

A Weekly Democratic journal devoted to the material, educational, political and agricultural interests of Halifax and surrounding counties.

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The Navy Department has dispatched to Admiral Dewey the medal awarded to him by Act of Congress to commemorate the battle of Manila Bay.

The case of Captain Carter, the convicted embezzler of about a million of government money, continues to embarrass the law authorities in Washington.

The latest fad is the cultivation of four-leaved clovers. These will not be the lucky kind. Only those discovered by chance are good and nice charms.

REV. JOHN JASPER, colored, of "de sun do move" fame, a resident of Richmond Va., celebrated his 84th birthday on the 4th. He still persists that "de sun do move."

It is expected that Kentucky will contribute to the \$10,000 fund for the monument which will be erected in honor of the late Congressman Bland, who was a native of that State.

FLORIDA'S new anti-scalping law is now said to be wholly unconstitutional. It is almost an exact copy of one in New York, which was no account. A test is liable to be made of the law.

It is estimated that before the end of the year a billion dollars will be invested in telephones in this country and that 750,000 people will be employed in one way or another to conduct the business.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR., the son of the famous inventor, has married an actress, against his father's wishes, and announces that he has severed his connection with the "old gentleman" and will launch himself as an independent inventor. It is not a close competitor of the Wizard.

ONE of the largest smelting plants in the State of Georgia, which has been lying idle for the past several years will soon be put in operation at Cedartown. The yield of iron ore in that vicinity has been enormous of late and a ready sale has been found for it.

The first convention of the Southern Industrial League will meet in Atlanta in about two weeks. It is expected that this convention will have effect of bringing business men into closer touch. There will be many prominent speakers present who will discuss questions of economic importance to the South.

SOME one wanted to know the opinion of a Cumberland county (Pa.) farmer on the question: Is marriage a failure? His reply was: "I should say not. Why, lucidly gets up in the morning, milks the cows and get breakfast, starts four children to school, looks after three others, feeds the calves and pigs, skins the milk, does lots of other work, and helps in the field when he is not so busy. Think I could hire anybody else for what she gets? Marriage is a grand success."

The United States has a chance to try the experiment of government ownership of telegraph. Spain had a fully organized telegraph system in vogue in Porto Rico and the commissioners recommend that it be continued for business purposes under the charge of our government. It will be an interesting thing to do, and may demonstrate whether or not that sort of thing is well adapted for our form of government.

REV. SAM JONES says: "If I wanted to get a right square judgment, I'd rather go into a newspaper office than a court of justice. No man whose life is true, pure and just, is afraid of all the newspaper presses in America. They are the best detective forces in America today. They have penetrated more shames than any other agency, and as far as I am concerned, I say take the bribes off, and let them go. The only ones that will be hurt will be the sham and frauds."

JOHN B. SMITH, the state entomologist of New Jersey, when asked regarding bite of the "kissing bug," being fatal, said that the insect does no more harm than mosquito. The stories about the "kissing bug," he said, were largely the result of a case similar to that of some time ago, when everybody who was bitten by any kind of insect attributed it to a spider. Professor Smith declares that in his opinion there is no danger in the kissing bug's bite.

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS
Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Backlen's Anoxic Salve, cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Bala, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chubblains, Best Pile cure on earth Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed Sold by W. M. Cohen Druggist.

APPROVES of the question as to whether or not women should remove their hats in church a Lexington (Mo.) man suggests a return to the good old custom under which the men sat on one side of the church and the women on the other. "In that way," he says, "the women could get the full benefit of their hats. Women who remove their hats out of courtesy to those who sit behind them could, of course, sit where they claim. The others could have the full benefit of attempting to see the preacher through a jungle of feathers and gewgaws."

A Des Moines man, who has passed his 84th year, predicts that 1900 will have no summer. He says that the weather has acted just like it did in 1826 when heavy snow fell in July and water froze every month in the twelve. According to this authority 1823 was a year of intense cold and heavy storms. The people in many sections wore their winter clothing throughout the entire year. The same old man tells also of years without winters. He says that in the year 1837 pumpkin vines were in bloom Christmas time and the leaves green on the trees as late as February.

The War Department has recently concluded an exhaustive series of experiments in Sandy Hook with high explosive and light field guns that promise, if adopted, to result in arming the troops in the Philippines with the most advanced type of light field gun in the world. The board has decided on a type of field gun which can fire 15 aimed shots per minute, which can be operated by one man and which its fallowow can take to pieces in 10 seconds for loading on mule back for transportation wherever needed. It is a 75-caliber, can carry solid shot, shrapnel or a bursting charge of high explosive which will kill by concussion in a radius of 200 feet.

