

THE CHRONICLE.

DURHAM, May 12th, 1898.

Monday's papers brought the first authentic report of Commodore Dewey's brilliant and complete victory at Manila over the Spanish Fleet. It seems difficult to believe that such a battle could be fought and won without the loss of an American soldier while 1200 are numbered amongst the Spanish killed and wounded.

It is reported that after seven hours fighting the Spanish fleet was completely destroyed, when Commodore Dewey anchored his in the bay before Manila. Sending a message to Governor-General Augusti, Commodore Dewey announced the inauguration of a blockade and threatened the annihilation of every Spanish battery about Manila if a single shot was fired against his ships.

The cable connecting Manila and Hong Kong was cut by order of Commodore Dewey on account of the refusal of the Spanish authorities to allow it to be used for the transmission of the American war despatches.

For his success at Manila, Commodore Dewey was raised to the post of Rear Admiral, and a bronze medal was ordered to be struck for each officer participating in the fight.

With the exception of the bombardment of Matanzas nothing of a very startling nature has transpired in Cuban waters. The location of the Spanish fleet is a puzzle to the American squadron, and until their defeat or victory, Admiral Sampson is unable to definitely outline his course of action. A despatch to the Toronto World says:—"The invasion of Cuba depends upon the success or failure of Sampson's plans. If the Spanish fleet is destroyed a large body of troops will land in Cuba by Sunday. If Sampson is unsuccessful the invasion will be deferred."

The submission of the Dominion plebiscite will likely be as fruitless in its results as all previous legislation along temperance lines. Though the Government is putting the measure through, we have no assurance of any further prohibitory action, even should the plebiscite result in a public pronouncement in favor of prohibition.

Mr. Laurier's pre-election temperance cry was a cunningly devised ruse to catch the temperance vote, but the sequel shows he had little intention of keeping his promise, and any concession he has made was wrung from him by the pressure of a growing temperance sentiment.

Coupling with the plebiscite the question of direct taxation was an evident attempt to kill the measure. The separation of the two questions was a reluctant concession, yet while the people will have the privilege of voting a straight "yes" or "no" the revenue cry will be used with telling effect throughout the land. Though the Liberals alone are not the only members in the House who would rejoice in the defeat of the measure, the fact that the plebiscite was used as a plank in the party platform should make it an imperative duty to prosecute the measure for the benefit of the party whom they evidently intended to dupe.

Principal Grant's attitude too, will be a strong impediment against the success of the temperance people in carrying the plebiscite. Nothing for years has so directly thwarted the efforts of temperance workers, in their desire to carry out a work for the benefit of their fellow beings, and should the temperance party suffer defeat, Principal Grant will share the glory or the shame, according to the way of looking at it.

In the face of corrupt politics and the unprincipled tactics of professional politicians, the school rather than the parliament must be looked to for a solution of the difficulty. Temperance and moral training, under existing political conditions, seems the only way of stamping out, or starving out the evils of the liquor traffic. Public sentiment, today, no matter what the vote may be, is in favor of temperance. The public don't want men whose testimonials

show them to be addicted to the use of alcohol. The better class in the community frowns down the drinking custom. The cultivation of public sentiment and the purification of politics must, it seems, antedate any great measure of temperance reform.

FLESHERTON.

The annual meeting of the Public Library was held in the Reading Room on the evening of May 2nd. The following officers were elected: Wm. Clayton, Pres.; F. W. Hickling, Sec; Geo. Mitchell, Treas.; W. A. Armstrong, Lib; Thos. Clayton and Arch. Gibson, Auditors. Board of Managers: W. Clayton, F. W. Hickling, Arch. Gibson, Rev. J. Mahan, M. Richardson and A. M. Gibson.

Dr. Aylesworth, of Collingwood, D. D., G. M., paid the Masonic Lodge here an official visit on Thursday evening last. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening spent together. On Friday evening the regular monthly meeting of the lodge was held when officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: R. McGill, W. M.; J. A. Boyd, S. W.; J. F. VanDusen, J. W.; W. J. Bellamy, Sec.; A. S. VanDusen, Tres.; A. M. Gibson, Chap.; J. Sullivan, Tyler.

