

GOMEZ BANQUET.

Function Regarded as a Promising Augury of Cuba's Independence.

Gen. Lee and Brooke Assured Cubans That the United States Would Establish a Stable Government and Then Turn It Over to Them.

HAVANA, Feb. 27.—The banquet at the Tacón theater proved a brilliantly successful affair. Gov. Gen. Brooke and Maj. Gen. Lee spoke. Cubans generally regard the occurrences at the function as the most promising auguries of Cuban independence since the peace protocol was signed.

The boxes were filled with people representing Havana's best society. As the American generals entered a trumpet at the door blew once, whereupon a concealed band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Col. Garcia explained the disinterested position of American military officers in Cuba. Gen. Gomez himself did no speak, owing to the hoarseness from which he is suffering.

MAY BE TWO VICE ADMIRALS.

Adm. Schley's Friends Will Not Press the Fight Over the Question of Adm. Sampson's Advancement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The understanding among Adm. Schley's friends now is that they will not further press the fight over the question of Adm. Sampson's advancement over Adm. Schley.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities like LIVE STOCK, CALVES, HOGS, SHEEP, FLOUR, GRAIN, etc., with prices in cents and dollars.

DEWEY WANTS THE OREGON.

The Admiral May Want the Big War Ship for the Moral Effect It Will Have on the Filipinos.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Secretary Long took to the cabinet meeting Friday morning two cipher telegrams from Adm. Dewey, dated Friday morning. The following are translations:

"MANILA, Feb. 24.—Secretary of the Navy: For political reasons, Oregon should be sent at once. (Signed) 'DEWEY.'"

"MANILA, Feb. 24.—Yorktown arrived. Charleston and Petrel cruising around the Philippine islands. Affairs more quiet. 'DEWEY.'"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The cablegram from Adm. Dewey asking for the Oregon was received with surprise by the officials here. No one knew, or at least would acknowledge that he knew, of the political reasons which the admiral says demand the immediate presence of the peerless battle ship.

It is said here that up to this moment there has been no intimation of a purpose on the part of any foreign government to file any claims for pecuniary remuneration for the property of their citizens destroyed in the fires and fighting at either Manila or Iloilo.

SAMPSON-SCHLEY MATTER.

Secretary Long Says He Has No Idea of Ordering a Court of Inquiry into the Merits of the Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—In answer to an inquiry Secretary Long said Friday that he had not thought of ordering a court of inquiry into the merits of the Sampson-Schley controversy, nor did he contemplate allowing Schley to be forced out of the service through any technicality, such as the failure of the senate to confirm his nomination to be rear admiral.

A Corner in Eggs.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 25.—There is a corner in eggs here and prices have advanced from 91 to 40 cents a dozen.

Transferred to the Prison De La Santa. PARIS, Feb. 25.—Messrs. Deroulede and Habert were transferred during Friday to the prison De La Santa.

CHRIST FREEING FROM SIN.

Sunday School Lesson in the International Series For March 2, 1899.—John 8:12, 31-36.

(Specially Arranged from Peloubet's Notes.) GOLDEN TRUTH.—If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.—John 8:32.

TIME.—October 11, A. D. 33, at the Feast of Tabernacles; the day after the last lesson. The eighth day, a special, solemn assembly, kept like a Sabbath, after the conclusion of the feast (Lev. 23:36); the temple would then be thronged with worshippers.

Place.—In the temple at Jerusalem, first in the court of the women where were the treasure boxes (v. 32), and later in the court of the Gentiles, where only would they cast stones at him.

THE LESSON.

I. Christ Like the Pillar of Fire in the Wilderness, guiding His followers safely through the wilderness of life, and the church through the unknown future to the perfect Kingdom of Heaven. V. 12. "Then spake Jesus again: 'The day before Jesus had used the splendid ceremonial of the water in the golden pitcher, drawn from the pool of Siloam and carried in festival procession, with songs of joy, waving of branches, dancing and music, to the temple, as a symbol of the fact and a means of proclaiming the fact that He brought to all men the water of life. Now He uses another ceremonial to symbolize and proclaim that He is the "light of the world."'

