

Gen. Miles has made himself a conspicuous officer and a man of some military sense when he departed from the plans of the war board and landed his troops on Porto Rico at Ponce, or near that place at Guanica, a small place on the coast where the Spaniards did not expect him.

A general impression prevails that the war is now about over as to real battles. Havana will no doubt capitulate if the peace proposition carries. The Madrid Government seems to be in earnest to bring about peace and is willing to give up Cuba and Porto Rico, but will contend for the possession of the Philippines.

State politics are becoming warmed up some what, F. M. Simmons the Democratic chairman of the State committee, has asked for a statement from J. M. Mewborn, superintendent of the penitentiary, a statement of the condition of the affairs which have been going on at the "State Pen" under the Republican and Populist combination in which Mewborne, J. R. Smith, Claudius Dockery and others have figured.

Germany's position in regard to the Philippines seems to have moderated considerably for the last two weeks. All her ships have been taken away from Manila and no further trouble is expected.

Having purchased the county right to manufacture and sell the "Hawley wheat cleaner and grader" from Mr. Craig, the N. C. agent, we take pleasure in saying to our wheat raisers in Watauga that we can supply them by wheat sowing time the cleaner and grader.

We should feel chagrined at the idea of the people of Philippines being left again at the mercy of the beastly Spaniards. It seems from published reports that McKinley proposes in his peace proposition to let the islands go back to Spain.

The yellow fever is playing havoc among our soldiers at Santiago and there is a move on foot to transport our troops from there to a more healthy location. The troops under General Shafter have suffered many hardships owing to the extreme roughness of the route getting to Spanish troops and then the severe fight around Santiago wherein we lost 1950 odd men, killed and wounded.

"My health was very poor and I suffered from dizzy spells, rheumatism and weak nerves. I did not care to live in such a condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla has changed all this. It has completely cured me and I am now able to work hard indoors and out."

General Aguinaldo has proclaimed himself boss in the Philippines. He may yet learn that taking time by the forelock and taking a mule by the hind leg are widely different propositions.

Does Baby Thrive?

If your baby is delicate and sickly and its food does not nourish it, put fifteen or twenty drops of Scott's Emulsion in its bottle three or four times a day and you will see a marked change.

We have had abundant proof that they will thrive on this emulsion when other food fails to nourish them. It is the same with larger children that are delicate. Scott's Emulsion seems to be the element lacking in their food. Do not fail to try it if your children do not thrive. It is as useful for them in summer as in winter.

Ask your doctor if this is not true. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York

A. S. ADAMS FOR SHERIFF. Editor Democrat. I saw in the columns of your paper the name of A. S. Adams, of Cove Creek township, spoken of for the office of Sheriff for Watauga county, all of which I heartily endorse.

ALEX. HAGAMAN. Latest War News.

The city of Ponce Porto Rico was captured by Gen. Miles without much fighting. The city of Ponce contains about 50,000 people who gladly welcomed the American troops under the Command of Gen. Davis, who let our troops into the city. Sixty lighters and twenty sailing vessels with one hundred and twenty tons of coal were taken.

Spain's desire of peace with the United States may soon cause a cessation of hostilities. Negotiations have been discussed by the President and Cabinet and it is believed that an understanding will soon be reached by the two nations on all the substantial points at issue, which includes independence; cession of Porto Rico to the United States; coaling stations in Ladrona and Caroline Island.

White's Boast. Charlotte Observer.

White the negro Congressman from the First district, in his speech at the Republican convention, in Raleigh said among other things:

I am not the only negro who holds office. There are others. There are plenty more being made to order to hold offices. We are the most modest people in the world and don't hold as many offices as we will. I invite the issue.

The white people of this State are told by this negro office holder that there will be more of them in office and invite the issue. We have fallen upon evil days sure enough, when it comes to banners like this thrown out by a black man. In this connection, The Wilmington Star declares that there are now more negroes in office in North Carolina than in any State in the Union and unless Democracy triumphs in the next election there will be, as White declared in that speech, more of them, and a good many more. They haven't yet made a fair start. It remains for the white men of North Carolina to say whether the negro's impudent audacious threat is to be verified.

The Spanish transport vessels capable of carrying 15,000 troops will soon start to Spain with the Spanish prisoners. Not before the 15th of August will these prisoners leave Santiago then all that part of Cuba will be free from Spanish rule, but it is heavy on the purse strings of Uncle Sam.

It is again reported that Manila has surrendered but no confirmation of the fact has been received. We have now over 10,000 troops at Manila and can make a big fight in connection of Admiral Dewey with his big fleet.

Does he live at your house? The boy who grumbles if he is asked to bring a pail of water for his mother or sisters to use to get his dinner with, or who whines and pouts if there is wood to bring to cook his dinner with. What do you think of him?—S. S. Evangelist.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Hartman. Watch-maker and Jeweler.

I take this method of informing the people of Watauga and surrounding counties that I have located in Boone where I will repair watches, clocks, and jewelry in a neat manner and guarantee all of my watch and clock work for twelve months. I make a specialty of repairing sewing machines of all makes. Old machines repaired and made like new and warranted for five years. All parts furnished. Needles and shuttles for all makes.

Respectfully, J. Newman.

NOTICE. I will sell on the 1st Monday in Sept., 1898, (the 5th) at the court house door in Boone, N. C., the following described tracts of land for taxes to which costs are added in each case. This Aug 2, 1898. W. H. CALAWAY, Sheriff.

