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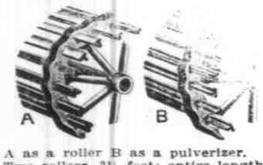

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One a box calf, good substantial sole, flexible. Also a bright Dongola, stylish and nice. Both from B to E. If they do not give satisfaction we will make it right.

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DRUGGISTS.

MAY NOT BE SIGNED UNTIL MONDAY

Another Postponement of the Peace Treaty.

The Delay on Account of Sickness of Spaniards.

THE SPANISH PROTEST AGAINST M'KINLEY'S REFERENCE TO THE MAINE.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Senor Montero Rios, president of the Spanish peace commission, and Senor Ojeda, secretary of that commission, are still confined to their beds. The illness of Ojeda delays the engrossing of the treaty, and it is doubtful whether it will be signed before Monday. The Americans held the usual session this morning. The Spaniards continue making bitter comments concerning McKinley's references to the Maine. When the correspondent of the Associated Press approached Senor Garnica, of the Spanish commission, as to further details of the treaty, he said:

"The fact that you represent all American and English papers is really a reason why I should say nothing. But, what you show me as having been cabled, is substantially correct. The exact number of articles is still undetermined. It depends upon how Secretaries Ojeda and Moore divide the treaty. The Americans are to pay the indemnity within three months of the ratification. We shall appoint consuls in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands without delay. The Cuban consul will be accredited to 'the powers that be.'"

When asked why the Spaniards refused to grant the United States a coaling station in the Carolines, Garnica said:

"The Americans could hardly expect we would agree to discuss matters outside the protocol, after the lessons we had from them on this point. When we wished to discuss the Cuban debt they absolutely refused to consider it and then they asked us for whatever they want. Quelle toupet (what check!). Yet the Cuban debt remains the important question for settlement."

With regard to the Spaniards' final protest on the subject of the Maine, Senor Garnica remarked:

"That the protest now becomes history, as it is embodied in the protocol. We do not wish to remain under an imputation which will perpetuate animosity and hatred against us and which would be a source of constant irritation to Spain. It is neither loyal nor just that this thing should hang over the reputation of Spain. We cannot submit to it. There are many other causes to bring hatred between the two nations without the addition of such a one as this. As to the future relations between the two countries, that is one of the things that history alone can determine."

Americans preserve secrecy regarding the terms of the treaty. This is partly due to the influence of the three Senators on the body who represent that it would be discourtesy to the Senate to publish the terms before the treaty is presented to that body by the President.

The Spaniards made their last contribution yesterday on the assembling of the commission. Montero then presented a vigorously worded protest in which the Spaniards invoked the conscience of nations against the abuse of the rights of nations of which they were the victims. The protest was for purposes of record and consisted of an argument in support of every concession demanded by the Spaniards and which the Americans refused, some of them peremptorily and without an opportunity for discussion. Protest concluded:

"But these concessions which we are obliged to make touch us less than the insult which has been inflicted on the nation by McKinley in his message. We again protest solemnly against the accusation hurled against us in connection with the Maine and intend again to submit the question to an international tribunal, comprised of England, France and Germany, to determine who shall bear the responsibility of the catastrophy."

In spite of the secrecy observed by the Americans it is learned that the treaty in substance consists of 13 or 14 articles. The principal articles provide for the cession and evacuation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands, and the political administrative and financial results thereof; acquirement by the United States of public property and the relinquishment of archives.

Articles of secondary importance determine the status of Spanish subjects remaining in the ceded territories and unfinished lawsuits and contracts, guaranteeing the same terms to Spanish shipping and merchandise as is imposed upon American shipping and merchandise in the Philippine islands, for 10 years, and leaving the status of Spanish commerce in the West Indies to be settled later.

An important provision is the guarantee of religious freedom ceded the territories.

Gray, though well known to be radically opposed to the policy of annexation or "imperialism" will vote in the Senate to ratify the treaty, considering that his signing that document binds him to its support.

