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Mass Convention.

A Democratic Mass Convention for Alamance county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Graham, on Saturday, May 14th, 1898, at 12 o'clock. This convention will select delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions.

No township primaries will be held, but every voter who attends will be a recognized delegate from his township.

Every voter in the county who endorses the platform of the last Democratic National Convention, known as the Chicago platform; who favors the management of white schools by white people and the management of colored schools by colored people; who favors a clean, economical and competent administration of our State and County governments and of the affairs of our public institutions by white men free from scandal, extravagance, jobbery and the blunders of incompetency; and who intends to use his vote and influence to restore these conditions in our State, is cordially and earnestly invited to attend and participate.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee of Alamance county.

E. S. PARKER, Jr., Chairman.

To be sure the war question is a most absorbing one just now, but the interest in it should not be allowed to completely overshadow every other question. For the regulation and preservation of home institutions—the good government of our State and nation from the humblest to the highest office and the regulation of society—political matters demand the best attention from every good and patriotic citizen.

Looking to these latter matters a Democratic mass convention has been called to meet in Graham next Saturday. It is especially important that the convention be well attended. Our State has had a class of officials, and still has them, that has not reflected credit upon the loyal and conservative people of our good old State. The State needs to be purged of the existing conditions and to do it the honest yeomanry of the State must come together as they did more than twenty years ago.

The people have had a change; a change that has neither been beneficial to nor worthy of their State. After a short experience the people recognize that another change is needed, if by the laws of the land are to be properly administered and other necessary measures placed on the statute books. To accomplish these things the people must select competent and trustworthy officials, and the starting point is in our county convention, hence the necessity of every good citizen being present.

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The Spanish fleet left Cape Verde several days ago. It was expected in Cuban waters this week and a modern naval battle between it and the North Atlantic squadron was momentarily looked for. The unexpected has happened again—the Cape Verde fleet has turned up at Cadix, Spain, gone home. The way is now open to invade Cuba and expel the Spaniards from the Western Hemisphere. And it will be done.

Wheat in Chicago at the close of business Tuesday was \$1.85 per bushel—a rise of 65 cents per bushel since the first day of May. Speculation did it—it is not permanent.

At the municipal election in Greenville four of the six aldermen elected are colored. This is due to the fact that the fusion Legislature purr-manded Greenville so that it is turned over to the negroes.

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DEWEY HEARD FROM.

And Formally Thanked For His Heroic Deed at Manila.

Last Saturday morning the following dispatch was received by Secretary Long of the Navy, at Washington:

"Manila, May 1.—Squadron arrived at Manila at daybreak this morning. Immediately engaged the enemy and destroyed the following Spanish vessels: Reina Christina, Castilla, Don Antonio de Ulloa, Isla de Luzon, Isla de Cuba, General Lezo, Marques de Duero, Correo, Velasco, Isla de Mindanao, a transport and water battery at Cavite. The squadron is uninjured and only a few men are slightly wounded. Only means of telegraphing is to American consul at Hong Kong. I shall communicate with him.

(Signed) "DEWEY."
A little later the following was also received:

"CAVITE, May 4.

"I have taken possession of the naval station at Cavite, Philippine Islands, and destroyed its fortifications at the bay entrance, patrolling the garrison. I control the bay completely and can take the city at any time. The Squadron is in excellent health and spirits. The Spanish loss is not fully known, but very heavy—150 killed including Captain Oreina Marina. I am assisting in protecting the Spanish sick and wounded. Two hundred and fifty sick and wounded in the hospital. Much excitement in Manila.

(Signed) "DEWEY."

Secretary Long, by direction of the President sent the following reply to Dewey:

WASHINGTON, May 7, '98.

DEWEY, Manila:
The President, in the name of the American people, thanks you and your officers and men for your splendid achievement and overwhelming victory. In recognition he has appointed you acting admiral, and recommend a vote of thanks to you by Congress.

LONG.

The War Revenue.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—When the Senate finance committee adjourned to-night the consideration of the amendments to the war revenue bill had been almost entirely completed although there were some puzzling problems still unsolved, one of which was the manner of dealing with proprietary medicinal articles.

