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Admiral Sampson did not waste all of his ammunition on San Juan. He has enough left for the Spanish fleet.

The ladies of Helena will present the First regiment with a beautiful flag before it departs for the Philippines.

It is reported from Washington that the president will make another call for 100,000 troops. Those Bozeman patriots may yet have a chance to get into the service.

From present indications cattle growers will realize big figures for their beef next fall. With good feed, resulting in fat animals, it will be strange if \$5 per hundred is not reached in many instances.

A dispatch from Hawarden dated Tuesday, indicated that Gladstone, "the grand old man," was very near his end and that death may be expected within twenty-four hours. In his death England and the world will lose a true nobleman.

In the process of examining those desiring to enlist it has been found that the cigarette has got in its deadly work. About 90 per cent of the habitual smokers have been rejected. They are found to possess weak hearts and lack vital force. The cigarette fiend should take a tumble.

In December, 1887, Texas beef stock sold in Chicago at \$2.40 per 100. In December, 1897, it sold at \$3.85; today it brings \$4.40 to \$4.50. Range cattle in December, 1887, brought \$2.90, and in December, 1897, they brought \$4, with a steady upward movement year by year for the entire ten years.

Because Spain is a strong Catholic country it does not follow that the Catholics of America are in sympathy with them in the present trouble. Thousands of Catholics have gone to the front to battle for the flag and humanity. There is no grand patriot in this country than Archbishop Ireland.

Montana's Proud Position.

Montana not only furnishes the largest quota of men for service per capita of any state in the Union, but, from the following from Senators Carter and Mantle, her regiment was the first to be mustered into the service. They have wired Col. Kessler as follows: "We have concluded an interview with the adjutant general and General Miles, and an order has been issued directing your regiment to proceed to San Francisco to join the force to embark for the Philippine islands. Yours is the first regiment mustered into the volunteer service under the president's call. God speed yourself and your brave boys! May you all reap the rich reward of glory merited by your patriotism. We are proud of you and bid you an affectionate adieu."

Considerable interest is being manifested as to which of the three party conventions Congressman Hartman will attend this year as "the gentleman from Gallatin." He is still classed by that part of the state press which is friendly to him as a "silver Republican," while he himself loses no opportunity to vote under the leadership of Congressman Bailey of Texas, the Democratic leader on the floor of the house, especially when there is the least inclination to divide on party lines. He even went so far the other day as to vote under that leadership against the bill to provide ways and means to meet war expenditures, which passed the house April 29. By his votes in the house during the present session he has fully qualified himself for admission to the Democratic caucus, and it is not unlikely that he has been taken in by that party.

The woolgrowers of Oregon are shearing their bands. Thus far no sales have been made, as there is apparently no market or buyers in the field, although it is a little early for their appearance. There is considerable apprehension as regards the market owing to the unsettled financial and commercial conditions of the world, brought about by the war. The Oregon clip, like that of Montana, will be a large one and of superior quality. The war has had the effect of frightening speculators and manufacturers are purchasing as the necessity demands. This timidly naturally exists on the Atlantic seaboard, which is near the scene of hos-

ilities. However, another month may witness an entire change in the situation. Should the war be brought to a sudden close, money will loosen up and the industrial situation will rapidly improve. Montana woolgrowers should be in no hurry to dispose of their clips. The country is in a healthy condition and the timidity among manufacturers and commission men will diminish with each American victory. Three months ago there were the very best prospects of a good wool market, and, while it may be a little tardy, it is only a question of a short time when buyers will be eager to secure the clips. It may be so by the time Montana wool is ready for the market.

Pungent Paragraphs.

Manila used to be spelled with two "l's." It is easy to guess who knocked "l" out of it.—Times Herald.

The American disappearing gun isn't a circumstance to the Spanish disappearing fleet.—Inter Ocean.

The yachting season, apparently, isn't opening under the most favorable circumstances.—Standard.

About the second day out at sea, very few of the Montana boys will be in shape to pass a rigid physical examination.—Standard.