SENT TO THE SENATE.

All Recess Appointments—Who Some of Them Were.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The President sent to the Senate yesterday all army appointments made during the recess. The appointments include promotions in regular army as well as promotions and appointments in the volunteer service, also a large number of second lieutenants appointed from civil life.

Some men in the regular army have been retired since the appointments were made, and many in the volunteer service honorably discharged. The more important which have not heretofore been announced are: To be brigadier-generals, volunteers: Colonel Samuel Overshire, Twenty-third United States infantry; Colonel Charles McReeve, Thirteenth Minnesota volunteers; Colonel Irving Hale, First Colorado volunteers; Colonel Richard Comba, Fifth United States infantry; Colonel Edgar R. Kellog, Sixth United States infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel E. P. Ewers, Ninth United States infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel G. S. Carpenter, Seventh United States infantry; Lieutenant-Colonel John W. Cleous, deputy judge advocate general.

Horrible Smallpox Situation.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Dec. 9.—Among Bedford's population of 28,000 there are about 200 cases of what is said to be genuine smallpox. This alarming condition of affairs was discovered Tuesday and up to that time there continued an uninterrupted commingle of the citizens of the town, irrespective of their physical condition.

THE BISHOPS SPEAK OUT

WRITE VICE-PRESIDENT ABOUT PUBLISHING HOUSE CLAIM.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Vice-President Hobart today submitted the following letter, which he has received from the Methodist church, South, to the Senate:

"My Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, held in Nashville, Tenn., July 4, 1898, with reference to the war claim recently granted by the government to the church they represent, the following action was taken by them, of which it is made my duty to give you, as president of the Senate of the United States, official notice for presentation to that honorable body: While reaffirming the justness of our claim, payment of which has been sought for 25 years, we insist that the church cannot afford to accept it as a gratuity or on conditions that reflect upon its honor."

"Inasmuch, therefore, as some Senators have affirmed on the floor of the Senate that they were induced to support the claim by misleading statements on the part of the representatives of the church—statements, however, which did not affect the merits of our claim—we hereby give this assurance: that if the Senate, by affirmative action, declares that the passage of the bill was due to such misleading statements, we will take the proper steps to have the entire amount returned to the government.

"(Signed) "ROBERT K. HARGROVE, Secretary of the College of Bishops."

The general impression among the Senators with whom I have talked on the matter is that the Senate will not ask that the money be returned. The opinion of many is that the Senate has no right to make the request not to receive the money from the bishops inasmuch as the money was paid for property which is, to all purposes, in the possession of the aged and infirm clergymen of the Methodist faith.

The point is also made that should the bishops claim jurisdiction over the Methodist publishing house that they could be enjoined by the aged clergymen who are now recipients of the earnings of the Methodist publishing house.

An attempt to refund the $288,000 to the government would involve much litigation. The matter will continue to be agitated, however, here in Congress by one faction in the church which wishes to return the money. In all probability there will be no further action taken in the matter.

Senator Pascoe, who conducted the investigation at the last session, said to me: "The committee will either ignore the matter further or else report to the Senate their recommendation that nothing more be done. The Senate is through with the matter."—Special to Atlanta Journal.

ON THE GOLF LINKS.

Scores in the Tournament Yesterday—Finals Today.

An interested number of society people witnessed the opening of the tournament for mixed fours at the golf links of the Swannanoa Country club yesterday, which resulted in the following scores:

J. T. Ray and Miss Campbell, 69 gross; 15 handicap; 54 net. E. Murray and Miss Newbold, 56 gross; 10 handicap; 46 net.

J. J. McClosky and Miss R. Rees, 51 gross; 5 handicap; 46 net. J. Kerr and Miss Potter, 73 gross; 13 handicap; 60 net.

H. Lockwood and Mrs. Lockwood, 75 gross; 20 handicap; 55 net. Dr. Van Bergen and Mrs. Van Bergen, 82 gross; 20 handicap; 62 net.