S. S. CONFERENCE.

TO BE HELD AT SMITH'S CHURCH, AT 10:30 A. M.

Roanoke Circuit Sunday School Conference will be held at Smith's church on the 2nd Sunday in August, next.

The following is the programme arranged for the occasion.

MORNING SESSION.

- 9:30 A. M. 1st Singing—"All hail the power of Jesus name."
- 2. Bible lesson and prayer.
- 3. Remarks by pastor.
- 4. Singing—"Work for the Night is Coming," by the school.
- 5. Report from Taber S. S.
- 6. What should be the main object of the S. S. by Rev. Y. E. Wright.
- 7. Who shall constitute the S. S. W. R. Hart, Meum Dickens.
- 8. Report from Ebenezer S. S.
- 9. Relation of the S. S. (1) to the church, W. T. Jenkins, (2) to the home, R. W. Brown, (3) to the State, J. O. Hospital, (4) to the State, K. A. Thorne and others.

10. Singing—"What shall the harvest be?" Report from Smith's S. S. Singing, 9:45 in hymn book.

11. 11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Bundy. Singing, "Over the Sea."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 1. Singing—"Why stand ye here (die)?"
- 2. The S. S. teacher, helps and duties, Rev. P. N. Stainback.
- 3. Singing—"We'll gather them in," Report from New Hope S. S.
- 4. Report from Roanoke Rapids S. S.
- 5. How to get the older people into the S. S. W. P. Harris, Thos. H. Dickens, G. W. Palgham.
- 6. Magnitude of the movement of the S. S. by Rev. J. D. Bundy.
- 7. Singing, 6:00 in hymn book.
- 8. Why should the S. S. be organized into a missionary society? Chas. D. Hennings, Geo. L. Meadin, and others.
- 9. Question box.
- 10. Singing doxology. Benediction. Y. E. WRIGHT, P. C.

IN MEMORIAM.

Death comes so often it makes but little impression upon our minds. We give to the breeze, the coffee and the about a passing glance and hurry on our busy way, but when such a good man as Mr. B. F. Sledge dies, we feel a desire to pay him the tribute of an affectionate remembrance. Death is often viewed as a misstep, but when he came for Mr. Sledge, the pang was removed, the sting was withdrawn and God mingled joy with sorrow, for while his loved ones look upon his vacant chair, they know that the spirit freed from the weary body which was wont to rest there, is roaming in perpetual youth, the green fields of Eden in life, men who know him best, loved him best and those who associated with him most, valued him most. That he was a kind and considerate master, that he was a kind and considerate father, is evidenced by the strong love he retained from those of his former servants who still live. He was a tender husband, and a loving father whose heart often ached over his inability to avert the reverse in life, but after all, he left them a legacy to be most valued, that is, the remembrance of a faith whose flame never faded out, to burn and bewilder and then die out, but like the vestal fire, never went out and after bearing the heat and burden of the day, tired nature needed repose and seeking the quiet of his room, he went to sleep and awoke in heaven.

A Good Family Medicine.

W. Lee Wilmoth, Top of Alleghany West Va., writes: I have used Ramon's Liver Pills and Tonic Pellets for the past five years in our family. I do not hesitate to say that they are the best. They are mild in action, speedily in effect besides being pleasant to take and requiring only one at a dose. To all who are unable to pay large doctor's bills I would say, always keep a box of Ramon's Liver Pills in the house to use in case of necessity.

For sale by Edward T. Clark, Weldon N. C.

HORSES AND THE FAIR.

TROTTERS AND THOROUGHBREDS OWNED BY MAJOR EMERY—THE APPROACHING FAIR.

A writer in the Richmond Times has the following to say of Major Emery's valuable horses, and of the coming Weldon fair:

"Kept on his different farms in the vicinity of Weldon N. C., Major T. L. Emery, who is a capitalist and one of the largest land holders in all that section, has a number of well-bred horses, among them being thoroughbreds, trotters and saddlers, while more than a hundred mules are used for farm work. Among the trotting bred animals are Meadow Lark, a bay mare, by Holstein, dam Dolly Little, by Happy Medium, bred to Mooly, son of Sherman, 2:33 1/2 and Troublesome, 2:25 by Messenger Puron. She has a very handsome bay colt by Egwood, 2:18 1/2, at her side, which has been christened Roanoke Rapid, in honor of the flourishing manufacturing town six miles distant from Weldon, founded during the last few years by Major Emery, and in which some prominent Northern capitalists are interested.

