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A gentleman from New York City, stopping at the Hotel Berkeley, wishes to purchase furs of all kinds. Highest prices paid for same. Apply at desk of Hotel Berkeley during the week beginning February 26th.

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Wood market prices; each cord bought here means employment for some poor man. Call on or address Flower Mission Wood Yard, Phone 553, Cor. Market and Eagle St.

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The finest of these go to Baltimore, where we get the pick of the market. They are very large and delicious in flavor. We get them daily, thereby guaranteeing perfect freshness. Delivered anywhere promptly. Blue Point oysters delivered opened in either whole shell closed with elastic or on the half shell in patent delivery boxes. Special attention to orders over Phone 330.

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Just received yesterday new line GLOVES FOR LADIES—all the new shades in P. & L. and DENT'S Prices.

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The cheapest and strongest light on earth. Makes and burns its own gas. It is portable, hangs it anywhere. Requires no pipes, wires or gas machine. A safe pure white, powerful, steady light.

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T. S. MORRISON.

Paza.

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An absolute cure for piles of whatever kind or degree. Protruding, Itching, Blind or Bleeding. It is fully guaranteed by me to do this. Your money back and no questions if it fails.

Bland and soothing—No odor. Does not stain. At

RAYSON'S DRUG STORE

31 PATTON AVENUE.

GENERAL CRONJE AT SYMONSTOWN

Precautions to Prevent Panic From Seeing Him.

Prisoners' Vivid Description of Cronje's Night March.

ALL EYES TURN ONCE MORE TO LORD ROBERTS AND HIS ADVANCE INTO THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

London, March 2.—Colonel Rhodes, brother of Cecil Rhodes, describing in the Times today the conditions during the siege of Ladysmith says: "We started the siege with 12,000 troops, 2,000 civilians and 4,000 natives. Between casualties and sickness 8,000 soldiers passed through the hospital. Daily 30 old horses and mules were slaughtered and converted into soup and sausages."

Since the investment the total casualties were: Killed or died of wounds, 24 officers and 233 men; died of disease, six officers and 340 men; wounded, 70 officers and 520 men, exclusive of 22 civilians and natives."

Butler's casualties among officers during the fighting February 27 were killed—Killed, Colonel O'Leary of the Lancashire, Major Lewis, Captain Sykes and Lieutenant Simpson of the Scots Fusiliers; Lieutenant Murray of the Warwickshires and Lieut. Daly of the Irish Fusiliers; wounded, General Barton and Colonel Carr of the Scots Fusiliers, and 23 others.

London, March 2.—With no prospect of any exciting news from Ladysmith in the near future all eyes turn once more towards Lord Roberts and his advance into the Orange Free State. The critics of the afternoon papers are almost unanimous in expecting that the main stand of the Boers will occur at Winburg or in that vicinity. Before Roberts' advance on Bloemfontein can become effective the strong force of Boers already gathered southward of Paardeberg must be dispersed.

The British lack remnants and the necessity for thorough transportation may delay decisive action in this quarter for several days and perhaps weeks.

Making alone now awaits relief, and the force to accomplish this is probably already on the way. No more popular event could now occur for Great Britain than the relief of Colonel Buller-Powell's gallant little band. It is believed that he is quite able to hold out till succor arrives.

In northern Cape Colony the British campaign progresses well. The wireless line of the Orange river should be in their possession.

It is suggested that General Buller's garrison be sent to the coast to recuperate, but this scarcely seems probable.

The afternoon newspapers devote jubilant editorials to the joy that reigns yesterday throughout the empire, translating it as one more sign of the impetuosity.

CRONJE AT SYMONSTOWN

Cape Town, March 2.—General Cronje and party have arrived at Symonstown.

Orange River, March 2.—Cronje and his wife passed here last night on route to Cape Town. They were accompanied by a large number of officers who had been taken to prevent the public from seeing him. Even officers were ordered off the station and the public room was kept closed before his arrival, to the discomfort of Kimberley passengers, who were obliged to go without food.

Cronje looked dejected and miserable and is much sicker. He entered the refreshment room accompanied by his wife, son and interpreter and General Prettymann and staff.

With a seat at the table, Cronje covered his face with his hands for a few moments as if engaged in prayer.

PRISONERS PARADED.

Paardeberg, Wednesday.—All prisoners were paraded yesterday. They were lined up in a long trailing line like a serpent across the plain and as far as possible were arranged in commands. The Free Staters were kept separated from the Transvaalers.

A look at the faces of the men as they passed made it impossible to arrive at any other conclusion than that they were overjoyed at their release from the daily hell of shell and shot which they had been experiencing lately.