Mr. Graham and Miss K. Doyle, 68 gross; 13 handicap; 55 net. Mr. West and Mrs. Warden, 62 gross; 12 handicap; 50 net.

Mr. Coxe and Miss Doyle, 57 gross; 15 handicap; 42 net. Mr. Wiltbank and Mrs. Wiltbank, scratch, 55.

The finals will be played today. There are two first and two second prizes offered.

Tea was served in the club house yesterday.

A RUNAWAY.

Horse Belonging to Wiley A. Brown Injured Today.

Considerable excitement was caused about 10:30 this forenoon by the advent of a saddled but riderless horse at the corner of Haywood and Patton avenue. The horse ran from Haywood street and lost its footing in front of the Paragon pharmacy, and sliding across the avenue head first, like a baseball player making second, and struck between Charles L. Minor's horses and the dashboard of his buggy, breaking the pole, shattering one front wheel and badly twisting the front axle.

The runaway horse belonged to Wiley B. Brown and started from a point on the northside of town. It cut its right hind pastern and bruised itself considerably about the body. Dr. Minor's horses appeared to have been uninjured. The Doctor was seated in the buggy at the time, and had a narrow escape from serious injury, as the horse was going at cannon ball speed when it struck his vehicle. Vernon Parker, clerk at Allen's fruit stand, ran to the head of Doctor Minor's horses and prevented them becoming unmanageable.

THE TELEPHONE QUESTION.

Long Distance Line Decided On for Asheville.

The Citizen's article of yesterday on the Bell telephone matter was submitted to Manager John H. Weaver this morning. After carefully reading it, Mr. Weaver gave The Citizen the following signed statement, which explains fully the situation:

EDITOR THE CITIZEN:—I wish to say that your article as published in yesterday's issue is correct. The long distance telephone line between New York and Augusta, Savannah and Charleston is now in process of construction, and it has already been fully decided to run a long distance line into Asheville to connect this city with the main line. There is no question in the minds of this company as to the importance of Asheville. The only thing is that we are not now in a position to state the exact date on which the line to Asheville will be finished.

"J. H. WEAVER,
"Manager Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company.
"Asheville, Dec. 9."

Sharkey and McCoy to Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Press announces: "Tom Sharkey and Kid McCoy have been matched to fight 20 rounds before the Lenox Athletic club in this city for a purse of $20,000. The battle will be fought early next month and the winner will go after Bob Fitzsimmons. Today Sharkey and McCoy will meet to sign articles.

Street Railway Bought.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 9.—The Baltimore and Northern Electric Railway company, backed by a syndicate of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore capitalists, yesterday purchased the Baltimore City Passenger Railway company. Twelve million, six hundred thousand dollars are involved in the transaction.

THE SIX DAYS BICYCLE RACE

The Fight Now Reduced to a Contest of Three.

Waller, Miller and Pierce are Holding Out.

THE STRAIN ON THE MEN MUST BE TERRIBLE—SOME ORDERED OUT BY DOCTORS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The struggle between Miller and Waller for first place in the six day bicycle race, continued all night. Miller was leading at 2 this morning, but at 5 Waller was five miles ahead, having taken advantage of Miller's rest. Neither Miller nor Waller had taken any rest to speak of up to 7 a. m. Pierce, on the contrary, took a rest of nearly an hour and a half between 4 and 6 o'clock. Seven found the three fighting gamely, Miller making desperate efforts to catch Waller. There were signs of Waller wearing out. Twice within a few minutes he fell on the track, once taking Miller with him and the second time causing Stevens to take a somersault over him. No one was seriously hurt. Pierce tried hard to keep close on the heels of the two leaders. He was fresh and apparently using hard sense in waiting for rest that both Waller and Miller will need after their struggle to make gains on each other.

The two Frenchmen, Monachon and Joyeux, the Australian Cistac, and Pilkington and King dropped out of the race during the night. These men were ordered off by Night Referee Wilson, at the suggestion of the board of health doctors.

