The latest news from Washington is to the effect that Ewart's nomination, to be Judge of the Western District of North Carolina, is likely to fail of confirma-

The railroad commission will decide today whether the reduction in passenger fares, recently promulgated, will be allowed to stand. It is believed that the reduction will be considerably modified.

Tom Watson was yesterday nominated for Governor by the Georgia Populist State Convention. Watson has declined to accept, though it is believed by some that he will yet consent to make the

President McKinley has been invited to lend his presence to the 20th of May festivities at Charlotte. He promises to give the invitation his consideration with the hope that he may be able to at-

A conference of prominent Populist of the State was held at Raleigh last night. Pritchard Pops and Butler Pops commingled in the meeting on terms of equality and brotherly love. Dr. Cyrus Thompson presided. At an early hour this morning the conference was still in session.

### ARE WE FOR ENGLAND?

Avert War Between England and Her Continental Rivals.

London Cablegram, 12th, to New York Sun It has come to pass that Great Britain ern crisis, and the West African crisis as separated and distinct issues. These questions are now looked upon as inter woven factors in a political situation which threatens the peace of the would. The decision of the point whether this is a true view rests solely with President McKinley. His power and responsibility in shaping human destinies is greater at the present moment than has fallen to

the lot of any man in this generation. There is danger that the attention of the American people may be too much concentrated upon the Cuban-Spanish affairs with which they are more directly conof Europe and Asia. The worst of the than anything the United States may do concerning Cuba and Spain. It is now Fort Riley by Wednesday noon. almost true that nothing short of a distinct and decisive American indorsement of the British policy in the far East can avert a collision between England and her continental rivals. I say almost, because it is not yet quite clear wheather Russia and France are convinced that Great Britain is in earnest in her open declaration that she will go to war rather than permit the partition of China or the closing of the British marketthere. This doubt, i it exists, will soon be removed, for the Salisbury government has taken means to carry conviction to the most skeptical diplomatists on this point. Then, and the time cannot be long delayed, the Franco-Russian attitude will change or the war, which these countries, by their recent policy, have almost been inviting,

Most observers are inclined to believe that Russia will manage to postpone the fatal day, for her present unpreparedness, despite her ultimate intentions is notorious On the other hand, if Great Britain is convinced that the conflict is inevitable sooner or later, it will be greatly to her interest

The British war preparation for months past have been on a vastly larger scale and more thorough than the present measures undertaken in the United States. There is need of no argument on this situation to demonstrate the vast impor-tance of the American atitude. It is this obvious importance, probably, which has given rise to free discussion of an days, a discussion which is more prominent on your side of the Atlantic, according to the cable dispatches, than on this side. It should be said unreservedly that there is not the slightest expectation in England that any alliance will be made at the present moment or in the present situation. It is hardly necessary to add the English denials to those from Washington that Great Britain has been so patronizing and undiplomatic as to offer the United States assistance in dealing with a fourth-rate power like Spain. It is prob ably true that English public opinion is more well disposed than American toward an Anglo-Saxon combination, but even this country is by no means unanimou in favor of such a consummation. Th English view of the subject is not alto-gether selfish, for it is believed that the United States, with its rapidly expanding hand, with regard to immediate policy of retaliatory action by the continenta powers in the Spanish-American contro versy against the United States in case far East. Any such action, no doubt, would lead Great Britain openly to take the American side, but it is impossible to estimate the complications which wight The problem before President difficulty, as well as far-reaching consequence in the estimation of Europe.

### Hyatt Pick-Ups.

As I have not seen anything from this section in some time in the M. & I. I will

farmers are making good use of it, plowing, putting out manure, cleaning up, preparing for a big crop. Hope they will succeed.

Professor W. S. Clark closed his school at the acadamy Tuesday, the 15th of this month. I think Mr. Clark has given splendid satisfaction as a teacher.

of the Seaboard Air Line and the Chespeake & Ohio have been asked to make rates on the transportation of troops and accountrements. Fort Caswell, on the Cape Fear river;

Mr. Bill McSwain has recently moved into his new house.

