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THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

A patent has been granted to R. L. Durham of Burlington, N. C., on a steam boiler. England has a larger army in South Africa than was ever sent across an ocean by any nation. It is predicted that Governor Taylor will not live to witness the next election; that he is held responsible for the death of Goebel, and that a hundred men have sworn to take his life in revenge. Taylor has received many anonymous letters, threatening and warning him, but he pays no attention to them, although a guard is kept constantly about his rooms. Khaki has become a popular material for wearing apparel in England. The pace was set by the prince of Wales, who ordered a cloak and skirt of the same material worn by the Imperial Yeomanry. The duke of York next had a complete suit made of the material, and now society devotees generally are ordering clothes made of it. Fifteen hundred miners in the region of Alkoon, Pa., have been advised that they will receive an increase of 20 per cent. today. In Paris, according to a recent order of the under secretary of state, to avoid transmission of infectious diseases, the receiver and transmitter of all public telephones must be disinfected daily by being washed with a strong solution of carbolic acid. An inquiry at the bureau of statistics shows that there has been a large falling off in the amount of liquor shipped to the Philippine islands since the American occupation. During the last year the total was 1,228 gallons of wine, 19,275 gallons of whiskey and 65,344 dozen bottles of beer, which is about one-fifth the average amount exported during the last ten years of the Spanish occupation. A correspondent of a Louisiana country paper writes: 'I have had an engagement with a young lady for the last three months to take her buggy riding the first afternoon the roads would do to drive over. The engagement is still pending. Now you can imagine the condition of our roads.' Fierce blizzards are reported in the north and west and have also proved their existence by not entirely neglecting this locality. February has been as uncertain and capricious, not to say generally disagreeable, this year as a month well could be. Weather prophets, however, promise something better for March, for the weather usually 'averages' about the same every year and is bound to make up for any special spells of hatefulness.

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Cronje seems destined to become the popular hero that Cervera was in our late war. The triumphs of war are not all to the victors.

Molineux is sentenced to die in the week commencing March 26, but many a chronic invalid would like to exchange his chances for life with Molineux. Lawyers are often more proficient than doctors in prolonging a condemned life.

New York is excited over immorality on the stage. Judging from newspaper reports of the plays now running both the plays and the dramatic critics should be suppressed. The latter not only are advertising the former but giving the public a chance to read the worst parts of them.

Michiganders have sent a petition to President McKinley asking him to stop the Boer war. In view of the fact that McKinley has not 'stopped' the Kentucky war, he may think it a bad precedent to interfere between his British and Boer subjects. He will probably at least continue to wait until each side asks for intervention.

While the stubborn fighting of the Boers fills the public eye and commands the admiration of mankind, those who would guess the outcome of the South African war will watch the developments in quite another part of the world. Russia's recent diplomatic success in Persia, the reported massing of Russian troops on the southern frontier and the state of military activity in Russia are significant. Afghanistan and Tibet are the little buffer states between two contending empires. England has spent much blood and money to extend the northeastern border of her Indian empire up across the Himalayas. For two decades she has been carrying on small tribal wars and sending out expeditions among the tribesmen of the northeastern hills. She has pushed her strategic railways in the north of India nearer and nearer the land of her desire. It has long been known that Russia has had designs on this Himalayan territory and would like to extend its influence into these disrupted little kingdoms if once the opportunity presented itself. Whether Russia thinks the opportunity has come for a move in this direction may only be surmised, but the suspicion is general that Russia has some project in view which would be distasteful to England, and which, if carried out, would necessitate a compromise in South Africa, a compromise that has gained an advantage in the field.

Count Boni has been in Paris for three days and the duel with the editor of the Figaro has not yet come on.

European attempts to bring pressure to bear upon England have reached the newspapers. The Neuste Nachrichten, of Berlin, publishes an article which says: 'The Boers will fight until the last drop of their blood is expended, while England will continue to make enormous sacrifices in lives and money in order to win success. But is England strong enough,' the article continues, 'to make these sacrifices and at the same time feel safe on the score of its colonial possessions, especially India and its Suez canal?'

It has been rumored persistently that the Boer strategy was due to the direction of German officers, but the first direct evidence of the presence of these officers in the Boer army is the capture of Major Albrecht with Cronje's troops.

Notices are published to the effect that a 'Magazine for Bachelors' has been started by two Chicago women. It is not stated whether it is a powder magazine or a tract to reform them.

Were it not for the dentist many a long-felt want would remain unfiled.

SOMETHING WE WOULD MUCH LIKE TO SEE

Editor of the Gazette: Once more we ask space to name a thing that we would much like to see, and of which today we think there is greater probability than has appeared for some time past. Happy too are we in the conviction that our wish finds a responsive echo in the hearts of an immense majority of our people.