The aged chestnut mare Sea Gift, by Red Jacket, dam Ocean Wave, by Storm thoroughbred son of Lata, second dam by Red Eye, son of Baston, is also a member of Major Emery's stud. She is the dam of the pairs Princess Bahle, 2:17 1/2, and Volacy, 2:24 1/4, and was bred this season to Mooly.

A couple of very clever fillies are Miss Finnegan, a chestnut 3 by Norfolk, out of Frosty May, dam of the pairs Halo, 2:15 1/4, and Halo II, 2:22 1/2, by Joe Downing, and an unnamed yearling filly, in color a rich bay, by Egwood, out of Meadow Lark.

The list of thoroughbreds owned by the Major includes Myth, a chestnut mare, foaled 1883, by Harry, Follen, dam Myth, by Imp. Australian, with a bay colt her side, by Frontino, and bred to the trotting sire Mooly; Aimes, a chestnut mare, foaled 1888, by Barney Williams, dam Kate Claxton, by Imp. Biller, who slipped her foal in January by Tristan and was bred to the spratling Mooly; a bay filly 2, by Stratmore, dam Pacific, by Hyder Ali, bay filly 2, by Julian, dam Bay Rank II, by Egan, and the chestnut gelding 4, by Oakes, dam The Kid, by Imp. Lucky. The latter has been broken in harness and is being driven to pale with Miss Finnegan, the daughter of Norfolk and Frosty May.

Major Emery recently sustained quite a loss in the death, due to being run down by a train over the Seaboard Air Line, which carried the paddock in which they were turned out of the two valuable thoroughbred fillies Eagle Wing 2, by Jun Thor, dam Gunning, by Imp. Mooly, and an unnamed chestnut, 2, by Imp. Lucky, dam Harry, by Follower, and trotting bred colt Mr. Nelson, a two-year old chestnut son of Norfolk and Miss Lassiter. The latter was a full brother to the fast mare Miss Nelson, 2:11 1/4, well formed and handsome, and probably more highly valued by Major Emery than any animal on the farm.

After laying idle for eight or ten years the fair grounds at Weldon, N. C., are being gotten in shape for a fair and race meeting to be held this fall under the auspices of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Association, and the dates selected are October 31st, November 1st, 2d, and 3d. The officers of the association are Major T. L. Emery, president; J. J. Daniel, treasurer, while John W. Sledge, of the Roanoke News, will serve as secretary. Liberal premiums will be offered for agricultural and mechanical products and live stock, while over \$1,500 will be lying up in purses for trotters, paces and runners. During former years the fairs and race meetings of this association were among the most popular in North Carolina and Weldon being centrally located and easy of approach by rail from various points the attendance at times was very large.

COTTON IS WORTH MORE.

HOW THE FARMER IS BENEFITED BY THE THURSDAY SALE.

The Atlanta Constitution, which recently published an elaborate report on the Round-bale of the American Cotton Company in discussing the value of the new system of cotton handling says: "It is quite clear that in order to raise the price which should go to the farmer for his cotton, the commercial expenses in handling it must be reduced."

Under present conditions, the amount of money required to handle the crop, from the gin to the factory platform, has grown out of all proportion, so that its commercial handling consumed the profit which should have gone to the grower. Viewed from this standpoint, therefore every movement which delivers the farmer cotton with least expense to the manufacturer must be regarded as of the widest and most public interest.

The new methods of round baling are on this line, doing away with much of the clumsiness and extravagance of the old system and substituting one which can make of every cotton gin a compress as well. The claims of the round bale advocates show that we have entered upon an era of invention which means much to the farmer, and much therefore to the country.

Shelly is now a dry town.

Rheumoid is not recommended for the cure of every ill; it does not cure everything. But it is a certain cure for rheumatism, and is a fine blood purifier and laxative, try it.

NORTH STATE CULLINGS.

News Notes as Called for Our State Exchange.

Monroe is to have a new cotton seed oil mill.

The State Guard is in encampment at Merchand City.

A mad dog was killed in New Bern Tuesday, of last week.

Pier Green, a colored woman of Durham, died Tuesday at 104 years of age.

