

## WEIGHT TELLS

An important fact to buyers of consumers of Hams is, Do you hold out in weight? We weigh each ham as it is taken from the store and will guarantee it to hold out. While prices have advanced we still sell fine GOOD HAMS at 12 1/2 cts. Snider's West College St. 43

## Bon Marche.

Special offerings for the coming week. Beautifully colored Dimity, 7, 8 and 9c. 5 cts. Each printed Matras was cheap at 12 1/2 cts. for 8 1-3 cts. Printed Organzades that were 12 1/2 cts. and 15 cts. now 10 cts. Italian Crash Shirts that were \$1.25, now 89 cts. Beautiful writing paper and envelopes, containing 36 sheets and 36 envelopes, 10 cents worth, for 35 cts. During the week will also receive a great many additions such as fine and beautiful colored, Lasses, 25c. Beautiful Swiss Edgings and Insertions, beautiful at special prices, sold according to quality. We have agent for Centimeter celebrated Kid Gloves. Extra good stock of Summer Corsets.

## Bon Marche,

15 SOUTH MAIN ST. GO TO THE— Central Livy Stable

For horse hire and mountain party. We have good teams and drivers. Prices reasonable. All kinds of service. Berkeley Hotel Berkeley. Phone 25. T. C. HARR, Manager.

## S. H. Chedester.

27 PATTON AVENUE.

## A BICYCLE FREE.

With every Package of Safety Pills we give a numbered ticket. When the case of gum is sold the holder of the ticket number will get a Sixty Dollar Safety Bicycle Free.

## BERKELEY CIGAR STORE

Hotel Berkeley Building.

## MEN'S FINE SHOES,

Light, durable and Tan. The most comfortable shoes we ever had. Just received a new lot at \$5.00.

## J. SPANGENBERG,

COURT SQUARE.

## We Are Very Busy

But we are busy like a street car is full—room for one more. We have time to send for your bundle and get it to you when promised. The reason we are kept busy is because we deliver goods promptly and do the work nicely. If you want your laundry done that way, call 'phone 95, or leave the package at the office—

## ASHEVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY



## A Spring of Joy

And a well of comfort to the writer is a good Fountain Pen. It is a relief to the tired brain and hand to use one. We have a large assortment of these time and trouble saving devices. There are many styles, but each is of recent make and has all the advantages and none of the defects of the older makes. If you have a prejudice against Fountain pens come in here and it will vanish.

## B. H. COSBY,

27 Patton Avenue. Eastman Kodaks and Supplies.

## QUEEN PINEAPPLES....

FROM INDIAN RIVER, FLA. This is the finest variety of Pineapple grown, and they are thoroughly ripe.

## 15c. Each .GREER.

to N. Court Square. McCORMICK HARVESTING MACHINERY.

## Morgan's

3 West Court Square. 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-scrapping kind. You will buy when you see them—the price range from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

## HAS DISPATCHES FROM SCHLEY

An Associated Press Boat Now at Jamaica.

## Twelve United States Warships Before Santiago.

BUT THE QUESTION STILL IS, IS ADMIRAL CERVERA STILL IN THE BOTTLE?

KINGSTON, May 28.—Twelve American warships are outside Santiago de Cuba harbor, and the Spanish fleet is, almost certainly inside.

## FROM HAYTL.

CAPE HAYTIEN, May 28.—A rumor has reached here of an important American success, but no confirmation is to be obtained. Since the rumor arrived of the Spanish fleet at Santiago no news has reached here, though the cable between this place and Santiago is not interrupted. The significance of this mysterious silence is not known, but it excites wonder. No explanation has been furnished excepting surmises, based on various influences. The theory is that the Spanish admiral allowed himself to be bottled up in the Bay of Santiago, is not entertained here. On the contrary, the Haytien officials say it is far from likely that such a thing has occurred. It is hoped the message from Commodore Schley will soon be received at Mole, St. Nicholas or elsewhere.

## MADRID, May 28.—It is officially announced that the Spanish reserve squadron, commanded by Admiral Canaris, has left Cadix. It will manoeuvre several days in the open sea, afterwards immediately sailing for the Philippines, Cuba or the United States, as the government may judge most opportune.

