

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THEM?

Late reports from Havana say that General Weyler has been examining the Spanish forces on the Island, and that there are 15,000 of the soldiers who came from Spain missing and unaccounted for. Of course, Weyler will never agree that they have been either killed or taken prisoners; then what has become of them? Those who know something of the general condition of affairs in Cuba say that of the missing troops thousands have died in the swamps, victims of the fever or of Insurgents' bullets; others are surrounded and practically prisoners in the hands of the enemy, while thousands have deserted to the Insurgent camps, and the statement is probably correct. General Weyler is credited with saying that more troops are needed and needed at once, and before long another draft of men may be expected from Spain. About all that has been done by the home Government since the beginning of the war has been to send men to Cuba, but when the supply is exhausted what will Spain do? When 15,000 troops can disappear as Weyler says, and no account can be given of them, what's the use of repeating the drafts?—Norfolk Virginian.

THE BIRD CASE.

From the ebbled abstract of Great Britain's case in the Venezuela-Guiana boundary dispute it appears that the British claim to the territory in litigation is founded mainly upon the immemorial possession of the country by the Dutch. The Venezuelan contention on the contrary, is based upon the alleged principle of international law that the territorial rights of sovereign States cannot be impeached by prescription; and this view seems to have been supported by Secretary Olney in his famous letter. This position, however is not supported by Wheaton, the leading American authority on the laws of nations, who says: The constant and approved practice of nations shows that the uninterrupted possession of territory by one State excludes the claim of every other in the same manner as by the law of Nature and the municipal law of every civilized nation a similar possession (of property) by an individual excludes the claim of every other person to the article of property in question. Whether this general consent be considered as an implied contract or as positive law all nations are equally bound by it, and none can safely disregard it without impugning its own title to its possessions. If the uninterrupted Dutch occupation of the deserted territory up to the Orinoco River and the Imataca Mountains can be established by historic evidence Great Britain's claim to that country will be as unimpeachable as is our own title to Virginia or Massachusetts.—Philadelphia Record.

All diseases of the skin cured and the best complexion restored by Johnson's Oriental Soap, perfumed and highly medicated. Two cakes in each package 25 cents at Hargrave's, Va. time as a Preservative. Vaseline is the salvation of new shoes which have become wet and muddy. First rub the shoes well with a soft cloth and then remove all the mud. Now for the vaselin. Saturate a cloth with it and rub it well into the shoes. Stuff the shoes into shape, and let them rest awhile; then give them another oiling and rubbing and they will appear as good as new. This same treatment will do much for old shoes which have been out in the rain.—New York Times.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A New Wrinkle for Smokers.

"Shall I wet it for you?" asked the cigar store man who had just sold a briarwood pipe. "Ye es," said the customer, handing the pipe over, "but, say, that's a new one on me. What's the idea of wetting it?" The cigar store man by this time had the pipe under the water faucet and was driving water through it at a great rate. "I learned that from a pipe manufacturer. This first wetting makes a briar pipe last twice as long as it would otherwise. The reason is that the wood is very dry. This pipe here has been in the store six months—maybe a year. It was very dry when we got it, and of course it's drier now. Well, it stands to reason that when fire is applied to the wood the pipe will char quickly and once it begins it burns through in a short time. Now a good soaking like I'm giving this pipe dampens the wood. The wood absorbs a great deal of water and it won't burn so easily. After four pipefuls of tobacco have been smoked there is very little danger of the pipe burning, except the moment it is being lighted. Always remember to light your tobacco and not your pipe."

The cigar store man let the pipe soak for four or five minutes, wiped it out and handed it to the customer.—U. S. Tobacco Journal.

RICH RED BLOOD is the foundation of good health. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla, the One True Blood Purifier, gives **HEALTH**.

The Old Gray Uniform.

New York will not enjoy the spectacle of Confederate and Union veterans marching on Broadway in the uniforms which they wore in the days of civil war. * * * We think Confederate veterans will spend no time in mourning over Commander Walker's repudiation of their uniform and their cause. They understand well enough how the "rebel brigadier" is still a potent factor in certain Republican centres; how the old slouch hat and the tattered gray coat can be made to do service firing the hearts of those who were "invisible in war and invincible in peace." They are perfectly willing that the Grand Commander should bring out the stuffed figure of the "rebel traitor" at regular intervals and demolish it in public for the purpose of making the party solid and helping along the movement for increased pensions. Nobody is hurt by the operation, and the whole performance reflects only upon the common sense and the patriotism of men who are willing to perpetuate the animosities of the war.—Baltimore Sun.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

Strange Case of Blindness.

Mr. S. W. Knox lives near Huntersville, Mecklenburg county. Some thing very peculiar has happened to him in the past four years. Three years ago on February 14th he had a family re-union and dining, and he was well and happy as any one at the table. The following morning he lost the sight of one of his eyes. On February 14th, this year, he gathered his children and grand-children about him once again in a family re-union. On the day following he lost the sight of his other eye and is now totally blind.—Exchange.

