

LITTLE HOPE FOR MISS CROSBY. Her Father Gives Public Utterance and Charges Murder.

Suffolk, Va., Dec. 11.—Edward J. Kelley, who some time ago visited the Crosby home in Elizabeth City, and afterward alleged that he had information proving that a girl in whose company he was in Norfolk November 22 was Nell Crosby and that she left by a steamer for a Northern city, today went to Justice Crosby's home again. He intimated to the family that he knew where Miss Crosby was. His presence there, in view of the reports that have gone out reflecting on Nell's character, was not agreeable. After some warm words Justice Crosby, among other things said Kelley was a fake. Kelley denied some of the reports which had been credited to him. A personal encounter was imminent when the police interfered. The citizens' committee this evening refused to disclose the clue on which they base their reliance that the mystery will soon be solved.

Justice W. P. Crosby, father of Nellie Crosby, tonight issued the following signed statement: "To the Citizens of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County, N. C.: "I take this method and opportunity of thanking the good people of this city, county and State for the many acts of kindness toward me and my family during the recent sorrow that has befallen us. I assure you that we shall ever cherish these memories and shall never forget to remember your kind words and tender sympathies.

"The police officials and citizens' committee have done all that human agency could do to restore my daughter, but without success. I never expect to see her this side of the great eternities. I shall always believe that James Wilcox was instrumental in my daughter's disappearance and if she is dead I believe that his hand or the hand of his hireling is responsible for her death. Sometime when this life shall cease we shall stand before the presence of the Great Judge and at that time I believe that we shall learn how and when he murdered my daughter and the justice that he may expect here will be dealt to him there. (Signed) "W. H. CROSBY, "Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 11."

A Piece of Garment Has Been Dragged Up from the River that it is feared is a part of Miss Crosby's attire.

In Strife for Coal Cars. A Knoxville, Tenn., dispatch of the 11th says: "The coal car shortage, together with a notice from the Southern Railway that it will confiscate coal for its use, threatens grave danger to industries of four States which depend on Coal Creek and Jellico for their supplies. So serious is the coal shortage becoming that textile industries in Tennessee, Georgia and North and South Carolina may be compelled to shut down. Coal operators of this section are said to be losing thousands of dollars through their inability to get cars to move their output.

A Daily Task. To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier by that shall be necessary and not to be inebriated, to keep a few friends, but those without capitulation; above all, on the same given conditions, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box. 25 cents.

Short \$40,000 and Leaves. Wilson, Dec. 11.—E. L. Powell, manager of the brokerage business of Murphy & Company, of New York, has disappeared from Wilson \$40,000 short in his accounts. He left a note saying he would commit suicide and mailed it in Rocky Mount. It is supposed he is in New York. Wilson claims to have lost the amount on Union Pacific and cotton deals.—Special to The Observer.

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NORTH CAROLINA MILLER'S ASSOCIATION. Organized at Greensboro on the 11th—Mr. G. T. Crowell, Vice-President.

The North Carolina Miller's Association was organized in Greensboro on the 11th, with Mr. R. E. Noce, of Statesville, as president and our veteran miller, Mr. G. T. Crowell, vice-president. C. F. Gaither, of Salisbury, secretary and John B. Johnson, of Mocksville, treasurer.

BLOODY TRAGEDY IN HOUSTON. Tough Kills Two Officers and is Killed by One of Them—His Counsel Jailed.

Houston, Texas, had a most tragic scene on the 11th. Sid Preacher, a bunco steerer, went to the police station with a shotgun on his shoulder to quarrel with the police about interfering with him. Officers J. C. James and Herman Youngst attempted to arrest him when he opened fire and mortally wounded James. He then fired on Youngst and downing him was upon him beating him when Youngst succeeded in drawing his pistol and giving Preacher three shots. They both died within a few minutes. A warrant was sworn out against J. B. Brockman, Preacher's attorney, charging him with advising Preacher to use his shotgun. Brockman is in jail on charge of inciting to murder.

Ten Rules of Politeness For Boys.

- 1. To be polite is to have a kind regard for the feelings and rights of others. 2. Be as polite to your parents, brothers, sisters and schoolmates as you are to strangers. 3. Look people fairly in the eyes when you speak to them or they speak to you. 4. Do not blantly contradict anyone. 5. It is not discourteous to refuse to do wrong. 6. Whispering, laughing, chewing gum or eating at lectures, in school or at places of amusement, is rude and vulgar. 7. Be doubly careful to avoid any rudeness to strangers, such as calling out to them, laughing or making remarks about them. Do not stare at visitors. 8. In passing a pen, pencil, knife or pointer, hand the blunt end toward the one who receives it. 9. When a classmate is reciting, do not raise your hand until after he has finished. 10. When you pass directly in front of anyone or accidentally annoy him, say: "Excuse me," and never fail to say "Thank you" for the smallest favor. On account say "Thanks."—Sacred Heart Review.