Many did not even take the trouble to conceal their delight from the soldiers guarding them. They chatted freely with the British, discussing the different battles in which they fought.

All the prisoners have intense admiration for the bravery and pluck of the Highlanders, and they freely confess they are incapable of the dash and pluck of the British.

CRONJE'S NIGHT MARCH.

Some of the sick prisoners have given a vivid description of Cronje's night march. It began in a panic and terrible confusion prevailed throughout. Huge wagons crowded the narrow road, there was utter lack of order and desertions were numerous.

The Boer ration consisted of 14 pounds of fresh meat daily and 12 pounds of coffee, three pounds of sugar and five pounds of flour per man weekly.

Every man who was off duty visited the Boer laager yesterday and a crowd of curious "Tommy's" spent the day searching every nook and corner. The men carried off clothing, knives, cups and other articles.

The latest reports announce that a large force of Boers is operating 10 miles away on the British right front.

N. C. ROAD LAW.

A Good Word for the General Law Adopted by the '99 Legislature.

Raleigh, N. C., March 1.—The secretary of state has just received a letter from a man in Kansas who writes as a member of a large commercial club that "the committee on roads instructed me to write you for a copy of the compiled road laws of your state, as we understand they are among the best in the land."

FAVORABLE REPORT.

Washington, March 2.—The house committee on foreign affairs today agreed on a favorable report on the bill of Adams of Pennsylvania to increase the efficiency of the foreign service of the United States.

BOARD OF TRADE DIRECTORS MEET

THE TELEPHONE MATTER—EFFORTS TO SECURE MORE COMPLETE TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

The directors of the board of trade met in regular session in city hall yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The attendance was good and the meeting a most encouraging one. Besides the directors, a number of members of the board were present and participated.

The date of the monthly meeting was changed to the second Thursday instead of the first Thursday in each month. The first Thursday falling so near the beginning of the month, many business men could only attend at considerable inconvenience, hence the change.

The chairman of the telephone committee, Mr. Morrison, made a report on the subject of complaints against the Asheville Telephone company. H. P. Proctor, president of the company, had informed Mr. Morrison that the principal cause of the trouble complained of is that the switchboard is not large enough for the number of subscribers, the system having grown much more rapidly than was anticipated when the improved switchboard, since changed to accommodate 1,000 subscribers, has been ordered and will be put in as soon as it is received.

It was reported to the board that late and misleading statements concerning the small-size situation had been circulated in the city and printed in papers throughout the state and the board decided to take energetic measures to correct such statements, and the president authorized use as much money as he may see fit in advertising in newspapers the truth about the situation and changing the late and groundless rumors now extant.

The secretary was instructed to confer with the manager of the Western Union Telegraph company with a view of obtaining better telegraph service. It is particularly desired that a continuous Sunday service may be obtained. Street car service is desired from time to time to people who are unable to use the wires in emergencies.

The board decided to have a list of names had been collected from dues and initiation fees during February, bringing the amount to \$2,000. It was decided with \$5 on hand, while the Asheville board has over 150 members.

Twelve members were elected, making a total of 21 for January. Those added yesterday were Dr. J. A. Thomson, G. L. McDonald, R. E. Foster, H. C. Smith, W. H. Anderson, J. D. Turner, D. L. Reed, B. J. Sheppard, Sumner, Deal & Co., John M. Campbell, J. D. Turner, A. L. Melton and A. J. Lyman.

The committee having charge of the new building where the office of the board is located, reported that more money would be needed to continue the work on the building, which is quite advanced. An additional \$500 was accordingly placed at its disposal. The pamphlet will be ready, it is thought, in about a month. It will contain the history of the board of trade and a list of its members.

Every member is earnestly asked to attend all meetings of the directors.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON COMBINATIONS

SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS BY INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

Washington, March 2.—The industrial commission has submitted to congress a preliminary report on trusts and industrial combinations. The commission makes the following recommendations: That the federal government should be authorized to purchase the full details in regard to their business, and to disseminate the same; That the larger corporations should be required to publish annually a properly audited report showing assets and liabilities and such accounts that disclose the financial condition of the corporation; That the commission is recommended that it be given authority to not only investigate the trusts and combinations of railroads and demand reports as it may require, but also to inspect and audit such accounts; That decisions of the commission be made operative at the day fixed in the decisions and remain in force until they are modified by the United States courts, on appeal; that the commission be authorized to prescribe the classification of freight articles and make rules and regulations for freight transportation throughout the United States.

GETS ANOTHER CLERK.

Thomas N. Henry appointed for the business Asheville Postoffice.

