A LITTLE OF THE TRUTH.

Poultney Bigelow Writes From Tampa About the Actual Condition of Affairs.

Harper's Weekly prints the following article from the pen of Mr. Poultney Bigelow, at Tampa, Florida, dated May 22, in reference to the unpreparedness of the army of the United States:

Down here we are sweltering day and night, with the thermometer 98 in the shade. Nobody dares complain, for fear of appearing unpatriotic. Still, it will do us no harm to hear a little of the truth, for this affair is turning out just as officers of the regular army have foreseen.

Here we are thirty days after the declaration of war, and not a regiment is yet equipped with uniforms suitable for hot weather. The Cuban patriots and other cigarmakers look happy in their big Panama hats and loose linen trousers, but the United States troops sweat night and day in their cowhide boots, thick flannel shirts and winter trousers. In addition to this, they wear a tunic at inspections—a piece of torture.

Who is responsible for this? No one knows.

The poor men have to sleep on the ground in the heavy, dirty sand. Their sweaty clothing picks it up, and their food is full of it. Every whiff of hot air blows fine dust about, and every horse, cart or even passing person adds discomfort to men already miserable. How little it would cost to have the camp sprinkled once or twice a day! Or, at least, the Government might have provided rough boards, from which the men could have sawed themselves a few feet of flooring.

We are in the habit of pitying the soldier of Europe as badly treated. For downright neglect, I have seen nothing to beat the way the American is treated by Uncle Sam.

Who is responsible for this meanness, which is seriously affecting the health of our men?

In this hot climate we yearn for fresh fruit and vegetables, for anything that will quench thirst and at the same time cool the blood. Meat and all heating things we try to avoid by a wise instinct. The troops, however, are supplied with only that which is most unseasonable—greasy pork, and beans of that brown quality that makes one ready to spend the rest of the day in a watermelon patch. The result is that already the camp doctors are busy every morning with men and officers.

The war is thirty days in swing. It took less time than that for Germany to put half a million well-trained men on the French frontier in 1870. To-day we look in vain for a single regiment fit to take the field. We hear much in the political organs of throwing fifty thousand men over into Cuba and taking Havana, yet here we are drilling recruits and waiting for regiments to fill up. The strength of a regiment is nominally twelve hundred men. As a matter of fact, the average number is less than six hundred. Who is responsible?

Every day raw recruits are dumped down here out of an incoming train, and they are taken out into the deep sand and made to move their legs up and down until exhausted nature cries out for rest. Drill sergeants and recruits soon lose their taste for calisthenics in the roasting pine barrens of Tampa. The ordinary man asks why were not these recruits licked into shape up in the cool North, and sent down properly clothed and armed. Who is responsible? If the invasion should take place to-morrow, half the men would be in civilian dress, raw recruits who had probably never before had a gun in their hands.

Tampa is a seaport town, and, therefore, one might have expected that our superheated troops would have been so located as to enjoy a salt-water bath at least once a day. One or two regiments near Fort Tampa have managed to locate near the beach, but the bulk of the troops are so far from the water that the journey to and fro robs them of any benefit they might otherwise derive from a swim. The Government provides them no bath houses, not even a trough at which they may take baths by installments. So far the weather has been oppressively hot and dry. It will be a miracle if disease does not break out when the rains begin.

While Uncle Sam's boys are parching for fresh food and vegetables, trainloads are leaving Florida filled with succulent fruit for northern markets.

The army is lumbered up with civilian staff officers, whose duty it is to see that our men are properly located and taken care of.

In European armies staff officers are selected from the most highly educated of the army. They have to pass special examinations in order to test their fitness for a variety of special duties of the most important kind; and of all important duties, the German officer regards the care of the men's health as the most important. When a German regiment marches to war, the staff officer goes ahead to lay out a proper camping ground, to provide wood and water and in other respects to make the regiment about to arrive as comfortable as possible. When the weary men arrive they have but to cook their supper and curl up to sleep.

The United States troops who arrive in Tampa are dumped out at a railway siding like so many emigrants. No staff officer prepares anything in advance for them. Regiments go off in any direction that suits them, looking for the nearest place where they may cook their pork and beans.

In no army of Europe, not even in Spain, have I seen troops so badly treated through the incompetence of staff officers, who to-day are strutting about in new uniforms, when they ought to be whistled out of camp as frauds.