## IT IS TOO QUIET.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Secretary Long states that no word has been received from either the American or the Spanish fleets.

## NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

They Are Early Risers—Regiment in Good Shape.

From the Jacksonville Citizen the following camp notes are taken: Three of the regiments in camp at Springfield had dress parade at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the interesting spectacle was witnessed by a large number of people. The regiments that were their appearance were the Second Illinois, First North Carolina and First Wisconsin, the two first named making their first appearance on parade. The regiments all showed up well, and gave an idea of what may be expected when the entire division of the nine regiments shall be in camp and fully organized.

## Tennessee Troops.

One regiment of Tennessee troops from Nashville will pass through the city this afternoon bound for Falls Church, Va., one of the mobilization points of the United States Army. The first section will reach the city probably between 6 and 7 o'clock.

## COL. R. L. COLEMAN DEAD

THE VETERAN PASSES AWAY NEAR BALTIMORE.

Something of the Life History of One of the Best Men Buncombe County Ever Produced.

A telegram received yesterday announced the death of Col. Robert Coleman at Shepherd's Retreat, near Baltimore, where the beloved Buncombe man had been for some time under treatment for nervous prostration. The death of Col. Robert Lowry Coleman removes one of the best men ever produced by this county of good work, courage and almost every other quality. He was known by almost every body in the county, especially among the older residents, and the expression of admiration of the man heard on every side bear eloquent testimony to the love that the people of his home county bore for him.

Col. Coleman was born in Buncombe on the 8th of October, 1835. He was in the Confederate army from beginning to end of the war. For a time he was chief commissary for Western North Carolina here, and while filling this position he was prominently engaged in the war, by bushwhackers in East Tennessee. Later he was in Col. James M. Hay's regiment, the 69th, and upon the expiration of the 14th battalion to a regiment he was made colonel.

For many years Col. Coleman was largely engaged in railroad and public work, contracting, having held contracts on the Asheville and Spartanburg and the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Lines, the latter of which he owned and managed for many years. One of the most notable of his contracts was that for the construction of the railroads at Co. Columbia, S. C., which he prosecuted in connection with his brother-in-law, Mr. Rice, under the firm name of Rice & Coleman, and was as good as a bond. It was insisted that the bond was only a formality, but Col. Coleman remained firm, and finally the bond was not issued. The contract was carried out with absolute fidelity, and he gave assurance that it was wanted for any further contracts of this nature that he had to give out.

Col. Coleman was a member of the Methodist church, and his was a deep religious nature. He allowed no man to work for him, and he was always ready to help others. If his wages were coming from one point to another he would come from Sunday morning to Sunday afternoon, and he would stay there until Monday. Even if he was asked to participate in any other way, he would not do so. Only a short time ago he wrote to a gentleman in Western North Carolina reminding him of a time when he had made a mistake, and he was told, "You are now the best man I ever saw."

In 1870 Col. Coleman married Miss Victoria Rice of Union county, S. C., who was the daughter of Dr. C. T. Rice, of Asheville. They had two children, William and Agnes, survive. Col. Coleman had lived in Carolina in most of the time since his marriage, although he still considered Buncombe his home, up to only a few years ago. He was born in Asheville, Mrs. P. Rockhold of Asheville, and Mrs. Mary Siler of Franklin.

## GREAT GUNS.

How Much it Costs to Fire Them and Their Laying Qualities.

At a meeting in The Citizen office recently of the Asheville Strategical Board it was discovered that there was only one difference of opinion—how much it cost to fire a warship's gun, and how long the largest guns would last to fire. Finally it was agreed to refer the matter to the Scientific American of New York, an authority on such matters. The foregoing explains the following communication:

## FROM MANILA.

Dewey Still Holding His Job Down-Griddle III.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Navy Department this afternoon made public the following dispatch: "Cavite, via Hong Kong. No change in the situation. Blockade effective. Impossible for people of Manila to buy provisions except rice. Captain Olympia (Gridley) condemned by medical survey. Ordered to home. Commander Lamberton appointed commander Olympia. (Signed) Dewey."

## WAR DEPARTMENT NEEDS A BALLOON

May Send One Up to Overlook Santiago Harbor.

The Spanish Reserve Squadron About Ready.