At noon the score stood: Miller, 1620; Waller, 1598; Pierce, 1576; Albert, 1516; Gimm, 1460; Lawson, 1458; Stevenson, 1420; Aronson, 1419; Nawn, 1403; Hale, 1327; Forster, 1328.

Miller is 25 miles behind the record.

AT ORANGE SCHOOL.

Meeting of Teachers and Parents Yesterday Afternoon.

There were about 100 parents and teachers at the meeting at Orange building yesterday afternoon. All of the teachers of the Orange school were present, and the other two buildings were well represented.

Miss Robinson, in the absence of Superintendent Eggleston, made a brief explanatory address concerning the objects of the meeting.

Prof. Tighe made a strong direct talk to the parents, and announced that there would be other meetings of the same nature held during the session, and he hoped that it would be found practicable to hold them monthly. There will be a committee appointed on program for the subsequent meeting, composed partially of mothers and partially of teachers.

Miss McLoud's paper was listened to with a great deal of attention and approval.

The piano solo by Miss Morrow was excellently rendered.

At the close of the program parents and teachers informally discussed the needs and aptitudes of the children.

PRITCHARD HAS A PLAN.

North Carolina Senator to Lead in Race Trouble Matters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The North and South Carolina members of Congress say no plan has been formulated yet as to congressional action on the recent race troubles in the Carolinas. There had been some talk of a congressional investigation, but no move in that direction has been made by the House members and one of them said yesterday that it was probable the matter would be left to Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, who is said to have in contemplation some kind of inquiry. Representative White, the colored member from North Carolina, arrived here today. He severely arraigns the leaders of the recent Carolina mobs and says the race issue has about reached the point where the negro must face either extermination or emigration. In this view he expressed regret that the President's message did not deal with the race question. Mr. White has prepared no investigation resolutions and he expresses doubt whether much can be expected from federal inquiry or intervention.

ATLANTA'S NEW MAYOR.

He is a Printer at the Case on the Atlanta Journal.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 8.—By yesterday's municipal election, James G. Woodward, a printer at the case, is formally named as mayor of Atlanta.

Some weeks ago Wodward ran in the primary against Edmund W. Martin, a prominent lawyer, but the working element rallied to the printer candidate and he beat his opponent by a good-sized majority.

Mr. Woodward is a typesetter in the employ of the Atlanta Journal. When the campaign opened he had no money to spend for current expenses, but the working element of the city espousd his cause. The campaign was unusually bitter and the lines were tightly drawn.

SALOON REMOVAL.

License Granted to C. B. McIntyre for 31 North Main.

The Board of Aldermen held a special meeting this morning at 9 o'clock to consider an application for liquor license from C. B. McIntyre, whose application for a saloon on the square was refused by the County Commissioners Wednesday evening. The application was for 31 North Main street instead of the old stand on South Main. The request was granted.

The application was later presented to the County Commissioners, which body also granted the license.

Vest and Hoar Together.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Vest yesterday followed up the debate in executive session concerning the appointment of senators and members of the house to positions on presidential commissions by the introduction of a bill prohibiting the practice of making such appointments. The bill is very brief and is as follows:

"That no person while holding a judicial or legislative office under the United States shall be appointed by the President, commissioner or agent of the government nor of any department or bureau thereof."

Arriving at Manila.

MANILA, Dec. 9.—The United States transport Pennsylvania arrived from San Francisco. Private Fred Bancil of the Twentieth Kansas, died of typhoid fever on the Indiana, and was buried ashore. The French transport Cachmire arrived here for the purpose of repatriating Spaniards. Kansas volunteers landed today.

A MAN MONSTER HANGED

THE STORY OF A SAILOR'S TERRIBLE CRIME.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 9.—John Anderson was hanged here today for the murder of the captain and mate of the schooner Olive Pecker. Anderson's crime attracted widespread attention, being a sea tragedy of singular romance and atrocity. The schooner Olive Pecker sailed for Boston with lumber for the River Platte, Brazil.

