

## Watauga Demo-rat.

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### An Editor's Prayer.

Almighty and kind father who from the throne lookest down on the government of men and delinquent subscribers, most humbly do we beseech thee to draw near unto them and whisper a few things into their ears that the statutes forbid us to publish. Thou knowest our many wants, but the subscribers knoweth them not and seldom step in to enquire. Let it be known to them that there are large patches on the homestead of our pants, and there is an aching void in the front of our backs and that we hunger and thirst and he asketh us not to sup with him. Thou knowest, Lord, that our print, paper and ink cost money, but the subscriber knoweth it not, and careth a darned sight less. Thou knowest that we are cold and that the subscriber bringeth not the wood he promised, and we are shivering and shaking while he roasteth his shins before the red hot stove of his mother-in-law. Tell him all these things, Lord; and if he then bringeth us succor banish him to the lower regions to dwell among the calamity howlers and thine shall be the praise through our newspaper career. Amen.—Ex.

It is stated that there are not less than 1400 islands in the Philippine group. With proper management each one of these little islands could be made the domain of a government bureau officer, to be charged with the duty of looking after the physical and moral welfare of the natives. The Dutch in Sumatra and in other East Indian colonies have had much success in dealing with the aborigines; but it need hardly be suggested that the late Freedmen's Bureau would afford a basis of operations in the Philippines upon which there could be little improvement.

News and Observer: The Democrats of the Ninth district have acted wisely in nominating Hon. William Tecumseh Crawford for Congress in the Ninth district. He has served two terms in Congress with conspicuous ability. He is an able campaigner; has the confidence of every man, woman and child in the district; is a man of clean and upright life; and is in every respect a fit man to lead the Democratic forces to victory.

Keep your eyes on Mr. Crawford!

Can we ever be too thankful to Grover Cleveland and John G. Carlisle for filling up the Federal Treasury before they quitted office? Dingley has failed us. His revenue measure does not bring in additional cash. The war expenditures are cutting down the available cash on hand. There is only about one hundred millions of the Cleveland surplus left. Meantime the Senate debates and dawdles and debate whilst the war goes on and the bills payable accumulate. Philadelphia Record.

The unanimous re-nomination of Hon. George H. Brown as judge of the First district is a proper tribute to one of the ablest judges in the State. He has been on the bench since 1889, a period of nearly ten years, and has held court in every county in the State. Wherever he has gone, he has by his ability and fairness shown his fitness for the high position. His district and State honor themselves in honoring Judge Brown.—News and Observer.

If Horace Greely, thirty years ago had published in one issue of his paper half the "scare heads" and alleged facts concerning the Maine explosion (supposing it to have occurred then) that the 'yellow journals' are daily publishing now, the whole country would have been aroused to arms, and the war with Spain would not only have been inevitable, but a necessity, to "preserve the peace." To the credit of the American people, be it said, they knew a truth telling press then and followed it, as they know a lying press now and ignore it.—San Francisco Star.

The problem which Sampson and Schley have been trying to solve is how to catch a swiftly moving fleet with slower moving fleets. The problem is complicated on the one side by the necessity of maintaining the Cuban blockade, and on the other by the necessity of getting coal to keep the propellers of the Spanish cruisers moving. Probably in the long run the question of coal supply will be the determining factor. When the Spaniards can no longer run away they must fight or surrender.

Grandeur Age: The people will not know what real freedom is until they elect every officer by a direct vote, until by ballot they accept or reject the laws offered them to live under, until by imperative mandate they can discharge any unsatisfactory official. At the present day the United States has no such thing as "a government of, for and by the people." A party that is not unmistakably in favor of the initiative referendum and imperative mandate is a party not worth voting for.

The graphic story of Admiral Dewey's defiance of a menace of force from the German Consul at Manila, as narrated in recent cablegrams, furnishes a key to the character of the man. Bluff, whether personal or international, could have no effect whatever upon the commander of the American squadron at Manila. Not all the war ships of the German navy could have convoyed a merchant vessel through Dewey's blockading fleet without first sinking every craft under his command.