NO TELLING WHERE IT MAY STRIKE OR WHEN IT WILL COME.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The possibility that the balloon may be made a useful adjunct of the war is suggested by the problem that confronts Commodore Schley if Admiral Cervera is really bottled up in Santiago harbor.

It is suggested to send a balloon from one of the war ships which is supposed to be at the mouth of the harbor on a tour of observation. The signal office has a balloon equipment, but it is not ascertained that any warships are furnished with it. Experience abroad has shown that, when high in the air, a balloon is practically free from the guns of the opposing forces, as an accurate range of their height cannot be obtained.

## DISPATCHES FROM SCHLEY?

(Copyright, 1898, Associated Press.) KINGSTON, Jamaica, May 28.—The dispatch boat Eagle arrived at Port Antonio, this island, last evening. It is said she came direct from Key West, but there is a belief that she has dispatched to forward. In view of the island's neutrality the commander has been notified that the Eagle must leave in 24 hours. She will take on 48 tons of coal and sail today. The British steamer, or Adula is expected today from Cienfuegos.

## THE NEW YORK?

A marine observer at Port Royal reports that a large steamer, with three smokestacks, can be seen to the eastward, headed for his port. The observer makes her out to be an American warship, but cannot identify her at this hour.

## COUNTY TEACHERS.

Interesting Session of the Association Today.

The attendance was very good today at the meeting of the Buncombe County Teachers' association in the Y. M. C. A. had. The proceedings began with devotional exercises by Superintendent Ellis.

## THE NEW TANNERY.

Work is to be Pushed on Asheville's New Industry.

Except as a matter of detail, the deal which assures the location of the Hans Rees' Sons tannery at Asheville is perfected. Indeed, the matter has progressed so far that the company has already given the contract for grading the land it bought near the passenger depot to J. M. Lorick & Co. This contract includes the preparation for the two or three sidetracks that will be required for the company's work.

## WAR SPIRIT STILL WARM

FRANK CARTER ORGANIZING A COMPANY.

The Buncombe Guards Elect Officers—Zeb Vance Guards Are About Ready—Colored Company Has Been Accepted.

Instead of cooling, the war spirit of this particular part of "the patriotic West" is intensified as the days go by. Existing companies are recruiting it war strength and new companies are announced almost daily, and it seems that the raising of a regiment in this section would not be a difficult matter.

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When the news of the Maine's destruction shocked the world one of the first in Asheville to express the opinion that the deed was due to Spanish treachery was Frank Carter, esq. From that day on his voice was for war. This feeling has grown so that Mr. Carter has determined to take the field in the service of his country. He, together with P. H. Thrash and Frank Fanning, has begun the recruiting of a company that is to be known as the Blue Ridge Rifles, to form a part of the Third Regiment of North Carolina volunteers.

## ZEB VANCE GUARDS.

At the meeting of the Zeb Vance Guards last evening, Col. V. S. Lusk was unanimously endorsed for the office of colonel of the Third regiment. The matter of electing a first lieutenant was deferred until this evening. Much enthusiasm was shown among the members, and as each name was called they rose to signify their willingness to go anywhere at the order of the Governor.

## BUNCOMBE GUARDS ORGANIZE.

The company formed by T. C. Starnes held its first meeting today, and resolved to call itself the Buncombe Guards. The following officers were elected: Captain—T. C. Starnes. First lieutenant—J. M. Morrell. Second lieutenant—F. J. Jarvis.

## NO TROOPS STARVING.

But They Greatly Need the Uniforms Now on the Way.

CHATTANOOGA, May 28.—The various commands composing General Brooke's army of 40,000 men are rapidly being put in good shape and the work of the whole army is becoming thoroughly systematized. Brigade and regimental drills now occur daily in all camps. Despite statements to the contrary, the men are fairly well provided for and none is undergoing any great hardships. The great drawback now is lack of uniforms, shoes, clothing, and equipments, but this drawback will be eliminated in a few days as immense amounts of these supplies are now en route.

## FOUR FOR TWO.

Newspaper Correspondents Are Exchanged for Spaniards.

KEY WEST, May 28.—The United States gunboat Woodbury arrived here today, bringing Hayden Jones and Charles Thrall, newspaper correspondents, captured by the Spaniards in Cuba, and exchanged for Colonel Cortijo, Surgeon Julian and two Spanish servants, captured by the United States force on board the prize steamer Argonauta.

