

THE COUNTY UNION.

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Latest From the War.

Gen. Shafter and his army of sixteen thousand troops arrived off Santiago de Cuba Monday at noon. They have probably landed by this time and have engaged the Spanish troops.

An expedition of 4000 troops is expected to sail from Newport News, Va., to-morrow to re-enforce Gen. Shafter at Santiago. More troops will be sent him next week. It is stated that the Spanish are 40,000 strong in the province of Santiago and a desperate defence of the city is expected.

Hobson and his men that are held by the Spaniards at Santiago will not be exchanged for some time yet.

A third expedition of troops for the Philippines will probably sail from San Francisco Saturday. The city of Manila is surrounded by the insurgents and when the American troops arrive the city will be taken. It is thought that the first expedition should have reached Manila Sunday or Monday.

The government spends thousands of dollars each year in experiments and we think it could well afford to buy the Holland sub-marine boat and take it to Santiago de Cuba and let its inventor experiment with it in destroying the mines in the harbor. This boat is made so that it will sail in the water and can be completely submerged at the will of the captain and sail under water for several minutes, when the vessel can be raised to the surface, shoot its torpedo gun at a hostile ship, sink again and sail away before the enemy could do it any damage. If Holland can get the men to man his wonderful engine of destruction, the idea prevails that Uncle Sam could well afford to buy his ship and turn him loose in the harbor of Santiago.

According to the latest advices our blockading squadron at Havana are convinced that the Spaniards at Havana are pretty good gunners. When any of our ships get in range of Morro Castle the big guns open upon them and have sent some pretty accurate shells after them. It is thought that the gunners are not Spaniards as the squadron does not believe a Spaniard could do such close work. The small ships of the squadron had better stay out of reach of the forts' big guns until Sampson and Schley are ready to meet the fire of the forts with the larger ships.

DYNAMITE will revolutionize the mode of warfare. The Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius now with Admiral Sampson off Santiago has recently proven that it is a valuable addition to the fleet. It can sail close up to the shore near a fort in the night and without making any noise send dynamite bombs at the enemy which would wreck the largest fort in existence if the bomb should fall in the proper place. The same it can do to vessels.

Since the war with Spain all the nations have opened their eyes to the fact that our navy is not to be laughed at and that our men are brave and splendid marksmen. Russia, which was thought to be in sympathy with Spain, has signified her neutrality, and wants some warships built like the Oregon which has just made the most remarkable trip known of warships. We have proven that Americans can build as good warships as float.

Now that we are at war with a foreign country our government feels the need of American ships, especially on the Pacific coast. The number of large merchant steamers owned by Americans on this coast is limited and it is with difficulty that the government obtains vessels sufficient to carry troops to the Philippines. It has already commenced impressing American ships for that purpose.

On a Cash Basis?

For several months we have been hearing that the county was on a cash basis and that all county orders were paid on presentation to the proper person. We have heard that such is not the case and persons holding county orders could not get the cash for them. Why is this? Why have our county commissioners been boasting that they had the county on a cash basis and were paying cash for all county orders? Now we hear that the commissioners are holding that a county order issued in 1898 must be paid out of the taxes levied for 1898, which will not be collected and paid into the treasury until January 1899; so a person having a county order issued in January 1898 will have to wait until January 1899 before there will be money in the treasury to pay it. This we are informed is the condition of the county's finances now. Yet we hear that it is on a "cash basis."

The present board of commissioners have put a bond issue and special tax on the people of the county (without the consent of the people, which is a direct violation of the Constitution of the State) to place the county on a cash basis, and now it seems there is no money in the treasury to pay orders with. The board has \$1244.71 of special tax funds with which to buy bonds, but the man of Harnett county who builds a bridge or feeds the poor of the county must wait until the taxes for 1898 are collected to get his pay. And still chairman Green says the county is on a "cash basis." A "cash basis" for the bond holder, but the citizen of the county must wait and get his pay when the taxes for the year in which the work is done, is collected.

The interest on the bonds must be paid when due. This interest goes to the bondholders. To pay this interest every dollar's worth of property in the county is subject to a forced taxation. County orders are paid when the money is in the treasury. The bondholders are paid while the people of the county who pay the taxes have to wait. More than \$2,500 special taxes were collected out of the people last year to pay to bondholders, as much will be collected this year.