Let us turn now from the matter of health and comfort to that of military efficiency.

The war authorities have crowded together in and about Tampa several thousand men on the plausible pretext that in a big camp of this kind the troops could be exercised in large bodies, and the superior officers thus get familiar with brigade and divisional formation. We must bear in mind that most of our troops have never since the civil war been brought together in larger bodies than a few companies at a time. Many colonels of regiments have never until this war seen all their men together on a parade ground. Brigadier-generals have been created who have never seen the regiments that are to constitute their brigade. We have for this war laid out a complicated scheme of army organization, and entrusted the working of it in most instances to men who scarcely know the manual of arms.

Let us tell the truth—disagreeable as it is. We are strong enough to bear it, and to profit by it.

While the nation has been patriotically voting men and money for this campaign of alleged philanthropy, promotions have not been made wholly from deserving officers whose lives have been spent in active military work, but from the ranks of politicians, who may have had a smattering of militia drill, or may have worn a uniform forty years ago.

To-day, thirty days after the declaration of war, there has not been held at Tampa a single military field exercise likely to be of service to generals of brigades or divisions, let alone an army corps. The main reason is, no doubt, that there are no brigadiers or major-generals in Tampa who would know how to go to work in the matter.

General Wheeler, for instance, is supposed to be the dashing leader of a cavalry division. I admire the venerable warrior of the Confederacy, and his appointment is a beautiful tribute to the new spirit pervading North and South. But his place is in Washington, on the Strategic Board, not in the field, where young blood is needed. Besides, to put General Wheeler in charge of troops to-day is like putting on board a modern ironclad a naval officer whose knowledge of the sea was gained exclusively in the days of Faragut.

What is now imperative, if the troops are to be brought into an efficient condition, is to put them at once on transports and bring them up north to a big camp of exercise on the most bracing part of our coast, say about Narragansett. Here they could be properly drilled in anticipation of an invasion of Cuba in November.

Here generals might learn the elementary duties of their new grades. Instead of men losing their vitality from day to day, as they are at present doing, they would be storing up health.

Up in the North the people would more readily see the gross manner in which our brave troops are being exploited by politicians. If people up North could see what I have been seeing, there would be a cry of indignant protest throughout the country.

There is a German military attache at Tampa noting all these things, and what is concealed from the American people in the North is carefully sent to Europe.

Nothing, I am sure, is so well calculated to encourage Spain in her obstinate resistance as the knowledge that our military resources are being squandered as recklessly as were those of France in 1870.

Finally, let us insist that, for the successful conduct of a war, there must be one man, and one man only, responsible for the command. To-day no one is in command. There are half a dozen people in Washington pretending to be directing operations. General Miles sits at the War Department, with no more influence than his doorkeeper.

There is no head to the army. The railway, telegraph, steamship and other corporations are getting fat out of this war; so are all contractors who deal with politics. The more inefficient the army, the better it suits them.

Even as late as January this year our representatives declined to vote most pressing measures for making our fighting forces adequate. When the war came not a single regiment of our army was at its full strength, not a single gun at Sandy Hook was provided with ammunition, not a single mine was ready to be put down in the channel of our greatest seaport. Our press cried: "On to Havana!" just as the Paris press cried: "A Berlin!" yet at the same time not a single regiment of either regulars or volunteers was equipped for war.

Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, June 6.—Close—C.P.R., 85⅝ and 85¼; Duluth, 2⅝ and 2; do., pref., 7 and 5; Cable, 180 and 178; Richelieu, 102 and 100⅝; Montreal Railway, 257½ and 256½; do., new, 254½ and 253; Halifax Railway, 128½ and 127½; Toronto Railway, 98 and 97¾; Cornwall Railway, 50 and 15; St. John Ry., xd, 137½ offered; Montreal Gas, 188¾ and 187½; Royal Electric, xd, 155 and 154½; Montreal Tel., 180 and 176½; Halifax H. & L., 34 and 33; Bell Telephone, 175 and 169½; Dominion Coal Com., 24 and 23½; do. pref., 111 and 110½; M. Cotton, 152 and 145; Dom. Cotton, 91½ and 89½; Banks: Montreal, 245 and 239½; Ontario, 110 and 100; Molsons, 200 offered; Toronto, 240 and 229; Jacques Cartier, 105 and 101; Merchants', 175 and 170; Merchants' (Halifax), 180 offered; Eastern Townships, 160 asked; Quebec, 124 offered; Union, 115 and 103; Commerce, 139 and 136; Ville Marie, 100 and 90; Imperial, 193 offered; Hochelaga, 160 and 156¾. Inter. Coal, 60 and 50; do., pref., 100 and 50; Northwest Land pref., 50 and 49; Land Grant bonds, 115 and 110; Cable, coup., 104 offered; do., reg. bonds, 104 offered; Richelieu bonds, 105 and 100; Halifax Railway bonds, 107 and 100; Dom. Cotton bonds, 105 offered; Dom. Coal bonds, not quoted; War Eagle, 200 and 198½.

