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[Special Star Correspondence.]
MAXTON, N. C., April 29.
Editor Wilmington Star:
The municipal election to be held next Monday is just beginning to engage the serious attention of Maxtonians. The last Legislature provided for higher taxes and this, together with the sanitary problem which in common with all towns Maxton must solve, makes the selection of our wisest and most public-spirited men a necessity.
A choir, composed of forty of our local singers, is preparing, under the leadership of Prof. Staffer, of Philadelphia, Pa., to render that grand cantata, "Lepta's Daughter." The entertainment will come off in about two weeks. B. F. McLean, Esq., visited Maxton recently in the interest of aspiring Republicans of this county. He informs me that Representative W. J. Currie will get the piece of the pie labeled "Maxton Postoffice." R. B. Russell, colored, editor of the Blade, is an applicant, but darkies are constructed for voting machines and the present existing plan.
Mr. W. G. Hall, deputy collector during Harrison's administration, has moved back to Maxton from Bladen county where he has resided since vacating office, and has entered the pie department for general reasons. He first decided to take the Maxton postoffice, but finding that pre-empted, he was willing to compromise on the Red Springs office, but that piece of pie has receded until his office of deputy revenue collector is the only thing in sight.
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Rev. Mr. Bradshaw has been compelled to cancel an engagement to speak at the closing exercises of Miss Clarke's school in Hinton this week, on account of serious sickness in his Caledonia congregation. He will deliver the address at the Commencement of Kings Seminary at Kingston, N. C., July 1st.
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Carolina Central R. R.—14 casks spirits turpentine, 27 blis rosin.
Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—18 casks spirits turpentine, 49 blis rosin, 5 blis tar.
Steamer Driver—4 casks spirits turpentine, 20 blis tar, 18 blis tar, 3 blis crude turpentine.
Steamer E. A. Hawes—81 blis rosin, 15 blis tar.
Flat—8 casks spirits turpentine, 29 blis rosin, 34 blis tar.
Total receipts—Cotton, 1 bale; spirits turpentine, 45 casks; rosin, 348 blis; tar, 94 blis; crude turpentine, 8 blis.
Returned from Raleigh.
Messrs. H. E. Bonitz and E. P. Bailey returned from Raleigh yesterday. The Bonitz had been in attendance upon the meeting of the trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and Mr. Bailey went up, by special invitation, to make an examination of the heating apparatus of the college building, which has been found to be defective. Mr. Bailey was invited to assist in preparing specifications for a new system of water works.
The trustees decided to erect a hospital in connection with the college and instructed Mr. H. E. Bonitz to have the plans made.

THE ASYLUM DIRECTOR.

Mr. R. O. Barton, a lawyer of decided ability, in a communication to the News and Observer, argues convincingly that those Directors of the Asylum for the Insane whose terms have recently expired will hold over. He makes the point that appointments by the Governor made now would not be valid, as the law requires that such appointments shall be confirmed by the Senate.
One Case's Worth.
Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents. This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for in advance.

HEADQUARTERS

CAPE FEAR CAMP NO. 254,
NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION,
UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS.
WILMINGTON, N. C., April 18, 1897.
Comrade:
The Committee on Transportation, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Camp to arrange for the trip to the reunion at Nashville, June 23rd to 26th, after due consideration, have decided that the most economical and comfortable way in which to make the journey is by special car. They have therefore contracted with the Seaboard Air Line to furnish this Camp a Pullman sleeper, the Camp to have the exclusive use of same both on the journey from and to Nashville, and while there, covering a period not exceeding five days, which is ample time. A low rate has been based upon a minimum of forty-five tickets. See either of the undersigned for details, &c.
In order that we may ascertain the names of those who intend going, and who may wish to secure the benefits of this car, we would be glad to have them register at once with Mr. P. Heinsberger, Market street, so space may be reserved for them.
Respectfully submitted,
W. J. WOODWARD,
F. W. KASCHNER,
THOS. D. BERRY,
Committee.

CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS

Edward Sharpless Sentenced to Ten Years in the Penitentiary—Other Cases Disposed Of—Fred H. Howland to be Tried To-day.
Edward Sharpless, colored, the man who killed Sam Register, also colored, on the 17th of last month in Cape Fear township, and who subsequently (Wednesday) pleaded guilty of manslaughter, in the Superior Court, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. In sentencing Sharpless Judge Sutton spoke very feelingly.
The rest of the morning was taken up in hearing the case of Becky Clarify, colored, charged with robbing a lady, Herbert McClammy, Esq., appeared for the defendant, and David B. Sutton, Esq., represented the State, with Solicitor Richardson. The case went to the jury about 1 o'clock, and at 5 o'clock the jury positively announced that they could not agree upon a verdict, and a juror was then withdrawn and a mistrial entered. This is the second mistrial of this case this term. The defendant was placed under \$100 bond for her appearance at the next term of the court.
Other cases were disposed of during the day as follows:
Wm. James, colored, carrying a concealed weapon. Verdict guilty; but judgment suspended.
Wm. Holly, colored, carrying a concealed weapon. Defendant submitted, and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.
David Leque, colored, carrying a concealed weapon. Submission.
Jas. Hollman, false pretence. Verdict guilty.
Wm. Jackson, colored, larceny. Sentenced to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary.
Ed. Foy, colored, assault and battery with a deadly weapon. Not a true bill.
Jno. Fisher, colored, false pretence. Not a true bill.
Court, at 5 o'clock, took a recess until 10 o'clock this morning.
The case of Fred P. Howland, charged with arson, is set for the first case this morning, and will probably occupy the entire time of the court to-day. Herbert McClammy, Esq., and Messrs. Bellamy & Bellamy will appear for the defendant and Messrs. Ricard & Bryan will assist Solicitor Richardson in the prosecution.

SPANISH SLAUGHTER.

450 TROOPS KILLED BY INSURGENTS UNDER GARCIA.
Blown Up with Bombs—Gen. Rey Killed by Weyler—Bombs of Victory Gained Over Him by Cubans.
HAVANA, April 28. VIA KEY WEST.—Gen. Nicolas del Rio has been recalled to Havana from Santiago de Cuba by order of Gen. Weyler. The cause of his recall is the great victory obtained over Gen. Rey by Gen. Calixto Garcia near Guamo, a report of which was published last week.
Further details concerning the battle received from Manzanillo under date of April 19, have created a sensation here. They show that the Spanish column of 800 men was utterly put to rout by the dynamite bombs that exploded, and that 150 soldiers being killed as the official report declared, 300 were blown up by the bombs and 350 were slain by the dynamite bombs. The confusion and excitement of the panic-stricken columns. The bombs were planted in the road on which the Spanish were marching. They did not explode until the column was declared last week. The six bombs exploded simultaneously in the center of Gen. Rey's column.
Weyler writes the following description of the battle to his family in Havana:
"The explosion was so terrible as to curdle the blood of the bravest men. From the center of our column a sudden shock came which threw us to the ground. We remained deaf and blind for a few seconds. The cries of our wounded soldiers were awful. I was able to stand I saw around me heads entirely cut off from bodies, pieces of human limbs scattered here and there and men prostrate arms or legs crushed heaven in the gap of death. It was perfectly easy a few seconds later for our successful enemies to rout us and disperse our columns in which nothing of military order and discipline remained.
"As soon as the first shots of the insurgents were heard after the explosion, I was able to get up and saw some of our officers and soldiers. I fled to Guamo. Our panic-stricken crowd followed the general's party, closely harassed by the Cuban cavalry, which made havoc in our ranks."
The writer of the letter adds that the Spaniards left on the field nearly all their arms and ammunition besides a considerable quantity of provisions they were carrying to Guamo. From other letters it is learned that General Garcia in person led the Cubans and that since the landing of Gen. Roloff's expedition in Cuba the use of dynamite by the Cubans is incessant in Oriente. This has put the Spanish soldiers into a state of terror. The Spaniards protest against the use of dynamite in the war as barbarous, notwithstanding the fact that they have also tried to employ it, but unsuccessfully, on account of the self military movements of the insurgents.
The Diario del Espectador, which is the newspaper organ of the Spanish army, publishes a column showing the number of armed men on the Spanish side during the two years of war in Cuba has been 379,993.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—Mrs. J. O. Cobb left yesterday for Goldsboro.
—Mr. Jas. F. Woolvin and bride returned yesterday.
—Mr. H. I. Jones, of Lumberton, was