Our most earnest wish is, that we may speedily hear of a complete cessation of the awful carnage in South Africa. In this wish we know all will agree, but perhaps we may not be so in accord in our reasons for entertaining this hope.

We older men of the south have seen a most remarkable instance of history repeating itself presented in the many points of similarity between our civil war and that now in progress. It seemed to us then, and it seems to us now, that the heartfelt sympathy of all men must be with the effort of the southern states, to sustain what they sincerely believed to be their rights. So again, our sympathies go out to the government of the Transvaal and of the Free State. We hope that the name of 'Free State' may be one that they, as all people, may long deserve and enjoy. Looking back, we now see that in 1861 it was inevitable that the more powerful must succeed. The same is the case now. Looking back, we also see that this result was the best for all parties. We could not see it then, but it is generally admitted now. So also our judgment is that success to Great Britain will surely bring great benefit to both parties. If asked for our reason for this opinion, we need only reply, that this is not the day of miracles; that only by a miracle can a weaker nation compete with one immensely the stronger. That one nation is the stronger, simply in proportion as it has represented progress; that another is weaker, simply as it has stood against progress. This result depends not at all upon the personal character of the officials composing either nation. The stronger may be all bad men and the weaker may be all good men, but the inevitable result is the same. To us it seems that some of the officials of the English government compare unfavorably with some of the officials opposing them; but it would be most wrong to conclude that this fact, if fact it is, applies to the people of either nation. The one fact which seems to us indisputable is that Great Britain represents progress and her opponents oppose it. If such is the case there can only be one result. The sooner that result is attained the better for humanity.

Now, it seems to us, is offered an unexpected opportunity for the speedy realization of the inevitable, and for the stopping of the terrible bloodshed which must distress us all. Wonderful success has attended the British arms. It affords that great nation an opportunity to show magnanimity of character; we know that her people possess that characteristic. Let us hope that they will be truly represented by their government; that it will be speedily manifested by their asking our government to enter upon a friendly mediation. Our position of strict neutrality and friendship for both parties well qualifies us to undertake this most honorable duty. We cannot imagine that the nation at present feeling the inevitable effects of its own weakness, would hesitate to unite in such a request. The initiative should come from the stronger and successful nation. My hope is that it will so come; that we will all again feel proud of our mother country, both because she represents progress and also that she and her people stand for true magnanimity. Respectfully, T. W. PATTON.

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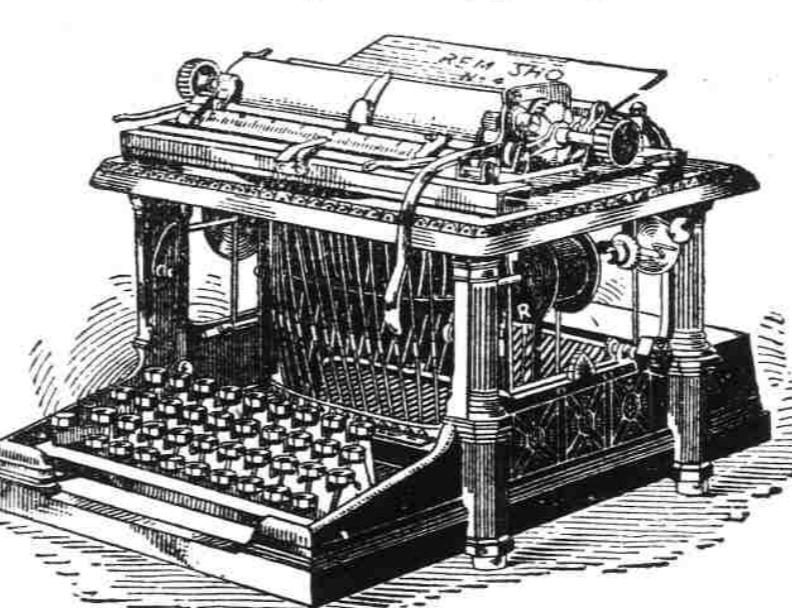
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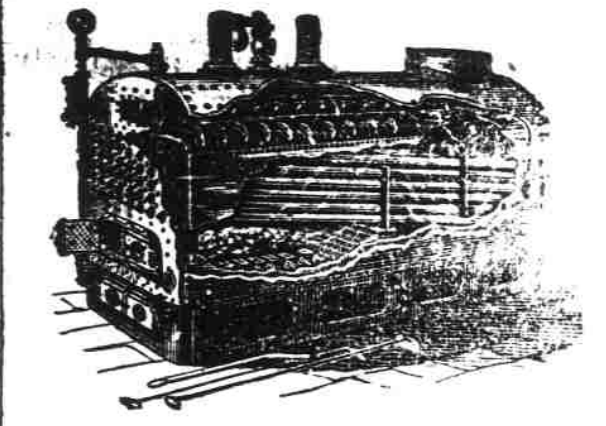
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