

Asheville Daily Gazette.

VOL. VII. NO. 35.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 21, 1902

FIVE CENTS PER COPY.
FOUR DOLLARS A YEAR.

Oestreicher & Co. of Our Anniversary Sale

The First Day Anniversary Sale

Came fully up to our expectations, and these special prices will continue to rule while the merchandise advertised holds out. Some goods advertised on Monday & Tuesday are already closed, but in place of those we will put other very tempting morsels, it will pay you well to look through the store, it is teeming with bargains.

Today (Wednesday) we will put on sale 1000 yards Barker and 1000 Fruit of the Loom Bleached Muslin at 71-2c the yd.

51 PATTON AVENUE
OESTREICHER & COMPANY

GENERAL MILES ENTERS PROTEST

VIGOROUS LANGUAGE AGAINST GENERAL STAFF ORGANIZATION.

Points Objections to Hawley's Measure—Will Resign if It Becomes Law.

REASONS FOR HIS EMPHATIC PROTEST

BILL IS UTTERLY SUBVERSIVE OF INTERESTS OF MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AND HE WILL NOT BE PARTY TO SUCH PROCEEDING.

Washington, March 20.—General Nelson A. Miles today told the senate committee on military affairs if the bill introduced by Senator Hawley at the instance of the war department for the organization of a general staff for the army should become a law he would decline to longer hold his commission. The reason given is that the bill is utterly subversive of the interests of the military establishment and he said he would not be a party to such a proceeding to the extent of continuing to hold the place. The statement was made in the course of a prolonged hearing by the committee, conducted behind closed doors and in which General Miles touched upon a variety of subjects connected with the army.

The portion of the bill to which he directed special criticism is section 7, reading: "The senior general officer of the army shall be assigned command of such portion of the army as the president may direct, or be detailed for duty in the general staff corps. All the duties prescribed by law for the commanding general of the army shall be performed by the chief of the general staff or other general officer designated by the secretary of war, provided so long as the present lieutenant general of the army continues on the active list he shall be the chief of the general staff and upon separation from active service of the said lieutenant general of the army, the said office, except as herein provided, shall cease."

General Miles said if this provision became a law it would have the effect of destroying the unity of the army. He read numerous authorities, including Napoleon, Wellington, Washington, Cass and Grant to show the necessity of having but one head.

His own experience and observation, he said, had had the effect of confirming these views, and he gave an illustration of its beneficial effect in time of emergency, instancing the beginning of the war with Spain.

"I heard at midnight," he said, "that the Spanish fleet had been located definitely at Santiago and I hastened to the home of Secretary Long, where the news was confirmed. Shafter was then at Tampa and I sat down there in the secretary's house and wrote a dispatch directing him to start immediately for Santiago with the result that the army was soon on its way to the point where its presence was needed. Suppose," he added, exhibiting the message which he had sent to General Shafter, "I had been compelled to get around to a dozen or more majors, as many colonels and any number of generals, constituting a general staff?"

Then he added that in all probability the senior general of the army would not, under the provision he had quoted, have been in position to do anything, and he called attention to the clause relieving him (the senior general) of

command and making it possible for any other officer to be appointed. He declared that under section 7 it would be competent to one day promote a captain to the position of a brigadier and the next day make him chief of staff, thus practically placing a captain at the head of the army. Warming up somewhat, he asserted that the bill was calculated to accomplish no purpose except to allow the secretary of war and the adjutant-general to promote the interests of their personal favorites.

TO FILIPINOS LIBERTY IS SIMPLY LICENSE

GENERAL OTIS SAYS THEY HAVE NO CORRECT IDEAS OF LIBERTY.

Washington, March 20.—While Gen. Otis was before the senate committee today he declared that the Filipinos have no correct idea of liberty. "Liberty with them," said he, "is license." "But what is your standard of qualification for self government?" asked Senator Patterson.

Gen. Otis declared that he did not measure the capacity of the Filipinos for self government by the capacity of the people of the United States. A question by Senator Beveridge regarding the effect on the Filipinos of literature sent from the United States precipitated a lively discussion. Gen. Otis said that when Mabini was brought in he had a pile of New York papers with him which had antagonized the sovereignty of the United States in the Philippines.

"Did he have any of Senator Hoar's speeches?" inquired Senator Patterson. "Oh, yes; those speeches were all over the islands," replied the witness.

Senator Allison, who was in the chair, said he would exclude any allusion to senators' speeches. Senator Patterson interjected the remark that senators should not be attacked from masked batteries.

Senator Allison thought that where a senator's name was involved it gave him the right to choose before the committee and defend himself and such references should be excluded.

Senator Carmack, with much earnestness, said he wanted to take his part of the responsibility for saying that the war in the Philippines is "utterly and absolutely infamous and criminal. If any proof can be made that I am inciting Filipinos by such speeches," said he, "I want it done."

After some further discussion, Senator Beveridge disclaimed any intention to reflect on any senator and withdrew his question. Gen. Otis concluded his testimony by submitting some comments on the memorial of the Manila chamber of commerce. The committee then adjourned.