Morning sales: C.P.R., 150 at 85⅝, 125 at 85¼; Montreal Ry., 75 at 257¼, 4 at 257¾, 50 at 257½, 50 at 257; Halifax Ry., 75 at 128½; Toronto Ry., 25 at 97⅞, 150 at 98; St. John Ry., 50 at 140; Royal Electric, 25 at 155⅛, 30 at 155, 50 at 155 xd; Telephone, 31, 5, 50 at 170; Dominion Coal, 50 at 24; do., pref., 25 at 109½, 50 at 110, 15, 75 at 110½; Merchants' Bank, 6 at 171; Commerce, 90 at 137½; War Eagle, 7500 at 200.

Afternoon sales: C.P.R., 350 at 85¼; Toronto Ry., 125 at 98; Montreal Gas, 2 at 186; Royal Electric, xd, 25, 20 at 155; Dom. Coal, pref., 25 at 110½, 25 at 110¾; Dom. Cotton, 1 at 90; Hochelaga, 40 at 157; War Eagle, 1000 at 199½.

London Markets Quiet.

New York, June 6.—The Evening Post's financial cable from London says:

The stock markets here were quiet to-day, speculative stocks being most favored. Americans opened good on the reports from Santiago. Dealings and general interest here in Americans are widening, but New York checked the upward movement this afternoon and prices closed dull. Grand Trunk was good.

Spanish fours and all foreign stocks were good on the improvement in Paris. The belief here grows that Spain will endeavor to get the powers to mediate.

Gold is in strong demand at 77s 10½d, India being the principal buyer.

There is an exceedingly small supply of bills offered for discount on the London money market, and for short periods money is freely offered at ½ to 1 per cent.

The Paris Bourse was buoyant and the Berlin market steady.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo, N.Y., June 6.—Cattle—Receipts rather light; fairly good demand for desirable fat butchers' stock and good grades of steer cattle at stronger prices, while common to fair grades and poor mixed stock were slow, but about steady; bulls in moderate supply and steady. Good fat heavy shipping steers, $4.75 to $4.85; coarse rough steers, $4 to $4.50; light steers, $4.50 to $4.60; choice fat heifers, $4.45 to $4.75; mixed butchers' stock, $4 to $4.40; good butchers' cows, $3.80 to $4.10; fair to good handy bulls, $3.60 to $4; heavy bulls, $3.90 to $4.

Hogs—Receipts heavy; light demand and very little done. Good to choice Yorkers, $4.25 to $4.30; light Yorkers, $4.15 to $4.20; mixed packers' grades, $4.20 to $4.35; medium weights, $4.40; heavy hogs, $4.40 to $4.45; roughs, $3.85 to $4; stags, $3 to $3.25; pigs, $3.50 to $4.10.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts light; market slow and lower for lambs, but steady for sheep. Native lambs, choice to extra, $5.10 to $5.25; fair to good, $4.75 to $5; culls, $4 to $4.65; sheep, choice to selected wethers, $4.60 to $4.70; mixed sheep, $4.25 to $4.50; common to fair, $3.50 to $4; culls, $3.25 to $3.50.

Cheese Markets.

Utica, N.Y., June 6.—At the Utica Board of Trade to-day the following sales of cheese were made: 1243 boxes large and small at 6⅝c; 4962 boxes large and small at 6½c; 170 boxes large colored at 6⅝c; 200 boxes large colored at 6⅞c; 73 packages creamery butter at 16c; 40 packages prints at 17½c to 18c. Cheese advanced ¼c over last week, and market strong.

At Little Falls, these sales were made: 600 boxes large colored at 6½c; 46 boxes large white at 6c; 88 boxes large white at 6¼c; 3316 boxes large and small at 6⅛c; 24 packages dairy butter at 14c to 16c, mostly at 15c.

