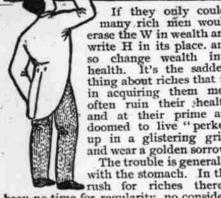


WEALTH.



If they only could, many rich men would... The stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition become diseased...

OLD TIMES.

There are no days like the good old days... The days when we were youthful... Before a love for sordid gold...

CURRENT COMMENT.

Porto Rico asks for free trade... Her appeal should receive all the more attention because the markets of the United States are necessary to save the island from hopeless ruin...

ROBERTS' CHILL TONIC advertisement with logo and text: 'ROBERTS' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is sold strictly on its merits...'

GREAT REJOICING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

St. Patrick's Day Divides Honors With General Roberts, the Hero of the Hour.

WAR NEWS IS UNIMPORTANT.

Anxiety as to Making—Rumor that the Place has been Relieved—The Boers Making a Stand in the Mountain Passes—Skirmishing.

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The Transvaal officials are said to have vacated Tazara and Tazara, but the rebels are unwilling to enter the Transvaal, being anxious to trek homeward. No one would be much surprised if a great spread of this contagious disease occurred in the Transvaal...

Lady Randolph Churchill, who started homeward on the hospital ship Maine yesterday, cables to the committee to believe that they have a complaint to the United States that the Maine was the first ship to leave since Lady Smith was relieved.

There were twelve officers and 133 non-commissioned officers and men aboard the Maine.

CAPE TOWN, March 17.—The departure of the transports with the Boer prisoners for St. Helena has been delayed on account of the fact that seventy Boers have been sick, including many infectious cases. The authorities are striving to complete the isolation hospital by Wednesday and transports will probably sail that day.

LADY SMITH, March 16.—Lord Dundonald's cavalry patrol reconnoitered the Free State border of Basutoland, to Debeers Pass, where a slight, skirmish occurred in which two British were wounded. The Boers are also encountered in a strength at Van Reenen's Pass and Tintwas Pass.

UNCOMFORTABLE REPORT. LONDON, March 17.—It is persistently reiterated that Making is being relieved, but the War Office has no confirmation of the rumor.

PORTO RICO MERCHANTS CALL A MASS MEETING. To Petition Congress to Take Action on the Tariff Question—Starving Country Women Begging for Food.

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PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND



The Spring Medicine for Exhausted nerves and the overworked body. Only when the nerves are weakened and inflamed do you know that they exist.

JOHN H. WILLIAMSON, Grand Island, Cal., writes: "Although I am 73 years old, I have no particular disease, and am a hard worker. I use Paine's Celery Compound as a spring medicine to restore lost energy. I have used the Compound for years and find it very beneficial. When I take it, it seems as though I did double work."

Paine's Celery Compound is a medicine compounded to strengthen nerves, stomach, liver and kidneys.

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GEORGIA FRUIT CROP.

Growers Apprehensive of Great Damage by the Cold Wave. By Telegraph to the Morning Star. GRIFFIN, Ga., March 16.—Fruit men here say little damage has been done to Elberta peaches and other hard varieties but they seriously fear to-night's weather. The thermometer last night was 30. A temperature of 25 will destroy the peaches.

MORE COTTON MILLS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. COLUMBIA, S. C., March 15.—Today the clear water bleachery, at Aiken, S. C., \$300,000, the McCall Mills, \$200,000 and the Alpha Mills, Jonesville, \$100,000, filed their incorporation papers at the State capital. The Anderson yarn and knitting mill in creates from fifty to two hundred thousand dollars.

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M'KINLEY'S OFFER OF MEDIATION.

Action of the American Government in Taking the Initiative a Surprise.

THE FEELING IN FRANCE. Another Attempt at Mediation Not Unlikely—The Threatened Destruction of the Gold Mines Regarded as a Serious Matter in France.

(Special Berlin Letter. Copyrighted 1899 by the Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 17.—"The United States has shown selfish Europe an example," said a responsible official to a representative of the Associated Press when asked what was the feeling of the French government regarding President McKinley's offer of his good offices to England. "We felt," continued the official in question "our own position with respect to England, in view of the present state of public feeling there, was too late to admit of our acceding to Mr. Kruger's appeal and as this reluctance appeared to be shared by every other power, the action of the American government in taking the initiative came as a agreeable surprise. That it did not succeed does not detract from its merit."

The Associated Press here called the interlocutor's attention to the complaints of position of the French press that Mr. McKinley refrained from backing up his offer, which was necessary to its success, some papers having openly stated that his action was a mere election maneuver and not intended to be successful. "In our view," replied the official, "these criticisms are utterly unjustified. President McKinley did even more than up to the last moment was expected over here. Only the members of chancelleries who realized the delicate nature of such a step, can appreciate the American's effort at its proper value. The French government, while not prepared to take the initiative, would, in conjunction with Russia, readily have supported America, but the promptitude of England's refusal cut the ground from under them."