MR. S. J. CLEVELAND FLAYED BY MR. BRYAN

FORMER'S "DREADEUL DREAM" WAS REPUDIATION OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

Lincoln, March 20.—Bryan in today's Commober flays Cleveland for the latter's recent letter expressing the belief that democracy is awakening from its "dreadful dream."

He says the only dreadful dream Cleveland had was the repudiation of his administration by indignant democracy. He adds:

"If we could punish betrayal of political confidence as we do embezzlement of public money he would be receiving the limit of the law, but instead of seeking forgiveness for the wrongs done by him to the party he nurses resentment and waits impatiently for the party to apologize to him for not allowing him to lead it bodily into the republican camp."

He declared that if Cleveland announced his candidacy for president he could not secure the deiegation of a single state, and says the party will never go back to the odious and odorous days of 1892 and 1896.

HALYBURTON-SLACLE CASE

Judge Merrimon's Speech for the Defendant Yesterday Consumed Eight Hours.

The Halyburton-Slagle case is still on hand in the Superior court. Judge James H. Merrimon, counsel for J. L. Slagle, the defendant, began his argument on the opening of court yesterday and occupied the entire day, concluding with the adjournment hour in the afternoon, having spoken about eight hours.

The closing argument for the plaintiff will be made today by Judge Chas. A. Moore. The judge's charge will necessarily be lengthy, owing to the large volume of testimony adduced and the many points of law involved in the litigation.

The ship carpenter often indulges in see saw.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

VOTE TO BE TAKEN THIS AFTERNOON IN SENATE ON BILL TO PROTECT THE PRESIDENT.

All Democratic Senators Oppose the Measure With the Exception of Senator Pettus.

MONEY ALLUDES TO IT AS PRODUCT OF HYSTERIA

REPORT ON BILL REPEALING WAR REVENUE ACT SUBMITTED TO SENATE—BELLAMY PLEADS FOR AN ENDING OF SECTIONAL STRIFE.

Washington, March 20.—I'd give a thousand dollars to get a good shot at an anarchist," was the vehement declaration of Senator Hawley during the discussion of the bill to protect the president in the senate today. His remark was greeted with an outburst of laughter, but Hawley made it in all earnestness in the course of a speech in which he strongly advocated the passage of the bill. He declared that there was no force whatever in the criticisms of the bill. He said he did not see why the senate should delay its passage five minutes. The democrats opposed the bill with the exception of Pettus. He expressed belief that if McKinley had been guarded by a proper military guard instead of secret service officers he would be alive today. The remarks of Pettus were occasioned by a notice given by Mallory that he would offer a substitute to the seventh section of the bill requiring a detail of army officers to protect the president. Mallory explained that his substitute would require a guard of the treasury officers guard for the president. A number opposing the bill contended it would fail of its object. Money attributed its introduction to "hysteria" resulting from the assassination of McKinley. Spooner, Hawley, Nelson and McCumber advocated the measure. It was agreed to vote on the bill and amendments at 4 o'clock tomorrow.

Senator Aldrich, from the committee on finance, today presented to the senate the report of that committee on the bill repealing the war revenue act and thus made public for the first time, the amendments to the bill suggested by the committee. There are many changes in the language of the bill, but except in one instance the intention of the house bill of repealing the entire act is respected. The exception is the provision in the existing law providing for the taxation of "bucket shops," which provision is left intact and the tax continued in effect. It is understood that there will be no effort on either side of the senate to amend the bill and it is not expected that there will be any prolonged debate upon it.

In the House.

Washington, March 20.—During the consideration of the river and harbor bill in the house today Bellamy in advocating the improvement of rivers and harbors in North Carolina referred to the Crumpacker resolution for investigation of the abatement of suffrage in the several states pleaded that the peace and security now existing in the south and the unity resulting from the Spanish war be not disrupted by partisan politics and a renewal of sectional strife and bitterness. He declared that southerners loved the union and would ever be ready to defend and maintain its honor. He urged conservative, patriotic members on the other side to frown down and condemn the measure fraught with so much evil to the southern people. The bill went over.

DANGER OF VIOLENCE IF WILCOX IS ACQUITTED

ARGUMENTS IN THE MURDER CASE CONCLUDED—JUDGE WILL CHARGE JURY TODAY.

Elizabeth City, March 20.—The arguments in the Wilcox case are over and the judge will charge the jury tomorrow. Solicitor Ward for the state argued today that the girl was killed by a blow on the left temple delivered by James Wilcox; that the girl was not drowned; that Wilcox's motive was

unrequited love.

Lawyer Aydtlett for the defense was the last speaker. He declared that the authorities agreed that all symptoms of drowning fell when the person has been in the water so long as 37 days. He made a forceful argument to sustain his position.

As an indication of the sentiment against the prisoner a number of people left the court house while Aydtlett was speaking. There is danger of violence in the event of acquittal. There is open talk of lynching. The feeling against Wilcox has steadily increased during the trial. The evidence has satisfied the crowd that he is guilty of the deliberate murder of Nellie Cropsey, but doubt also exists that the proof has been sufficiently definite to secure from the jury a verdict of guilty.

