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New Plaques in white and colors.

New Dimities in White and Black.

New Stock Centered Kid Gloves.

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See the up-to-date goods.

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## S. H. Chedester,

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## A BICYCLE FREE.

With every Package of Safety Peppermint Gum we give a numbered ticket. When the case of gum is sold the holder of the lucky number will get a

## Sixty Dollar Safety Bicycle Free.

The wheel is now on exhibition in our show window. The regular weekly prize distribution will continue to be held every Wednesday evening.

## BERKELEY CIGAR STORE

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## Swell Oxfords for Ladies.

Shoe perfection is reached in the famous Burt's Shoes. Hard to get a woman to wear any other kind after wearing

## BURTS.

Foremost in style and comfort, and they wear well because they fit and hold their shape. Asheville agency at

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## ARE YOU Hunting?

for a good laundry—one that will launder your clothes well, and send them home—whole? You will find that kind of a laundry right here. Our prices are reasonable, and our goods are always delivered—when we say they will be.

Any finish you want.

## Asheville Steam Laundry,

43 WEST COLLEGE ST.



## For the Summer Girl

We have many dainty little fixings. Our stock of jewelry would be incomplete without them.

The assortment of Shirt Waist Sets, Links, Cuff Buttons, Neck and Belt Pins, Jeweled Belts and Hat Pins is more varied and beautiful than any hitherto offered. The designers and makers have given much attention to this class of work and the collection proves how artistic and skillful they are.

We add the necessary finishing touch by selling at easy-to-get prices.

## B. H. COSBY,

27 Patton Avenue.

## Eastman Kodaks and Supplies.

## FRESH CREAMERY BUTTER

ON ICE

## New Crop Italian Olive Oil

Full Line of Crackers

ALL FRESH.

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Second Hand Two-Seat Babcock

## Just Right Wagon

USED ONLY A FEW MONTHS. For sale cheap at

## T. S. Morrison's CARRIAGE WAREHOUSE.

## KEEP

Cool and enjoy your spare moments this summer in one of our comfort-giving hammocks, one of the kind in which you are comfortable in—none of the back-breaking, side-scraping kind. You will buy when you see them—the prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

## Morgan's

3 West Court Square.

## THEY WILL CUT BLANCO'S CABLES

### The General is Able to Talk Too Easily With Madrid.

### Thus Thwarting the Plans of Our Government.

#### HE ALSO CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE SPANISH ADMIRAL WHEN HE TOUCHES LAND.

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## SENATOR BUTLER BEATS SKINNER

### Populists Adopt Resolutions for Co-operation.

### They to Retain as Many Offices as They Now Have.

#### READY TO ACT WITH ANY PARTY OR FACTION FAVORING POPULIST DEMANDS.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—[Special.]—The Populist convention has elected C. Thompson State chairman and a central committee, all Butler men save one.

The Populist State convention was in session all night and adjourned at 6 o'clock this morning. Senator Butler completely crushed Skinner by a vote of 675 to 285, this being the test vote on Butler's proposition to tender co-operation to any party or faction of a party which endorses the resolutions adopted, and which favors co-operation with the Populists, to carry the same into effect upon such a basis as will maintain the Populist party intact and preserve to it not less than its present representation, both national and State.

Resolutions were not adopted until just before adjournment. They endorsed the three addresses by the national chairmen, lately issued, and also Bryan's open letter, and invite the cooperation of any party or faction of a party to secure the election of nine free silver anti-monopoly Congressmen; elect six able and non-partisan judges, and elect an anti-monopoly legislature, pledged to repeal the North Carolina railway lease; to stop the giving and taking of gold mortgages; to abolish free passes, and to favor legislation, under proper safeguards, to guarantee the counties the right to elect their local officials.

Butler says he has "whipped Skinner out of his boots."

#### WHO ARE BISHOPS?

### Seems to Have Been a Hot Time in General Conference.

BALTIMORE, May 18.—Rev. Dr. Warren A. Candler of Oxford, Ga., and Rev. Dr. H. C. Morrison of Nashville, Tenn., were elected bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, yesterday by the general conference. Only two ballots were taken, but a large proportion of the delegates were of the opinion that Rev. Dr. E. E. Hoss of Nashville was also elected. The whole number of votes cast on the second ballot was 255, and Bishop Wilson, who was presiding, announced the act of the conference. Dr. Candler received 148, Dr. Morrison 100 and Dr. Hoss 125.

The conference had started out to elect two bishops. As soon as Bishop Wilson announced that Dr. Candler and Morrison had been elected, there was a storm of protest. It was claimed that Dr. Hoss had also been elected. Motions were offered thick and fast. The struggle was ended by a vote to adjourn in the midst of business.

The effect is questioned, but it is generally agreed that Dr. Candler and Morrison are elected.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

### Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—[Special.]—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina has chosen the following officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

High Priest—Martin S. Willard, Wilmington.

Deputy High Priest—William F. Randolph, Asheville.

King—James D. Bullock, Wilson.

