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STAND BY YOUR COLORS. Stick to your friends. Vote with your party.

IN SENATOR Fairbanks' splendid speech on Cuban affairs, delivered the 14th instant, occurred this classic allusion:

"Sir, the ghosts of the Maine will not down; they beckon us on. Would that they could tell the secrets of their 'prison-house.' Then we would know how, sleeping, the Spanish 'serpent stung' them."

THE first bombardment by our blockaders in Cuban waters occurred yesterday afternoon. The forts at the mouth of Mantanzas harbor were shelled. The bombardment only lasted about a quarter of an hour, but some three hundred shots were fired in that time. Mantanzas province is next to Havana province, on the east, and Mantanzas city is second in size and importance on the island. We print an account of the bombardment in another column.

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"Our sentiment tonight is, that better than medical practices, pharmaceuticals and dispensaries and mineral springs are cheerful dispositions, consistently cultivated and kept alive, no matter what the obstacles in their way, and the joys of life extracted from every situation—public, business, domestic and social.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA, the town at which American troops will be first landed, is located in the extreme eastern part of Cuba. It is the oldest city in the island, with the exception of Baracoa, and was founded in 1514 by Don Velasquez, the conqueror. Cuba, as the town is called locally, is protected by four forts, all of which are weak and inefficient against modern batteries. The town is the capital of the province of its own name, and is situated at the head of a fine bay on the southeastern coast. It is built on the side of a hill 160 feet above the bay. The harbor, one of the best in

America, is extremely difficult of access owing to the narrowness of its mouth. The population of the town is 45,000, of which only one-fourth exclusive of the Spanish garrison, are whites. The city was captured in 1853 by the French, and surrendered for a ransom of \$80,000.

THE government of the United States is paying the expenses of the 4,500 soldier boys gathered at Indianapolis. They are Uncle Sam's guests from the time of their enlistment. Indianapolis grocers and bakers are getting a pretty good thing out of it. The following is a sample of the daily requisition to feed the soldiers at Camp Mount:

Beef, pounds 7.375  
Soft bread, loaves 5,200.  
Hard bread, pounds 4,500.  
Beans, pounds 675.  
Rice, pounds 540.  
Hominy, pounds 540.  
Coffee, pounds 563.  
Tea, pounds 80.  
Vinegar, gallons 45.  
Soap, pounds 180.  
Salt, pounds 180.  
Pepper, pounds 22.  
Candles, pounds 90.  
Potatoes, pounds 4,500.  
Onions, pounds 675.  
Corn, pounds 1,485.  
Crickles 4,500.  
Canned apples, pounds 1,485.  
Eggs, dozens 765.

## DALTON.

Farm work is somewhat behind on account of wet weather, but some are well along and the work will be plowed soon as warm enough.

Wheat has made a wonderful speed, and looks at the present like an average crop might bless us again.

War is the main study and conversation these days. Some that wanted war some time since and thought McKinley not near fast enough for them, do not say so much now since we have war, you see, good boys here has ready to volunteer.

The school commencement was held at Friends' church the 21st. Mr. R. E. Kirkman was present and delivered an address that was well received, and young people present should be benefited by such addresses.

Superintendent Winneburg was also present and addressed the class and people after which he delivered a speech to Charles Dardoff, Mary G. Hart, Lamont Bryan, Warren Dennis and Carrie Dennis who have a strong class and made good showings for themselves in examination.

The Hagerstown orchestra gave the music; all was a success.

Zurie Beson who was attacked with a stroke of paralysis some two weeks ago is still in a very precarious condition and he is not of his right side.

Mrs. Fairbanks is having quite a hard spell with neuralgia of the stomach at the present.

Quarterly meeting at M. E. church Sunday, the 8th of May, Elder Mahan will be present and preach on Sunday night and probably Monday morning, when the quarterly meeting will be properly held.

The Rev. Mr. Hart is in at last. Now a big job will be to make the fill, the bridge being raised some two feet higher than the old one.

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## BALLOONIST BALDWIN.

Wayne County's Aeronaut to Go Into the Government Balloon Service.

John E. Baldwin, the aeronaut, whose home is at Dalton, has nearly completed an immense balloon for service in the government. Henry U. Johnson has obtained for him a position as expert balloonist for the government, a place that was created for him, and he will act in connection with the signal corps. General A. W. Greeley, chief of the signal service, has invited Baldwin to join the signal corps, and he will report to General

Greely.

The aeronaut which Baldwin has about completed and in which he will

probably be required by the war de-

partment to take observations of the

movements of the Spanish soldiers and

ships, is not large, but because of the

excellence of the machinery used in

its construction it will be capable of

standing a great pressure of gas and

will consequently have great lifting

power. The reservoir is not simply an

inflated bag, but is a complex assem-

bly of aluminum tubing, which gives

it great strength and rigidity. Over

this frame is stretched and secured the

finest quality of balloon silk, which

will receive many coats of varnish to

prevent the escape of gas.

The reservoir alone in the ship now

being constructed is 60 feet long and

50 feet wide, and will contain a quantity of

5,000 cubic feet of gas. Hydrogen

gas only will be used to inflate this

balloon. No hot air will be used.

Hot air loses its buoyancy in about four

minutes, while hydrogen gas will sus-

tain a balloon theoretically forever, or

until it escapes from the reservoir.

On the frame of the reservoir, one

on each side and running longitudi-

nally with it, are two shafts, also of

aluminum. On each of these shafts

are two propellers, one of which is

of sheet aluminum, in sections,

and the other is of solid aluminum.

The propellers are each driven by a

motor, and the propellers are so

arranged that when in motion in a

manner to that of a flying bird's wings

They collapse, or fold, when withdrawn

from the stroke, and open and be-

come rigid when pulled back against

the air, just like a duck's foot when

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