The committee has decided to place a license upon banks at the rate of \$100 per year, and upon brokers at the rate of \$50, but has not yet determined whether the professions shall be licensed or not. On life insurance companies the rate has been increased five fold, being 10 cents on every \$100, and it is estimated that this increase will add about \$1,000,000 in revenue. The provisions for an inheritance tax and for a tax on bills of lading were adopted, as were the provisions for taxing all dealings in futures, including bucket shop operations.

The Democratic amendments will be taken up to-morrow and there is little doubt that they will all be adopted, as Senator Jones, of Nevada, has indicated his purpose of standing with the Democrats on all the principal changes they suggest. It is possible that the consideration of the bill may be completed to-morrow, but it is not probable.

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WEEKLY WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 6, '98.
Mr. McKinley's fighting blood has been aroused by the great victory won by our Asiatic squadron under Commodore Dewey. It would have been strange, indeed, if it has not been, for nothing more daring in the annals of naval warfare has been recorded than Dewey's action in taking his ships into an enemy's harbor, supposed to be heavily garrisoned, for the purpose of attacking a fleet nearly his equal in strength which was supported by heavy land batteries, and succeeding in destroying the Spanish fleet, silencing the batteries and planting the American flag on the Philippine Islands. It was an achievement worthy of the American navy, and one that every American commadore is anxious to try to duplicate. They are apparently going to be given opportunities, too. In fact, the orders have been issued that will give the rest of our navy an opportunity to share in avenging the Maine by doing some fighting. Porto Rico is to be taken. Our soldiers also are to be allowed to do some fighting. The air of hesitation, which was so aggravating, has entirely disappeared, and everything is now apparently bent on fighting. Admiral Dewey's official report has been received, and he cannot possibly be prouder of it than is every American who reads it. Millions of Americans yet unborn will thrill with pride and patriotism when they read of the victory won by the daring and gallant Dewey, who will be made an admiral and who will receive a vote of thanks from Congress.

Congress has authorized the enlistment of 10,000 yellow fever immunes, in the south, for service in Cuba, in addition to the 125,000 volunteers. It is always more or less dangerous to interrupt Representative Champ Clark when he is making a speech, but Representative Lacey, of Iowa, had to get squelched before he would believe it. Mr. Clark was making a vigorous talk against the six democrats who voted for the republican war revenue bill, which authorizes an addition of \$600,000,000 to the country's interest bearing debt, and incidentally against the democratic party being held responsible for the acts of the Cleveland administrations, which he declared were democratic only in name, when he said there were only two worse names in history than that of Grover Cleveland—the names of Judas Iscariot and Benedict Arnold. Just then he was interrupted by Mr. Lacey, who asked if Judas Iscariot was not the original silver man. Mr. Clark turned upon him and retorted: "The first silver speech ever made in the American Congress was by William B. Allison, whom you all worship. Now, some of the rest of you ask a question." The challenge was not taken up. In the same speech Mr. Clark ridiculed the claim of some of the republicans that they were responsible for the war with Spain, and addressing the republican side he said: "I took you by the scruff of the neck and dragged you into it. It's our war." Mr. Clark closed with a glowing and patriotic reference to the brilliant achievement of Commodore Dewey, in Manila harbor.

The administration is not allowing the war to cause it to forget the need the republicans have for help in the Congressional campaign. The patronage of the Government Printing Office is to be turned over to the republican candidates for Congress, by an order declaring that establishment never to have been legally under the civil service rules. It will be remembered that an opinion declaring that the placing of the G. P. O. under civil service rules was illegal was prepared by an official of the Department of Justice last year, but was never adopted by Attorney General McKenna as his own and was never made public. Attorney General Griggs, doubtless under pressure from the Republican Congressional Committee, has agreed to the promulgation of that opinion as his own, and democrats in the G. P. O. who are on the look out for other jobs.

Mr. McKinley deserves credit for standing out against the enormous pressure brought to bear upon him by politicians of his party in favor of incompetent applicants for general army commissions in the volunteer army. He has sent the nominations of eleven major generals and twenty-five brigadier generals to the Senate. Thirty-five of them are officers in the regular army, and the other four, all major generals, are ex-officers, equally divided between the blue and the gray, Fitz Lee and Joe Wheeler representing the gray, Senator Sewell, of N. Y., and General James H. Wilson, of Delaware, representing the blue.