BIG PIANO FACTORY BURNED IN NEW YORK

ONE FIREMAN CRUSHED BY A FALLING WALL AND ONE DRIVEN INSANE BY SMOKE.

New York, March 20.—Three of the five buildings on Forty-eighth street, occupied by Hardman, Peik & Co., piano manufacturers, were totally burned and two others gutted by fire tonight. The loss is \$300,000.

While the firemen were fighting the fire a wall fell injuring one of them badly. Another of the firemen was driven insane by the dense smoke.

EIGHT HOUR DAY AND RECOGNITION OF UNION

Shamokin, Pa., March 20.—The mine adopted, amidst great enthusiasm, resolutions demanding an eight hour day and a recognition of the union. These demands will no doubt precipitate a strike.

Shamokin, Pa., March 20.—The business of the third day's session of the miners' convention was transacted behind closed doors. The report of the scale committee was not ready when President Mitchell called the convention to order.

The published statement that the replies of the operators to President Mitchell's request for a conference might be construed as a virtual recognition of the Mine Workers' union, Mr. Mitchell regards as incorrect. Referring to the letters of the presidents of the operating companies, Mr. Mitchell said:

"We do not regard them as recognition in any degree."

Easter Time approaches

Easter has come to be a season of gift making, and nothing is so acceptable as a piece of

Handsome Jewelry

Table Silver, or Cut Glass. Visitors in the city and residents are invited to inspect our stock. You will be satisfied with the quality of goods and price.

Arthur M. Field Company

Leading Jewelers

Cor. Patton Ave. and Church St.

A WARM DAY IN PARLIAMENT

DILLON IRISH NATIONALIST, SAYS CHAMBERLAIN IS A DAMNED LIAR.

Chamberlain's Speech on the Government's South African Policy Called forth Outbreak.

CHAMBERLAIN ALSO LOCKS HORNS WITH BANNERMAN

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS THERE ARE BOERS ON GOVERNMENT SIDE—DILLON SAYS THEY ARE TRAITORS—CHAMBERLAIN RE-TORT—DILLON BECOMES INCENSED AT SPEAKER'S RULING.

London, March 20.—There was a heated debate in the house of commons today, the result of an attack by liberals, under the lead of Campbell and Bannerman, on the government's South African policy.

Chamberlain made a vigorous speech in defense of the government. He was interrupted during his address by John Dillon, Irish nationalist. Chamberlain (Continued on fourth page.)

To be Dressed Elegantly and

In style, at small cost, is woman's aim. To be up-to-date, attired in dainty effects, she must keep thoroughly in touch with the new creations in dress fabrics, muslins, dimities, swiss, etc. The opportunity to see a complete display of all that is stylish and inexpensive can be had and you are invited to look them over at

SUMNER'S

Big Department Store.

Easter Millinery, the largest and most complete variety, finest in quality and lower in price, always open for your inspection—you can get your frock and have your hat made to match at

SUMNER'S

It would take all the space in this paper to advertise the properties listed with us for sale and rent. So we merely call your attention to the fact that if you are looking out for your own interests you will see us before buying or renting. We can undoubtedly save you money.

H. F. Grant & Son,

Real Estate Agents
48 Patton Avenue.

Wood's Seeds

We have a well selected stock of Wood's Seeds, Onion Sets and Lawn Grass. With few exceptions we sell at Wood's prices.

Grant's Pharmacy

If we have it, it is the BEST.

A Good Screw Driver

Is a handy tool to have about the house. A loose screw may cause the sewing machine to run heavy, or the door lock to fail to work, either or both of which might be quickly mended with a screw driver and a repairer's bill saved. We'll sell you a good one for

10 cents to \$2.00.

Asheville Hardware Co.
ON THE SQUARE.

Go Carts

Second shipment just received for Spring trade. See our line before buying.

Mrs. L. A. JOHNSON
43 PATTON AVE.

Value Makes the Bargain. The price is only an inducement. We offer the inducement, but never without the value.

The I. X. L. Department Store
Phone 107. 22 Patton Ave.

Fresh Green Peas, Fresh Turnip Greens, Hiram Lindsey, City Market. Call Phone 178.

FOR SALE.

2 residence properties on Biltmore road very cheap.
1 9-room house, three acres of ground, beautiful lawn and shade trees. City water.
1 6-room house, lot 50 by 135.
These properties are splendid investments. Apply to or address

J. H. CLIFFORD,
Real Estate Agt., Room 87 Library Bldg.
Phone 719.

An Eye Point

There are many points about the eye that are important no matter how trivial they may seem. Have them attended to at once. We grind lenses to suit each individual case.



McKee
The Optician.
54 Patton Ave.
Opposite P. O.

Try Whitman's Chocolate Creams

20c Pound, None Better.

At HESTON'S.
Phone 188 26 S. Main.

Think of Moving?

If so, let us show you some very desirable houses we are offering for rent. We will render you every possible assistance in our power to find "just the place" wanted.

WILKIE & LaBARBE

Real Estate and Renting Agents
23 Patton Avenue. Phone 661