shutters, set trap shotgun, and d doors. He put the his pocket. "Bring the account desk," he said to B obeyed. Then he light, and they grov darkness to the bac books to the house; me" was the next c He carried them house just across the long village strei idly with coat colla slight protection ag mist. Finally, they s over the river just al torrent. Mr. Wilson log keys from his p said to Bruce. "Th "Into the water?" He was very white; father, he said no m ed him with a keen g started countenanc may shut until I se opened. It may be f fifty. Meantime I got about income en things to keep us off than this. If you get than blue jeans, you'll Such a mystery had the people. The who wild over it. But the front of the big store a Mrs. Wilson and th many tears, after vain who alone held the k was naturally si desire in his heart "Guess when he see will find some way to know what wor to do anyway," he th the months went his care, his shabbier, and shabbier, but h makes it. E