The next meeting of the North Carolina Press Association will be held at Hendersonville.

The Governor appoints Laurence S. Holt, of Alamance, director of the North Carolina Railroad.

A negro woman in Greensboro, tried to poison a three year old daughter at C. M. Vannoy but was detected in the act.

The granite chosen for the pedestal of the Vance statue is pink and from the quarry at Faith, Rowan county.

The Northern Journal says that a \$10,000 half-propelling tug boat is being built at that place for the United States government.

W. W. Biggers, cashier of the Bank of Lexington, dropped dead in the bank Monday from heart failure. He was in his 58th year.

Dave J. Gilmer, late captain of the Greensboro Third North Carolina regiment, has accepted a position in the postal service in Croftsville, Cal.

The Newton Enterprise says that a great many Catawba farmers are this year selling their wheat at the threshing. They are getting 70 cents a bushel for it.

The penitentiary executive heard with his case against State Treasurer Worth. Judge Moore orders the latter to pay the delinquent warrants as issued—that is to July 1st.

From Aventville, in Nash county, to Rocky Mount there is not a sorry crop of any kind. Not only are all crops fine but are away ahead of former years' best prospects.

The Charlotte News says E. J. Bush, of the Dilworth Floral Gardens, has succeeded in growing a large bunch of bananas that are of good size and delicate flavor.

The Oxford Ledger says that Mr. Elijah Frazier, one of the prosperous young farmers of the Stovall section on last Thursday killed a big buck on his farm with a bow.

Mr. Catherine Pitts, of Rowan near Elencor, was leading a cow by a rope wrapped around her hand when the animal became frightened, giving a sudden jerk of such force as to sever Mrs. Pitts' thumb from her hand.

General Julian S. Carr delivered an address at the unveiling of the Confederate monument at High Point Tuesday which was received through the Junior Order of United Mechanics. General Carr, towards the close of his address, which he referred to the laboring classes, scored the trusts unmercifully.

IS IT RIGHT FORAN Editor to Recommend Patent Medicines

From Sylvan Valley News, Broard N. C.

It may be a question whether the editor of a newspaper has the right to publicly recommend any of the various proprietary medicines which flood the market, yet as a preventive of suffering we feel it a duty to say a good word for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. We have known and used this medicine in our family for twenty years and have always found it reliable. In many cases a dose of this remedy would save hours of suffering while a physician is awaited. We do not believe in depending implicitly on any medicine for a cure, but we do believe that if a bottle of Chamberlain's Diarrhoea Remedy were kept on hand and administered at the inception of an attack much suffering might be avoided and in many cases the presence of a physician would not be required. At least this has been our experience during the past twenty years.

For sale by W. M. Cohen, Weldon, J. N. Brown, Halifax, Dr. A. S. Harrison, Raleigh, Druggists.

An Iowa farmer who has been experimenting in growing coffee thinks he can raise it at a cost of about \$15 a pound.

"We have sold many different cough remedies, but none has given better satisfaction than Chamberlain's says Mr. Charles Halphauer, Druggist, Newark, N. J. "It is perfectly safe and can be relied upon in all cases of coughs, colds or hoarseness."

J. D. MEDLIN, Adm. of Dr. J. L. Trexler, Weldon, N. C., June 24, 1899.

The undersigned having this day qualified before Sterling M. Gary, clerk of the Superior court of Halifax county as administrator with the will annexed of John L. Ivey, deceased, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to the undersigned administrator, on or before the 25th day of June 1900 for payment, otherwise this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

ENFIELD LETTER.

SOME INTERESTING NEWS NOTES FROM ENFIELD ARE WORTH RECORDING IN THAT CITY.

Mr. Spier's billiard room is the most modern and complete in the city.

Dr. A. C. Stallings will erect a modern brick hotel on the corner of Whitaker and Railroad streets. It is to be two stories with all the latest improvements, and is to cost about \$30,000. The building is to be completed by October 1st.

This assembly was addressed by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Edward Wile, at the home of her husband at Brinkleyville, Monday, the 10th.

She was formerly Miss Anna Williams, daughter of the late H. H. Williams, who lived near Whitaker's Church.

Mrs. Wile was a lady of the purest Christian character and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. For many years she was a most consistent member of the Methodist Protestant church and was a kind and charitable neighbor and a friend to all who were in distress. The remains were laid to rest in the family crypt at Whitaker's Chapel.

HIS LIFE WAS SAVED.

