

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, May 8, 1899.  
 Secretary Alger, who has just returned to Washington, is lacking in many of the characteristics that go to make an ideal secretary of war, but he attempts to make up for all of them with gall, of which he has about as much as any man who ever held a cabinet portfolio. His latest is a little beyond all his previous exploits in the gallies. He has actually gone so far as to dictate to Mr. McKinley, if the public talk of his henchmen can be believed. According to the Algerites, Alger is not satisfied with the white washing given him by the war commission and the alleged investigation given him by the report of the military court of inquiry, which Mr. McKinley has just approved and ordered published, but demands that Gen. Miles shall be deposed from the command of the army. In addition to having deposed Mr. McKinley, Alger is said to have told him that if he did not issue the order transferring Miles from commander of the army to one of the military divisions, he would, as secretary of war, issue it himself, thus forcing presidential action one way or the other. It is not surprising that Mr. McKinley should have concluded to go to the Virginia Hot Springs and try to clear out his system with a few hot baths. But it is Algerian he will have to clean out to accomplish anything.  
 Boss Platt's edict has gone forth that New York shall have but one candidate for the speakership, and that Payne, Ray and possibly other members of the delegation, who are either positively or partially announced themselves as candidates, will be forced out of the way to give Sherman the unanimous support of the delegation. This and rumors that Sherman has made a deal with Hanna caused quite a marked boom in Sherman stock, and Sherman is now in favor in sporting circles.  
 Treasury officials have refused to allow an item headed "traveling expenses" in the personal accounts of Roger C. Spooner, special Indian agent "temporarily" in charge of the Indian warehouse in Chicago, because the aforesaid traveling expenses were incurred by Spooner in going between his home in Wisconsin and his office in Chicago, and are not considered to have been necessary to the proper performance of his public duties. Spooner is a brother of Senator Spooner and holds his position by a trick. The position of superintendent of the Indian warehouse is supposed to be under civil service rules; also to be vacant. Nearly a year ago Senator Spooner carried an order to Secretary Bliss, from Mr. McKinley, telling him to provide a good place for his brother. It was done by appointing him as special Indian agent and putting him in temporary charge of the warehouse in Chicago, where he has been ever since, filling a position that is in the classified service, without even having taken an examination. Still there are some otherwise level-headed men who will get "nutty" when the civil service rules are spoken of as the humbug they really are.  
 Mr. McKinley seems to be developing a disposition to play czar. He ordered Representative Henderson, of Iowa, chairman of the Republican caucus committee that recently completed a financial bill, when he called at the White House with a copy of the bill, to change it before it was submitted to the Republicans of the senate finance committee, who it seems must approve it before it is made public. Col. Henderson is a peppery sort of a fellow occasionally, but being a candidate for speaker of the house, he did not care to quarrel with Mr. McKinley, so he only called his attention to the fact that every clause in the bill had been put there by unanimous vote of the committee. The order to change it was reiterated by Mr. McKinley.  
 It has been decided by the Republican leaders that an extra session of congress shall be called, probably early in the fall, but in order to give themselves an opportunity to change their minds, should it be deemed advisable later to do so, they will not say more than that an extra session is probable. The fact of the matter is that they are getting uneasy over the political outlook. A short time ago they were figuring on a walk-over for McKinley next year, but now they are frightened. One of them said: "Mr. McKinley will, of course, be a candidate for renomination, but it is by no means certain that he will win. The scandals under his administration have made it difficult for his friends to defend it. Alger, Shafter, Egan and others, who have figured prominently in the administration, have not added to Mr. McKinley's reputation or improved his chances for renomi-

nation. Conservative observers believe that Algerism and Eganism will prove to be a heavier load than Mr. McKinley can carry, and that even if he should be nominated again, he would be defeated."

The Philippine situation continues to be a combination of dicker-ing and fighting, although the administration claims that the submission of Aguinaldo is now fully assured, but they do not say when. His subjugation has been a sure thing from the first, but it has already cost more, both in money and blood, than it will ever be worth to the people of this country.