Heptasophs Receive Check. The Heptasophs have received a check for \$1,000 in full payment of the policy carried by the late Capt. J. F. Pace. The check is payable to Capt. Pace's widow.—Salisbury Sun.

Meet Vexations Calmly. When things go wrong with you in the home, when you feel ready to sit down and "have a good cry," because, perhaps, the temperature of the oven has been too great, and your loaves, that should have come out brown and crisp and toothsome, look like burnt cinders, resist the temptation to give way to your feelings. The enemy has come in on you like a flood, it is true; but are you, in the strength of your womanhood, and the consciousness of your power over circumstances, going to lose your self-control, to allow an accident that will have completely passed from your mind tomorrow to make you miserable and unhappy today, even for an hour? It is by calmly meeting these small vexations that we are strengthened to overcome in the more serious battles of life.—Exchange.

Incentive to School Attendance. The constitutional amendment providing a great incentive to attendance in the public schools. With better arranged districts, better houses and better teachers there will be no trouble about the attendance. A compulsory attendance law would be the greatest blunder that could possibly be made in regard to removing illiteracy from the State. It would be as dismal a failure as the silver issue, the Senatorial primary and the other new things introduced as cures of all ills. It would introduce an inquisitorial system that would ruin the schools and warrant open rebellion. The Democratic party cannot swallow many more Jonahs.—Newton Enterprise.

THE U. S. GOVERNMENT TESTS SHOW THE ABSOLUTE SUPERIORITY OF ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

AMOS OWEN CHERRY TREE FRAUD. Warning by State Entomologist Sherman—Poor Women and Girls the Victims.

The Raleigh correspondent to the Charlotte Observer of the 12th gives the findings of State Entomologist Franklin Sherman, Jr., on the Amos Owens cherry tree enterprise. It has been suspected that there is something fraudulent about the business and Mr. Sherman went on the grounds and investigated till he is thoroughly convinced that it is a fraud notwithstanding some agents have received their pay. It is known that many have not.

We clip the following from his report to Commissioner S. L. Patterson of the commission controlling crop pests.

"The main evidences of fraud brought out by the investigation are as follows: 1. Non-payment of agents. 2. The inferior quality and grading of trees. 3. The false statements of employees regarding the source of trees. 4. The false claims made by the company in its circulars. 5. The frequency with which the ownership of the concern has changed hands. 6. The direct fraudulent dealings of the company in purchasing trees from distant sources (Mitchell county), and having such trees shipped under the label 'Amos Owen Cherry Trees.'"

RECOMMENDATIONS. After carefully weighing the facts, I am moved to make the following recommendations:

- 1. The absolute withdrawal of the certificate now in use by the company. 2. The notification of the Postmaster General at Washington that the company has been found fraudulent with request that a fraud order be issued for the following postoffices: Forest City, Ellerbe, Caroleen, Henrietta and Rutherfordton. 3. The notification of station agents at the following points that the company cannot legally ship stock: Caroleen, Henrietta, Forest City, Bostic, Rutherfordton, Mooresboro, Lattimore and Shelby. 4. The publication of a condensed account of the findings in every daily and weekly paper in North Carolina, and in the leading papers of Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Norfolk and Richmond, with request that the item be published for four consecutive issues, if same can be done without charge. 5. The publication of an account of this affair as soon as possible in the bulletin of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. 6. The submission to the Governor of the facts in the case, in order that he may act according to his best judgment. 7. The posting of notice of the fraud in the postoffices of Forest City, Ellerbe, Caroleen, Henrietta and Rutherfordton.

CONCLUSION. It is my opinion that no effort should be spared to make the fraud known to every person. The fraud has been practiced almost exclusively upon women and girls, mostly of the poorer classes. It seems to me that the parties should receive all the odium accumulating from their fraudulent acts. As it is likely that those who have had this company in charge will be sued, it is my opinion that the crop pest commission should do all that it can to aid the aggrieved parties in bringing the defrauders to justice. Very respectfully submitted, FRANKLIN SHERMAN, JR., Entomologist, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11, 1901.

Smallpox in Nine Counties. Dr. R. H. Battle, Secretary of State Board of Health, through the health bulletin reports smallpox in the following counties: with the number of cases in each county given: "Cabarrus, 24 cases; Duplin, 3; Greene, 1; Guilford, 1; Henderson, 7; Mecklenburg, 11; Rockingham, 19; Stokes, 1; Wayne, 15." Vaccination should continue. It is doubtful if this noxious disease will disappear from the State in ten years to come. The black tramps will scatter it.—Salisbury Sun.

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SCHLEY COURT FINDINGS.

Make Report to Secretary Long—Twelve Counts Against the Admiral—Praised for His Bravery at Santiago Battle—Admiral Dewey Exonerates Him from Blame.

The Schley court of inquiry has made its report. It finds twelve counts against the Admiral as to movements etc., but gives him due credit for valor at the great battle. The whole report is lengthy and appreciable, chiefly to the naval men.

