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$4.98

Are worth $7.00 and $7.50.

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A trifle more to pay in the beginning but the cheapest in the end.

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New Stock Just Received.

The pure, unfermented, undiluted juice of choicest New York Concord grapes.

It is grape food—rich and good making—a delicious beverage in health—a sustaining diet in sickness—a tonic at all times—a vegetable milk often better than milk.

Recommended by physicians.

When you buy Grape Juice look at the label—If it's Welch's it's the best.

Feeble woman's best friend—a boon to the sick—a joy to the well.

RAYSOR'S DRUG STORE
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REPUBLICANS HOLD THEIR CONVENTION

Colonel Lusk Gets a Chance to Exercise His Voice.

Says Democratic Leaders Went Back on Their Promises.

CONVENTION SELECTS DELEGATES TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY IN THE STATE CONVENTION AT RALEIGH.

The Republican county convention met today at 12:30, called to order by Chairman I. A. Harris. R. B. Roberts put in nomination for permanent chairman Colonel Lusk. The election was unanimous. On Mr. Roberts' motion Hunter Arnold was elected secretary.

The committee on credentials, on Major Rollins' motion, was dispensed with as there were no contests, and the convention took up the matter of appointing a committee to select delegates to the state convention. Colonel Lusk appointed the following committee:

Leicester, W. H. Henderson; Sandy Mush, T. J. Ferguson; Upper Hominy, Arthur Miller; Lower Hominy, James Nichols; Avery's Creek, J. B. Cochrane; Limestone, J. B. Sumner; Fairview, J. Will Jones; Swannanoa, T. B. Rymer; Black Mountain, J. A. Walter; Reems Creek, R. T. Ballard; Flat Creek, Dr. I. A. Harris; Ivy, J. N. Morgan; French Broad, J. S. Hunter; Asheville, R. B. Roberts, H. S. Harkins, Hunter Arnold, Otto Hildebrand, W. C. Worley, T. B. Creasman, Dr. G. W. Reed.

There was considerable disappointment because Lieutenant Governor Reynolds was not able to be present. He had been called to New York on business.

Colonel Lusk was asked to address the meeting while the committee was making up the slate. He said that in all his experience in politics he had never been called upon to discuss the question of whether a poor man should be a man or a dog. He entered into a long discussion of the legal phase of the amendment question, the trend of his argument being that the fifth section was unconstitutional because it did not operate equally with all citizens. He painted a very tearful picture of the illiterate man being unable to register. He made the registrar out a horribly dictatorial and unreasonable creature, and described what would be the injustice of not allowing men of illegitimate birth to vote. He quoted from Judge Field in regard to the constitutionality of the amendment.

Colonel Lusk quoted from a statement of J. P. Kerr, which he construed as an argument for the amendment, and incidentally paid a high tribute to Mr. Kerr, whom he had always found honest in his convictions.

Colonel Lusk having proved to his own satisfaction that the fifth section was unconstitutional, turned to another phase of the question. He charged the leaders of the Democratic party with going back on their promises, not to disfranchise any citizens, and said he "wondered if the God that smote Ananias and Sapphira was still in the business."

The attendance was fairly good. The audience was not very responsive to the speaker, but nevertheless paid close attention.

The following delegates to the state convention were recommended and elected:

Asheville—V. S. Lusk, W. W. Rollins, H. S. Harkins, E. T. Belote, W. M. Worley, H. C. Hugill, H. L. Herren, Otto Hildebrand, John O'Donnell, F. M. Lindsey, W. M. Hill, Arthur Roberts, J. L. Wagner, H. C. Hunt, M. H. Kelly, T. C. Brown, Mark Brown, Samuel Kennedy, W. E. Logan, W. E. Howard, H. T. Collins, Chas. McNamee, G. W. Reed, J. N. Garren, John A. Masters, H. Arnold, Robert Greenwood, J. E. Goodrich, A. S. Melton, W. S. Cornell, J. S. T. Baird, Richmond Pearson, R. S. McCall, Thomas Settle, W. H. Wilson, T. B. Creasman, D. S. Hildebrand, R. B. Roberts, J. W. Haymond.