The Army Rations.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—As a result of the President's consideration of the report of the Wade court of inquiry, appointed to investigate the character of the food supplied to the army, especially meats, during the recent war with Spain, the following instructions were today cabled to the military commanders in the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico:

"General Otis, Manila; General Brooke, Havana; General Davis, San Juan:  
 "By the President's direction, you have from time to time, been requested to make suggestions as to change of rations for your troops, which you have complied with, but to better enable the President to determine, under provision of Section 1146, Revised Statutes, what adulterations, if any, in established ration would be conducive to the better health of troops serving in tropical climates, the Acting Secretary of War directs that you institute a board of three officers, noted for their experience and ability, serving respectively in the line, medical and subsistence departments, to fully examine into the subject of any desired changes in the ration for the troops of your command, and that you submit substance of report of its investigations by cable, and full report by mail, together with your recommendation refer to board previous correspondence and other available information relating to dietetics. Particularly should the experience of officers and enlisted men of long service in the tropics receive full consideration.  
 "H. C. CORBIN, Adj. Gen."

A Railroad Trust.

CLEVELAND, O., May 9.—According to a high official of the Vanderbilt lines in this city, the details of a big railroad trust, which is to include all the lines between Boston and Chicago, are now being worked out and the consolidation may be completed within the next few weeks. The recent purchase of short lines in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois was in line with the plans for the consolidation, which has been in contemplation.

It is not the purpose to have all the lines under one management exactly, but to apportion them among the Vanderbilt interests, the Pennsylvania Company, and the Baltimore & Ohio Company, when it shall have been reorganized, giving to each system the lines that it can use to the best advantage.

The purpose of the consolidation is said to be to prevent rate cutting and to accomplish practically what the Joint Traffic Association was organized to do.

\$65,000,000 Plow Trust.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Representatives of more than a score of the leading plow manufacturing concerns of the United States met today, and virtually completed the organization of a combination into which it is proposed ultimately to take all manufacturers of agricultural implements. The capitalization of the new combination is placed at over \$65,000,000. The greatest secrecy was maintained regarding the proceedings. It is understood that C. H. Deere was elected president of the combination.

The large capitalization of the new corporation is said not to be in excess of the value of the plants included in the plan. Much of the capital is tied up in patterns, dies and special machinery. The estimated valuation placed on this kind of property is said to exceed \$30,000,000, and it is said that it might easily run up to \$45,000,000.

HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE.

Business Part of Greenville Suffers Severely by the Devouring Element.

Greenville, N. C., May 5.—Fire last night burned out more than half a block on each side of Main street in the business part of town. Five dry goods houses, three groceries, three millinery stores, three bars and several other business houses, including the postoffice, were burned. But little was saved. The loss is about \$125,000; insurance about \$40,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The King House, three stories high, was among the burned.

The Raleigh at Southport.

WILMINGTON, N. C., May 4.—All streets today led to Cape Fear river, to the wharves and piers that from the west side of Water street trended thousands of people anxious to get a glimpse of the war vessel named for North Carolina's capital. "Has the Raleigh been sighted yet?" was the question that they kept asking over and over all the long afternoon, and did not cease asking till far in the night, when it became definitely known that the cruiser arrived at Southport, but with this announcement came the disappointing news that the cruiser would not, because of the channel, come to this city at all. Wilmington had turned out en masse to meet and greet the battle-scarred cruiser and her gallant officer and crew, and bitter indeed was the disappointment of the waiting throngs when hour after hour went by and still no definite tidings of the warship, then the news that it would never come beyond Southport. Business had practically been suspended. Bunting fluttered from buildings all over the city and shipping along the water front had been decorated with flags. Even tugs and fishing smacks showed a flag of some kind and "Manila," "Dewey" and "Raleigh" were favorite legends for these rippling pieces of bunting to bear.

[Captain Coghlan and the other officers of the cruiser were tendered brilliant receptions by the people of Wilmington. In the parlors of the Orton House, Saturday afternoon, Captain Coghlan presented to the delegation of citizens from the city of Raleigh a gun captured from the Spanish cruiser Reina Christiana. The Raleigh sailed Monday afternoon for Charleston, where the Confederate veterans reunion is being held this week.—EDITOR.]

Chattanooga Saloon Law.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 7.—Chattanooga saloon men are making an effort to enjoin the city officials from enforcing the newly enacted 10 o'clock closing ordinance. Application for an injunction has been heard in the Chancery court by Judge McConnell, but he has reserved his decision.