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ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Cor. of The Gleaner.

Rain, hail, wind, cold, war, and commencement are the chief topics of the day; except with some, did much damage to wheat and other crops in this community; in fact, it must have been far-reaching in its extent, as we have heard from quite a number of places where it did its work. However no serious damage was done here; a few trees were blown down and a few window panes were broken. The oldest people among us say they have never seen such a storm before.

Our little village was favored last week with the presence of visitors from the North. The first to come was Rev. J. G. Bishop, of Dayton, Ohio. He is our Missionary Secretary, and is the editor of "The Christian Missionary." Mr. Bishop is a man who is widely known and stands among the foremost men of his time. It is said that he is the only Bishop in the Christian church who is under the direction of another Bishop. Surely the Bishop who presides over him is neither overbearing nor arbitrary in his ruling, as he appears to us to be a man of untrammelled liberty. He is a leader in the great mission movement, one whose heart is in the work. His literature, such as programs for missionary, children's day, and other exercises, are widely known and eagerly sought, not only by the Christian church, but by other denominations as well. His office work alone requires a correspondence averaging from five to forty letters a day. Notwithstanding his business interests at home, he took advantage of a trip South in order to attend the Convention at Raleigh, and as he was returning home he stopped a few hours at the college and gave us a good lecture.

Rev. B. S. Batchelor, of New Bedford, Mass., was the next to come, and, by the way, it is said that he is the only Batchelor that we have who is married. Mr. Batchelor lectured for us Wednesday evening on the subject, "Liberty, its Limitations and Restraints." He dealt with his theme in a masterly way presenting his thoughts in a clear, vivid, forceful style; holding his audience in rapt attention for three quarters of an hour. We are always glad to have such distinguished men visit our college and speak to us on the great leading topics of the day. Such lectures are ones in school life. Another who came to us from the General Convention, was Rev. W. F. Bassett, of Maine. It was said of him that he was the Maine man in the convention. He is a recent graduate of the Christian Biblical Institute of Stanfordsville, N. Y., and is in the south seeking health. Rev. N. G. Newman, of Suffolk, Va., also made a flying trip to see his brothers and relatives and friends here. The Alma Mater is always glad to see her children.

Dr. Newman preached for us yesterday. Prof. Atkinson preached at Union Ridge, Prof. Wicker at Graham, C. H. Rowland at Auburn, and B. F. Black at Pleasant Ridge.

Elon College, N. C., May 9, '98.
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THE CUBAN INVASION.

Sixty Thousand Troops to be Landed as Soon as Possible.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The Post tomorrow will say:
Between sixty and eighty thousand men will be landed on Cuban soil at once. They will wear the uniform of the United States, and they will not return until they have defeated the Spanish forces on the island, and the American flag floats as proudly over Havana, as it does over the ruins of the Cavite fortress in Manila harbor.

This is the idea of the military advisers of the administration, and the President approves the plans. The first section of the army to invade Cuba will be the 15,000 or 18,000 troops that are now assembled at New Orleans and Tampa. They are all regulars, and most of them are men who have been fighting on the plains. They are seasoned, disciplined, effective. They will be followed at once by another army of 50,000 volunteers, which will be concentrated at Southern ports as quickly as the trains can carry them, and will be transported as fast as the necessary ships can be collected. It is estimated that it will take at least 300 vessels to move this immense army to Cuba. Nearly everything that floats has already been secured by the government, and last night the wires were hot in all directions, directing contracts to be closed immediately in all the principal seaport towns. Other details of the great expedition have been arranged. Within forty-eight hours there will be 2,000 wagons at Tampa, and 12,000 mules. Several hundred ambulances will also be hurried to Tampa. They may be needed. Battles are not all like the one which has just been fought in Manila harbor.

Sending Arms to Cuba.
TAMPA, Fla., May 9.—The steamer Gussie, one of the Mallory Line of boats, chartered by the government for use as a transport, will sail for Cuba before morning, loaded with arms, ammunition and supplies furnished by the United States government for the use of the Cuban insurgents. A company of one hundred United States troops from the First Regiment of Infantry, will accompany the expedition and aid in guarding the landing of the valuable cargo on the coast of Cuba, and will, if necessary, penetrate into the interior far enough to place the supplies in the hands of the insurgents.