Avery's Creek—Jim Ducker, J. B. Cochrane, W. C. Ledbetter.

Black Mountain—J. W. Walker, A. P. Walker, D. C. Champlain, J. B. Ingle.

Ivy—J. M. Whittemore, S. M. Riddle, F. L. Whitaker, J. J. Ammons, L. B. Arrowood, J. K. Buckner, J. N. Morgan.

Limestone—John Carland, M. A. Rickman, J. H. Sumner, Mark Merrill, John Dickens.

Upper and Lower Hominy—T. J. Candler, W. G. Candler, Watt Luther, E. W. Candler, S. J. Luther, H. A. Miller.

Fairview—J. Will Jones, James Grant, C. M. Ownbey, J. R. Pinkerton, J. M. Vess, Henry Grant, Rufus Ashworth, J. G. Dodson, F. F. Hendricks, J. M. Whitaker, M. B. Spivey, M. L. Miller, S. J. Ashworth, S. W. Guffey, J. G. Young, J. A. Henderson.

Sandy Mush—T. J. Ferguson, J. B. Duckett, P. T. McFee, William E. Waldrop, Calvin Hill, J. M. Rogers, H. C. Randall.

Flat Creek—Dr. I. A. Harris, Dr. A. A. Henley, W. S. Roberts, J. O. McElroy, Vance Pickens, Thomas Cole.

Leicester—W. H. Henderson, J. W. Randall, W. D. Redmon, L. D. Felmet, T. C. Dobson, C. B. Meadows, W. E. Rogers, J. W. Gillespie, A. N. Rogers, C. C. Crook, Thomas Franklin.

Swannanoa—P. H. Folsom, R. D. Wilson, S. W. Davidson.

Reems Creek—E. V. Robertson, P. B. Ballard, Squire Wagner, Sam Robertson, T. H. Weaver, A. P. Roberts.

French Broad—J. B. Hunter, J. P. Hughey.

Major Rollins was then called for and responded with a speech, in which he discussed the general features of the amendment.

HEPBURN CANAL BILL.

Important Change by Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Washington, April 21.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce yesterday made an important change in the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill, striking out the provisions for "fortification" and providing for the president to secure the necessary territory in Nicaragua and Costa Rico for the construction and protection of the canal, which is expected to be the compromise which will aid in bringing the measure to early consideration. The amendment was proposed by Representative Barham of California. The chairman of the committee was instructed to offer the same upon the consideration of the bill at the proper time as a committee amendment thereto.

Representative Hepburn, in charge of the bill, announced that a definite agreement had been reached by which the bill will be considered by the house May 1 and 2 and be passed.

RUMOR OF A STRIKE AMONG TRACKMEN

ANOTHER GENERAL MEETING OF RAILROAD MEN TO BE HELD IN NEXT TWO DAYS.

It is rumored that the trackmen of the Southern are to go out at some time this afternon. This includes section bosses and squads who keep the road in repair. The rumor cannot be confirmed.

An unusual number of railroad men have congregated about the Glen Rock hotel during most of the day, carrying on earnest conversations in little groups apart. The most casual observer can see that there is something in the wind.

It is known that another general meeting of railroad men has been called for the O. R. T. hall within the next 48 hours.

Superintendent Loyall said today that everything was perfectly smooth so far as the Asheville division is concerned, and added that he was assured by the officials that the same was true throughout the system. All trains are running on time. "I can verify the statement of the strikers that the men who went out are not going back. Nothing could be truer, as not one of them will be taken back. I feel the deepest sympathy for these boys, but I am not so sorry as I would have been had I not talked with nearly every one of them personally before the strike began and warned them of the consequences."

Mr. Loyall said that the places of the striking operators in the dispatcher's office are now filled, although men were not put in at first, because, there being no wires, there was nothing for them to do. He said that about 50 applications for work have been recently received from all over the United States.