The Winston correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says: Consul Robert Jenkins, of Patras, Greece, writes to his parents in Salem that many of the Greeks in his consular district want to come to America as volunteers. Consul Jenkins says: "These stalwart, sun burnt fellows from the mountains, dressed in their native picturesque costumes, come to my office frequently and want to be sent across at once, C. O. D."

Richmond, Va., May 24.—Specials to the Dispatch from South Boston, Danville, Va., Reidsville and Greensboro, N. C., and other points on the Southern railway tell the story of an ovation to General Lee on his journey to Tampa. Crowds thronged the depots flags and flowers were greatly in evidence and the greatest enthusiasm was manifested.

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Interior: Immediately after the Manila it was reported that the Pope was prostrated by the war, and that he had wished that he had died before the tragedy came to his knowledge. Yet he had kept his health for three years while the Cubans were suffering the agonies of starvation, exposure and cruelty. We may be pardoned for wondering whether the old gentleman has less reverence for Saint Peter than for salt peter.

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If we sell one bottle of Chamberlain's cough remedy we seldom fail to sell the same person more, when it is again needed. Indeed, it has become the family medicine of this town, for coughs and colds, and we recommend it because of its established merits.—JOS. E. HARNED, Prop. Oakland Pharmacy, Oakland, Md. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

Now U. S. William Jennings Bryan is to organize a Nebraska regiment and lead it to battle as its Colonel, the gold-bug organs are wishing him unbounded success, expecting probably that, fearless leader as he is, he stands a good show of getting killed. Anything to beat free silver, you know.—Morgantown Herald.

A Raleigh (N. C.) special (May 22) says: Col. Benham Cameron, of Raleigh, who presented General Fitz Lee with the magnificent stallion Choctaw, today received a telegram from General Lee asking him to ship the horse to Tampa tomorrow. Choctaw is a chestnut, the finest in North Carolina, is 9 years old and gentle.

Interior: We are not engaged in a war of conquest. We do not care to keep the Philippines, except as a guarantee of Cuban independence. As a book publisher might say, Admiral Dewey simply rushed out an advance edition of "Cuba Libre" in Manila covers, the binding is only temporary.

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Yesterday was Queen Victoria's birthday. The event was celebrated from end to end of the earth, but no single notice of the anniversary occasion will be more widely heralded as a "sign of the times" than the prayer made for Her Majesty by the chaplain at the opening of the session of the United States Senate.—Ex.

O Dewey was the morning Upon the first of May; And Dewey was the Admiral Down in Manila bay, And Dewey were the Regent's eyes, Those orbs of Royal blue. And Dewey feel discouraged? I Dew not think he Dew. —Ironquill, in Topka Capital.

The people of the U. S. must content themselves while the President diplomatically deals with the Cuban question. In the mean time the Cuban patriots, whose only crime is love of liberty, will continue to starve to death.—Silver Knight Watchman.

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Gate City Journal: While a great many people will stand up and assert that the news papers are made up of lies, yet these very fellows are as anxious to borrow a paper and read it as the dabchick is to catch a minnow. The truth is, there is no more powerful or popular influence on earth to day than the press; no more over-worked or underpaid class than the newspaper people, and none who seek more diligently and expensively to get the truth.

During the summer of '91, Mr. Chas. P. Johnson, a well known attorney of Louisville, Ky., had a very severe attack of summer complaint. Quite a number of different remedies were tried, but failed to afford any relief. A friend who knew what was needed procured him a bottle of Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy, which quickly cured him and he thinks, saved his life. He says that there has not been a day since that time that he has not had this remedy in his household. He speaks of it in the highest praise and takes much pleasure in recommending it whenever an opportunity is offered. For sale by M. B. Blackburn.

Chattanooga Times: Senor Moret, excitedly, in a speech to the corte, on Monday, asked: "Where is our navy?" Admiral Sampson would like to know, senor. He has been looking for your navy, and it appears to, so far, have successfully eluded him. He can't see it with the most powerful glass. Perhaps Senor Moret and Admiral Sampson should hire a detective to find where Valamel's fleet is 'at' since they both are interested in having it "located."

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