A Small Pill, but Powerful.—They that judge of the powers of a pill by its size would consider Parmelee's Vegetable Pills to be lacking. It is a little wonder among pills. What it lacks in size it makes up in potency. The remedies which it carries are put up in these small doses, because they are so powerful that only small doses are required. The full strength of the extracts is secured in this form and do their work thoroughly.

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ENTICED INTO CANADA.

An Old Offender Cleverly Caught—One Hundred Million Dollars Being Dived for Off Skaguay.

Vancouver, B.C., June 6.—(Special.)—The police are to be congratulated over the capture of Hoyle, briefly mentioned in Saturday's despatches. Hoyle is suspected of being connected with the two men who first robbed and then set fire to the general store of Mr. Ashwell at Chilliwack, recently. His capture was surrounded with difficulties, but with the aid of United States police officers, the man was located at Whatcom, and before he knew where he was he was on Canadian soil, and in charge of Indian officers at Huntingdon. The United States officers brought Hoyle by train to Sumas City, and by design or accident the train was run just over the boundary line into Huntingdon before stopping it, and when the prisoner alighted he was at once nabbed by acting Police Officer Lister. The prisoner was furious at being thus tricked, and gave all parties concerned a terrible tongue lashing. Hoyle was arraigned in the District Court and remanded for eight days.

Diving For Treasure.

The steamer Tartar, which arrived Saturday morning from the north, besides bringing news from Skaguay of the murder of a dissolute woman, named Ella Wilson, reported from Victoria, also has a romantic story of a search for treasures at the bottom of the ocean. It seems that some people believe that the ill-fated steamer Clara Nevada, which was wrecked on a rock south of Skaguay, had $100,000 aboard, and when the Tartar passed the wreck on the voyage down diving outfits were noticed trying to recover the money. The Tartar also reports that the Seattle boat Joseph Matthews, which has not been heard of for two months, and so given up as lost, is lying at Juneau with a large party of people. The steamers of the Boston and Alaska Transportation Co. will in future call at this port. The first one, the steamer Brixham, 1300 tons, will leave Vancouver next Tuesday for St. Michael.

THE COMING SHIPPERS.

Monte Christo About to Join the List of Rossland Shippers.

From The Rossland Miner.

The fact that the Monte Christo is about to join the list of shippers of this camp makes an epoch in its history. It is no small event anywhere when a property of the importance of this begins its career as a shipper with many thousands of tons of shipping ore in sight. The mines here have bottoms to them, and when they once begin to ship there is no telling when the depth at which working must cease will be attained. The able and scientific manner in which the Monte Carlsto has been handled is an object lesson to those who desire to mine successfully in this camp. The company began its operations properly and conducted them on these lines to a successful issue. The best mining talent available was secured, and those invested with the developing work were given a free hand and full swing to conduct the task along lines that are followed wherever successful mining is carried on. The company was well supplied with funds, and there was no hesitancy manifested about spending them so long as actual valuable results were achieved. It is now next to the deepest mine, it is claimed by the management, in the Trail Creek division. It has a vertical depth of 600 feet. In a little over a year a greater depth has been gone down than in some of the other mines that have been operated twice that length of time.

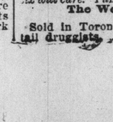
The objects sought by the company in its operations were to open the property in the very best manner possible, so that when shipping was begun it could be carried on to the very best advantage, in the most economical manner, and so that once the marketing of the ore began it could be kept up indefinitely. All of these ends have been accomplished. This was evinced by the fact that when Mr. Shaughnessy was in this city last fall it was stated by the management that 100 tons of ore could be shipped daily from the mine for an indefinite period.

It may be said that it is not every company that has the financial backing that the Monte Christo Consolidated had to spend so large a sum of money in putting a mining property in such excellent shape. Such results must be sooner attained by companies financially less strong than is the Monte Christo Consolidated. To such companies there are only two ways open. One is to endeavor to attain less thorough results with a smaller expenditure, and the other is to sell out to some combination that can carry on the work as it should be. To those who are in a similar position financially to follow the example of the Monte Christo, our advice is to do it, for it is far the cheapest in the long run.

With the Monte Christo, the Le Roi, the War Eagle, the Centre Star, the Iron Mask, the Velvet, the Poorman and other properties sending their products to the smelter, the output of the division this year will be something phenomenal.