The official's informant added, that although there appeared to be little likelihood of intervention in the immediate future, yet hopes are still in vogue that an offer of good offices from the powers may eventually prove acceptable. "At any rate," said he, "it is not unlikely that it will be made if foreign interests are in danger by the threatened destruction of the Rand mines." This question of the destruction of the gold mines, as predicted by Mr. Montagu White, is regarded as a serious matter here, and as being not merely possible, but probable. It is learned that the French government has received information to the effect that another source, and it considers the descendants of the Dutchmen who flooded their own country in order to repel an invasion, quite capable of following this historic precedent in the case of foreign owned gold mines. The French press has taken up the matter and points out the enormous amount of French savings sunk in the Rand gold fields. It is noted that if the Boers carry out their threat it will take at least three years to reconstruct the surface machinery and other plant, while immense destruction could be wrought by dynamiting the under-workings. Thus, since Tuesday, Robinson has dropped from 210 to 200; Ferreria from 493 to 465, and Geldenhuys from 148 to 140.

Maud S. the famous trotter, died at Schull's farm, Port Chester, N. Y. yesterday. She was brought to the farm from New York a week ago and it was intended to use her for breeding purposes.

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Our business in Farm Seeds is today one of the largest in this Country. A result due to the fact that quality has always been our first consideration. We supply all Seeds required for the Farm. GRASS & CLOVER SEEDS, Cow Peas, Cotton Seed, Seed Oats, Seed Corn, Soja, Navy & Velvet Beans, Sorghums, Broom Corn, Kaffir Corn, Peanuts, Millet Seed, Rape, etc.

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Smoked Shoulders. 2000 Lbs. Nice. Smoked Shoulders. 5000 Lbs. Plates. 2500 Lbs. D. S. Sides. 100 Blts. Pork. Also, some Seed Oats, Seed Potatoes and Groceries. Ask for prices. D. L. GORE CO., WHOLESALE GROCERS, WILMINGTON, N. C.

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O, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SPRING MORNING!

COUSIN ANNIE, we must go down to Gaylord's Branch Store today and get us some Percalé Shirt Waists. They have a beautiful line of 12 1/2 Percalé at 10c. We can get a Shirt Waist there for 25c, and it will cost us 32c anywhere else. So there we save 7c. They also have a nice line of Lawns, Dimities and Piques; the prettiest patterns you ever saw, ranging in price from 4 to 10c. They still sell Fruit of the Loom Bleaching at 8c. Masonville and Barber Mills at 7c. They are going to close their Winter Dress Goods at a very low figure, and we may pick up a bargain in that. We will look at them, anyway, and decide on that point. They carry a very nice assortment of Shoes, too. I'll bet we can get us a nice pair of Slippers there with the amount we will save on our purchases; don't you? Well, we will investigate the matter when we get there. We can surprise you in quality and prices. Come and look for yourself and be convinced.

G. O. GAYLORD'S BRANCH STORE, J. R. HOYD, General Manager. Corner Fourth and Campbell Streets, WILMINGTON, DE. Phone 657.

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J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President. CHAS. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

W.L. DOUGLAS \$3.50 SHOE advertisement with image of a shoe and text: 'Good shoes are the result of good judgment and experience. Our shoes reveal conspicuously the superior quality of the material used in their construction. They fill the place of high-priced shoes because they are so durable and give so much satisfaction. They are appreciated by young men and business men who are looking for the most stylish and serviceable shoes at the lowest price. Compare with other makes. W. L. Douglas shoes cost \$2.50 to \$5.00.'

MERCER & EVANS, 115 Princess Street. Advertisement for shoes and clothing.

"March Winds and April Showers Help to Bring the Sweet May Flowers." THE MARCH WINDS ARE HERE!

The April showers will soon follow, and in a short time we will show the May flowers at the Racket Store.

May flowers, June blossoms, April posies, and everything new, up-to-date and beautiful in Millinery and Dress Goods. Nice line Percales 8c; all new shades. Big line best Navy Blue Calicoes 3c. A few pieces Gray Alpaca 10c; 32-inch wide Dress Plaids, worth 10c, now 6c. All shades pretty Spring Calico 5c; 5,000 yards from which to select. A full line of Welts and Piques, 32 inches wide, in Black, White, Pink and Blue figures, at 10c per yard. Nice line of best Silkaline 8c. Full line of R. & G. Corsets from 75c to \$1.25. Also, Warner's Corsets and F. & P.'s from 63c to \$1.25. Warner's Child's Underwaists at 25c a piece. Just received a lot of Gaylord's "Specials" 50c. Best 50c Corsets in the city. Full line of Skirt Binding, Braids, Dress Findings, Jets and other Trimmings. STATIONERY—One pound good Writing Paper 10c a quire; Bound Linen 8c; Legal and Foolscap 10c per quire. Envelopes 5c per box, or 8c per pack. Staffords Ink at 3c per bottle. All styles children's Shoes from 20c per pair to \$1.50. Fine quality "Mansh" Shoes for ladies at \$2.00. Ladies' best Vici Kid Shoes \$1.50; Up-to-date lace. We have twenty-five styles of men's and women's Shoes at \$1.25 per pair. Solid in every respect. Men's high cut B-ogans, Credit more at 80c per pair. Women's Pebble and Glove Grain Shoes at 85c. Women's Vici Kid Heel and Spring Heel, patent tip; all solid leather, \$1.00. Men's Black and Tan Vici Kid at \$3.00. Better Shoes at \$3.00 and \$3.50. Remember we carry a nice line of men's and boys' Clothing, ladies' Skirts and all grades of Underwear, and can sell you Dry Goods as cheap as any one.

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