When 15 miles off the coast of Brazil Anderson had an altercation with the captain. When the latter returned to the cabin Anderson followed him and shot the captain dead. He then armed himself heavily and went on deck, where he mounted the forecastle and terrorized all on board.

The mate, who was aloft, was called down, and while pleading for his life, was shot four times. The crew was ordered to throw the dying mate overboard, and on protesting that he was not dead, was assured he was "dead enough." This done the crew were marched below at the point of a pistol and ordered to throw the captain's body overboard.

Anderson directed oil to be thrown over the lumber, after which the oil-soaked ship was set afire and the murderous crew took to the boats.

Anderson was apprehended at Bahia, Brazil, and sent north on the United States gunboat Lancaster.

DISCRIMINATION.

Board of Trade Committee at Work on the Matter.

The transportation committee of the Board of Trade made a report through its chairman, W. B. Northup, at the monthly meeting of the directors yesterday afternoon. The report showed that the committee has taken up the question of discrimination against Asheville in freight rates. The committee has been in correspondence with the authorities of the Southern railway and the North Carolina Railway Commission relative to this question, and while there is nothing definite as yet, the committee feels that action will be taken favorable to the people of Asheville.

In this connection Chairman Northup spoke of an instance of discrimination which may be given. The special freight rate from Louisville, Ky., to Asheville is 34 cents. On the same classification the rate from Louisville to Statesville and Salisbury is only 28 cents. And the freight for Statesville and Salisbury is carried through Asheville.

The following suggestion has been made whereby Asheville merchants may avoid this discrimination: Have the freight prepaid from Louisville to Statesville, with instructions to stop off at Asheville, where the car may be unloaded upon the payment of $5 to the railroad. Then let the car proceed to Statesville. The agent there will report a shortage of one car load, but the freight will have been duly received and the requirements met. By this means, the saving on a car of freight will be $12 or $15.

GOOD BEEF.

A Big Purchase From "The Knoll" Farm by Hill & Co.

W. M. Hill & Co. of Central market have purchased from "The Knoll" farm at Fletcher, N. C., all of the fat cattle and also some 100 head which are being fed for the January, February and March market.

Mr. Rutledge tells The Citizen that on account of the great scarcity of cattle in the vicinity of Asheville, "feeding cattle" of a high grade have been hard to procure, and have cost high. He declares that first-class cheap beef is impossible; and that one must expect to pay more for a really good piece of beef than heretofore—or eat "old cow." It has cost the producers more, the butcher still more, and consequently must be sold higher. Look for beef (roast or steak) that has a bright brick color with a liberal amount of white fat on it, and buy it, and you will have your money's worth. Beef that is dark red and blue and black with yellow fat will be bad, no matter what you do with it. A roast or steak that costs 10 cents a pound and which is so uneatable that it is sent off the table, is a much dearer article than a steak at 20 cents, all of which is consumed.

Mr. Rutledge adds: "I have never seen the country so denuded of good cattle, and there are fewer cattle being fed this year than I have ever known."

IMPROVE U. S. BUILDING.

Custodian Moore Authorized to Receive Bids.

Considerable improvement is soon to be made about the government building, and Custodian C. B. Moore has been authorized to receive bids for the work up to 2 p. m. Thursday, December 15.

The woodwork in the public halls, the stairways and the outside doors and windows are to be repainted. In the court room the walls and ceilings are to be painted throughout, and the judge's room is to be improved in like manner.

Other improvements now needed will be deferred till the general appropriation is made by the government.

Prominent Doctor Dead.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—Dr. T. H. Huzza, one of the most prominent physicians of the South died in a hospital in New York this morning. He left Atlanta last Saturday and while on the train was thrown against the kitchen of a dining car, sustaining contusion of the abdomen. This resulted in acute appendicitis and an operation followed.

Transports Arrive and Leave.

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—The transport Minnewaska arrived today. General Humphrey and staff went aboard shortly after she reached port. The Spanish transport Forgas sailed for Santander, Spain.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

Robert P. Porter has framed a Cuban tariff which opens the markets of the island to all nations alike.