Two Negroes Lynched.

St. Louis, Mo., June 6.—A special from Clarksville, Mo., says that two negroes have been lynched and two more are likely to be, for the murder of City Marshal Walter Melcan yesterday.



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18 only Men's Fine All-Wool Whipcord Overcoats, in medium fawn shade, made in the latest style, box back, short length, best of wool, Italian linings, silk stitched edge, all sizes, very stylish coat, regular $12. **For $7.50**

25 only Men's Unlined Odd Coats, in navy blue wool serge, patch pockets, all sizes, from 36 to 42, regular $2.50. **For $1.50**

18 only Men's Fine Imported Worsted Sacque Suits, in dark Oxford grey, lined with best farmer satin, superior trimming, silk stitched, sizes 36 to 40, regular $12.50. **For $8.50**

Men's Black Lustre Coats, good weight, fast color, plain and striped. **Special, $1.50**

Men's Fine Imported German Wool Tweed Summer Suits, coat, pants and vest in light, fawn coat unlined, a very cool suit, sizes 35 to 46, chest measures. **Regular $7.50. Special, $5.00**

Men's Grey Pin Check Summer Tweed Suits, coat and pants. **Special, $4.00**

Men's White Duck Vests, all sizes. **Special 75c.**

Men's Summer Vests, in silk and wool cashmere, cream and white, with fancy stripe, with collar, pearl detachable buttons. **Special, $1.50**

Men's Fine Dark Grey Hairlined Heavy Lustre Coats and Vests, all sizes, 34 to 46 chest measure. **Special, $3.50**

Men's All-Wool Tweed Bicycle Suits, in 5 different patterns, brown, greys and fawn, in checks and mixture, double seated pants, regular $4.50. **Special, $3.50**

Men's Bicycle Pants, in a variety of patterns, in all-wool tweed, double seated, straps for belt, regular $2.50 and $2.75. **Special, $2.00**

Men's Linen Bicycle Suits, coat and pants, light fawn with black hair line stripe, double seated pants. **Special, $2.50**

Men's White Duck Pants, all sizes, 30 to 42 waist measure with strap for belt, regular $1.40. **Special, $1.00**

Boys' Clothing.

Boys' Fine All-Wool Worsted Serge Hard Finish Sailor Suits, blouse and pants, in dark navy blue, warranted pure Indigo dye, collar trimmed with navy blue braid, lanyard and whistle, for boys from 4 to 9 years. **Special, $2.00**

Boys' All-Wool Imported Serge Sailor Suits, in navy blue, collar trimmed with navy blue and gilt braid, lanyard and whistle. **Very Special, $1.25**

Boys' Galatea Washing Suits, in blue and white stripe, fast colors, sizes from 22 to 27. **Special, 65c.**

Boys' All Wool Scotch and Canadian two-piece Suits, sizes 22 to 28, in a variety of patterns, in greys, brown and fawns. **Special, at $2.50**

Boys' Odd Blouses, in stripe galatea, fast colors, sizes for boys from 4 to 10 years. **Special, 45c.**

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Gents' Fancy Mixed All-Wool Bicycle Hose, with fancy roll top, spliced heel and toe, all the latest patterns. **Special, 50c.**

Gents' Extra Fine Light Weight Natural Merino shirts and drawers, extra fine finish, all sizes. **At 75c. each, or $1.50 per Suit**

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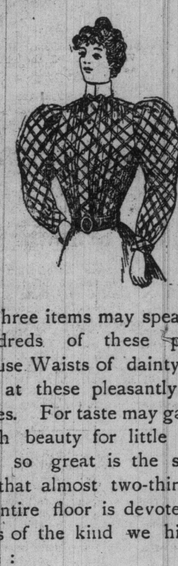
Gents' Fine Fancy Outing Shirts, in the latest shades, with collar and pockets attached, silk stripes. **Special at 75c.**

Ladies' Blouse Waists.



Three items may speak for hundreds of these pretty Blouse Waists of dainty fabrics at these pleasantly easy prices. For taste may gather much beauty for little cost, and so great is the showing that almost two-thirds of an entire floor is devoted to sorts of the kind we hint of here:

Ladies' Blouse Waists, in choice designs, fine Scotch ginghams, perfectly fast colors, white detached collars, self attached cuffs, these goods easily worth $2. **Special, $1.50**

Ladies' Blouse Waists in Muslin, pretty, dainty designs, made on yoke with frill and tucks. **Very special, $1.25**

American Percale Blouse Waists in plaids and stripes, newest colors, made on yoke, self detached collars, self attached cuffs, regular 75c. **Special, 50c.**

Hat Specials.