The expedition will be in charge of Captain J. H. Dorst, General Miles' aide, who has just returned from Cuba. The Gussie has on board between six and seven thousand rifles, and about 200,000 rounds of ammunition and several hundred boxes of provisions, consisting principally of canned meats and hard tack. The utmost secrecy is maintained regarding the point of landing, but in view of Capt. Dorst's recent landing near Havana, where he communicated with the insurgent leader, General Delgado, it is believed that the expedition will be headed for a point not far from Havana. The Gussie had mounted on her forward deck to-day, a one pounder rapid fire motion gun for a protection. It is understood, however, that she will be met at some point not far from Key West by a gun boat from the American blockading squadron, and escorted to the designated landing place.

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CURSE OF INSOMNIA.

VIEW OF A RUSSIAN WOMAN WHO HAS STUDIED THE SUBJECT.

Some of the Causes and Remedies Learned by Experiment and Investigation. The Important Part the Blood Plays in the Matter of Sleep.

A mine of information concerning various treatments prescribed for victims of insomnia is contained in a new scientific work by Marie de Monaco, a Russian woman who has consulted hundreds of the highest authorities on the subject and who has made many original experiments. Her work has been translated into English. Cold water lags applied to the forehead and hot ones to the back of the neck are recommended to produce sleep, since by their means the blood is driven from the brain. Hot baths increase the size of the blood vessels of the skin and produce the same effect. Another method of freeing the brain and causing sleep—one which will be found acceptable to every one—is the eating of a light supper just before retiring. The blood in this case is sent from the head to the stomach, where it is needed in digestion.

Experiments prove that monotony is an effective source of fatigue to the brain, which organ appears to automatically drain off its blood when fatigued to a normal degree. Almost every one has tried the experiment of committing himself to sleep. Man has been readily put to sleep by being made to hear water drop constantly. A watch ticking under the pillow will produce the same result until one becomes so accustomed to its monotony that it is no longer heard. According to the Russian authority, old time nobles of her country were put to sleep by their servants, commanded to scratch their heels until laps of consciousness occurred. The lullaby of the American mother produces the same effect of its monotony.

A Papago Indian recently told the writer that the native doctors among his people sit at the bedside of the sick and sing monotonous chants, repeated over and over, throughout the whole night. No additional treatment beyond this chanting is applied. Many patients are doubtless cured, the only virtue of the treatment being the relief of pain and the nourishment of the system by sleep produced by monotony. Repeated sleep produces sleep, as does repeated wakefulness. Extreme cold produces the same result. Spanish mothers accomplish the same result by continuously stroking the spines of their infants. In the last two cases the sleep is produced not only by monotony, but by the attraction of the body to the body by the stimulus of touch.

The manipulations of the hypnotist tend to fatigue the mind through monotony. The writer has seen subjects repeating the white count while breathing Hypnotic sleep, however, like sleep produced by narcotics, or anaesthetics, injures rather than refreshes the mind as a rule. Sufferers from insomnia should never court sleep in a lighted room. They should show that light falling upon the eyelids causes a rush of blood to the brain. The head should not be kept too low, lest gravity produce the same result.

Insomnia is found to be characteristic of persons who blush, laugh or weep readily and whose pulse is apt to quicken upon the slightest provocation. Loss of sleep most frequently results from overwork of either mind or body. Overstrain of either kind dilates the blood vessels of the brain and eventually paralyzes the white count, the result being a rush of blood to the brain and sleeplessness if occurring near bedtime.

There is an interesting theory that we require sleep in proportion to the scarcity of red corpuscles in our blood. All people, therefore, do not correspond in their need of sleep. Many authorities agree that the degree to which sleep is needed depends upon the strength of circulation. Children, averages and idiots readily fall asleep because their consciousness is ill developed, and therefore readily fatigued. Persons of strong will power and marked individuality require relatively little sleep. It is difficult to overfatigue their consciousness.