The postoffice department has granted Postmaster Rollins' request for an additional clerk at the Asheville postoffice. The postmaster has appointed Thomas N. Henry to the position of stamper. Miss Hattie Rollins, who has heretofore held this position, has been promoted to be stamp and utility clerk. The promotion carries with it an increase of salary from \$400 to \$600 yearly.

Mr. Henry's salary will be \$400. He passed the civil service examination held here January 3, standing third on the list when he stood the examination for that position.

Following the evening the corridor window will be open from 6 to 6:30 o'clock.

BREAKS IN TWO.

Most of Cargo of the Gate City Had Been Saved.

Moriches, N. L., March 2.—The Savannah line steamer Gate City, which ran ashore on the night of February 8, broke in two early this morning. All hope of saving the vessel has been given up several days ago and wrecked men have been confined their efforts to the removal of the cargo. Over 100 men were on board when the vessel broke up. The cargo, which consisted of live stock, was divided into three parts, the greater part of which is said to be undamaged, has been saved from the wreck.

CANNON FACTORY BURNED.

Le Creusot, France, March 2.—Fire destroyed the famous cannon factory here from which the Boers obtained their powerful "Long Toms." Loss \$1,000,000.

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The following closing quotations on cotton are furnished by Hubbard & Bro. & Co., New York:

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PRECINCT MEETINGS.

The Democratic precinct meetings held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The sixth precinct meeting will be held at the old foundry building, on Buttrick street. The second precinct meeting will be held at city hall.

VOTE TUESDAY.

Washington, March 2.—The senate has decided to take the final vote on the conference report on the financial bill next Tuesday at 4 p. m.

NICE FOR LADIES.

Windsor's is a nice drug store for ladies to go to.

For a delicious cup of coffee use Greg's Standard Java and Mocha. Sold by Clarence Sawyer.

GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN PHONE EQUIPMENT

ASHEVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO PUT IN A \$4000 MULTIPLE SWITCHBOARD.

The Asheville Telephone company has decided to make a radical improvement in its equipment, and with that end in view has just placed an order for an entirely new switchboard, to replace the present apparatus.

The new board is what is known as a multiple switchboard, and it is estimated that it will give twice as quick service as the present arrangement. A. It is now each operator has the connection to only 100 phones in front of her. When a number is called for that is not in her hundred, she has to call up one of the other operators and ask for that connection. In this way it is the great majority of cases it requires the services of two operators to make a connection.

With the multiple switchboard every number in the system is in front of every operator, and any connection can be made immediately. When a number is already in use and it is attempted to make another connection, the operator will be notified by a slight clicking noise, so there will be no interruption by the different operators.

President H. P. Proctor was here last night and he has just returned from Chicago, on his way home where he has placed the order for the new switchboard. The cost will be \$4,000. The patent on the switchboard has just expired, heretofore independent companies not being able to secure it.

The management of the company gives every assurance that in the future the service will be a satisfactory one. The operators, it is stated, are entirely competent and what has heretofore existed heretofore have been the fault of the apparatus and not of the operators.

DALY'S EXPENSES IN FIGHTING CLARK

IN ESTABLISHING AND BUYING NEWSPAPERS, \$19,550.

Washington, March 2.—When the senate committee on elections resumes its sitting today, Campbell, who was still on the witness stand, made a general statement of his expenditures in connection with the prosecution of the case against Senator Clark of Montana. His statement showed the following findings:

Establishing and purchasing newspapers, \$19,550; expenses in the present investigation and in the Williams disbarment proceedings, \$1,970. He did not, however, include counsel fees in the pending investigation. Campbell did not know what these charges would be. All money thus expended had been for the purpose of establishing and buying newspapers, \$19,550.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE BUSHWHACKING THE INSURGENTS' TACTICS NEAR BATANGAS.

Manila, March 2.—Colonel Anderson, with the Thirty-seventh Infantry, employing the own insurgents' tactics, has ambushed the enemy near Batangas. Through spies Colonel Anderson learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass a certain road. He posted soldiers, concealed among the trees lining the road, and when the enemy arrived the Americans volleyed unexpectedly, killing 24 insurgents, wounding 20 and capturing several.

Some arms and ammunition also were captured. The effect of this blow has been salutary. The enemy in that locality is demoralized.

COMMANDER SHAW.

Atlanta, March 2.—Commander-in-Chief Shaw of the G. A. R. writes that the death of his wife, which occurred February 14, will not prevent him from making his southern tour as already arranged.

PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK.

Washington, March 2.—President McKinley and party left Washington today for New York where the president will tomorrow night attend the annual dinner of the night societies.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The law officers of Havana have issued an indictment against the customs officials charged with fraud.