Mr. S. P. Martin was in this part of the

country a few days ago, buying cattle and Not much news this week. Everybody

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR ACTIVELY CONTINUE.

Country Full of Rumors-Most of Them Without Foundation-Nothing to Do but Await De velopments.

The war news for the past week nas been very threatening, but the from Cadiz of five formidable torpedosituation, while still critical, is somewhat easier. The whole situa- Spanish government contemplates fitting tion to date is portrayed in the dispatches published below.

### TROOPS TO THE SOUTH.

Railroads Centering at Atlanta Preparing to Transport Them thy information, is considering the advi-Lines Leading into and from Chicago Arranging to Bring The boats are now far beyond the Span-Western Batteries to the East | ish coast.

government is perfecting its plans to make the movements of troops to the coast defenses, orders for which were issued by the War Department

A conference was held here today y representatives of the following railroads to arrange for the transportation of light artillerymen and heir accoutrements: The Atlantic Coast Line, the Southern Railroad, grows serious. The court, a body like a them straight from Cuba here. the Seaboard Air Line and the grand jury in its functions, is nearly Chesapeake and Ohio.

The government wanted, it was The World's Peace May Depend declared, the arrangements perfected by tomorrow or Tuesday at the Policy is Open Markets in the latest. No bids have been asked for Orient-It is Now Almost Cer- regarding the transportation of tain That Nothing But Our In- heavy guns, and it was understood dorsement of That Policy Will that the men were to be carried to the different points simply to man

especially, and to some extent Europen partment of the lakes, is making diplomacy as a whole no longer regards the Spanish-American crisis, the far East- of artillery now at forts in the West to the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf of Mexico.

Yesterday the western railroads

Spanish-American difficulties will be a quire one Pullman car, two tourist ings of the court. brief war, wherin the United States has sleepers, three palace stock cars, nothing to gain except a sense of disagree-able duty faithfully performed. It is a simple truism in politics to say that vastly greater issues hang upon the American from the initial point without policy with regard to the fate of China change, and must be ready to leave

### TWO WARSHIPS PURCHASED.

The Navy Department Buys the Amazonas and Admiral Abrenall from Brazil.

WASHINGTON, March 14 .- A week's negotiations closed today with the purchase by the Navy Depart- Seven Tons of Ammunition Carment, in London, of two five cruisers, one built and the other building at Elswick for the Brazilian government—the Amazonas and the Admiral Abrenall. Spanish agents greater value in case of trouble than to the United States.

Orders have been sent to Commodore Howell, commanding the European station, to send a force of men from the San Francisco to take possession of and hoist the American getting ready for war. flag on the Amazonas, which is ready to go into commission at New Castle. This will prevent any difficulty in case hostilities should break out, as Anglo-American alliance in the past few the ship would be under the flag, but lying in a friendly harbor. The next question is how to get the ships number. home, and that has not yet been settled, according to the Secretary of EVANS NOT WORRYING ABOUT the Navy. Just as soon as the crew can be put aboard the Amazonas she will start for the United States. The other vessel will follow at the earliest possible moment. The terms of sale are secret.

### Chili not Likely to Sell.

Association states that Spain has purchased the battle ship O'Higgins, built by the Armstrongs for Chili, foreign trade, will profit fully as much as but the Chilian charge d'affaires tive clemency, Evans, who has been re-England by co-operation in keeping open the markets of the world. On the other says a Chilian crew for the vessel is in China, there is probably some danger expected here next week to take the The darkey talks in a stupefied manner. O'Higgins to Chili.

### the latter supports Great Britain in the To be Mobilized at Fort Mc-

CINCINNATI, March 15 .- Maj. Chas. Porter, United States Army, Pherson, near Atlanta, arrived here knows it. I puts my trust in de Lord, Spain. today. It is rumored that he is ar- and then in de good people. Yes, de ranging for the transportation of artillerymen from Fort Thomas to of dis, night and day. I has some kind the South Atlantic coast. The passenger agents of the Southern, of the Seaboard Air Line and the to make rates on the transportation been treated good as man as a man can splendid satisfaction as a teacher.

