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Dewey victory suppose for an instant that "American thought, ideas of government or civilization" had anything to do with the supplemental proceedings at Paris, or in the islands, where our representatives were playing a double game while our representatives at Paris were making that land deal? "Commerce" had something to do with it, commerce and the prospective opportunities to make profitable investments had all to do with it. American thought, ideas of government or civilization were not in it and didn't get into it until they began to fabricate excuses for the game they were playing. Then they struck on the "benevolent assimilation" dodge, as defined by Senator McLaughlin. He did well to wedge "commerce" into it, for that is the only element of truth in this plea for grab called by the larger and better sounding word expansion. That is the essence of the whole business.

Senator Carter expressed it when he blurted out that there was "neither religion nor sentiment" in it, but simply the question "would it pay?" If it would pay they (we) would stay in, if not we would pull out. Senator Carter is an old line Republican; he was Mark Hanna's predecessor in the chairmanship of the National Republican Committee, and he was presumably familiar with the sentiments of leading Republicans on that question, and we think he came nearer sizing up Mr. McKinley's "benevolent assimilation" than Senator McLaughlin did. His definition was better than Senator McLaughlin's, because it had the merit of cold-blooded blunt honesty, which the other didn't have.

## AGUINALDO'S MANIFESTO

Aguinaldo's manifesto is not a lengthy document, but it says all that it was necessary to say, and says it in a way perfectly satisfactory to the Washington authorities. The probabilities are that the two officers who assisted him in the preparation of it, one of whom was probably Gen. Funston, drafted the skeleton and let him fill it in, or wrote the whole thing for him. However this may be it fills the bill as a plea for peace and unconditional submission. If Aguinaldo has the influence with his people that he has been credited with, and doubtless he still has, the importance of this document cannot be well overestimated, for coming from such a source it is a confession of the hopelessness of the Filipino struggle, coupled with a strong confidence in the generosity, justice, kindness and good intentions of the American Government, which cannot but have a soothing influence on the people who were disposed to continue the fight, while it will give a reason for surrendering and accepting the situation that many of them, who perhaps wanted a reason, didn't have before Aguinaldo spoke. If their trusted leader could accept the situation without reservation and express full confidence in the magnanimity and good intentions of the United States, then surely they who followed him listened to his counsels and obeyed his commands can.

This leaves the Filipinos without a leader and while there may be many fellows who will hold out for a while, they cannot rely upon much popular support, especially if the policy of kindness be pursued and Aguinaldo's expressed confidence be verified by the results. With this manifesto the Aguinaldo incident closes, he ceases to be a conspicuous factor, although good use may be made of him, and the game is in the hands of those who act for this Government. If their actions be responsive to Aguinaldo's confiding, hopeful utterances the end cannot be far off. So far Gen. MacArthur has managed his part admirably.

Pennsylvania has a citizen who, although he has no hands, simply two arm stumps, performs many things more dextrously than some men with two hands could. His writing is good, and he is a tip-top shot with the gun. He does lots of things and is an all round "hand," so to speak, all of which is proof that "where there is a will there is a way."

Japan, whose doctors have been investigating the rat question, asks the whole world to outlaw and declare war upon the rats, which are the greatest disease disseminators in the world. The mosquito is in for it as the responsible party for the yellow fever and now the rat must take his turn.

There is a stream in Yellow Stone Park which runs at an elevation of 9,500 feet above the level of the sea, the water of which furnishes a beverage sweet to drink and as exhilarating as wine without its boozing properties. People who once taste it will never forget it and hanker for it always.

## WHOLESALE GROCERS

Held Interesting and Profitable Conference in This City Last Evening.

### A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

President J. A. VanHoose, of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, was Present and Delivered An Instructive Address.

The rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, in the Seaboard Air Line building, were filled to overflowing last night with the local wholesale grocers, their clerks and traveling men, who gathered to hear and confer with Mr. J. A. VanHoose, of Birmingham, Ala., president of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, who came to Wilmington upon an official visitation in the interest of that organization and the trade in general.

The conference of the Wilmington jobbers with the distinguished gentleman who was present to address them lasted until near midnight, and was most entertaining and profitable to all assembled.

Mr. VanHoose is a fluent talker and has his heart thoroughly in the work he represents. He is a member of the firm of McLeister & VanHoose, one of the largest and most influential wholesale grocery establishments in the South and is an ex-mayor of Birmingham. He arrived in Wilmington yesterday afternoon from Columbia, S. C., on his round of visits in the interest of the trade to the twelve Southern States in the territory of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association. He has already visited Mobile, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston and other cities in the Western section of his territory and will leave this evening for Norfolk to hold a conference with the jobbers there on Monday night. Returning he will visit Asheville and other cities along his route.

