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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1901.

**THAT SCHLEY AFFAIR.**

The report of the Schley Court of Inquiry which was made public last Friday evening, was a great disappointment to the entire American people save the Naval clique that has been doing all in its power to down Admiral Schley ever since his great naval victory at Santiago made him one of America's greatest heroes.

The majority report of the court, though signed by Admiral Dewey, is the opinion of Admirals Ramsay and Benham, two retired naval officers who perhaps never saw a naval battle in all their lives. Admiral Dewey filed a separate opinion, stating that Admiral Schley was in absolute command at Santiago and should have the credit for that great and glorious victory. The people of America will accept Admiral Dewey's opinion and continue to accord to Schley the meed of praise so richly deserved.

The majority opinion of the court is being severely criticized throughout the country and Admirals Ramsay and Benham are charged with having ulterior motives in rendering their decisions—each has a son in the navy.

Mr. Isador Raynor, Admiral Schley's able counsel, has filed a bill of exceptions to the court's findings and asks Secretary Long not to approve the majority opinion. He claims that the findings are not at all in accord with the evidence brought out at the investigation. It is a strong plea for the setting aside of the verdict of the court. Whether Secretary Long will accede to Mr. Raynor's request cannot be surmised.

Admiral Sampson has asked permission to file exceptions to Admiral Dewey's opinion. But it is useless for Sampson to continue to claim credit for the great victory at Santiago. The American people are honest and just in their decisions and all the naval inquiries in the world will never convince patriotic America that Sampson is the hero of Santiago. Schley is that hero and his name will remain in song and story when his traducers have long since been forgotten.

**Schley Thanks the Public.**

Monday Admiral Schley gave the following letter to the Associated Press in response to the numerous letters and telegrams he has recently received:

"I beg to express through the medium of the Associated Press my gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the kind words and evidences of interest in my welfare which I have received from all parts of the United States. The magnitude of the correspondence renders it impossible for me to personally acknowledge the same, and I therefore take this means of expressing my appreciation to one and all.

Very truly yours,  
WINFIELD SCOTT SCHLEY,  
Rear Admiral, U. S. N.

Congressman Small of the First District of North Carolina introduced a bill in the House Wednesday authorizing the appointment of a Board of Engineers to consider the subject of an inland waterway from Norfolk in Virginia to Beaufort inlet in North Carolina.

**AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON.**

**SENATE RATIFIES HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY.**

**Senator Simmons and Congressman Pou Introduce Bills of Interest to Our People.**

Tuesday Senator Simmons introduced a bill in the Senate for an appropriation of \$25,000 to build a macadamized road from Raleigh to the National Cemetery near that city. Congressman Pou introduced a similar bill in the House on the same day.

Senator Simmons has been assigned to the following committees: Post-office and Post Roads, Agriculture, Public Buildings and Grounds, Forest Reservations, Coast Defenses, Relations with Cuba, and to Examine Branches of the Civil Service. Several of these are important committee assignments and Senator Simmons is well pleased. No new member of the Senate fared better.

Mr. Pou has introduced a bill for the relief of Samuel B. Thain; also for the relief of the estate of the late James Lee, both of this county. These bills provide for the payment for property taken by the United States forces during the civil war.

Last week Congressman Pou and Senator Simmons called on President Roosevelt. In the course of their conversation the President said to them: "Gentlemen, four-fifths of the matters with which I have to deal are non-political and I wish you both to feel perfectly free to call on me at any time and express your views as to matters affecting your State. I am a Republican, but I invite information as to the fitness of applicants for appointment." Mr. Pou told Mr. Roosevelt that none of us in our section would permit any partisan difference to prevent them from co-operating with him in his efforts to promote the prosperity of the whole country.

Charles Emory Smith, Postmaster General in President Roosevelt's cabinet, has offered his resignation to take place January 15. The President has accepted the resignation and appointed Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, to succeed him.

The Senate on Monday confirmed the nomination of Philander C. Knox to be Attorney General in the President's cabinet.