- Boone Township. Horton Nathan 1 town lot for years '96 and '97, \$7.58. Eller J. F., 50 acres for year '97, \$174. Bingham J. E. & G. for year '97, \$1.74. Blowing Rock. worth M. D. S., 1 town lot for years '95, '96, '97, \$3.76. worth C. C. 1 town lot for years '95, '96, '97 \$3.76. worth J. S. 1 town lot for years '95, '96, '97, \$3.76. worth J. C. 1 town lot for years '95, '96, '97, \$2.32. Drum Richard C. 1 town lot for the years '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, \$11.48. Bald Mountain. winebarger miles, 3 acres for the years '96, '97, \$5.51. shawneehaw. wetmore Mrs. Pattie 150 a cres for the year '97, \$6.26.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema. The intense itching and smarting, incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cody's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package.

Book-keeping, Business, PHOTOGRAHY, TYPE-WRITING, TELEGRAPHY. WILBUR R. SMITH, LEXINGTON, KY. For circular of his famous and responsible COMMERCIAL COLLEGE OF KY. UNIVERSITY. Awarded Medal at World's Exposition. Refer to thousands of graduates in positions. One of Full Business Course, including Typing, Book-keeping and shorthand, about \$90. Shorthand, Type-Writing, and Telegraphy, Specialties. The Kentucky University Diploma, under seal, awarded graduates. Literary Course free, if desired. No vacations. Enter now. Graduates successful. In order to have your letters reach us, address only. WILBUR R. SMITH, LEXINGTON, KY.

WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL. (BOONE, N. C.)

Prepares students for College or Business. SPECIAL BUSINESS COURSE. SPECIAL TEACHER'S COURSE. SPECIAL PENMANSHIP COURSE. Thorough, up to date and first-class in everything undertaken. TUITION very low. GOOD BOARD can be had at \$6.00 per month. For particulars address G. P. JONES, PRINCIPAL, BOONE, N. C.

R. K. HARRIS & SON. Marble Dealers, (HICKORY, N. C.)

NOTHING BUT THE BEST MATERIAL USED, AND SATISFACTION ALWAYS GUARANTEED. Before buying anything in our line consult your own interest and give us a call. Estimates furnished on application for any work desired. Call or write. 4-28. The SILVER KNIGHT-WATCHMAN and WATAUGA DEMOCRAT one year for \$1.40. Now is the time to subscribe.

Don't Forget That MORETZ & FARTHING—Are still in business at the OLD STAND. And are yet able to surprise their many customers at how low goods can be sold. We have increased our stock in ALL DEPARTMENTS, And can accommodate you better than ever before. Don't be satisfied until you have examined our goods and prices. We will save you money every time. It is easy for our competitors to say they "won't be undersold; will sell as cheap" etc.

That Spells Nothing. Too many customers have been deceived by such gossip. Come to men who don't know high prices and never did, would not sell high if we could. Yours truly

Moretz & Farthing.

Sale, Sale Sale. NOT AT AUCTION, BUT AT AUCTION PRICES. For instance, listen at some of my prices: Good leather horse collars at 50 cts., three packages rolled oats 25 cts. Three one pint tin cups for 5c. Two gallon bucket 15c. Three gallon bucket 20 cts. etc., etc.

Here is a red hot lot. See it: One quire good note paper, 25 envelopes, lead pencil with rubber, pen stock and 2 points all for 10 cents.

We carry a general line of standard patent medicines. Our line of general merchandise is full and complete, and we are anxious for your trade. Your attention is called to the fact that we carry a full and complete line of READY MADE CLOTHING.

No, we can not sell you any goods on time, but will buy all your good produce, and save you money on what you buy from us. Wheat, rye, corn, beeswax, wool, feathers, chickens, eggs, etc., wanted. Give us your trade. VERY TRULY, J. B. PHILLIP & SON.

99 YEARS EXPERIENCE. PATENTS. TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS, COPYRIGHTS, &c. Mun & Co., 361 Broadway, New York.

NOTICE. North Carolina, Watauga Co., Superior Court, Fall Term, '98. A. L. Smith vs. N. E. Smith. It appearing to the satisfaction of the undersigned from the affidavit of A. L. Smith that personal service of summons cannot be had upon the defendant, N. E. Smith, for the reason set forth in said affidavit. It is ordered that service of summons be made upon her by publishing this notice in the Watauga Democrat a news paper published in Boone, N. C., for the period of six weeks, requiring the defendant to appear at the next term of the Superior court of Watauga county to be held at the court house in Boone, N. C., on the 21st Monday after the fourth Monday in June, 1898 and answer or demur to the complaint set forth in this action which will be filed during the first three days of the term. In default of which the plaintiff will ask for judgment as per his complaint. This July 7, 1898. M. B. BLACKBURN, C. S. C.

WELL, YES. I am still at the old stand ready to serve you to some unusual good bargains in

DRY GOODS

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, Etc. I will sell you standard Domestic by the bolt at 5 1/2 cts. per yard; good jeans at 15 cts. and up to 50, and other goods at correspondingly low prices.

IN GROCERIES I have a full and complete line, and my prices on coffees are hard to duplicate.

Hardware. In this department I am full-up on both shell and heavy goods. Nails, scythes and snaths, etc., etc. at low prices.

I also carry a full line of glassware, tinware, etc. Come to me and I will do you right. Wanted: chickens, eggs, beeswax, feathers, corn rye, etc. Very truly, W. F. SHERWOOD.

July 28, 1898.