Mr. VanHoose addressed the meeting last night in a speech of some length in which he stated that the object of his visit was to confer with the trade relative to a correction of trade abuses, rates of freight as compared with other cities, and the thousand and one advantages to be derived by a closer relationship with one another. His object in having present at the meeting the clerks and traveling salesmen, he explained, was that in view of the modern method of distribution of goods through the "independent" drummer, he wished to impress upon them the desirability of eliminating the petty jealousies and unscrupulous acts upon the part of traveling men who are "on the road" in competition. He wished to cultivate among them a spirit of friendly feeling and good fellowship that would ripen into a mutual benefit for both the house traveled for and the traveler; to encourage honorable and reputable methods on the part of traveling men in general.

His talk was listened to with avidity and profit by representatives of nearly every wholesale grocery house in Wilmington.

Mr. VanHoose expressed himself to a Star representative last night as being highly pleased with the courtesies he had been shown in Wilmington, and spoke encouragingly of the prospect of Wilmington's becoming a great city in the future. He says Wilmington has about a dozen members in the Southern Association, and they are always among the leading men at the annual conventions; their opinions are often the most weighty and respected in the meeting.

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held either in Memphis, Tenn., or Jacksonville, Fla., about May 20th.

Died at Albemarle.

Mrs. J. B. Mercer, of this city, received a telegram yesterday conveying to her the sad intelligence of the death of her sister, Mrs. Lucy J. Spinks, of Albemarle, N. C., which occurred at an early hour of the day after an illness of several months. Her mother, Mrs. L. C. Lilly, preceded her death only a few weeks. Mrs. Spinks leaves four children, Mrs. C. J. Cole, of Wilson, N. C.; Misses Nora and Lena and Master John Spinks, of Albemarle. Deceased was the widow of the late Prof. H. W. Spinks, of Albemarle.

Endorsed Mr. Bellamy.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Fayetteville, by resolution, the secretary was directed to communicate with the Speaker of the House, on the part of the Fayetteville Chamber recommending the appointment of our representative, the Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, as the most suitable person to fill the vacancy which now exists on the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. The Secretary was also instructed to acquaint the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce of said action with a view of its taking similar action.

EARLY STRAWBERRY SHIPMENTS.

Mr. A. Bowes, of Long Creek, Claims to be First.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

LONG CREEK, N. C., April 18.—Please correct an error. It was Albie Bowen, of Long Creek, that made the first shipment of strawberries, on the 14th inst., and not M. B. Bullard, of Montague. Said berries were shipped to W. P. Ireland, Philadelphia, and sold for 40 cents per quart. Also, Mr. Bowen has shipped an additional crate to-day, April 18th, to the same house.

## STATE GUARD ENCAMPMENT.

Adjutant General Royster Has Interesting Interview in Raleigh Paper—Probably Comes to Wrightville.

Adjutant General B. S. Royster, of the North Carolina State Guard, in an interview printed in yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer says: "An encampment this year is assured. Though the details have not yet been arranged, it is certain that the members of the State Guard will have an encampment this summer. I am not authorized to name any time or place for both are yet to be decided—but I think it very probable that it will be held early in July at Wrightville."

"Of course," he added, "the place selected will depend much on the inclement weather, both by the place and the railroads, but I think a majority of the Guard prefer Wrightville, all other things being equal." Asked why Wrightville was preferred, Gen. Royster said encampments had been held at various places and that on account of its closeness to the city of Wilmington and Ocean View, the convenience of the surf and the splendid transportation facilities, the men generally preferred Wrightville, as affording them a more profitable and more enjoyable stay. He thought the month of July would probably be chosen for the reason that the members of the Guard would most easily leave their business at that month than any other.

The Bar Association and the Teachers' Assembly also meet at Wrightville this summer and a gay season there is promised.

RUNAWAY FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. G. M. Altifer Thrown From a Buggy and Severely Injured.

Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock, Mrs. G. M. Altifer and her sister, Miss Gussie Harris, were returning from Oakdale cemetery, driving in a buggy when at the corner of Seventh and Princess streets, the horse attached to the buggy became frightened at some object and began to run. On reaching Seventh and Market streets, the horse made a sudden and short turn, upsetting the buggy and throwing the occupants violently to the pavement. Mrs. Altifer in falling struck her head against the pavement with terrific force and received severe injuries. She was taken to the hospital and is now lying in a critical condition. Her husband, Mr. G. M. Altifer, is also injured and is lying in the hospital.

Died Yesterday Morning.

Mrs. Sarah E. Smith Passed Away After Lingering Illness—Funeral To-day.

The Star chronicles with deep regret the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, which occurred at 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, No. 515 North Fourth street, after a lingering illness of several months with consumption.

Mrs. Smith was originally of Sampson county but had been living in Wilmington for some time. Her husband, the late J. E. Smith, has been dead a number of years. Deceased is survived by three children, Dr. Jas. Smith, of Maxton, N. C.; Mr. Thad Smith and Miss Salie Smith of this city.