A cabinet crisis is imminent in Hungary owing to the failure to arrive at an agreement with Austria.

The Senate yesterday adjourned until Monday, after making the Nicaraguan bill the unfinished business before that body.

The Empress Dowager of China is reported to have ordered that Kang Yuwei, the fugitive reformer, be captured at any cost.

The native press at Manila continues to advocate independence, but Aguinaldo is said to be in favor of a protectorate in some form.

The urgency deficiency bill to provide for the support of the military and naval establishments was passed by the House yesterday without opposition.

The Dreyfus case precipitated a fight by rival crowds at the opening of the new Opera Comique in Paris in the presence of President Faure and members of the French cabinet.

It is reported that France will ask Great Britain to recall Sir Edmund J. Monson, ambassador at Paris, on account of his speech criticising French diplomacy in its dealings with England.

THE CHINESE SITUATION

What a Former Minister Has to Say.

Russia Has About Everything in Sight.

MUST STOP CESSIONS AND HAVE "OPEN DOOR" POLICY IN THE EMPIRE.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.—John Barrett, formerly United States minister to Siam, has returned here after visiting Pekin and principal Chinese ports. He says the situation in China is of a most critical nature and Manchuria is no longer Chinese, but Russian territory. He asserts that New Chwang, chief northern port for the movement of American products, is also practically Russian and liable to be closed any day.

The only permanent safeguard to paramount American interests, Barrett says, is the immediate united action by interested governments to demand the integrity of the Chinese empire, enforce reforms in the government, prevent further cessions of ports and provinces and insist upon the "open door" policy at all ports in China.

ROAD SUPERVISORS.

List Partially Completed by the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners at today's session appointed the following road supervisors:

French Broad—J. W. Hunter.
Leicester No. 1—W. K. Gillespie.
Upper Reems Creek—Frank Lunsford.
Limestone—P. H. Frady.
Lower Hominy—George W. Fairchild.
Sandy Mush—Nathan Worley.
Ivy No. 1—Emory Hensley.
Ivy No. 2—J. M. Deweese.
Flat Creek No. 1—Horace McLain.
Reems Creek No. 2—C. C. Brown.
Flat Creek No. 2—Wiley Black.
Hazel—John Cowan.

The remaining supervisors will be appointed at the January meeting of the Board.

The Commissioners visited the Mission hospital, Children's home and almshouse yesterday afternoon. The members decided to make an additional allowance for time to Willie Johnson, keeper of the almshouse, in order that he may employ assistance, the 40 inmates of the institution requiring more attention than one person can give.

The Board expected to complete its work for the month this afternoon.

DISCHARGED.

Judge Stevens' Decision in the J. G. Lindsey Case.

Judge Stevens of the Circuit court has handed down his decision in the case of J. G. Lindsey, charged with embezzlement. The Judge says that Lindsey having been put in jeopardy by being placed on trial in this case, and the jury not having agreed, a juror withdrawn and a mistrial ordered by the clerk in the absence of the judge without the express consent of the defendant, it is therefore ordered "that the defendant be discharged from custody and from further answering or pleading to said bill of indictment."

Court will adjourn for the term tomorrow. Judge Stevens will open the McDowell court Monday morning. Two important cases, one for arson and the other for murder, are on the McDowell docket.

Will Stop at Montgomery.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Gen. Joseph Wheeler was at the White House today and the President informed him he would make a brief visit to Montgomery, during his southern trip next week. The President will stop at Montgomery from 3 till 5 Friday afternoon.

Powder Mills Explode.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 9.—Five powder mills in the lower yard of the Dupont powder works, near this city, exploded this morning. Robert McIlhenny, John Moore, John Wright and another man named Stewart were killed. Several others were badly burned.

To Early Shoppers

Who wish to avoid the rush and hurry of buying just before Christmas, we invite your attention to our stock, which is now very complete.

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