Scribe—William Simpson, Raleigh.

Treasurer—Horace H. Munson, Wilmington.

Chaplain—Rev. C. L. Hoffman, Charlotte.

Asheville was selected for the '99 meeting.

#### NEW SPANISH CABINET.

### Headed by the Sagacious Sagasta, Known of Old.

MADRID, May 18.—The Spanish cabinet has been formed as follows: President council of ministers, Praxedes Sagasta; minister, foreign, Leon y Castillon; war, lieutenant, General Correa; marine, Senor Anon; colonies, Romero Giron; finance, Senor Lopez Puigercos; C. Grezard; public instruction, Senor Gamazo.

Sagasta will submit the names of the ministers to the Queen Regent during the day and the cabinet will be sworn in this evening. The premier will act as foreign minister pending the arrival of Castillon.

#### THE OREGON.

### She May be With Sampson by This Time.

WASHINGTON—Oregon is believed to be safe, and is probably now a part of Sampson's squadron.

LONDON—According to a special from Havana there has been an engagement off Port Cabarien, north shore of Cuba, province of Santa Clara, and the American landing party has been repulsed.

#### Who'll Get in Them?

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 18.—The studebaker Bros. manufacturing company has shipped 17 ambulance wagons to Mobile, Ala., for the government.

#### The Columbias.

BREAKWATER, Del., May 18.—The cruiser Columbia arrived here at 12:10 p. m.

## GLADSTONE SLOWLY DYING

### AFTER "ROCK OF AGES" HE MURMURED "OUR FATHER."

HAWARDEN, May 18.—1:20 p. m.—The temporary improvement in Gladstone's condition was not continued. He is prostrate and unconscious. During a crisis at 4 this morning, Gladstone's breathing was so to the minute and the members of the family were summoned. Rev. Stephen Gladstone read prayers and hymns, including Gladstone's favorite, "Rock of Ages." When this was concluded Gladstone was heard to murmur "Our Father."

The weather is beautiful and the window in Gladstone's room is open. Mrs. Gladstone does not leave the bedside where she sits, holding Gladstone's hand. Although extremely distressed, she bears the strain with considerable fortitude.

Gladstone may expire at any moment, though he may live 24 hours. Any attempts to administer food seem to bore him. His attendants keep his lips moist with spirits and water at intervals. He will probably die peacefully during slumber.

#### FRENCH BROAD DEMOCRATS.

### Convention Will Organize a Democratic Club-Entusiastic.

ALEXANDER, N. C., May 14.—The Democrats of French Broad township met in convention Saturday. J. W. Hunter called the house to order. W. M. Allen was elected permanent chairman; W. H. Hunter, secretary. A motion for the chairman to appoint three as a committee to select delegates to the county convention was adopted. The chair appointed Maj. D. A. Blackwell, J. W. Hunter and J. A. Gwaltney as said committee.

The following delegates were chosen: Dr. W. J. Clontz, J. A. Rogers, C. N. Wanker, J. N. W. Crawford, W. Lee, W. H. White and F. Low. The chairman and secretary were added to the list of delegates.

On motion the committee appointed the following as alternates: James Moore, A. J. Miles, R. A. Hunter, Jack Sluder, J. M. Buckner, J. S. Snelson, Wade Hampton. The committee, D. A. Blackwell, J. W. Hunter and J. A. Gwaltney, were added to list of delegates.

A motion to give each candidate his strength as cast in the primary was adopted. W. T. Crawford received 21 votes, W. J. Cooke 13 votes and Locke Craig 10 votes.

The following resolution was offered by W. H. Hunter and unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That we, the Democrats of French Broad township in convention assembled, do hereby declare our allegiance to the principles of the Democratic party set forth in the platform in the national convention in 1896, and that we will strictly adhere to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1."

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one. The first Saturday in June, 2 o'clock p. m. was set as the time to meet and organize a Democratic club.

#### CHILD WEIGHED ONE POUND.

### Personals of Yancey County—The Smallest Egg in the World.

PENSACOLA, N. C., May 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Dud Austin of Paint Gap Wednesday morning left their baby sleeping soundly. The wife returned a few minutes later to find it dead. The child when born weighed only one pound. At death it weighed six pounds.

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#### FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The price of bread was raised one cent a loaf in New York.

Mrs. Annie S. Paten of New York city, who died last week, bequeathed \$100,000 to Princeton University.

The banks of Baltimore have decided to establish a central depository for gold, upon which to issue clearing house certificates.

"Swift Water Bill," a Klondike gambler, was drowned with two women and a second man by the breaking of the ice near Lake Bennett.

Refugees at Kingston, Jamaica, from Clenfueros, say that the Spaniards there recently had a big celebration in honor of a "victory at Manila."

Chairman Hitt on Tuesday presented the majority report of the House committee on foreign affairs in favor of the annexation of Hawaii by joint resolution.

Reports received from Key West show that the condition of the little torpedo boat Winslow is much worse than was supposed, and it will be necessary, in all probability, to have her go to Norfolk for repairs.