Jesus was at this time (v. 20) in the court of the women. Close beside Him were two gigantic candelabra, 80 cubits (75 feet) high and sumptuously gilded, on the summit of which nightly, during the Feast of Tabernacles, lamps were lighted which shed their soft light over all the city. "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness;" These lamps, and the ceremonies connected with them, according to Prof. Dods, were in commemoration of the pillar of fire that led their fathers in the trackless desert on their long journey from Egypt to the promised land.

II. The School of Christ.—V. 31. "Then said Jesus," or better, as R. V., Jesus therefore said, because many had believed on Him after His proclamation that He was the Light of the world, and His teachings in answer to the objections of the Pharisees (vs. 13-30). "Which believed?" Had believed Him, believed what He said, believed that He spoke the truth. "If ye continue in My word:" Abide in it, live under the influence of His teachings, accept them, obey them, make them the guide of life. "Then are ye My disciples indeed:" A disciple is a learner, one who accepts another as teacher and master, one who accepts His teachings and follows His example. Hence a true disciple of Christ is a true Christian.

III. The Glorious Liberty of the Children of God.—Vs. 32-36. "32. 'And ye shall know the truth:' This is closely connected with the previous verse. By continuing in His word they should know the truth; that would be the result of their training; and this would bring to them both individually and as a nation the boon they were all longing and struggling for, liberty. "And the truth shall make you free:" It would have saved the nation from the bondage of captivity to Babylonian centuries before, it would save them from bondage to the Romans.

33. "They answered Him:" Skin-deep discipleship took offense at a promise in which it detected a view of its present condition which it resented. "We be Abraham's seed:" "The dignity of a free man, as Godet says, shone on the brow of everyone who bore the name of child of Abraham."

"And were never in bondage to any man:" They did not consider their relations to the Roman empire as slavery. They enjoyed individual freedom. "How sayest thou," etc.: Because the promise of freedom implied that they were slaves. The most slavish of slaves are those that do not know or realize that they are slaves, who love their chains, who imagine that they are doing their own will, and are masters, because they so willingly yield to the domination of evil desire.

34. "Whosoever committeth sin:" The verb is in the continuous present. "Is the servant," the slave, the bond servant, "of sin:" He has a free will, without which he can be neither a slave nor a freeman; but he himself is in bondage, as long as he commits sin. And this in three ways: (1) The sinner is fettered and restrained from doing right freely.

35. "And the servant," bond servant, "abideth not in the house for ever:" The reference is probably, according to Stier and Bengel, to Ishmael, a son of Abraham by his bond servant Hagar, who did not abide in the house, and who was not the heir of the promises, while Isaac was the son and heir (See Gal. 4:22-31). "But the Son abideth ever:" Those who are sinners, though they profess to be in the kingdom, cannot remain there. But true disciples abide there forever.

36. "If the Son:" The Son of God, who always remains, and has the power to make His servants free. "Shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed:" Really free. They would have true freedom as sons of God, and all the privileges of that freedom, abiding forever. Their nation would remain, themselves would be a part of the Kingdom of God.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Jesus Christ, by the truth, makes us free from sin and the love of sin; and when we are free from sin, the chains of sin are broken, and the slavery of sin has ended.

Jesus Christ, by the truth of His friendship, of the fatherly love of God, of the promise that all things shall work together for good, and by bringing us into the truth of friendship with God, and obedience to His law, delivers us from the galling bondage of sin, and fear, and care.

SALVATION ARMY FARMS.

Commander Booth-Tucker Tells of the Good Work Done—Colony in Three States.

Commander Booth-Tucker, of the Salvation Army, reports that the past year on the colony farms of the army has been a prosperous one, and that the results thus far of the project of making poor people self-supporting by transplanting them to the country have been all that was hoped for.

