

THE COUNTY UNION.

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Latest From the War.

Fifteen thousand troops have sailed from Tampa for Cuba and it is thought will be landed near Santiago or Guantanamo about to-morrow or next day. The marines landed at Guantanamo are almost surrounded by Spaniards and only the vessels in the bay keep them from being captured. The Spaniards make an attack every night and since the fighting began Saturday afternoon to Monday noon our loss has been only six killed and five wounded. The Spanish loss is unknown; fifteen dead Spaniards were found in one fort Monday. The Cubans assisted the marines in the attack Sunday night and their co-operation was not much a success. The marines had successfully repulsed every attack made by the Spaniards at the last accounts.

Three thousand five hundred troops have gone on board ships at San Francisco and will sail to-day or to-morrow for the Philippines. The navy department posted a telegram from Admiral Sampson yesterday stating that he had sent Lieutenant Blue ashore at Santiago and that Blue had returned after making a tour of 70 miles of the harbor and that the whole of Cervera's fleet was in the harbor. This settles the location of the Spanish fleet. News will become more interesting when all of Uncle Sam's boys strike Cuban soil, which will be in a few days.

There are those who have criticised the government in the slowness of preparing troops for this war. It should be remembered that to arm and equip an army of 125,000 soldiers is a vast undertaking and that it can not be accomplished in a day, a week, nor a month. The work has been as rapidly pushed forward as possible. Cuba can't be taken in a day and many battles will have been fought and hard service seen before our flag floats upon Morro Castle at Havana, but it will float there, despite the crafty Spaniards.

Should we hold the Philippine Islands we will get the principal part of their trade which Spain now gets. We buy from them about \$7,000,000 of merchandise a year and sell them practically nothing. They buy about \$7,000,000 worth of cotton goods a year all of which is manufactured in Spain and this will come to us if we hold the Islands. This war will open several avenues of trade for this country which it has not had.

Every American and every American institution wishes to honor Admiral Dewey for his brilliant victory at Manila. The Western University of Pennsylvania has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon him. If he should attempt to write all the degrees which have been conferred upon him after his name, it would take a full page of paper to hold his signature.

Some four years ago Walter Henry left the Democratic party because he failed to get an appointment he wanted and joined the Populist party and was a leader in the fusion element in the last campaign. He has been paid for his services recently by the appointment of National Bank Examiner.

Spain has been collecting from Cuba \$30,000,000 taxes and tribute a year, about six dollars for each man, woman and child on the island. This tax was collected without the Cuban's having any representation in making the laws.

Under the war revenue bill the silver seigniorage in the United States treasury will be coined at the rate of one and a half million dollars each month.

Base Ball on Sunday.

In nearly every church in this country where services were held last Sunday, the pastors and the congregations took up collections, part of which was put aside to send missionaries to the heathen to teach him of the Christ and to worship him and to hold the Sabbath day in reverence. While the heathen was bowing down to idols and worshipping the Sabbath of idolatry, here in our civilized country, where the story of the Cross is known to all, games of base ball were being played and large numbers of spectators were witnessing them. A paragraph in Monday's paper reads:

"Cleveland, June 12.—The first Sunday ball game here this season was played this afternoon at Elucid Beach park, nine miles from the city. A crowd of 6,000 was present. A severe thunder storm interrupted the game, but there was no interference by the authorities."

Nor was Cleveland alone with this desecration of the Sabbath. Chicago had "one of the prettiest games of the season," and Louisville, Ky., in our own beloved Southland, added her mite to the desecration, and had a game also. Christians, in this civilized country, hold up their hands in holy horror of Spanish bull fights on Sunday and at the bowing down to an idol of a heathen, but we hear little denunciation from them of the base ball games on Sunday in our enlightened and civilized country. We need missionaries at home, and need them badly. A game of base ball on Sunday where a large crowd of gamblers and rooters gather to witness it within the shadow of church steeples, is a disgrace to civilization. If the influence of the churches and the Christian religion can't prevent it, the strong arm of the law should. The Sabbath should be recognized as a day set apart for rest and be kept sacred and holy so far as in our power lies.

The wickedness of some of our cities now, according to accounts, is almost equal to that of Sodom and Gomorrah, and were it not for the good men and women who reside in them they would probably have received the same punishment ere this.

S. M. Geary, Plerson, Minn., writes:—"DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is curing more piles here to-day than all other remedies combined. It cures eczema and all other skin diseases." Hood & Grantham.

Every page of Spains history has been written with blood. Her reign has been one of cruelty and bloodshed. She will hardly have any colonies after this bout with Uncle Sam.