We have heard that the commissioners say that if all the taxes were collected and paid in that they would have money to pay the orders. The time is past due for the county to have a final settlement with the sheriff. If he has not collected all the taxes that can be collected, he is at fault. The commissioners should bring him to a settlement. The people in the county will pay their taxes in full every year by the first of January if the sheriff will demand them and make them pay. Punctuality with the sheriff needs to be impressed on the people of the county and then the sheriff will not always be behind with his annual settlements. Bring 'em to time.

Does Baby Thrive?

If your baby is delicate and sickly and its food does not nourish it, put fifteen or twenty drops of Scott's Emulsion in its bottle three or four times a day and you will see a marked change.

We have had abundant proof that they will thrive on this emulsion when other food fails to nourish them.

It is the same with larger children that are delicate. Scott's Emulsion seems to be the element lacking in their food. Do not fail to try it if your children do not thrive. It is as useful for them in summer as in winter.

Ask your doctor if this is not true.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York

The first of the big sixteen inch guns, the largest canon in America, has been shipped to Sandy Hook and is now being erected there. This gun shoots a projectile weighing 2300 pounds.

CASORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Hitchcock*

RAPID PROGRESS OF SMITHFIELD.

Closing Exercises of Turlington Institute--Pride of Johnston Co.

It was the writer's pleasure to visit the home of his boyhood, the beautiful and historic old town of Smithfield, situated upon the banks of the Neuse, last week, and while there to witness the closing exercises of Turlington Institute. We saw many old acquaintances and shook many hands whose friendly grasp only signified that we were welcome to their hospitality which has ever been characteristic of the good people of Smithfield. And before we speak of the commencement exercises we desire to mention briefly the rapid progress of the town within the past year. The old town is rapidly rising from the ashes and putting on new life and we believe now has a future to be envied by any town in Eastern North Carolina. Her energetic citizens have at last awakened to the importance of a united effort, and now where stood the distasteful and rugged structures of 1889, handsome brick stores have been erected which would do credit to any city. Not only new stores have been erected but in many parts of the town new dwellings have gone up. The town has two commodious tobacco warehouses, one of which has been completed and the other in course of erection. A prize house three stories high will also be built, which makes the market complete for the tobacco farmers.

The town has a splendid bank, well arranged, which we were informed is doing a considerable amount of business, and we venture to say will ever be successful under the popular management of Mr. John Ellington as cashier, and Mr. C. V. Johnson as book-keeper, both of whom are popular and highly esteemed throughout the county.

Much more could be said of the wonderful development and progress of the town, but we must now speak of the commencement. While the weather was not altogether favorable for such an occasion it was not lacking for spectators and visitors. The visitors came in from many directions and the town was filled to overflowing--most of whom seemed to be pretty girls who came to adorn and enrich the occasion--whose presence always makes happy any occasion.

The exercises began on Thursday night and closed on Friday night. The preparation was thorough, and the rendition excellent, reflecting credit upon the pupils and the entire faculty. We are unable to give any part of the programme, and therefore it sufficeth to say that the entire exercises were one complete success.

The speaker for the occasion, Rev. J. B. Shearer, D. D., LL. D., President Davidson College, was unable to be present, and Hon. E. W. Pou, Solicitor of this district, was called on. He delivered the address in his own eloquent style which was highly pleasing to every one present. His address being along an appropriate line just at this time--"Patriotism."

This institution is doing a great work in this part of the State, and we are glad to note the interest that the people are taking in education, not only in Johnston, but other counties as well.

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 in all drug stores 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.

County Teachers' Institute.

Prof. J. Y. Joyner, of the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, will hold an Institute for Harnett county, for white teachers, in this county, beginning July 25th and ending July 29th. Every white teacher in the county is earnestly requested to attend (and if we are not mistaken, the law makes it obligatory). The institute will be held at Lillington or Buie's Creek Academy. The place will be announced later.

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. Kennon, Merchant, Odell, Ga.
Hood & Grautham.

Lillington Cleanings.

Mr. L. S. Atkins, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Robert Atkins, of Georgia, were here last week to attend the celebration of the 84th birthday of their mother.

Miss Esther Bell, of Sampson, spent Friday here with Misses Lela Marsh and Daisy Shaw.

Miss Bettie Barnes, of Buie's Creek Academy, is visiting Mrs. McKay Byrd.

Quite a number of our people attended church at Bunnlevel Sunday.

We are pained to know that Mrs. E. A. Kivett is critically ill.

Mr. Will Brantly, of Hector's Creek, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Albert Johnson, in the village.