Magistrate VanDusen on Saturday last heard a case of assault, preferred by Mrs. W. J. Felson, of Priceville, against her husband, who is a barber in that place. Mr. Nelson denied the charge, but the weight of evidence was against him and the small fine of 50c. and costs, in all \$3.85, was imposed.

On Monday Malcolm Beaton, of Glenelg, a timber buyer, pleaded guilty on a charge of assault committed on John O'Brien, of Euphrasia, and was fined \$2 and costs, in all \$9 15.

By instructions from the inspectors of the Beecroft and Talbot estate, Assigneo Henderson called an auction sale last week and disposed of about \$300 worth of logs and other goods. Another sale will be held this week.

A number of new bikes have been sold in town this spring. Rev. Mr. Thom is learning the art of balancing on a new Massey-Harris purchased from Jeweller VanDusen.

Mrs. W. G. Douglas, of Collingwood, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. VanDusen this week, and Miss Hill of the same place is the guest of Miss Maggie Rutledge.

Mrs. A. Beecroft and Mrs. D. Talbot, accompanied by the latter's brother, J. T. Beecroft, left on Thursday last for Vancouver where their husbands are located.

Mrs. Harrington, of La Salle, N. Y., is visiting her uncle, Mr. R. Trimble, and other relatives here.

Mr. W. A. Fraser, of Whitby, paid Mr. and Mrs. Keefer a short visit last week.

Miss Gertrude Keefer has returned from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. D. C. Wright, at Bloomfield, N. J.

Dr. and Mrs. Aylesworth, of Collingwood, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Christoe a couple of days last week.

Mr. Fred. Gamey, of Portland, Me., is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. W. Ross, of Weston, is visiting her father, Mr. John Osborn, who is ill and not expected to recover.

Mr. W. H. Fleisher, who has been very ill for some weeks, was accompanied by M. Richardson to the Toronto General Hospital on Thursday last where he still remains. The hospital doctors corroborate Drs. Sproule and Carter's diagnosis, and we regret to learn that but little encouragement is given for his recovery the trouble being of a cancerous nature in the stomach.

Editor Thurston, G. Tucker, G. Wickens, W. Proctor, and Arch. Gibson Sundayed with friends at Thornbury.

Rev. Mr. Mathewson, of Priceville, paid Rev. Mr. Thom a visit on Friday last.

Mrs. T. Boland, of Markdale, was the guest of Mrs. Thurston on Monday and called on other friends here.

ORCHARD.

Miss Mary Queen has gone to Toronto where she intends to remain for some time. Mr. George Schram and Mr. Wm. Dickson treated themselves to brand new organs which they purchased from Mr. S. Orchard, of Durham.

Mrs. Alex. Schram has gone to Ayr to see her son, Adam, who is ill. Mrs. Hoy has been on the sick list, but is able to be around again.

Miss Sarah Edwards and Miss Nancy Torry have gone to Toronto. Mr. Harry Cornish returned home last week from Listowel, where he was having his eyes treated. They are improved a little but not so much as his many friends would like to see.

It was rumored that Jim was to go south for the good of his health, but as the breeze from the dam is so invigorating it is thought a change will not be necessary.

Bruce's Oldest Resident.

MR. WM. STEELE, OF TARA, WHO HAS LIVED AMONGST US FOR 43 YEARS.

Sketch of his Life.

The subject of this article was born in Carrickshire in the lowlands of Auld Scotia, in 1813. At the age of forty he emigrated to Canada with his wife and family of two daughters. Those were not the days of palace steamers and Pullman railroad coaches, but rather of slow sailing ships and slower stage coaches.

Mr. Steele and his family landed in New York and came by land and lake to this province, first settling in the neighborhood of what is now the prosperous town of Peterboro'. Two years later he joined in the wave of western travel, moving from Peterboro' to Hamilton, and thence, by stage to Owen Sound, settling on the land that is now known as the Steele farm—lots 28 and 29 on the 13th con. of Arran township—and set about hewing out a home for himself and family in what was then a dense forest, and how well he succeeded is known to all who know the old homestead, for there is not to-day a better or more handsome two hundred acres of land in the county of Bruce, in fact we doubt if there is in the whole area of Ontario.