One Minute Cough Cure is the best preparation I have ever sold or used and I can't say too much in its praise."—L. M. Kemion, Merchant, Odell, Ga. Hood & Grantham.

A prominent Republican remarked to us a few days ago that he hoped there would be no fusion this year and that each party would run a ticket, and let each candidate stand on the principles of his party. This man is not an office seeker and is disgusted with fusion. The Populists may force themselves on the Republicans in this campaign, but they are not wanted by those who are Republicans from principle. Fusion is the product of office seekers and traders.


HOW are the children this summer? Are they doing well? Do they get all the benefit they should from their food? Are their cheeks and lips of good color? And are they hearty and robust in every way?

If not, then give them **Scott's Emulsion** of cod liver oil with hypophosphites.

It never fails to build up delicate boys and girls. It gives them more flesh and better blood.

It is just so with the baby also. A little Scott's Emulsion, three or four times a day, will make the thin baby plump and prosperous. It furnishes the young body with just the material necessary for growing bones and nerves.

All Druggists, etc. and \$1.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, N. Y.



The Congressional Convention.

As has been published before the congressional convention for this district (the 3rd) is called to meet in Clinton on Thursday, June 30th, at 12 o'clock to nominate a candidate for Congress. If the signs of the times do not fail there will evidently be three candidates in the field this year—a Democrat, a Populist and a Republican—and it will be a close fight between the Democrats and the Republicans. With three candidates in the field the Democrats have a fighting chance to win and with the proper candidate we will win. Our candidate must be a man of ability, and with a clean political record; a good speaker and an able debater; one who can meet his opponent and fearlessly uphold the principles of our party and denounce the misrule and extravagance of the party that is now in power. There will be several candidates in the field for the nomination, and we must select the one best qualified for this position, and to this end it is hoped that a large attendance from all over the district will be present when the convention meets.

To win we must have harmony in the convention and the Democrats must be united on the candidate selected. Harnett will probably have no candidate before the convention, but if she does her delegation will be solid for him until it sees there is no hope for his nomination.

The candidates most prominently mentioned as aspirants for the nomination are Charles R. Thomas, of Craven, W. S. Cook, of Cumberland, and J. D. Kerr, of Sampson. These gentlemen are all men of character and ability.

A "Democrat" writing to the New Berne Journal says of Mr. Thomas: "It is gratifying to the many friends of Hon. Charles R. Thomas of New Berne, Craven's candidate for the nomination for Representative in Congress before the Democratic Convention at Clinton, June 30th, to see that he has not only received the endorsement of his own county, and neighboring county of Jones, but that he has strong support from other counties and from the press. * * *"

"Always true to his friends, and magnanimous to those who differ with him, he is one of the most industrious and accurate men in public life, and would be an ideal candidate and excellent Representative."

"Moreover he is in close touch with the people, easily the peer of any candidate, and if nominated will be elected, because he has a clean and invulnerable record. The people have confidence in his patriotism and ability, and his personal popularity among all classes and conditions of men is such as to place him pre-eminently above all competitors as the most available candidate for the nomination."

A SURE THING FOR YOU.

A transaction in which you cannot lose a sure thing. Biliousness, sick headache, furred tongue, fever, piles and a thousand other ills are caused by constipation and sluggish liver. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the wonderful new liver stimulant and intestinal tonic are by all druggists guaranteed to cure or money refunded. C. C. C. are a sure thing. Try a box to-day; 10c., 25c., 50c. Sample and booklet free. Sold by all druggists.

WHEN a man gives great sums of money to churches and church institutions there is often a purpose for other than patriotic or generous impulses. Washington Duke, of Durham, who has given Trinity College over \$400,000, is a great manufacturer of cigarettes and has grown very rich from this industry. Trinity College is controlled and largely patronized by the Methodists, and there is hardly a Methodist minister in the country that does not denounce, in litter terms, from the pulpit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes. We do not pretend to say or to intimate that the gifts of Mr. Duke to Trinity were not made with the most generous impulses and with a patriotic purpose, but there are those who believe that Mr. Duke gives his money to Trinity to keep the Methodists from making a broadside onslaught on the manufacturer of cigarettes. Statements similar to this we have heard made in the pulpit.

The human machine starts but once and stops but once. You can keep it going longest and most regularly by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. Hood & Grantham.

Vance Still Lives.

If Vance were living Bryan's plan of co-operation would have been adopted at the State Democratic Convention.—The Caucasian.