Men's Summer Weight Bicycle Caps, 8-4 crown, full front style, in fancy tweeds or navy blue serge, ventilated with fancy net braid. **Special, 35c.**

Men's Linen Hats, latest American designs, in check or plain crash; also plain crash with dark under rim. **Special, 50c. and 75c.**

Men's Pearl Soft Hats, extra light and fine quality English fur felt, best silk bindings and Russian calf leather sweats, very latest summer styles. **Special, $2.00**

Children's Straw Sailor Hats, in fine plain white or navy blue, also fancy mixed braids, good quality satin ribbons. **Regular 75c., for 50c.**

Men's Straw Hats, in French palm braids, a very light weight and easy fitting hat, finished with solid leather sweat and 2 inch black silk bands, in 3 qualities **At special price of $1.25, $1.00 and 75c.**

Men's Linen Hats, in medium wide flat set brims and 4 inch tapering crown, finished with sweatbands, perforated linings. **Very Special, 35c.**

Men's Caps, in linen, duck or crash, well made and very light weight, in 8-4 or yacht shape. **Special, 35c.**

Men's Extra Fine English Fur Felt Soft Hats, light summer weight in beaver, fawn, cuba or hazel colors, best silk bindings and calf leather sweatbands, large, medium or small shapes, unlined, plain or fancy silk bands. **Special, $2.00**

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CHURCH CHRONICLES.

The following Baptist Associations will meet during the next 10 days: St. Catharines, Dutton, Aurora, Coaticook, Que., Berlin, Boston, Brantford, Rodney, Algonquin, Vernon, Paisley, Haldimand, Burk's Falls, Stouffville and Kenilworth.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald of The Westminster preached anniversary sermons in Orillia on Sunday.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Sweatman is ill, and his confirmation services are being undertaken by Bishop Sullivan, who has recently discharged similar duties for Bishop Du-Moulin of Niagara.

A meeting of the Toronto Methodist Baseball Union will be held in Avenue-road Church parlors to-night at 8 o'clock.

A successful service was held in West Association Hall last Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Jesse Gibson delivered a stirring address. The choir of Bonar Presbyterian Church rendered an excellent program of sacred music, including solos by Misses M. Carruthers, M. Backus and Mr. J. F. Tilley, and a duet, Gounod's "Forever With the Lord," by Miss B. McArthur and Mr. A. H. Greene.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.

In the recent law examinations Mr. L. F. Stephens was awarded the gold medal, and Messrs. W. J. O'Neil and M. W. Griffin won the silver and bronze medals respectively.

A frame tower over 60 feet high, from which an exhibition of high diving was to have been given at the opening of the Ferry Company's season at Hanlan's was blown down yesterday.

Warden High presided at a meeting of the York County Commissioners yesterday afternoon at the council house. The members of the Council are looking forward to a good time on their annual outing at the Falls to-morrow.

The grocers' section of the Board of Trade met yesterday afternoon in the council chamber. No business of special import was brought up. It was decided that a dinner should be held, and a committee was appointed to make all arrangements.

In the County Court yesterday Judge Morgan heard the suit of J. T. Jackson and F. J. Travis against James A. Mills for $587, being the amount of one-third interest in a patent owned by Jackson. His Honor gave an order sending the case to the High Court for adjudication.

Pupils Recital.

In the Conservatory Music Hall last evening a piano recital was given by the pupils of Mr. V. P. Heint and Mr. Donald Herald, with the assistance of the vocal department. The several numbers on the program were rendered with much skill by the pupils and they reflected much credit on their teachers. The following took part: Misses Rhoda Kennedy, Hilda Scaife, May Stevens, Alma Frankish, Maryonie Fitz-Gibbon, Theresa Wegener, Edith White, Leah Walker, Marie Wheeler, Jessie Bustin, Jessie Hamilton, Ray Wilson, Daisy Reading and Mr. James Walker.

Their Usual Dividend.

New York, June 6.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Cable Company, held here to-day, the regular quarterly dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. was declared, payable July 1. Transfer books close June 20, and reopen July 2.

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