A telephone has been placed on the preacher's desk in the Congregational Church, Norfolk, Conn., in order that members of the church who are unable to attend the services may hear the sermons as they sit at home. Exchange.

"WHAT AN AWFUL SET WE ARE."

Senor Canovas, of Spain, who paid a flying visit to this country not a great while ago, has been telling his countrymen some wonderful tales of the people of the United States. He says, for instance, that "the Yankee's skull is similar to that of the red Indian. Society goes on with no other ideal than dollars, without a thought of representing anything in the history of the world. The politics and administration there are the most immoral in the world—to such an extent that people do not care to sit next to the politicians at banquets. It is a country without religion, without family, without ideals, and will collapse the day its material prosperity is imperilled."

Of course we are very wild and untamed people, we are with no religion nor honest purposes in life, but all the same we are going to help Cuba at the earliest opportunity, and it may be that a knowledge of this fact is the cause of the bad impressions which this Spaniard has of us.—Norfolk Virginian.

A Runaway.

On Tuesday last no little excitement was caused by one of Mr. Oscar Farmer's horses running away. Ed Hawkins, who has charge of the livery stables, went down to Mr. Farmer's house on some business, drove up to the gate and, without hitching the horse, went in. While he was gone the horse became frightened at something on the street and began to run. Of course he was away and coming at a "240 lick" uptown before Hawkins knew what had happened. Perhaps this particular horse had been to John Spark's Circus Saturday and wanted to show the people of Wilson that they had among them a horse that was equal to any he had in the way of acrobatic work—anyway he made for Davis' cotton yard and tried his hand jumping over bales of cotton before deciding which route he would take. Then he came down Barnes street and as some one tried to head him off he made a dash into the open doors of Mr. Farmer's stables. The result was a pair of broken shafts and a badly frightened horse.

Put Them Up.

Our city fathers have had the wells in front of the Cash Racket and Wooten & Stevens filled up, but we see no signs of the fountain which has been lying in the streets for a long while. The warm Summer months will soon be here and we should have at least one fountain on that block, at which our dumb animals could quench their thirst. Let us have it up as soon as possible.

U. S. Postal Guide 1896.

Very few of our business men know that the Post office Department at Washington issues in January of each year, a complete Postal Guide containing 1000 pages, and complete lists of Post Offices in the U. S., arranged alphabetically, all rules and regulations, money order offices and rulings of the department on postal matters, time of arrival and departure of foreign mails, and much valuable information for the public on postal matters. The book is exceedingly valuable to those using the mails. It is the guide for every Postmaster in the country and is sold to the business men by the publisher, G. F. Lasher, 147 N. 10th St, Philadelphia, Pa., in cloth cover, \$2.00. Can be ordered through our Postmaster and every business man should secure a copy.

Senator Cameron of Pennsylvania, is showing his oats already. The fact that he is a Presidential candidate has had a galvanic effect upon him. During his speech the other day he gesticulated once with his right arm, and the Senate clock put itself back half an hour through sheer amazement.—Ledger.

LITERARY NOTES.

During these months of extraordinary unrest in foreign politics, the Review of Reviews devotes its attention in a large measure to international affairs. Its editorial department discusses matters in South Africa, the attitude of the great European powers, and the most recent phases of the movement among the nations for the arbitration of disputes; the March number also contains a most timely article on "The Government of France and Recent Cabnges," by Baron Pierre de Coubeetin; "A View of Canadian Affairs," by J. W. Russell, and a character sketch of "Cecil Rhodes, of Africa," by W. T. Stead. It can hardly be said that the Review of Reviews is narrowly provincial in its outlook on men and events.

Your eyes—don't neglect them. See the Specialist from Philadelphia. 40 years experience. Finest of spectacles and low prices. No charge for testing the eyes. Don't miss this chance.

Dr. C. C. Childs, Optician. Now at Mrs. J. L. Manning's Goldsboro Street.

A Square Fight.

If the Democratic party is defeated in North Carolina this year, its defeat will lie at the door of those Democrats who for hope of office, are plotting to fuse with the Populists. A straight fight with a straight Democratic ticket on a straight Democratic platform, can and will win. Any other sort of a fight with any other sort of ticket on any other sort of platform, will bring defeat and seal the doom of the Democratic party in North Carolina.

All our life long we have loyally and zealously supported the Democratic ticket, often swallowing platforms that were bitter doses and often voting for men to whom we would not speak, and we are prepared to do the same thing on to the end of life. But when it comes to masquerading as a Democrat under the leadership of Mariann Butler and Dr. Mott, we beg to be counted out, and there are a great many thousands of other Democrats in North Carolina in the same frame of mind. Nor will we be found supporting a so-called Democratic ticket that makes war upon the national Democratic ticket.—Rutherfordton Democrat.