Mr. Steele has been twice married; to bless the first union came six children—three daughters and three sons—five of whom are still living, the youngest son dying from the effects of a kick from a young horse which he was preparing to take to the fall fair for exhibit. The other sons are now married and settled in the west, one in Dakota and the other in Manitoba. The daughters have all remained close to the scenes of their girlhood; Mrs. Rowe residing on the old homestead; Mrs. Dukes, wife of Geo. Dukes, who holds a responsible position with W. A. McLean & Co., the packing firm of Owen Sound; and Mrs. Theaker, wife of our own amiable grain buyer, John H. Theaker.

Until three years ago Mr. Steele resided on the farm, but an acute kidney trouble from which he suffered compelled him to give up his active life, and he has since lived retired. During a visit to him the other day, he gave the writer the following account of his illness:

For some time he had been troubled with kidney and urinary disorder, and after coming to the village he gradually became worse, though he had doctored considerable, and had used different remedies and highly advertised kidney pills. A neighbor persuaded him to try Sloan's Indian Tonic, but thinking it no better than the other remedies he had used, he hesitated for some time, but finally did so, and to its great merit he attributes his wonderful return to health. During his illness he would be obliged to leave his bed several times during the night to urinate, but now he can sleep and enjoy a night's rest and his appearance is that of a man many years short of the eighty and five he really is, and the credit for it all he gives to Sloan's Indian Tonic, which he really believes is all the proprietors claim it is. Six years ago he married Mrs. Tighe, a most estimable lady, who joins with Mr. Steele in praising the medicine, and together they are spending the twilight of life in their comfortable residence on Brook street.

May they long be spared to enjoy the fruits of their labor is the wish of the Leader. Sloan's Indian Tonic can be had from all dealers, or from the Sloan Medicine Co. Hamilton Ont. \$1 a bottle; containing six week's pleasant treatment.—Tara Leader.

Rear Admiral Sampson will down the Dons with a crash as soon as his hair grows. The jingo Delilahs have given him a "velvet" cut.

Catarrh Cured for 25 cents. I suffered from Catarrh for years, and have found Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure the best that I have used, and gladly recommend it to sufferers. Yours truly, HARRY STONE, Rainham Centre, Ont.

A little boy was asked why it was wrong to cut off a kitten's tail. "Because the Bible says you musn't," replied the lad. "Why, where does the Bible say that?" The lad lifted up his big brown eyes, and said, "What God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

Strong Enough for Cancers. Cancers are caused by poisonous humors in the blood. The only non-surgical treatment known is Sloan's Indian Tonic. This is a powerful blood purifier and at the same time blood builder. It cures scrofula, Eczema and salt rheum in 30 days and boils and pimples in a week. Two hundred doses, price \$1.00. Sold by all druggists.

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Market Report. DURHAM, May 4th, 1898. Fall Wheat 90 to 1 06 Spring Wheat 50 to 1 06 Oats 33 to 33 Peas 54 to 58 Barley 35 to 40 Hay 5 00 to 8 00 Butter 12 to 12 Eggs per doz 9 to 10 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 20 to 30 Wool 17 to 20

DR CHASE'S CATARRH CURE Nothing equal to it for clearing the head and cleansing the air passages. Gives instant relief for cold in the head. Cures incipient Catarrh in a few days; Chronic Catarrh in one to three months. A specific for Hay Fever. MR. JAS. SPENCE, CLACHAN, ONT., writes: "I had been a sufferer from Catarrh for 15 years. I spent lots of money and tried several doctors, also a Catarrah Specialist in London, Ont. At last I was directed by the advertisements and testimonials I read to try Dr. Chase's Catarrah Cure. I used 3 boxes, and a complete cure was effected." Price, complete with blowers, 25 Cts. Sold by all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto, Ont.

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PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE made under Rule 944, in a cause of Gadd against Gadd et al, the Creditors of THOMAS GADD, late of the Township of Normandy in the County of Grey, Farmer, who died on or about the 5th day of April A. D. 1889, and also the creditors of WILLIAM GADD, late of the said Township of Normandy 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 MCCAUL, 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, 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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