The beneficiaries of the plan take kindly to it, and the work is to be extended. To date the army has colony farms in Ohio, Colorado and California, covering 1,428 acres, and valued now at \$111,000. They are tenanted by 800 colonists, and it is hoped to increase this number to 800 during this year. The largest and most ambitious of the colonies is located at Fort Amity, Col. There settlers from the slum districts of eastern cities have 640 acres of rich land which they are endeavoring to turn into 10-acre farms. Chicago and New York furnished the emigrants, a number of whom had had experience in some sort of farming, while a number were carpenters and mechanics. The ground was divided into 10-acre lots, of which each alternate lot was cultivated, but left uncultivated, with a view to the extension of each holding should 10 acres be insufficient, or a relative of a colonist desired to settle on the next farm. The plan adopted to make the colony self-supporting differs from that of most settlements, in that it involves less of the cooperative plan. Each colonist is master of his own domain of 10 acres, for which he pays a weekly rental of from \$1 to \$3 for 10 years, when he will own the land and house. Truck farming will be the main support of the colony. The land, however, is surrounded by thousands of acres of open prairie, which, for a time at least, will furnish free pasturage for stock.

NAVAL CANTEENS FORBIDDEN.

Secretary of the Navy Long Declares Against Liquor Selling Aboard Warships.

The canteen aboard ship is a thing of the past. It never obtained a stronghold in the service, of late the only vessels in the navy permitting the sale of even beer aboard being the New York and Indiana.

It cannot be gathered that the operation of the canteen aboard these ships has been the subject of any ill report, but even there the sales of beer have been ordered stopped in the following order, dated February 3, but just published:

"After mature deliberation the department has decided that it is for the best interest of the service that the sale or issue to enlisted men of malt or other alcoholic liquors on board ships of the navy or within the limits of naval stations be prohibited.

"Therefore, after the receipt of this order, commanding officers and commandants are forbidden to allow any malt or other alcoholic liquor to be sold to, or issued to, enlisted men, either on board ship or within the limits of navy yards, naval stations or marine barracks, except in the medical department."

The order is signed by John D. Long as secretary of the navy.

TO START A CRUSADE.

Coxey Will Have a Special Train from Which to Expound His Doctrines.

"Good Roads" Coxey, of Massillon, O., was in Chicago the other day, and left the city after perfecting comprehensive plans to tour the country in the interest of good roads, free silver and non-interest bearing bonds. Dressed in a dark Prince Albert suit, a high silk hat and long black overcoat, a diamond sparkling in the center of his black satin scarf, he looked anything but the leader of the army of the unemployed with whom his name is associated, or the wealthy farmer, which he is. Mr. Coxey's latest scheme is to travel over the country on a special train, expounding the theories he loves to circulate. He has engaged a sleeping-car, dining-car and baggage car in which to do his traveling.

NEW HOME FOR THE FLAG.

Detroit to Have the Honor of Carrying for the Seventh Regiment's Famous Colors.

The old flag of the Seventh regiment, formerly stationed at Denver, Col., looked upon with reverence and almost as an object of worship by the members of that regiment, will be removed from headquarters at Denver, where it was left when the men were ordered to Cuba last May. To Maj. Corlies was given the distinguished honor of carrying the flag to its new quarters in Detroit.

It was first unfurled at Fort Harrison in the war of 1812-1814 with Great Britain. The name of every battle in which the "fighting regiment," as it is known, has participated, has been embroidered on its folds.

Potato Grows Through a Ring. A citizen of South Dartmouth, Mass., shows a potato encircled by a gold ring. The larger part of the tuber had apparently lain very near the surface and a portion of it had grown down through the ring, where the protruding end had increased in size until it became impossible to remove the potato without breaking it. The ring is of genuine gold and is valuable.

Bears Proliferous in Hungary. Bears have been more plentiful in Hungary lately than at any time within the last 15 years.

Women Leather Carriers. Women are employed as letter carriers in several districts of France.

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