The bill providing a form of government for the territory of Hawaii was passed by the senate Thursday without division.

A dispatch from San Juan, Porto Rico, states that an American company doing business there has failed, having sunk \$175,000.

General Ochs has reported that Lieutenant John H. Vaughn, Thirty-ninth Infantry, has committed suicide at Manila.

A memorial has been sent congress attacking the character of Adjutant-General Corbin, who aspires to the rank of major-general.

Politicians at the capital express indignation over the hotel charges of Kansas City. For single rooms without bath \$20 per day as demanded.

Major-General John R. Brooke is to succeed Major-General Wesley Merritt in command of the military department of the east, with headquarters in New York.

The senate committee, which made an exhaustive investigation into food adulteration, has made its report. It recommends either the application of the internal revenue law or the establishment of a board to fix standards in order to correct present abuses.

CLEVELAND ILL.

New York, March 2.—Ex-President Cleveland is ill with rheumatism at his home at Princeton.

GIVE DUTIES BACK TO PORTO RICO

Confidence...

When you deposit your money in a Bank you must have confidence in its safety, so when you trade with a drug store you must have confidence in its management, its business methods and its experience and knowledge of the drug business—the druggist and his store must have the confidence of the community or it will not succeed—we claim our success as a proof that we have enjoyed the confidence of our customers for the last forty years and we expect an increased share of patronage in the future because of this confidence—at Dr. T. C. Smith's drug store, opposite the public library.

President McKinley Sends Message to Congress.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT FOR IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF BILL TO CARRY OUT THE RECOMMENDATION.

Washington, March 2.—The president today sent the following message to congress:

"To the senate and house of representatives: Since the evacuation of Porto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 13th day of October, the United States has collected and ported to the United States duties fixed by the Dingley act and amounting to \$2,065,435, and will continue to collect under the said law until congress shall otherwise direct.

"Although I had the power, and having in mind the best interests of the people of the island, need to modify duties on goods and products entering into Porto Rico, I did not have the power to remit or modify the duties on Porto Rican products coming into ports of the United States.

"In view of the pressing necessity for immediate revenue in Porto Rico, or conducting the government there for the extension of public education, and in view also of the provision of legislation just inaugurated by the act of representatives, and for the purpose of making the principle enunciated in that legislation applicable to the immediate past as well as to the future, I have submitted to the senate heretofore collected and to sums heretofore collected under the existing law shall, without waiting for the enactment of the general legislation now pending, be appropriated for the use and benefit of the island.

"WILLIAM M. KINLEY.

In his invocation the blind chaplain of the house prayed for Mr. Epps of Virginia, who was operated on for appendicitis.

The special message from the president was then read. It bore the recommendation will meet with approval on the other side of the house," said Mr. Richardson, the minority leader. "I'll see if it meets with favor on this side," retorted Mr. Cannon sharply. "I'll ask for unanimous consent of the house for the consideration of a bill to carry the recommendation of that message into force."

The suddenness of the request brought consternation to the Democratic side. There was no time for consultation. Mr. Richardson stood hesitating a moment.

"Better do it at once," said Mr. Cannon, "before we get into a quarrel. This shaft raised a laugh. Mr. Richardson said he would not object.

The bill incorporating the suggestion in the message was then introduced by Mr. Cannon, and it was adopted, 168 to 107.

THE FARM SCHOOL.

There Are Now 193 Students Enrolled—Many Turned Away.

Rev. G. Sumner Baskerville, superintendent of the Asheville Farm school, was here Wednesday. The school, he stated, is in a very flourishing condition. There are now 193 students enrolled, and 150 applicants have been turned away during the year for want of accommodations. Supt. Baskerville has recently moved his residence from the main building, in this way making room for the boys. A new building for a superintendent is in course of erection and will be completed in June.

In the school there are seven grades with 12 teachers, including those in the primary and manual training departments. The boys find something to do in all seasons in the manual department. At present they are clearing the land, getting firewood, and hauling stone.

Wood's Garden and Flower Seeds. New seeds only. At Grant's.

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Scientific Refracting Opticians.
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Examination Free.

ASHEVILLE.

Just opened today 25 different kinds of Chocolates—new styles you have never seen before at

25c lb.

Come and see today at 19 South Main Street.

Listen to This!

Anderson Parker, a colored man, came into the store last Saturday and said, "I want a bottle of that rheumatism medicine you sold Jed, Shook, the driver for Lorick & Smith. I've known he had rheumatism for three years, but he kept him from doing any work. You sold him something that cured him in six days. He only took one bottle. An engineer on the Southern railway, who has also suffered with rheumatism for years and had to lay off on account of it, took one of your bottles and he has had a touch of rheumatism since. He was cured in three days."