Mr. J. K. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hamblint, N. C., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a fatal illness. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever that ran its course in my lungs. My lungs became hardened and I was so weak I couldn't even sit up to bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to succumb to Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it and now am well and strong. I can not say too much in its praise. This marvelous medicine is the sure and quick cure for all kinds of Croup, Croup and Lung Trouble. Regular sales 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. M. Cohen's Drug Store every bottle guaranteed.

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A Wife Says:

"We have four children. With the first three I suffered almost unbearable pains from 12 to 14 hours, and had to be placed under the influence of chloroform. I used three bottles of Mother's Friend before our last child came, which is a strong, fat and healthy boy, doing my household work to within two hours of birth, and suffered but a few hard pains. This treatment is the grand and ready ever made."

Mother's Friend

will do for every woman what it did for the Mrs. Allen, who writes the above letter. Not to use it during pregnancy is a mistake to be paid for in pain and suffering. Mother's Friend cures the patient with a strong body and clear intellect, which in turn are imparted to the child. It relaxes the muscles and allows them to expand. It relieves morning sickness and nervousness. It puts all the organs concerned in perfect condition for the final hour, so that actual labor is short and practically painless. Danger of rising or hard breasts is altogether avoided, and recovery is merely a matter of a few days.

Druggists sell Mother's Friend for 25c a bottle. The Bradford, Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., send for our free illustrated book.

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GEN. BROWDER recently said that there were no benefits in Cuba, but the announcement has not been made that a high school of San Cristobal has been established, and his family notified that he would be held until the amount of \$5,000 was paid for his release. Now get help, Gen. Browder, willing there are no hangers in Cuba.

GET THE BEST

IN order to get the best you must buy the CELEBRATED

Virginia Mountain Fulcher Whiskey

the oldest and best whiskey ever offered on the Weldon market.

There is None BETTER

And None So GOOD

At a medium and good price with all age.

All lovers of a good drink know that old age is necessary when it comes to Pure Whiskey. Manufactured Exclusively for the Fine Trade by

DAVENPORT MORRIS & CO.

Richmond, Va. For Sale by W. M. Cohen.

W. D. SMITH, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT, HENDERSON TELEPHONE COMPANY.

February 15, 1899. The Company begs to announce that the following are now connected by the Long Distance Service, and the rates herewith published will be effective on and after February 15, 1899.

FROM WELDON TO:

Axtell	20	Masson	25
Brookston	20	Mason	25
Chatham	10	Middleburg	30
Chatham	25	Oakville	25
Dalney	35	Oxford	40
Edinboro	40	Ridgeway, N.	45
Franklinton	40	Ridgeway, S.	45
Gibbing	35	Roanoke Rapids	40
Henderson	35	Vaughan	35
Hallsby	10	Warren Plains	25
Kintrol	40	Warrenton	25
Laurel	10	Wise	25
Littleton	20	Youngsville	45
Louisburg	40		

Racket Store

I am receiving some big jobs in house-furnishing goods bought at some of the N.Y. recent sales. If you need anything to furnish your home, come and look over these big bargains. Also bargains in the line of

H. C. SPIERS

Weldon, N. C.

New Year! New Prices!

I have on hand thirteen of these celebrated Wheeler & Wilson New No. 9 Family Sewing Machines. A great improvement over anything ever made in the way of Sewing Machines.

THE LATEST AND BEST.

The only sewing machine that does not fail in any point. Rotary motion and ball bearings make it the lightest running machine in the world. Cannot start in the wrong direction, and is the only lock-stitch machine so arranged. Does not oil the work. The stitch is formed without bringing the throat in contact with any parts which is not true of other machines. An all-steel needle bar prevents oiling the needle throat. The only machine having a needle that cannot be set the wrong way.

I am overstocked in these machines and while this lot lasts propose to place them out at wholesale cost for SPOT CASH. Call and see them, or write for catalogue fully describing them and save \$15 on your machine. I also have six oak side boards that I will close out at cost. Some of them very handsome. I need money and will give bargains in anything in my line. Specialties carried:

BUCCIES, WAGONS, FURNITURE.

UNDERTAKING COODS, COFFINS.

Both wood and metallic from \$5 to \$100. Nice New Hearse Free in patronage.

P. R. STAINBACK, Weldon, N. C.

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Pepsin
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Is Tasteless and Guaranteed to Give Chills and Fever and all Malarial Troubles.