Yrs. Hinson, wife of Noah Hinson, died very suddenly Thursday, March the 10th, with heart trouble. Mr. Hinson's family had recently moved in this section from

had recently moved in this section from near Morven. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her absence. We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy; we have a tender feeling for little motherless children.

Mrs. Berta Thompson, of Concord, is visiting friends and relatives in this section.

Mr. E. M. Brooks is erecting a new barn and stables. along the coast.

The Court Leaves Havana. HAVANA, March 15 .- The Mangrov Not much news this week. Everybody too busy.

Hurah for the M. & I.! Long may she live and flourish as the green bay tree, for she is good enough for me.

SCHOOL BOY.

HAVANA, March 15.—The mangrove, with the court of inquiry on board, sailed tonight for Key West. Captain Sampson, president of the board, assured the Associated Press correspondent that the decision to leave Havana was not reached until this afternoon, after a consulta-

MESSENGER - INTEELLIGNCER, SITUATION UNCHANGED. obtained here, this was not sufficiently likely to justify a longer stay. The court can return if the divers or wreckers make coveries that add to the stock o knowledge now gathered. The plans of the submerged wreck, in the preparation of which Ensign Powellson has had a large share, are elaborate, and Captain npson says the testimony and record of the divers are very full.

### Warlike Move by Spain.

WASHINGTON, March 16 .- Great con ern is attached here to the departure boat destroyers for Havana and to offi-cial information from Madrid that the out a similar expedition of equal strength for duty with the vessels now in and about Cuban waters. The addition of these ressels to the Spanish squadron in Cunot be used for any other purpose than in operating against battle ships or cruisers.

I was standing in plain view of Capt. Joe Jowers driving his fine black horse to a top buggy. Suddenly the horse to a top buggy.

The President, it is stated on trustworsability of sending a flying squadron to meet the flotilla and keep watch on it.

The Maine Was Broken in Two and the Forward Part Rent Assunder by an Outside Ex-

HAVANA, VIA KEY WEST, March 16 .-With the departure of the court of inof the wreck of the Maine, the tension liscoveries here, which is unlikely there is nothing to be done but for the members to seclude themselves in the Iowa and formulate the convictions already the belief that the court will find that the disaster was caused by an explosion talk of the divers has been contradictory. From evidence that has come during the three week's examination, it seems as sure as anything in this latitude can be. part rent asunder by an explosion from the outside.

### Cabinet Expectations.

WASHINGTON, March 15 .- "The Louis and other Western cities were gentlemen after to day's meeting, "is invited to telegraph by Tuesday that some report will be received durfrom Fort Riley, Kan., to New Orleans, La., and a third from Fort Riley to Savannah, Ga.

Each battery consists of five officers, sixty-five men, fifty-five horses.

The Maine explosion. "Yet," he sold fellow, "said Stewart, "you have covered yourself with glory." We cavalrymen feel proud of the interest of the posing good roads in the least. If the have been sent him by the various post-masters in the country as refusing to take his paper out of the office I believe it will be two ways only his politax. Their expenses are great, and the cost of production equals, if not exceeds, the prices. We have been sent him by the various post-masters in the country as refusing to take out on Uncle Bob's blanket at the last council of war at App matox. You may bet your bottom dollar on him. We are with the incalculable importance to the which threatens to involve all the nations of Furces and will reges and camp equipage and will re- what will be the nature of the find- firm as adamant, and we are proud

### Franz Josef is Alarmed. LONDON, March 14.-The Paris cor-

spondent of the Times says that he has learned from good sources that the Emperor of Austria is making great efforts to induce the European powers to repreent to the United States the danger to Europe of the United States pursuing a policy of interference in Cuba, whose atfairs are regarded as European rather than American.

His Majesty's efforts are warmly secaded by Emperor William. It is declared that the Washington Government is aware of the situation.