## THE ALABAMA IS IN THE WATER

### Was Successfully Launched at Cramps' Yard Today.

### She Will be a Most Powerful Battleship.

#### DESCRIPTION OF HER ARMOR AND ARMAMENT—THE DIMENSIONS IN DETAIL.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—The battleship Alabama was successfully launched at Cramp's ship yard at 12:50 today. The Alabama is the first to be launched of the three new battleships of her type, the other two being the Illinois and Wisconsin. She presents marked divergences of design from the first three, Oregon, Indiana and Massachusetts. These differences involve both the arrangement of the battery and the disposition of the armor, as well as considerable increase in size and displacement.

In the Alabama type the water line armor is carried clear forward; but protective deck, instead of being submerged as in the former ships, is raised to the level of the top belt by the slopes at each side, the same as in protected cruisers. The main battery of the Alabama type consists of four 13-inch guns in turrets and 14 6-inch rapid firing guns, of which 10 are mounted on the decks, eight in a broadside between the turrets and two firing straight forward of the fore turret on the gun deck. Four are mounted in a small turret on the casemates deck, two on each side.

The broadside of 6-inch guns, instead of being mounted in projecting sponsons, are mounted in recessed ports in oracles to secure an extensive train forward and abaft the beam. The general dimensions of the Alabama class are: length over all, 344 feet; breadth, 75 feet; freeboard forward, 20 feet; freeboard abaft, 18 feet; draft, 12 feet 6 inches; displacement, 11,220 tons.

The second battery consists of 16 6-pounder rapid fire guns, six 1-pounder rapid fire guns, and four gattlings.

#### PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

### Growing Audiences—Missionaries and Visitors Present.

WARSAW, Ind., May 18.—At the missionary conference, Presbyterian general assembly, today the audiences were larger than those of yesterday. The devotional program was continued by Rev. Oscar Roberts of Hastings, Africa. Stirring addresses upon awakening a greater spirit of liberty among church workers was delivered by Rev. John E. Lee.

The arrivals were heavy today, and it is believed most of the missionaries and visitors will have arrived tonight.

#### MYSTIC SHRINERS.

### Several Asheville Pilgrims Trod the Desert Sands.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—[Special.]—The Mystic Shriners of the State were in annual session here yesterday and gathered many new members for the traditional cause. Alderman Lawrence Connely, Capt. Bold Crawford, C. G. King, the chief dispatcher's office, and Capt. R. E. Simpson, were among those who trod the desert sands. Asheville has been chosen as the place for the pilgrimage of '99.

## Good People!

Often make a mistake in supposing that all drug stores charge unreasonable prices for prescriptions—good drugs are generally expensive and it takes several years of education and experience in order to prepare prescriptions properly—these facts must be considered and a fair profit must be allowed, that's what we are in business for, not for health only—at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store good drugs are used, they are carefully mixed by lawful prescriptions and legitimate prices are charged—it won't do to compare prices made by different stores, for there are big differences in quality of drugs used, which can only be detected by their effects—if you save a few cents by having your prescriptions filled with poor drugs, and have the work done twice to get the desired effect where are you? Better get the best and have them filled right at once—we fill them right.

## The. Club

53 S. MAIN ST.,

The leading saloon in Asheville. I carry a complete line of the leading brands of Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, imported and domestic. Agent for the Augusta Brewing Co. Beer and liquor sold by wholesale and retail. Free delivery. Phone 218. P. O. Box 357.

## Pat McIntyre, Prop

## FOR SALE....

A NICE LOT OF

## SHOW CASES

Will sell at a bargain. Apply at.....

## Carmichael's Drug Store,

Cor. Court Square and Patton Ave.

## Biltmore Dairy

The herd, consisting of high bred Jersey, is under the daily inspection of a qualified veterinarian, formerly inspector for the New Orleans board of health.

All the cows have been Tuberculin tested and are in perfect health.

No expense or labor spared to secure cleanliness in all operations connected with the milk.

To do all the above costs money and lots of it; but we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are supplying customers with pure milk.

Perhaps you can buy milk a little cheaper, but just think it over.

## ARTHUR M. FIELD,

### Leading Jeweler.

has on exhibition and for sale a few pieces of very rare French enamels and exquisite cuttings in—

## Onyx and Carnelian....

and chalcodony relief cuttings suitable for gifts. He has also a selection of native stones that are being closed out at about one-half their original value on account of the new ways of cutting being so much cheaper.

## There's Nothing Like Leather.

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—After an illness of 30 years the shops of the Anglo-American alliance as proposed in the speech of Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, made at Birmingham.

#### Cotton Futures.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Futures quiet firm. Sales 10,000 bales. June, 6.25; July, 6.35; August, 6.45; September, 6.55; October and November, 6.55; December, 6.25; January, 6.25; February, 6.30; March, 6.35.

#### To the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Gen. Miles said today that the 7th Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers will be ordered to the Philippine expedition.