The saloonists charge that the ordinance is unconstitutional and contrary to the state and other existing laws. They assert that the measure is "prohibitory and not regulative, unreasonable and oppressive."

The suit was brought by a saloon firm, and the city and police officials have charged in court that the men arranged to violate the law, having requested an officer to be present. Of course, he had to make an arrest, and then the suit in chancery was made possible, the saloonists applying for an injunction against the city to refrain the corporation from prosecuting in a city court.

The grand jury will meet this week. Summons have been issued for a number of leading preachers who have charged that the police authorities allowed violation of the Sunday law and that Gov. Benton McMillin appointed commissioners favorable to the whisky element. The preachers will be asked to testify in court as to their charges. Revs. Dr. Alonzo Monk, Dr. R. B. Garrett and other prominent clergymen have been asked to appear and give testimony.

Gomez Called a Traitor.

HAVANA, May 5.—A banquet given last evening by members of the recently dissolved military assembly in honor of the aged Salvador Cisneros, first president of the second republic of Cuba, and of Gen. Mayia Rodriguez was the occasion for an anti-American and anti-Gomez demonstration.

Gen. Manuel Sanguily, Col. Juan Gualberto Gomez, a member of the assembly's executive committee, and other speakers denounced General Gomez as a traitor to Cuba in having given aid to the intervening power—"Los Yankees," who were referred to in terms of dislike and suspicion.

The only voice raised in protest against such assertions was that of Senor Fidel Piena, editor of El Independiente, who said the Cubans would most speedily gain their independence by co-operation with the Americans, adding that "the purpose of the United States military authorities is to aid Cuba to prepare for self-government and to leave as soon afterward as possible."

A Mastodon Unearthed at the Mouth of New River.

Raleigh, May 5.—A special to The News and Observer from Maries, N. C., says that what appears to be the skeleton of a mastodon has been cast up by the sea at the mouth of New river. A single bone from the skeleton weighed 600 pounds. A strong sea current cut away the shore laying the skeleton, together with several stumps of trees bare. A force of hands is laboring to save the skeleton.

THE BEE HIVE.

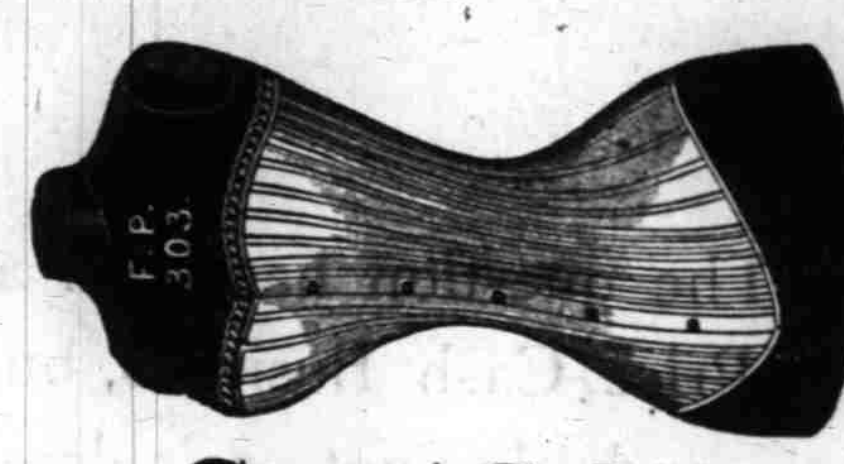
Annual May Sale of Dry Goods, Shoes and Notions.

PRICES CUT IN HALF—ONE-HALF PRICE SALE.



Great Shoe Sale.

500 pairs Women's Button and Lace Shoes, \$3 and \$3.50 values; all will go at \$1.98.  
 300 pairs Women's Button and Lace Shoes, Tan and Black, \$2 and \$2.50 values, at \$1.48.  
 200 pairs Women's Lace and Button Shoes, all styles, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 values, at 98c. Greatest value on record.  
 300 pairs Women's Shoes, (well made), \$1 and \$1.25 values, at 79c.  
 500 pairs Men's Shoes, all well made and new goods, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, at 98c.  
 400 pairs Men's Fine Shoes, all styles, lace and congress, tan and black, \$2 and \$2.50 values, at \$1.48.  
 300 pairs Men's Fine Calf Shoes, tan and black, all styles, broad and pointed toes, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values; all will go at \$1.98.  
 300 prs. James Means \$2.50 Shoes, all styles, at \$1.68.  
 400 pairs Men's Heavy Working Shoes at 89c., 98c. and \$1.19, all solid and good values.