The medicine referred to is the prescription of a prominent Florida physician, who recently visited Asheville. We have filled it for a number of rheumatic sufferers here, and have received grateful testimonials from each and every one. The price of this prescription is within everybody's reach—25 cents. You deserve no sympathy if you allow yourself to suffer with rheumatism after reading this.

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The following closing quotations on cotton are furnished by Hubbard & Bro. & Co., New York:

March, 92.30; April, 92.50; May, 92.70; June, 92.90; July, 93.10; August, 93.30; September, 93.50; October, 93.70; November, 93.90; December, 94.10.

PRECINCT MEETINGS.

The Democratic precinct meetings held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The sixth precinct meeting will be held at the old foundry building, on Buttrick street. The second precinct meeting will be held at city hall.

VOTE TUESDAY.

Washington, March 2.—The senate has decided to take the final vote on the conference report on the financial bill next Tuesday at 4 p. m.

NICE FOR LADIES.

Windsor's is a nice drug store for ladies to go to.

For a delicious cup of coffee use Greg's Standard Java and Mocha. Sold by Clarence Sawyer.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE BUSHWHACKING THE INSURGENTS' TACTICS NEAR BATANGAS.

Manila, March 2.—Colonel Anderson, with the Thirty-seventh Infantry, employing the own insurgents' tactics, has ambushed the enemy near Batangas. Through spies Colonel Anderson learned that a detachment of insurgents would pass a certain road. He posted soldiers, concealed among the trees lining the road, and when the enemy arrived the Americans volleyed unexpectedly, killing 24 insurgents, wounding 20 and capturing several.

Some arms and ammunition also were captured. The effect of this blow has been salutary. The enemy in that locality is demoralized.

COMMANDER SHAW.

Atlanta, March 2.—Commander-in-Chief Shaw of the G. A. R. writes that the death of his wife, which occurred February 14, will not prevent him from making his southern tour as already arranged.

PRESIDENT IN NEW YORK.

Washington, March 2.—President McKinley and party left Washington today for New York where the president will tomorrow night attend the annual dinner of the night societies.

FROM THE TELEGRAPH.

The law officers of Havana have issued an indictment against the customs officials charged with fraud.

The bill providing a form of government for the territory of Hawaii was passed by the senate Thursday without division.

A dispatch from San Juan, Porto Rico, states that an American company doing business there has failed, having sunk \$175,000.

General Ochs has reported that Lieutenant John H. Vaughn, Thirty-ninth Infantry, has committed suicide at Manila.

THE FARM SCHOOL.

There Are Now 193 Students Enrolled—Many Turned Away.

Rev. G. Sumner Baskerville, superintendent of the Asheville Farm school, was here Wednesday. The school, he stated, is in a very flourishing condition. There are now 193 students enrolled, and 150 applicants have been turned away during the year for want of accommodations. Supt. Baskerville has recently moved his residence from the main building, in this way making room for the boys. A new building for a superintendent is in course of erection and will be completed in June.

In the school there are seven grades with 12 teachers, including those in the primary and manual training departments. The boys find something to do in all seasons in the manual department. At present they are clearing the land, getting firewood, and hauling stone.

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Anderson Parker, a colored man, came into the store last Saturday and said, "I want a bottle of that rheumatism medicine you sold Jed, Shook, the driver for Lorick & Smith. I've known he had rheumatism for three years, but he kept him from doing any work. You sold him something that cured him in six days. He only took one bottle. An engineer on the Southern railway, who has also suffered with rheumatism for years and had to lay off on account of it, took one of your bottles and he has had a touch of rheumatism since. He was cured in three days."

The medicine referred to is the prescription of a prominent Florida physician, who recently visited Asheville. We have filled it for a number of rheumatic sufferers here, and have received grateful testimonials from each and every one. The price of this prescription is within everybody's reach—25 cents. You deserve no sympathy if you allow yourself to suffer with rheumatism after reading this.

The Pelham Pharmacy

24 Patton Avenue.
Ask for a calendar map of Asheville.

Confidence...

When you deposit your money in a Bank you must have confidence in its safety, so when you trade with a drug store you must have confidence in its management, its business methods and its experience and knowledge of the drug business—the druggist and his store must have the confidence of the community or it will not succeed—we claim our success as a proof that we have enjoyed the confidence of our customers for the last forty years and we expect an increased share of patronage in the future because of this confidence—at Dr. T. C. Smith's drug store, opposite the public library.

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