## War Postal Clerks.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Six additional postal clerks have been detailed for the camp at Chickamauga, and three additional for Camp Alger.

## FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The total amount appropriated and asked for to date on account of war expenses is \$312,255,000. A bill enlarging the suffrage has been introduced into the Japanese Parliament by the premier, Marquis Ito. No negotiations are pending between this government and Denmark for the purchase of the Danish West Indies. A bill has been introduced into Congress allowing double pay for enlisted men ordered to serve outside of the United States. A report to the British foreign office shows that the trade of the United States with China is second only to that of Great Britain. In the Spanish Senate a speaker advised that privateering be taken up, and it is said the government will impress into service as auxiliary cruisers all steamers above 1000 tons.

## GREAT GLADSTONE IN WESTMINSTER

Buried By the Side of His Old Adversary.

LONDON, May 28.—In the northern transept of Westminster Abbey, where England's greatest dead rest, the body of the late William Ewart Gladstone was entombed today, with the ceremonies of a nation he served and of the church he loved. His grave is beside that of his life-long adversary, Benjamin Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield), whose marble effigy looks down upon it decked with the regalia which Gladstone had refused.

## TWO POSSIBLE KINGS FOLLOWED HIS BIER TO THE LAST RESTING PLACE.

Two possible future kings of Great Britain walked beside the great commoner's coffin, and all the nobility and learning of state surrounded it, though the wish of the deceased had been for simplicity.

## THE OLDEST VOLUNTEER.

A Practicing Physician Who is 100 Years Old Offers to Go to War.

BINGHAMPTON, May 28.—Probably the oldest man in the United States to volunteer his services in the Spanish-American war, and certainly the oldest physician in the State of New York, is Dr. Henry Courneyer of Hancock Junction, Delaware county. Though 100 years old, the doctor still makes daily calls on his patients, and when the President asked for volunteers he offered his services in the capacity of surgeon.

## THE KILLING HAS MORE DEAD THAN THE WAR.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 28.—Six dead bodies were brought from Alaska by the steamer Rosale at midnight. They were: E. A. Ireland, ex-United States marshal of Utah; W. E. McDade of Vermont; W. P. Condon, S. D. Pike and Cummings and Laughlin. The first two died of pneumonia and the remainder were victims of the Chilkoot avalanche.

## BALTIMORE ALL RIGHT.

Dewey is Short of Provisions and Ammunition.

HONG KONG, May 28.—There is absolutely no truth in the report that the cruiser Baltimore, at Manila, has been damaged by an internal explosion. The auxiliary cruiser Zaifro, arrived at midnight yesterday, reports Dewey short of provisions and ammunition.

## TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

The stock of Alexander & Courtney, the well and favorably known Patton avenue clothing and shoe dealers, is being sold at cost and the firm will discontinue business. The firm is taking this step because of the fact that L. B. Alexander, the senior member, has entered the military service, and for the further reason that Mr. Courtney has business in New York that needs his attention.

## 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 chalcidony relief cuttings suitable for gifts. He has also a few of selected native stones that are being closed out at about one-half their original value on account of their original way of cutting being so much cheaper.

## Current Items!

Common sense tells us to buy medicines where we are sure to get the best that our money will buy—these requirements are met at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store where an elaborate stock is kept.

The largest stock of sponges in the city are found at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store—prices from five cents each to one dollar—fine sponges, coarse sponges, bath sponges, carriage sponges—any kind you want.

The question of quality of our drugs and the low prices at which we sell them is simply a matter of understanding—we buy in large lots and pay cash for our purchases—cash works wonders in securing low prices—you get these benefits at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store.

It's one thing to have cheap paint and another thing to have the best paint, a combination of the two in one, he celebrated Longman & Martinez pure paints are sold at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store.

Medical men can always depend upon uniform results from their prescriptions when prepared at Dr. T. C. Smith's Drug Store—all uncertainty as to quality of medicines used will be removed from their minds.

Alabastine forms a pure and permanent coating for walls and is easily applied, mixes readily with cold water, made in white and all the fashionable tints—Send to Dr. T. C. Smith for sample color card and prices.

## 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.