The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty was ratified by the Senate Monday by a vote of 76 to 6. Senators Bacon, Blackburn, Culbertson, Mallory, Teller and Tillman voting against it. This treaty does away with the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty of 1851.

Erank I. Osborne, of North Carolina, was confirmed by the Senate Wednesday, as Associate Justice of the Court of Private Land claims.

Senator Simmons introduced a bill Wednesday, appropriating \$50,000 for the celebration on Roanoke Island next Summer of the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony in 1584.

The Philippine Tariff bill passed the House Wednesday by a vote of 163 to 128.

**General Miles Agrees With Dewey.**

General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States Army, in speaking of the findings of the Schley Court of Inquiry, says: "Admiral Dewey knew exactly what he was about in deciding as he did. He understood fully the perplexities, the responsibilities, the strain of Admiral Schley's position during that campaign and battle. Knowing all this, appreciating all this, he gives us his word that he finds Schley without sign or shadow of cause for the stain of reproach as to any particular charge, and that he is entitled to all the honor due the commanding officer in such a great and glorious victory. Admiral Dewey's opinion and belief are, I believe, those of ninety-nine out of every hundred Americans.

"As to that loop, whoever is responsible for it was clearly trying to do the right thing in the flash of a moment, not after hours, days, or months of study and analysis of a similar situation. No one on the Brooklyn knew what the next change in the enemy's course would be, whether north, south, east or west.

"I have no sympathy with the efforts which have been made to destroy the honor of an officer under such circumstances."

Dr. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., has been called to the pastorate of Tremont Temple at Boston.

**"The Lord Loveth a Shining Mark."**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gulley was made sad Sunday morning when the Angel of Death came to claim their beloved daughter Lillian Jeffreys.

Her health had not been good for some time, yet her death was a shock to the whole community as she was confined to her room only a few days. We cannot understand why one so young should be taken, but God knew best and called her home, she was only about 21 years old.

This young woman possessed every redeeming trait of character. She was a true and faithful daughter and a devoted sister and showed in every way that she was a Christian, having been a member of Clayton Baptist church since she was a little girl.

Her funeral was preached by Rev. S. A. Cotton of Clayton. He spoke many impressive and comforting words to the loved ones. Her remains were laid to rest in the Gulley graveyard to await the Resurrection morn.

She leaves fond parents, three sisters, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Weep not fond parents, your loss is her eternal gain.

A FRIEND.

**Death of Mrs. Nellie O'Neal.**

On November 30th, 1901, that grim monster, Death, entered another home, this time in Oneals township, and took from it Mrs. Nellie O'Neal. Her death was indeed a shock, for she was apparently as well as usual and was in the kitchen attending to her domestic duties, when some one happened into the kitchen and—THERE SHE LAY DEAD; with the dish cloth in her hand! As she had already had two strokes of paralysis the doctors attributed her death to the third stroke.

Oh! what pure, devout Christian lives we all ought to live, and ever keep in our minds the command: "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh!"

Mrs. O'Neal, widow of the late Wm. H. O'Neal, while not a member of any church, had made an open profession of her faith in Jesus, since which she has lived a devout Christian life. She only had one son and eight step children, all of whom are now living and with whom we deeply sympathize.

The burial services were conducted by Mr. Robert Houcutt on Sunday, December 1st, and she was quietly laid to rest near the old home at her request.

'Tis sad to part with those we love,  
Who to our hearts are dear,  
But may we meet in Heaven above  
With naught to dread or fear.

A FRIEND.

**Attention Subscribers.**

The year is nearly gone and we want to straighten up our books so as to get things in shape for the new year. Please bring or send us what you owe on THE HERALD at once.

Richard Croker is reported to have said Admiral Schley would make a strong Presidential candidate for 1904.

**BAD BLOOD,  
BAD COMPLEXION.**

The skin is the seat of an almost endless variety of diseases. They are known by various names, but are all due to the same cause, acid and other poisons in the blood that irritate and interfere with the proper action of the skin.

To have a smooth, soft skin, free from all eruptions, the blood must be kept pure and healthy. The many preparations of arsenic and potash and the large number of face powders and lotions generally used in this class of diseases cover up for a short time, but cannot remove permanently the ugly blotches and the red, disfiguring pimples.