Corset Sale.

300 fine Corsets, 35c. value, at 23c.  
 200 fine Corsets, 60c. value, at 39c.  
 150 Corsets, 75c. value, at 48c.

Summer Dress Goods Sale.

2,000 yards fine Lawn, in solid colors and figured, beautiful goods, 6c. value, at 3c.  
 300 yards fine Lawn and Organdie, beautiful colors, remnants from 5 to 20 yards, 10c., 12½c. and 15c. values, at 5c. per yard.  
 1,000 yards fine French Organdie, all the latest colors, 15c. quality, at 9½c.  
 500 yards good Calico at 2½c.  
 2,000 yards fine Shirting Prints, worth 5½c., at 3½c.  
 2,000 yards fine Bleaching, worth 6c., at 3½c. in small pieces from 2 to 10 yards.  
 2,000 yards fine Sea Island Domestic, worth 6½c., at 4½c.; fine and smooth.  
 100 pairs Boy's Pants at 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 39c. and 48c.  
 2,000 yards fine White Percales, tor Skirts and Waists, the season's rage, at 10c., 12½c., 15c., 18c., 25c.  
 1,000 yards fine White Organdie, 2 yards wide, at 29c., 39c., 48c.

THE BEE HIVE,

328 SOUTH ELM STREET,

GREENSBORO, N. C.

By Way of Explanation.  
 GREENSBORO, N. C., April 27, '99, 9.30 A. M.

MR. J. H. MERRITT, City:  
 Dear Sir—I acknowledge receipt of check, No. 122, dated April 25th, 1899, signed Henry G. West, president of Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, amount of check (four hundred dollars), annuity due under policy No. 142,111, dated December 31, 1898. This is the first and only claim under any insurance contract paid on the life of Mr. Cartland.

MRS. HENRIETTA CARTLAND.  
 GREENSBORO, N. C., May 1st, 1899.

MR. J. S. JONES, Manager Provident Savings, Greensboro, N. C.:  
 Dear Sir—Herein find copy of letter from Mrs. H. G. Cartland, dated April 27th, '99, 9.30 A. M. (this is the correct time), acknowledging receipt from myself of check 122, dated April 25th, '99, signed by Harry F. West, President Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Four Hundred Dollars, first annuity due under policy No. 142,111.

In the DAILY RECORD, of April 25th, the following notice appeared:  
 "We are informed the two policies, amounting to \$5,000, held by the late H. H. Cartland in this company have been paid. This is quick work, but it is an old story with the Provident. There is a moral to it: 'Insure in the Provident if you wish to be insured. The motto of this company is pay your premiums and they will pay the claims, and quick.'"

Again on April 28th a letter signed by Mrs. Cartland, bearing date April 25th, '99, acknowledging receipt of payment of claims by the Provident Savings.  
 I will ask you to state, as a matter of common fairness to all concerned, the correct date on which the claim was paid. I made settlement with both Mrs. Cartland and Edwin D. Steele, Esq., of High Point, the first amount being an annuity of \$400 the second amount (2000), partnership policy on the lives of H. H. Cartland and Edwin D. Steele, on the 27th day of April. Did you pay Mrs. Cartland on the 25th or on the 27th? Mrs. Cartland told me when I paid the claim in my company, that it was the first and only claim paid at that time. Thanking you to give this matter your attention, I am,  
 Yours very truly,  
 J. H. MERRITT,  
 Per W. Room No. 4, Katz Building.