Oh, no; Vance still lives in his influence over Democracy in North Carolina, and it was a part of that selfsame influence which held together the forces of Democracy almost as a unit against fusion. From the first moment the delegates from the various counties were seated in the convention hall 90 per cent. were solidly opposed to fusion. All this rot about the State Democratic convention being dominated by gold-bug influences, railroad attorneys and monopoly money is quite small talk and is untrue. Populist papers have raised the howl that farmers were conspicuous in that convention by their absence. Well, that may have been true; but the editor of The Commonwealth was there and can answer for two counties, Harnett and Halifax. The delegation from Harnett, our native county, was one-half, if not two-thirds farmers, and out of all the delegates from Halifax nearly half were farmers.

No; the convention voiced the honest sentiment of the majority of the Democrats of North Carolina, and it is the personal duty of every Democrat in the State to buckle on the armor and fight valiantly from now until the closing of the polls on election day.

Count that man a cowardly who tries to dodge responsibility because his own pet ideas and personal preferences were not favored in the voice of the people through the State convention.—Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

The idea that gold bugs and corporation lawyers were the controlling influence in the State convention is refuted by Mr. Hilliard, the editor of the Commonwealth. Harnett and Halifax are not all the counties that were represented by delegates, a majority of whom were farmers. This howl of the Caucasian is perfectly natural with it. It has been howling ever since it took down from its masthead its motto of "white supremacy" and of course will continue to keep its ululations before its readers so long as they will listen. It mentions the fact that Walter P. Byrd from this county was a delegate, and howls that he was a Palmer and Buckner elector in the last campaign. True, this is; but Mr. Byrd is a Democrat and subscribes to the Democratic platform, with the probable exception of the free coinage of silver. He is also a farmer, and will vote to restore North Carolina back to the Democratic party and a white man's government, which is dearer to the people of the State than free silver or government ownership of railroads.

The Cuban question and political issues sink into insignificance with the man who suffers from piles. What he most desires, is relief. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures piles. Hood & Grantham.

THE heroes of the fighting in Cuban waters have been North Carolinians or descendants of North Carolinians. When Carolinians are called upon for duty they respond and with a determination to do it faithfully. This is characteristic of them in all walks of life, and North Carolina can justly boast of the best citizenship of any State in the Union—there is none better to be found anywhere.

Are You Weak? Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than an expensive special course of medicine. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

Tax Levy. The county commissioners at their last meeting levied taxes for this year at the same rate as for last year. General State and county taxes are 66¢ cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$2.00 on the poll. Special county tax is 13¢ cents on the \$100 worth of property and 40 cents on the poll. The total tax will be 80 cents on property and \$2.40 on the poll.

The board found that it had a surplus of special tax funds on hand and ordered that it be applied to the payment of the bonds. See notice of the chairman in this issue wanting to buy bonds.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Giles' Mill Items.

Refreshing showers have fallen in this community and crops look refreshed.

Miss Elma Layton, of Bladen county, is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Miss Lula Williford visited Miss Viola Jones, at the home of her grand-mother, Mrs. Susan Layton, last week.

The calm quiet vicinity has again been awakened by Cupid's wiles. Mr. A. P. West, of this community, led to the hymeneal altar, on June the 4th, Miss Susan J. Brown, of McKay, and took upon themselves the vows that made them one. May a life of much happiness be their portion.

The writer had an experience with the bees last Monday night and was stung severely, but was rewarded with a copious supply of honey.

UNCLE JIMBO.

ALL indications point to an ending of the war with Spain before much longer and the probability is that the 125,000 troops now mustered in will be sufficient. Spain it is thought will sue for peace through the powers. The Philippines and Porto Rico will be held for indemnity and Cuba will be made free.

Diseases of the Blood and Nerves. No one need suffer with neuralgia. This disease is quickly and permanently cured by Brown's Iron Bitters. Every disease of the blood, nerves and stomach, chronic or otherwise, succumbs to Brown's Iron Bitters. Known and used for nearly a quarter of a century, it stands today foremost among our most valued remedies. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

NEW SHOP.

I have just opened a repair shop in the Johnson Shop Building, and am prepared to do

Cart and Wagon Repairing.

Horse and Mule Shoeing and other work at short notice, and will be pleased to have your work. All work guaranteed to be first-class and good workmanship.

Refrigerators Have a refrigerator made to keep fresh meats, butter, etc. in. I am prepared to make them cheap. Give me a trial and I think I can please you.

Yours truly,
M. L. JACKSON,
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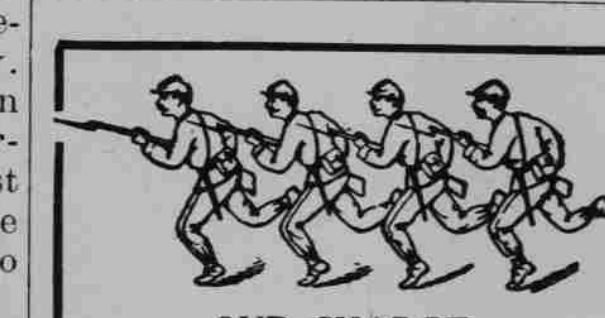
J. L. BENTON.