**SSS** purifies and invigorates the old and makes new, rich blood that nourishes the body and keeps the skin active and healthy and in proper condition to perform its part towards carrying off the impurities from the body.



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We Have them in Variety,

from five cents to ten dollars each. We always appreciate your trade.

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**CHRISTMAS**

**GOODS**

**AND TOYS**

—AT—

**Spiers Bros.,**

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

**CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE.**

Money is scarce and times are hard, so buy useful articles for your presents and not trash.

- Husband, buy your wife a nice dress.
- Father, buy your daughter a stylish jacket.
- Father, buy your son a pair of Geo. G. Snow's fine shoes.
- Wife, buy your husband a nice shirt.
- Mother, buy your daughter a pair of Drew Selby's fine shoes.
- Mother, buy your son an up-to-date hat.
- Son, buy your father a \$5 buggy robe for \$4.
- Son, buy your mother a pair of all-wool blankets.
- Brother, buy your sister a pair of our nice kid gloves.
- Daughter, buy your father an umbrella.
- Daughter, buy your mother a stylish bonnet.
- Sister, buy your brother one of our new reversible four-hand ties.

**SPECIAL SALE ON LACE CURTAINS, SUSPENDERS, BELTS, GLOVES, MISSES AND CHILDREN'S HOODS, FASCINATORS, TABLE COVERS, BUREAU AND WASHSTAND SCARFS, TABLE LINEN, MEN'S FANCY SHIRTS, LADIES' SKIRTS, Etc.**

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**W. L. WOODALL.**

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JUNE 1, 1902

On account of the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Charleston, S. C., and return at greatly reduced rates from all stations. Fares from principal points as shown below, and comparatively low rates from all other stations:

STATION.	Season Ticket Limited to June 3, 1902.	T. n. Day Ticket.	Seven Days and Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Chapel Hill	\$13.50	\$9.90	\$7.00
Durham	13.50	9.90	7.00
Greensboro	13.15	9.65	7.00
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**E. P. Baker,**  
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have consigned to me one car load one and two horse wagons which I will sell cheap for cash or on time. Come to see me before buying

Respectfully,  
**W. L. FULLER,**  
SMITHFIELD, N. C.

**NOTICE!**

By virtue of authority contained in a certain mortgage deed executed to Harriet Woodall by Henry Wheeler and wife, W. E. Wheeler, on the 31st day of January, 1883, a shall, on Monday, the 24th day of March, 1902, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the residence of said W. E. Wheeler in Banner township, Johnston county, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands, to-wit: Adjoins the lands of J. E. Ivey, Joseph Cresch, Rom Eason and others, in Banner township, Johnston county, N. C., and described in said mortgage as follows: "Lying and being in the said county of Johnston and known and designated as follows, viz: adjoining the lands of Isaac Wheeler, J. W. Ryal, and Vison Ivey and others, said lands located on the north side Steep Hill branch, containing forty-eight acres and three-quarters, more or less," to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said mortgage.

This 18th day of December, 1901.  
W. E. WOODALL,  
Adm'r estate of Harriet Woodall, dec'd.

**NOTICE!**

By virtue of authority contained in a mortgage deed executed by Lovitt Atkinson and wife Ida to R. D. Phillips on the 12th day of August, 1886 and recorded in Book 7, No. 6 page 696 registry of Johnston county, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Smithfield, N. C., on Monday, the 24th day of January, 1902, the following tract of land to satisfy said mortgage: The said land is situate in Boon Hill township, Johnston county and bounded as follows: Beginning at D. E. McKinnis's corner in William Richardson's line and runs N 21.35 E 26 chains to a stake, Richardson's corner; thence N 83.12 E 18 1/2 chains to a stake; thence with C. W. Atkinson's line to the beginning containing 26 acres, less seven acres deeded to Calvin W. Atkinson, the meets and ad bounds of which his deed shows.  
K. D. PHILLIPS, Mortgagee,  
to the use of R. C. Peeler.