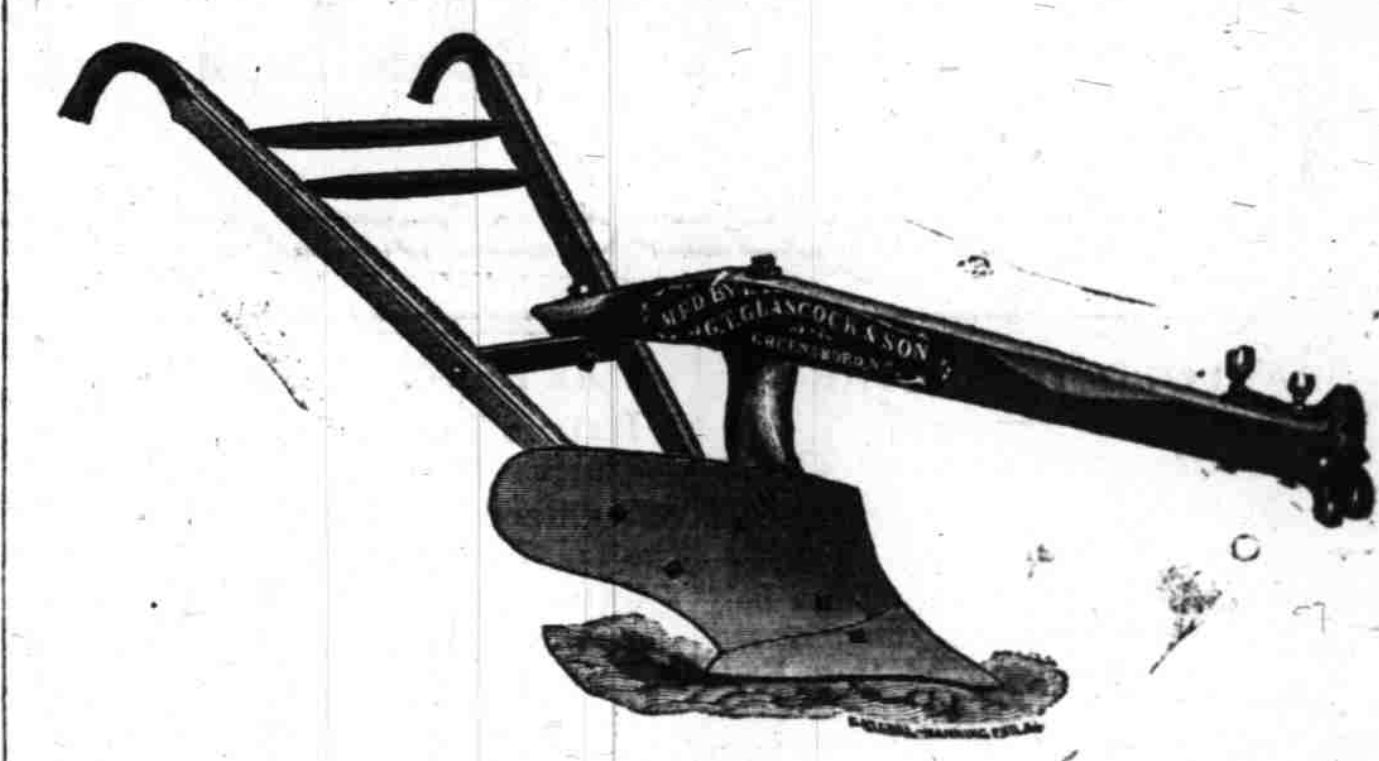
I WOULDN'T MYSELF.  
 GREENSBORO, N. C., May 2, 1899.  
 MR. J. H. MERRITT, City:  
 Dear Sir—Referring to the misunderstanding in regard to priority in payment of claims to Mrs. Cartland, beg to say that the whole trouble has grown out of the fact that you dealt with one person and I with another. It is a matter of no importance whatever, since the public understands fully that both claims have been paid with the utmost promptness, and for this reason I am not disposed to enter into an undignified contest over the statement which you are publishing daily in the papers—that your claim was paid first. Notwithstanding the fact that I had delivered my check to Dr. Cartland, as her agent, before yours was delivered to Mrs. Cartland, on account of the publication of Mrs. Cartland's statements I have no disposition to pursue the matter any further.  
 Yours truly,  
 STERLING JONES, Manager.  
 I do not mean to be "undignified," but want the matter stated fairly to all concerned.  
 J. H. MERRITT.

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We make the following guarantee for these Plows: In ordinary grey land they will do all the work that the high priced Western made Plows will do. All we ask for them is a fair trial. If they are not what we say, your money will be gladly refunded.

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