Young infants are found to demand sleep the majority of the hours of the day, those up to 6 weeks of age requiring 20 hours, the time being gradually decreased to from ten to eight hours until the age of puberty. During the age of puberty more sleep is required. After puberty from nine to seven hours are necessary. After complete growth from eight to six, and in middle age even less, until feebleness begins, when the sleeping hours should gradually increase. With the increase of intellectual growth, however, insomnia naturally increases even during old age.

Too much sleep is thought to be harmful by some authorities. Since consciousness requires waking hours for development, too much sleep will rob it of its education. During sleep man grows like a vegetable, but his mind goes no exercise, which its development demands. Were a child to sleep 30 hours a day until 10 years old, he would have a feeble mind. Children who sleep too much are found upon investigation to be fatter than those who sleep at a normal rate, but their intellects are duller and their muscles weaker. Insomnia, on the other hand, is always a dangerous symptom in children.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

No Calamity. Vexed Wife.—There is no calamity that can befall a woman that I have not suffered. Amiable Husband.—Wrong, my dear. Now, you have never been a widow. Vexed Wife.—I said calamity, sir.—London Tit-Bits.

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POULTRY HOUSES.

Suggestions From the Department of Agriculture.

In the chapter upon the construction of the poultry house, Professor Watson of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, suggests: "As poultry keeping is wholly a business of details, the economy of labor in performing the necessary work is of great importance. Buildings not conveniently located and arranged become expensive on account of unnecessary labor. As it is necessary to visit poultry houses several times each day in the year, convenience is of more importance than in case of any other farm building. The operations must be performed frequently, so that any little inconvenience in the arrangements of the buildings will cause not only extra expense in the care, but in many cases a greater or less neglect of operations that ought to be gone through with carefully each day."

The poultry house, he says, "should have a good roof," another thing we all know, adding what we had possibly never thought of in connection with side walls more or less impervious to moisture and cold. "The walls he recommends can be made of small field stone. "For the colder latitudes," he says, "a house with hollow or double side walls is to be preferred on many occasions, although a solid wall may prove quite satisfactory, particularly if the building is in the hands of a skilled poultryman, as imperfect buildings and appliances, when under the management of a skilled and experienced man, are not the hindrance that they would be to the amateur. Buildings with hollow side walls are warmer in winter and cooler in summer, with less frost in severe weather and less resulting moisture when the temperature moderates. A good quality of tarred building paper between the edges of the paper meet, a liberal lap should be given, the object being to prevent as far as possible drafts of air in severe weather. Nail the second thickness of boards on the building paper so as to break the mortar in the two boards. In selecting lumber for siding it is best to choose boards of a uniform width to facilitate the breaking of joints."

"In constructing a roof for a house in the colder latitudes one must either cell the inside with some material to exclude drafts or place the roof boards close together and cover thoroughly with tarred paper before shingling. The ordinary shingle roof is too open for windy weather when the mercury is at or below the zero mark. The fowls will endure severe weather without suffering from frosted combs or wattles if there are no drafts of air. Hens will lay well during the winter months if the houses are warm enough to keep the single comb varieties from not suffering from frost bite, but whenever the combs or wattles are frozen the loss in decreased egg production cannot be too serious."

POULTRY TRICKS.
How Show Birds Are Handled and Cared For.
Old timers who remember the cockpit as a flourishing institution know that the handlers, in preparing a gamecock for a battle, avoid a number of mistakes and contrivances by daily dubs, so cleverly conducted that the feathered champion would fancy itself a real victor. The method was to face the bird and push at it with the hand, meanwhile clucking to arouse the bird's anger, and also to throw it upward, an hour at a time, to strengthen the wings and legs. Properly trained, the fowl became all whipcord and has no fear of anything that walks or flies. There is a reverse process to keep the birds in made tame and gentle and are taught to walk in a style that will bring out their good points. They are tapped under the beak to make them hold their heads up jauntily, the comb meanwhile held in its helmet to keep the edges unbroken and upright, and the feathers are treated in diverse ways to bring out the gloss and full beauty of plumage.