SOME NEWSPAPER CHANGES.

Mr. R. W. Haywood Retires From Dispatch.

Mr. W. H. Brunson Succeeds Him.

Mr. R. W. Haywood, one of the clever young newspaper men in Wilmington, and for the past year or more local editor of the Evening Dispatch, will leave to-morrow morning for Clinton, N. C., where he assumes editorial and business management of the Sampson Democrat, one of the State's leading country weeklies. Mr. Haywood will conduct the paper under the name of Mr. L. A. Bethune, owner of the same.

Mr. G. W. Brunson, Jr., who is favorably known and popular in Wilmington's "Park Row," will succeed Mr. Haywood on the Dispatch.

SHIPMENT OF STRAWBERRIES.

First Full Crate Went From Ashton Wednesday to Providence, R. I.

[Special Star Correspondence.]

BURGAW, N. C., April 18.—The first full crate of berries that have been reported shipped from the State, went forward this morning from Ashton, a station four miles from here, and was shipped by Mr. E. J. Sidbury, and consigned to Philip E. Eddy, commission merchant, Providence, R. I. Mr. Sidbury shipped the first last season that went from this road.

BURGAW, N. C., April 20.—Mr. S. J. Sidbury, of Ashton, N. C., shipped two crates of Hoffman and Tompkins berries to-day to Philip E. Eddy, commission merchant, Providence, R. I. The crate shipped on the 18th inst., was sold to-day at 40c. a quart on that market. Shipments will go along pretty lively by the last of next week if the weather warms up.

Assignment at Red Springs.

Lumberton "Robesonian" Messrs. W. H. Carr & Co., hardware merchants, of Red Springs, have made an assignment, naming Mr. John H. Cook, of Maxton, assignee. The assets, we are informed are largely in excess of liabilities.

One Negro Cuts Another.

"King" Bell, colored, last night about 11 o'clock slashed Joe Bryant, colored, with a razor as the result of an altercation which occurred in "Racket Store Alley." Bell was arrested by Policeman Chadwick and Bryant was sent to the City Hospital.

## LOCAL DOTS.

—Capt. Robt. Green, chief quarantine officer, is at Florence, S. C., to look after smallpox suspects that are likely to drift in from that quarter. He went to Florence by order of the Board of Health.

—The Star is requested by the teacher and pupils of Wrightville school to thank Mr. Geo. A. Croft for the very liberal donation of \$10 for the school library, which is the more appreciated because unolicited.

—George Dixon, colored, was brought to the city yesterday from Castle Haynes by Constable M. G. Chadwick and lodged in jail under a commitment issued by Justice of the Peace C. H. Casteen. He is charged with larceny.

—The pine fibre plant at Cronly is said to be consuming large quantities of straw just now which is being shipped in bales from all this section of country. Only the green straw is used and numbers of people are finding profitable employment in the industry.

—There is no denying the fact that a band of pickpocket thieves is doing good business in some sections of the city. Recently Mrs. J. A. Sharp, who keeps a store on corner of Eighth and Grace streets, lost in the day time three hams and a box of lemons. Diligence upon the part of storekeepers is required to guard against loss.

## CASE OF GEORGE R. DAVIS.

The Former Southern Express Messenger. Convicted of Larceny and Embezzlement of \$1,000.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—A verdict of guilty was rendered this afternoon in Criminal Court No. 1 in the case of George R. Davis, the former Southern Express Company messenger, charged with the larceny and embezzlement of \$1,000. Davis was remanded to the District Jail to await sentence. It is believed his counsel will move for a new trial early next week, for it was stated in court to-day that a motion for a new trial was made Monday or Tuesday next.

Davis was formerly employed by the express company above mentioned, but he was discharged because of his bad character. He was arrested at Atlanta, Ga. Some two years ago, it was alleged in the trial, the company began to miss money packages from its routes, and suspicion was directed at Davis. It was stated that a seal which was used by the company on money packages was found in his possession, having been made in the order of Davis.

Davis was recently convicted in the local courts of assault with intent to kill, and was sentenced to the State Prison for a term of five years.

REBATE ON TOBACCO.

Will be Paid Only On Original and Unbroken Packages.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes replying to an inquiry regarding rebate on tobacco, snuff and cigars, in answer to a letter dated March 29, 1901, says: "A rebate will be paid only on original and unbroken factory packages of tobacco and snuff in the hands of dealers on the 1st of May, 1901, and delivered on and after that date are not subject to rebate. Unused stamps of dealers will not be subject to rebate nor will the stamps of the manufacturer be exchanged for stamps issued on a basis of the twenty per cent discount."

## BATTLESHIP MAINE.

Selection of Lady to Christen the Ship Devolves Upon Governor of Maine.

By Telegram to the Morning Star.