The opinions are given below which show clearly that Admiral Dewey was in the minority. He would gladly have acquitted the Admiral of all the charges. Admirals Benton and Ramsey adjudged him guilty on the twelve counts.

The following are the opinions of the court as a majority and Admiral Dewey's opinion as an individual, though, signed officially as the other.

"OPINION.

"Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch of Cienfuegos and should have maintained a close blockade of that port. "He should have endeavored on May 23, at Cienfuegos, to obtain information, regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the insurgents at the place designated in the memorandum delivered to him at 8:15 a. m. of that date.

"He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba with all dispatch, and should have disposed of his vessels with a view of intercepting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

"He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle. "He should not have made the retrograde turn westward with his squadron.

"He should have promptly obeyed the Navy Department's order of May 25.

"He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at anchor near the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29 and 30. "He did not do his utmost with the force under his command, to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 31.

"By commencing the engagement on July 3 with the port battery, and turning the Brooklyn around with port helm, Commodore Schley caused her to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels, especially with the Viscaya and Colon.

"The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made to avoid getting into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made toward the Texas and caused that vessel to stop and to back her engines to avoid possible collision.

"Admiral Schley did injustice to Lieutenant Commander A. C. Hodgson in publishing only a portion of the correspondence which passed between them.

"Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by a vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

"His official reports regarding the coal supply and the coaling facilities of the flying squadron were inaccurate and misleading. "His conduct during the battle of July 3 was self-possessed and he encouraged, in his own person, his subordinate officers and men to fight courageously.

GEORGE DEWEY. "Admiral U. S. N., President. "SAM C. LEMLY, "Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate.

"In the opinion of the undersigned the passage from Key

West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ship's bunkers.

"The blockade of Cienfuegos was effective.

"Commodore Schley in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out.

"The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about 22 miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible while keeping the squadron a unit.

"The blockade of Santiago was effective.

"Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3rd, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

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"Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate."

"RECOMMENDATIONS.

"In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign, the court recommends no further proceedings be had in the premises.

"GEORGE DEWEY,

"Admiral U. S. N., President.

"SAM C. LEMLY,

"Judge Advocate General U. S. N., Judge Advocate."

Alkalest Enlarged—Successful Southern Magazine.

The Christmas Alkalest, published in Atlanta, Ga., comes this month in an enlarged form, standard magazine size, printed on heavy, supercalendered paper, and teeming with good stories and beautiful illustrations. The leading article of the current issue is a story by Wu Ting Fang, minister from China to the United States, "The South's Trade with China." There is a Christmas poem by Frank L. Stanton, a Christmas story by John H. Gutterston, "The Water-powers of Georgia," by State Geologist Yeates, is practical and illustrated with fine cuts of water falls. A sketch is given of Thomas E. Watson, who has of late become famous for writing the best history of France. The editorials, book reviews and other departments are up to the high standard established in other issues of this popular magazine. The Alkalest is the only magazine published in the South, and we are gratified to see the success it has already achieved.

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"The name on an umbrella handle doesn't necessarily belong to the man who has the umbrella."

How to Cure Croup. Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amelia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine child's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by M. L. Marsh, druggist.

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Pastor Receives a Pounding. A very pleasant surprise was thrust upon the Rev. C. Preston this (Saturday) morning in form of a pounding by his devoted congregation of Cannonville Presbyterian church. The pastor and his winning wife were made glad with manifestations of love in the form of about everything that is wanted to contribute to domestic supplies. It was a delightful occasion and all are bound in new ties of the endearing relations of pastor and people.

Another Church for Concord. The Rev. D. A. Braswell, late of Skippersville, has paid The Standard a pleasant visit and informs us that the Methodist Protestant church has purchased a lot on Buffalo street beyond the oil mill and they hope, within the present synodical year to build a good, handsome church on it. There are a goodly number of members of that faith within the bounds and the church is needed. We hope to see a church there in the near future.

Month After Month. A cold clings to you. The cough seems to tear holes in the delicate tissues of the throat and lungs. You lose weight and you wonder if you are threatened with a disease you scarcely dare to name. Are you aware that even a stubborn and long-neglected cold is cured with Allen's Lung Balm? Do not spend more of your life in coughing and worrying.

A lucky fellow is going to inherit \$8,000,000 from the late Mr. Armour by marrying his widow.—Vienna News.

Food Changed to Poison. Putrefying food in the intestine produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills effect the removal of the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily but surely curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25 cents at Fetzler's Drug Store.

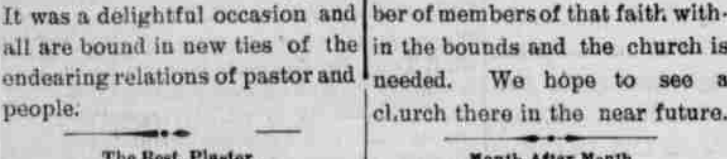
Gen. Toon Better. It is gratifying to know that State Superintendent of Public Instruction Toon, has improved so much that he is now confidently expected to recover.

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