### ried to Fort Caswell.

The news that a battery of artillery has been sent to Fort Caswell brings the possibility of war yet more strongly before he people of Wilmington, and this is not had been striving to secure these the only preparation that is being made. ships for their government, to whom, How the steamer Wilmington has been it is said, they would be of much carrying down big torpedoes to be planted for the purpose of working deadly exeion on hostile ships has already been told in the Star. Friday night the government boat James D. Eason carried down a arge quantity of explosives, between six nd eight tons in weight, which was prought there over the Atlantic Coast Line. All this goes to show that we are

> Fighting Tar Heels, 215,000. RALEIGH, March 16 .- Governor Rus ell today received a message from Presi dent McKinley asking how many troops the State could furnish in case of hostili ties. The reply gave 245,000 as the

The Ravisher of Miss Lilly Cole Will be Hanged Next Week if

Raleigh Press Visitor, 15th.

John Evans, the condemned negro who s in confinement awaiting executive ac-LONDON, March, 14 .- The Press tion, is not worrying about his fate. Ev ans does not look any the worse for hi long confinement. He has been in Wake county jail since December last. Unless the Governor extends Execu-

Evans was seen in the jail yesterday. He is not uncommunicative at all. He still protests his innocence of the crime with which he is charged. Religion is the theme on which he converses

"Death ain't botherin' me," said the negro, with a stutter; "I knows I won't have to face dat crime when I face de Lord. I'm jest as clear of dat charge as

"I wants your paper to say dat I have

Beware of Ointments for Ca-

smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mu-cous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally acting directly areas the bleed internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co.
Testimonials free.
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To those who drink whiskey for pleas-To those who drink whiskey and re; HARPER Whiskey adds zest to existence. To those who drink whiskey for health's sake; HARPER Whiskey makes FITZ LEE.

"Gamma" Writes a Glowing Description of His Old Com-

mander. It is wonderful how many different reorts are set affoat now a days. The daily papers come of a morning crammed full of all sorts of rumors—war declared; Americans ordered out of Cuba; the Maine blowed in from the outside; Spain offers ten millions; Mr. McKinley asks fteen; Senator Proctor assassinated; Cubans perishing; Gomez on his way to Havana. All that ought to satisfy any nan's appetite for the marvellous; but before night here comes the telegraph with ore improbable things-Gen. Lee ordered to leave Havana; took shipping to day. Between the lying papers and the lying wires the cormorant keeps filled with sensational reports day in and day

it and Capt. Joe over and over; tried to climb a tree; tore loose from the demolished vehicle and came my way with ines and traces flying. I caught the horse and went on to where I could ask Capt. Joe if he was hurt. "Not much,' he said, "just a few scratches." Directly went down the street, and first one and WASHINGTON, March 13.—The WHAT THE REPORT WILL then another began to tell Capt. Joe is dangerously hurt; they don't expect him to live; the spinal cord was severed; a runner has just come for the doctor and Mrs. Jowers has telegraphed to Wades-boro for another physician; she had the horse killed and Mr. Goodman had bought the hide and Mr. Briley, the black-smith, had gone to take off his shoes. So I had to go back to see if the half I heard was so, and there was Capt. Joe laughing With the departure of the court of in quiry, after a second visit to the scene of the wreck of the Maine, the tension straight 200 yards how can we expect

GEN. FITZ LEE. I have known Gen. Lee and seen him trying circumstances. He used to be huffy, full, round face with laughing eyes-long whiskers. He filled up, fitted irmly held. There is no reason to change a cavalry saddle exact. His legs were some what short; alwas laughing, never serious. He led a hundred or more outside the Maine. The chief officers charges, but jabbed and charged laughhave been absolutely discreet while the ing. Gen. Fitz did some terrible fighting against great odds, but always covered himself with glory. He was a General, but a hale fellow well met-above no- plain to the democrats of Anson what he ody, and afraid of nothing on eartn. CHICAGO, March 13.—Quarter-that the plans before the court show the master-General Lee, of the army deship was broken in two and the forward jaws of death. Now, I would say all the ling campaign. What does he want to spaniards in Cuba couldn't move him uness his Government said so. Besides, Gen. Fitz is a born cavalryman; next to J. E. B. Stewart, the most prominent of the souther army. He never stopped to count noses. If it was twenty to one he frove right at them. The great Stewart general expectation of the members loved him, trusted him. On one occasion | with populists, or, perhaps, his programme | they have already the burden of taxation t having headquarters in Chicago, St. of the cabinet," said one of those Stewart was present when Fitz Lee's dirision was opposed to ten to one, at Bran-"Go ahead, Fitz old fellow. you do well I will not take command." noon proposals for transporting a battery of artillery from Fort Riley, of inquiry examining into the cause battery of artillery from Fort Riley, of inquiry examining into the cause of inquiry examining into th Kan., to Fort Monroe, Va.; another of the Maine explosion. "Yet," he rious victory. "Fitz, old fellow," said nearly all the other offices in the county