Messrs W. J. Washburn and S. A. Salmon visited Mr. Salmon's father in Chatham county last week. They report crops in upper Harnett and in Chatham as exceedingly fine. Mr. Salmon's father has 150 acres in corn and will harvest two thousand bushels of wheat this season.

Work on the court house is progressing rapidly. The walls are completed to the second floor. We understand that the contractors will give a big barbecue when the building is completed. Of course all of the county will be represented. June 22nd. "W."

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 & Grautham.

Children's Day Exercises.

LILLINGTON, N. C., June 21, '98.

MR. EDITOR:—Please allow me space in your paper to say that children's day was held at Lillington Presbyterian church (colored) last Sunday, June 19th. The weather was inclement but did not prevent the crowd. The exercises opened at 9 o'clock with appropriate music, organist B. E. Bailey. Compositions by the following: Miss Mattie McLean, "the great agency of saving children"; Miss Maggie Murchison, "Woman's influence in Presbyterian Mission"; B. E. Bailey, "Millions outside the Sabbath school"; J. T. Bailey, "the twentieth century movement". All was grand, also the primary exercises.

Rev. Walker preached an elegant sermon from Psalms 24-7: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." The contribution was good. May this church continue this grand Mission work and raise her standard higher and higher until she joins the mission above with angels and loved ones gone before. B. E. BAILEY.

Democratic Rally.

The Democrats of Johnston county have arranged for a big Democratic rally to be held in Smithfield on the 4th of July. Hon. Thomas J. Jarvis and Hon. Charles B. Aycock will speak "for the liberation of North Carolina."

The speaking will be held in Riverside Tobacco Warehouse and a large crowd of people are expected to attend.

Chairman W. S. Stevens says in his address: "We shall welcome the presence of our women, whose friend and protector the Democratic party has ever been. Let the rising spirit of '76 bring all of our people together for their common good."

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 & Grautham.

North Carolina surrendered at Appomattox forty-two regiments and one battalion of infantry, five regiments and one battalion of cavalry, and five batteries of artillery. In all these regiments, which had at one time represented 100,000 men, there were paroled only 5022 men, which shows the great sufferings and losses of our army. It is stated that Lee surrendered only about 9000 men in all, more than half of which were North Carolinians.

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.

Benson News Notes.

Correspondent to THE UNION.]

This section was visited by a heavy rain and wind storm Sunday afternoon.

Miss Lillie Parrish visited friends in Four Oaks last week.

Mr. E. J. House and brother, of Wade, were in town a short while Saturday. They had been attending the commencement at Smithfield and were en route for their home.

Mr. Charlie Creech, of Four Oaks, spent Saturday afternoon and night in town with friends.

A negro thief went into Mr. C. T. Johnson's store last Friday night and stole some dry goods. As soon as the stealing was discovered Saturday morning, news was sent to Dunn over the phone describing the goods stolen. Soon after the news was received a negro bearing the described goods was seen and arrested by Policeman Wade, and he was found to be a "pen" convict for life. He was carried back to Raleigh at once and placed in his home.

Mr. R. B. Brady has commenced to erect a handsome hotel building on the west side of the railroad, opposite the depot.

Several new dwellings have just been erected and nearing completion in town.

Rev. F. A. Bishop, Presiding Elder of this district, preached at the Academy here Sunday evening. His discourse was short and spicy.

Mr. G. H. Long, of Buie's Creek, is in town to-day.

Messrs Hall & Smith are manufacturing and selling a great many tobacco flues to the tobacco farmers of this section. June 21, 1898.

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 & Grautham.

Don't Neglect Your Liver.
Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Brown's Iron Bitters taken now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality will always follow its use. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

NOTICE! On Monday the 4th day of July 1898, we shall sell at public auction for cash at our old saw Mill Yard on the lands of Offa Bayles, in Grove township, Harnett county, N. C., two several parcels of Board Lumber: First lot 2253 feet belonging to D. S. Bayles. Second lot 3470 feet belonging to J. M. Denning, to satisfy our claims for sawing the same. This June 16th, 1898. S. W. & J. H. McLAMB.

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 do 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,
ju-8-9m. Dunn, N. C.

NEW QUARTERS!

UP-TO-DATE GROCERY STORE.

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.

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, 1899, 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,
5-25-St. 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,
D. H. HOOD. DUNN, N. C. G. K. GRANTHAM.

SPRING CLOTHING.

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, Oxforders, 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, Organadies, 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 Messengill'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

GAINEY & 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,

GAINEY & JORDAN.