The Holland submarine boat has stayed under water three hours at a time; but Spain has eleven ships at Manila which will stay under much longer than that.—Times Herald.

CITIZENS REPUDIATE HIM.

Gov. Smith Will be Petitioned to Call for the Resignation of M. J. Garrett from the Board of Education.

Since it became known that M. J. Garrett, who before he left Lewistown pledged himself to volunteer with Company I, had disgracefully left the ranks, after having passed physical examination, the people of Lewistown and Fergus county have hung their heads in shame that such a man should represent their county on the state board of education.

Last week the following preamble and petition was prepared and in a short time had been very generally signed.

The petition will be held a few days longer in order to give ample opportunity for signatures and will be then forwarded to the governor. It runs as follows:

To Robert B. Smith, Governor of Montana.

We, the undersigned, residents of Fergus county, Montana, respectfully represent the following facts:

That one Professor M. J. Garrett, a resident of this county and claiming to be a citizen thereof, is a member of the board of education of the state of Montana, by appointment of your excellency.

That, since said appointment, the said Garrett became a member of Company I, national guard of Montana, which said company entered into the volunteer army of the United States and is now in Helena, mustered into the United States service as of the First Montana regiment.

That said Garrett went to the city of Helena with Company I, presumably for the purpose of going to the front with said company, but it has now transpired, for the purpose of apparently securing free transportation to the city of Helena and of securing the benefits of the commissary of said company.

That, after reaching the city of Helena, with the said company, the said Garrett was duly examined as to his physical qualifications for the volunteer service of the United States army and, as we are informed and believe, passed a creditable examination, contrary to his expectation and desires.

That, after passing said examination and securing said benefits from the company, the said Garrett shamefully and disgracefully deserted his company and comrades and refused to enter into the volunteer service of the United States army.

THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, ask that your excellency request the resignation of said M. J. Garrett as member of the state board of education.

That, if the request for his resignation be not complied with, he be re-

moved from the board or accredited to some other county.
And your petitioners will ever pray.
DAVID HILGER,
and 75 others.

THE FIRST BATTLE.

The Spaniards Tried in Vain to Prevent Our Landing in Cuba.

KEY WEST, May 13.—The transport steamer Gussie, which left here with an expedition for Cuba Wednesday night, had a lively engagement with the Spanish at Cabanas yesterday, but succeeded in accomplishing her mission. The Gussie carried 7,000 rifles and a large amount of ammunition for the Cubans. After a rough voyage the Gussie was met off the Cuban coast by the auxiliary gunboats Wasp and Manning, who escorted her in. As they approached the shore a large body of Spanish soldiers opened fire on the expedition and the gunboats replied with effect, enabling the expedition to land. The Spanish troops retired to their works and directed a constant, but inaccurate fire upon the landing fleet. The latter was reinforced by a body of armed insurgents. Under the fire of the gunboats the Spanish troops were forced to retire, and the mission of the Gussie was accomplished. One of the American party was shot in the back. The Spanish loss is not known, but must have been heavy.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—A special to the Journal from Washington says: "President McKinley has abandoned his peaceful blockading idea. Orders were today cabled to the commander of the blockading squadron that will give him the opportunity of turning his ships loose on all fortifications where resistance is offered. Every Cuban port that is strongly protected will be attacked and the bombardment will be kept up until the Spanish guns are silenced."

WASHINGTON, May 16.—There will unquestionably be a second call for volunteers. A well-known senator, who holds intimate personal relations with Secretary Alger, says: "To properly hold the Philippines, we shall find thirty to fifty thousand troops none too many. To clean up matters in Cuba in any manner, we shall need not far from two hundred thousand. With the regulars and volunteers already in, we find ourselves short about seventy-five thousand men. I understand the president is considering a call for an additional hundred thousand volunteers. I also understand that the secretary of war and General Miles agree with the president."

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Gen. Miles said today that it was not the intention of the President to call for volunteers at this time.

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"Notwithstanding I am sixty-five years old, have a pleasant home and other comforts, life to me was far from enjoyable, for all other things pale into insignificance when you are without good health."

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