of him because in all this time he has grown more and more promnent, and even McKinley leans on his judgment and nerve. Go it, Fitz, old ellow, may God bless you and keep you. We know if you go down it will be with honor and bravely smiling. There isn't one bit of guile or duplicity in your make-up. Somehow I fear some sneaking, prowling Spaniard will strike you nder the fifth rib before this matter eads. If they do, America will avenge you. You have covered your name with glory, and the whole world knows Amerca's Council General at Havana. If you say peace, it will be calm and serene; if

prave soldier, a great officer, an honorade, patriotic American, true as steel to your colors. One other thing. I don't believe you ould permit a single blot, or tarnish, to rest on your Country's name. Oh no, if such should be offered, and not 'at once avenged, we believe your sense of honor n shame for your dishonored country. ach we believe the great cavalry leader of the southern army; the living repre-

imself. Your escutcheon has always een bright and must grow brighter as he years roll on. The bugle call to saddle up for the ther shore has been answered by many with glory, the eyes sparkling with innocent mirth-bright and shining-not a blemish on your fair name, when the call shall come to you and you shall cross the

entative of Lee's horsemen; the friend

Richmond; the kinsman of the great Lee

### When You Are Tired

Without extra exertion, languid, dull and listless, your blood is failing to supoly to your muscles and other organs the italizing and strength-giving properties Gov. Russell Does not Again they require. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures that tired feeling by enriching and purifying the blood. It will give you energy Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to op-

erate. Cure indigestion, biliousness. 250 Mexico Takes Sides With the United States. Juadalajara, Mex., Dispatch, 15th.

All classes of Mexican citzens syms called a characteriste Spanish trick. All newspaper matter is read and lisenssed in the smallest towns, and their manifestations of regard for the United States publicly declared McKinley, therefore, is one of great of the Fifth Regiment, at Fort Mc- dis iron bar here. De Lord in Heaven the United States should punish troubles are "blessings in disguise" and

> Bucklin's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve is the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positive v cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guar

> > Large package of the world's best cleaner

THE N. R. PAIRBANK COMPANY,

Beverly Items-"J." and the ASSAULTED THE PREACHER. Courier.

We are having some very warn weather Our farmers are busy putting in their rtilizers and getting ready for another Some of our ladies are gardening right last night by Justice Bornemann, xtensively; some report peas up and

Edgar Mintz at Union Baptist

Edgar Mintz was lodged in jail

It appears that Mintz and several

service Mintz stopped the minister

in front of the church and demand-

ed of him why he pointed his finger

at him (Mintz) in church. Rev.

Mr. Matthews disclaimed any in-

tention of having done so and lifted

prayer, Mintz dealt the preacher a

heavy blow in the face, cutting a

"The time for the singing of the birds

ne taxes on property and poll. I say not

convicts on the public roads. As it is we send convicts from our county to Union

county to keep up public roads—why not work them here? If the county has them

A Tragedy.

Ellenboro, March 13 .- About two

miles from Henrietta Mills, early

township constable, attempted to ar-

rest a negro named Blake, who had

wife beating, and for which crime

Constable Green held a warrant. As

soon as the negro heard of the officer's

ousiness he opened fire with a pistol.

The constable fell to his knees, mor

tally wounded, but drew his pistol.

his heart, killing him instantly.

firing three shots at the negro, all of

which took effect, one ball piercing

eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy.