This is the view the Lowell News takes of it: We think President Cleveland can be depended on to do the right thing by Cuba—that when the proper time comes he will say to Spain: "Get out of Cuba! If you don't get out the United States will put you out."—Exchange.

Statesville, Charlotte and Asheville are all working for the Federal prison that is to be erected in the South.

DISTRESSING DISEASES OF THE SKIN



Cuticura

WARM BATHS WITH CUTICURA SOAP, gentle applications of CUTICURA OINTMENT, and mild doses of CUTICURA RESOLVENT (the new blood purifier). Sold throughout the world. British depot: F. NEWBERRY & SONS, 1, King Edward-st., London. PORTER, DRUG & CHEM. CO., Sole Props., Boston, U.S.A.

Cheatham keeps a neat Oyster Parlor in the rear of his confectionery store where you can get a nice lunch at all times from 3 a. m. to 10 p. m. [† t. †]

NOTICE. I WANT every man and woman in the United States interested in the Opium and Whisky habits to have one of my books on these diseases. Address B. M. Woolley, Atlanta, Ga. Box 382, and one will be sent you free.

Fits Cured
From U.S. Journal of Medicine Prof. W. H. FEEKE, who makes a specialty of Epilepsy, has without doubt treated and cured more cases than any living Physician; his success is astonishing. We have heard of cases of 20 years' standing cured by him. He publishes a valuable work on this disease, which he sends with a large bottle of his absolute cure, free to any sufferers who may send their P. O. and Express address. We advise any one wishing a cure to address Prof. W. H. FEEKE, F. D., 4 Cedar St., New York

Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Ry. JOHN GILL, Receiver. CONDENSED SCHEDULE In effect Dec. 8, 1895.

NORTH BOUND.	No 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington.....	7.25 a m
Arrive Fayetteville.....	10.35 "
Leave Fayetteville.....	10.55 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction.....	10.57 "
Leave Sanford.....	12.19 p m
Leave Climax.....	2.25 "
Arrive Greensboro.....	2.56 "
Leave Greensboro.....	3.05 "
Leave Stokesdale.....	3.59 "
Arrive Walnut Cove.....	4.31 "
Leave Walnut Cove.....	4.38 "
Leave Rural Hall.....	5.17 "
Arrive Mt. Airy.....	6.45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy.....	9.35 a m
Leave Rural Hall.....	11.05 "
Arrive Walnut Cove.....	11.35 "
Leave Walnut Cove.....	11.45 "
Leave Stokesdale.....	12.12 p m
Arrive Greensboro.....	12.58 "
Leave Greensboro.....	1.03 "
Leave Climax.....	1.32 "
Leave Sanford.....	3.19 "
Arrive Fayetteville Junction.....	4.30 "
Arrive Fayetteville.....	4.33 "
Leave Fayetteville.....	4.45 "
Arrive Wilmington.....	7.55 "

NORTH BOUND.	No 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville.....	8.25 a m
Arrive Maxton.....	9.23 "
Leave Maxton.....	9.29 "
Leave Red Springs.....	9.55 "
Leave Hope Mills.....	10.35 "
Arrive Fayetteville.....	10.52 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No 3 DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville.....	4.38 p m
Leave Hope Mills.....	4.58 "
Leave Red Springs.....	5.42 "
Arrive Maxton.....	5.12 "
Leave Maxton.....	5.13 "
Arrive Bennettsville.....	7.20 "

NORTH BOUND	No 16 MIXED DAILY except Sunday
Leave Ramsuer.....	6.45 a m
Leave Climax.....	8.35 "
Arrive Greensboro.....	9.20 "
Leave Greensboro.....	9.35 "
Leave Stokesdale.....	10.50 "
Arrive Madison.....	11.50 "

SOUTH BOUND	No 15 MIXED Daily except Sunday
Leave Madison.....	12.25 p m
Leave Stokesdale.....	1.28 "
Arrive Greensboro.....	2.35 "
Leave Greensboro.....	3.10 "
Leave Climax.....	3.55 "
Arrive Ramsuer.....	5.50 "

NORTH BOUND CONNECTIONS at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line for all points North and East at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Greensboro with The Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Winston-Salem. **SOUTH BOUND CONNECTIONS** at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest. J. W. FRY, W. E. KYLE, Gen'l Manager, Gen' Pass. Agent.

ORINOCO TOBACCO GUANO
MR. F. S. ROYSTER, Tarboro, N. C. Dear Sir—Mr. L. J. Watson, a successful tobacco raiser, has just sold nine tons of tobacco, raised with ORINOCO GUANO, for \$1,500—clear check. Orinoco has given fine results. Your sales will largely increase next season. Yours truly, J. C. HARDY, Wilson, N. C., Aug. 30th, 1895.
F. S. ROYSTER GUANO CO. TARBORO, N. C. & NORFOLK, VA.
For sale by J. C. Hadley.