I desire to inform the public that my store can now be found on Broad street next door to J. D. Barnes. I keep at all times a well selected stock of Dry Goods and Notions, and sell at

Hard Time Prices.

GROCERIES:

You can always find at my store a choice stock of Heavy and Fancy Groceries. Thanking you for past favors and inviting you to call and see me in my new quarters, I remain,
 Yours truly,
J. L. BENTON.



OUR CHARGE for the daintiest, strongest, most stylish, most serviceable BICYCLE yet offered for sale is

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"the 19 year old wheels."

Other Wheels from \$25 up. For Sale by S. J. HOOKS Dunn, N. C.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executor of Alexander Gregory, deceased, late of Harnett County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of May, 1898, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 21st day of May, 1898.
 A. W. GREGORY, Executor.

N. B. HOOD, The Original Leading Druggist.

DUNN, N. C.
 My stock consists of anything found in a first-class Drug Store which I am selling cheaper than ever for the cash. Prescriptions compounded with care and accuracy. I thank all for past favors, and invite you to come and see me. I do a straight legal business.
 Mr. A. L. Pearsall is with me and he invites all his friends to call and see him.
 Yours to please for best goods and lowest prices,
N. B. HOOD.

THE WAR

WE HAVE BEEN MAKING AGAINST HIGH PRICES OF DRUGS, GARDEN SEED, BOOKS, STATIONERY and other Goods in our line continues as lively as ever.

We continue at the same stand ever ready to serve our customers promptly and politely.

Come to see us whether you buy anything or not. Plenty of chairs and daily papers. Headquarters for war news as well as drugs. Make yourself at home at our store.

HOOD & GRANTHAM,
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A - Magnificent - Line.

We carry any quality you desire. Styles and fashion the latest. Assortment complete. Prices O. K. A selection from our Spring Styles makes your appearance faultless. We guarantee to please or money refunded.

A beautiful line of Shirts, both white and colored. Latest style Collars and Ties. They have just come in and a look at them is all we ask.

Shoes! Shoes!!

We've got'em to burn. Black, and Tan, Gaiters, Bals, Oxfords etc., etc., prices the lowest. Our ladies' Shoes are made to fit, of the best material. Very shapely and will stay so.

Dress Goods.

Our line of Spring and Summer Dress Goods is complete in every particular. All kinds of thin things such as Lawns, Organdies, Dotted Swiss, etc. We have also Black, White, and Blue Duck, Crush suitings, Linen goods of all kinds, guaranteed Irish Manufactured stiffening for collars. Any kind of linings, Trimmings, Laces and Ribbons, all colors. Can match most anything.

You just ought to see our Straw Hats for men and boys, latest styles and honest prices guaranteed. Also a nice lot of Children's Sailors.

We carry the nicest and largest selection of Umbrellas in Town, prices from 48c to \$2.50.

The largest line of Trunks, Valises, Satchels, travelling Bags, and gentlemen's Dressing Cases ever shown in Dunn is now on exhibition at our store, a look is all that is necessary.

We also have a few BUGGY WHIPS and LAP ROBES, which we are selling at about 1/2 cost. Very few left, call at once.

We are still selling Coats' Cotton at 4¢, knitting cotton at 15¢. Remember that we keep what you want. When you can't find the goods you need at any other store in town try Massengill's for they keep them constantly on hand, and will sell when urged.

Respectfully,
THE MASSENGILL DRY GOODS COMPANY.
 P. T. MASSENGILL, Manager.

SAMPSON

Seems to be holding up his end of the string at Porto Rico, just destroying the fortifications and capturing the towns. Must have a little of the grit that Samson of old possessed. He destroyed his thousands without a gun, and of course it was expected with all the late improved guns and battleships at the command of the Sampson of to-day, that he would clean up the Spanish fleet on the high seas and knock the forts into a cocked hat. While there are late improved guns there are also late improved Bicycles, and these bicycles are on sale at

CAINEY & JORDAN'S

who have turned loose their big guns on the strong fortification of HIGH PRICES, and its walls are now crumbled and an up-to-date Bicycle can now be obtained at prices never before heard of. Repairing of all kinds neatly done and satisfaction guaranteed. Bicycle attachments a specialty.

JEWELRY—SOLID AND PLATED.

Our stock of Jewelry is always complete and prices low. WATCHES and CLOCKS, we have them at any price. Watch and Clock repairing a specialty. Give us a call and we'll do the rest.

Yours truly,
CAINEY & JORDAN.