Poultry judges have a standard of perfection to which the prize birds must conform in head, legs, body, comb, wattles and color, and so closely is the plumage considered that, as the fanciers say, they "must breed to a feather." To pass the scrutiny successfully some exhibitors have been known to pull false feathers and insert missing ones, to defile by color the plumage on the neck and also to splice feathers, all practices forbidden by the show rules.

Such tricks seldom escape the notice of the judges, however, and the exhibitors who rely upon diet and good training to fit the birds usually win the most prizes. It is allowable to wash white fowl and to oil slightly colored plumage, but otherwise the birds must be shown in the natural condition. Every fancier keeps his stock and show birds in distinct yards, and the latter are in training until too old to travel about and strut in public.

Foreign Travels. American hens can produce eggs as cheaply as any foreign hen which roosts, and there is no really good reason why they should not be better for our English cousins. It is not a question of low or high wages. This trade has been small only because we did not have enough to supply the home demand. Of the \$30,000,000 worth consumed by England, the United States supplies less than 1 per cent, while our importations for home consumption are large.

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April the War Month.

The first hostilities in the war of the Revolution and Civil war occurred in the month of April, and April of 1898 marks the beginning of the Cuban war.

A statistician in the Baltimore Sun office has given out the following interesting historical facts that have special interest at this time:

It was on April 19th, 1775, at Lexington and at Concord, that the first armed resistance was made by the minute men of the British troops. The excitement of April 19th, 1861, is still remembered by many persons. The Sixth Massachusetts Regiment was attacked by a mob in Baltimore, and the city was turned over to the secessionists.

North Carolina was the first colony to declare for independence in April, 1776, and Rhode Island almost immediately followed. Six years later, in April, 1782, the recognition of our independence was made by the Dutch republic.

April 18th, 1775—Paul Revere's famous midnight ride.

April 19th, 1775—Beginning of the Revolution by the battle of Lexington.

April 11th, 1783—Congress proclaims cessation of hostilities.

April 15th, 1783—Congress ratifies preliminary treaty of peace with Great Britain.

April 4th, 1812—Congress establishes the embargo that begins the war of 1812.

April 21st, 1835—Santa Anna suffers his great defeat at San Jacinto.

April 25, 1840—Hostilities open between the United States and Mexico.

April 12, 1864—War of the rebellion begun by General Beauregard firing on Fort Sumpter.

April 19, 1861—First bloodshed of the war in conflict between United States troops and a mob at Baltimore.

April 9, 1865—Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox.

April 19, 1898—Congress of the United States declares that "the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be free and independent."

April 21, 1898—Diplomatic relations between Spain and the United States broken off. United States fleet sailed for Cuba.

Mr. Geo. W. Vanderbilt to Marry. Asheville Citizen.

Announcement of the approach of a social event of international interest is made in a letter from George W. Vanderbilt to Charles McNamee, of Baltimore. The information is that Mr. Vanderbilt is to wed Miss Edith Dresser, of London, England, the first of June.

Miss Dresser, the bride to be, is an American lady, having formerly resided in New York, but for several years has lived in London, where the marriage will occur. Mr. Vanderbilt is now in London and will probably remain there until the wedding.

It is believed that Mr. Vanderbilt and his bride will come to Baltimore House and make that their permanent place of residence.

A Texas military company was out on the range recently practicing rifle shooting. The lieutenant in command suddenly became excited at the poor shooting, and, separating a gun from one of the privates, cried sharply: "I'll show you fellows how to shoot!" Taking a long aim, and a strong aim, and an aim all together, he fired and missed. Coolly turning to the private who owned the gun, he said: "That's the way you shoot!" He again loaded the weapon and missed. Turning to the second man in the rank, he remarked: "That's the way you shoot!" In this way he missed about a dozen times illustrating to each soldier his personal incapacity, and finally he accidentally hit the target. "Ahd that," he ejaculated, handing the gun back, "is the way I shoot!"—Los Angeles Times.

Geo. E. Butler, of Sampson county, a brother of Senator Butler, has been appointed major of the third battalion of the First Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers. The other majors are Smith, of Asheville, and Rutler, of Charlotte, the regiment being composed of three battalions.

Kinston elected Geo. B. Webb, Democrat, mayor and five (the entire board) Democratic aldermen. Last year five of the aldermen were negroes.

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