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A Shattered Nervous System.

FINALLY HEART TROUBLE.

R. EDWARD HARDY, the jolly man-

Braceville, Ill., writes: "I had never

ager of Sheppard Co's, great store at

been sick a day in my life until in 1890.

got so bad with nervous prostration that I

had to give up and commence to doctor. ]

tried our local physicians and one in Joliet,

but none gave me any relief and I thought

was going to die. I became despondent

and suffered untold agony. I could not eat,

sleep nor rest, and it seemed as if I could

not exist. At the end of six months I was

educed to but a shadow of myself, and at

last my heart became affected and I was truly miserable. I took six or eight bottles

of Dr. Miles' Nervine. It gave me relief

from the start, and at last a cure, the great-

DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

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for Certificates as Teachers in

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It's the greatest comfort discov

James A. Hardison.

to feed and other expenses to pay-why not

get it back in road work. More anon.

heard in our land." Spring time is coming

his nose to bleed freely.

charged with a disgraceful disturb-Mrs Joe Watkins has the first young ance at the Union Baptist (Sanctifihickens we have heard of in this section. cationist) Church, corner Eighth Rev. A. C. Davis filled his appointment at Brown Creek last Saturday and and Dawson streets, and also an Sunday. We are very sorry to learn that assault and battery upon the pastor, some of our boys behaved so badly dur-Rev. J. J. Matthews. The warrant ing service that the preacher had to reprove them. Now, boys, this sounds very bad indeed. Such conduct disturbs the witnessed the disturbance and whole congregation, as well as the Mr. Charlie Watkins, from near Pleas others were at the church drinking

ant Grove, was in this section last Sunday calling on some of our fair damsels. and were severely reprimanded by There were other visitors too numerous Rev. Mr. Matthews, and after the

Miss Minnie Pope has returned from Ansonville, where she has been going to school to Prof. Clark. Mr. Marshall Tyson had a pair of buggy shafts stolen from him a few nights ago. Mr. Tyson says he thinks he knows who

Now, Mr. Editor, I will say a word or two in reply to the long windled article athis hand in prayer for Mintz, who was drunk. While offering the tacking me which appeard in the Courier last week. I know you do not care to take up your space with a controversy o of this sort, therefore I will only call atdeep gash in his upper lip and causing tention to some of the misstatements, not to use a stronger word, which said article

In the first place, I have it straight Spring and the Roads Discussed that Mr. Ball, has only visited Beverly postoffice three times, and not six, as he ias come, and the voice of the turtle is In the second place, it is not true that

all the copies of his paper now being sent

to Beverly are delivered, and the

clothed in beauty and loveliness, laden with the fragrance of flowers, and embalmpostmaster there we are informed, did not ed with the dews of morning. The beauty so tell him. Last wee kseven copies of his of spring is bursting forth. Soloman says "there is a time for every thing" and paper were sent to Beverly and of this! number two only were taken from the think he alluded to spring as the time for office, and one of them was delivered to rejoicing and merrymaking, for it is a time when all creation seems to be endowed with new life. The birds sing, the squirrel his correspondent in this neighborhood. So far as his remarks on what I meant chatter, the woodchuck wakes up from his hen I said, in my former article, "that lethargy, the cows low, the sheep bleat, and even the low-spirited farmer attempts ome things are being attempted in this ounty," etc., are concerned, I will refer to put on a smile of cheerfulness. I heard one the other day go so far as to whistle im to his practical declaration of political independence, contained is his article last "The old gray horse come trotting through week, for an answer to that; and if that the wilderness." Thinks 1, old fellow, it cotton stays at five cents and the war with s not enough, I will just ask him to ex-Spain comes you will have to trot him to the wilderness, or, more probable, to the court means when he calls on the M. & I. to house door, next fall. Well, we c thinking what is to be will be. I see there is considerable discr the road question of late. Some faver one plan and some another. Some say increase cratic control? As every county office is now filled by a democrat his boast of resbecause a large majority of the people of cuing the county can mean nothing else. Anson county only pay a poll, the greater amount of taxes coming out of the property And right here we would like to know whether he proposes to replace these democratic officials with republicans, or holders and therefore it would be an injus

bear. Well, some will say they are able to is to give us a mixture of both. So far as the circulation of Mr. Ball's bear twice or thrice as much as the non-paper at other postoffices is concerned we property holding class. Maybe they are as know nothing personally, but we have it There are large property holders in Anson county, who are as hard run as the man vict labor, instead of running the county to expense in jail fees and board. Work the

"Thinker" Writes About the

War Outlook.

News this week is very scarce. If here is any at all it is a long way apart and only one in a hill. The war talk has about eclipsed other matters and, in fact, it begins to look like more than a mere rumor and, if it must come, for our part we don't care how soon. We are not of that class who,

like "Gamma," think the United States this morning, Mr. John Green, could whip Spain "before breakfast." But as soon as the booming of cannon and the rattle of musketry begins by the run away from South Carolina for United States in her own defence and in you say fight, the guns will begin their the interest of suffering, starving, downracket. I believe you have thus far said troden Cuba. We shall watch as the peace and, therefore, peace has been right. smoke of the first battle clears away for f fight we must, and they will give you the silver lining to the dark cloud that is a division of cavalry, you'll charge under hanging so heavy and low over this is-the old flag as you did under the red land of the sea; where the people, under cross, laughing to the last-all over-a Spain's despotism, are perishing by the We are not prepared to believe that the Great Judge will hold the uthorities of this nation guiltless for looking idly on at this terrible suffering so long, and, as we intimated last week, the blowing up of the Maine was providential, 'o awaken our slumbering nation. She is not sleeping now, for never before is so fine that you would cast aside your was there a more united determination so the that your face on the part of people to correct an evil. children.

The whole circumstance is striking to us, for it was Mr. Cannon who introduced the bill to buy "cannon" and other war material, if necessary, at a cost of and companion of Stewart, who sleeps in fifty million dollars. The bill went through Congress like it was shot from a "cannon," as it swept every thing on its way. The voice of the people is unanimous that it was right; except the voice of those who are scared and are now wishing they were a baby and a "gal" an old saberer and, General, we'll expect baby at that. Instead of making the to see the old smile, the face all shining above wish we wish to announce our motto: "Invincible in peace-invisible in

Something was said recently about not planting so much cotton, since the war broke out. An old soldier remarked that 'cotton made good breast works; mighty good to fight behind,"

We don't know so well about its turning bullets in time of war, but we do know its mighty fine to get behind and put off creditors at all times. Next to the war this much abused article is receiving the attention of our people. They continue to haul guano and prepare for making the fleecy staple,

One man has suggested that if we must have war he wished "they would order us out and settle the matter in time o make a crop." Guess he read what Gamma" said about "whipping Spain before breakfast." It won't be a fox chase in the early morn and no more of it, and none seem to realize this more than pathize with the United States in its of it, are scared badly. They enjoy free ontroversy with Spain and the al- dom and voting, but poor cuffy can't eged blowing up of the Maine, which stand the idea of going to war. "Sallie and harvesteriste Spenish trick." Ann has ways he does like" and he can't bear to leave her. These poor creatures, who have been taught by men worse, possible than Spaniards, to despise our the remarkable fact is that the Mex- race, are to be pittied. When trouble icans who have been hitherto cool in comes they are sure to look to the whites They are quiet now, and as a rule are

working well, and we hope the present when the war clouds pass by that there will be less sectional and race prejudice than heretofore. So may it be.

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> > W. D. REDFEARN,
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Walter Crump and others, at January Term, 1898, of the Superior Court of Auson county, wherein it was ordered that the land herein after described be sold, the undersigned

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Said sale is made subject to approval and
confirmation by the o urt. This, March 14,
1892. S. C. LEE, Commissioner.

Office Corner Martin and Ruth-Executors' Notice. Having qualified as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of C. M. Lettle, decid, we hereby notify all persons having claim against the estate of said decid to present them to either of us for payment, on or before the 20th day of March, 1800. All persons indulted to said active.