"I consider that we are in a normal condition," he added. "I have two traveling auditors on the Murphy branch checking in new men. It requires from half a day to a day at each office, so that the work is a little slow. We shall discontinue for the present operators at a number of the smaller offices on that branch. There is a large force of detectives on the line looking after the men who were responsible for cutting the wires."

2,000 MISSIONARIES MEET IN NEW YORK

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS BEGINS AT CARNEGIE HALL.

New York, April 21.—With an ex-president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, to bid them welcome, there gathered today in Carnegie hall more than 2000 missionaries, from almost every quarter of the globe. For 10 years preparations have been underway for this meeting, known as the Ecumenical conference of foreign missions. It is the third of the kind ever held. Every branch of the Christian church is represented except the Roman Catholic and that branch of the Anglican church known as the society for the propagation of the gospel.

The foreign missionary workers of the world are conducted by seven great societies. They are the Christian missionary society, which represents the evangelical part of the Church of England, and is almost as large as the other six together; the society for the propagation of the gospel, representing the Catholic party in the Church of England, and which declined to attend the conference; the London missionary society of the Congregational church; the American board of foreign missions, also of the Congregational church; the resident board of foreign missions, the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church and the American Baptist missionary union.

The sessions of the conference will last until May 1, not including Sundays.

In the list of honorary vice-presidents of the conference are such names as ex-President Cleveland, J. Pierpont Morgan, Seth Low, William E. Dodge, ex-Governor W. J. Northen of Georgia and Miss Helen Gould.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Proposed Legislation Growing Out of the Case of Captain Carter.

Washington, April 21.—Many telegrams are received by the house committee on judiciary as to the proposed legislation growing out of the case of ex-Captain Carter and the recent decision of Judge Brown in the cases of Messrs. Gayner, Greene and Connelly. The senate has already passed a bill on the lines proposed by Attorney General Griggs, providing for the removal from one locality to another of persons indicted for offenses against the United States.

In view of the many telegraphic solicitations and apparent differences of legal opinion on the subject the house has decided to hold public hearings on the subject. Attorney General Griggs and others prominent in legal circles will appear at the hearings. The time has not been fixed.

INVESTIGATE "ZAZA."

London, April 21.—Owing to the avalanche of criticism of the play, the lord chamberlain has ordered an investigation of the text of the version of the "Zaza," as now ployed here, with a view of comparing it with the copy originally submitted. The possibility of the suppression of "Zaza" is intimated by the newspapers.

MAUD GONNE BRINGS SUIT.

Dublin, April 21.—At police court today Miss Maud Gonne secured a summons for malicious libel against Mr. Colles, editor of the Irish Figaro, for publishing the statement that she was a pensioner of the government and therefore a government spy.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS.

New York, April 21.—The New York state democratic convention is called to meet here June 5. The convention is to select 72 delegates to the Democratic national convention.

CHANCELLOR M'GILL DEAD.

New York, April 21.—Chancellor Alexander T. McGill died today in Jersey City. He has been ill about a year.

Your Prescription
Will not be neglected even in our busiest moments at Wingood's.

"He Puts Up Prescriptions."
Call up telephone No. 133 when you are particularly anxious for prompt service some days.

Mangels or sugar beets make one of the best winter foods for stock, yielding enormously, and are very nutritious and fattening. Wood's seed at Grant's.

REVIEW OF TRADE BY R. G. DUN & CO.

Distrust Regarding the Great Combinations' Prices.

Textile Industries Have Large Orders Yet to be Filled.

THE FAILURES FOR THE WEEK AGGREGATED 194 AS AGAINST 184 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

New York, April 21.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Formal reduction of $5 per ton in the price of plates and bars, and closing of mills by the American Steel and Wire company have filled the week with surprises. In the stock market and in the steel and iron products, changes have begun, the end of which cannot well be foreseen.

Apart from the disturbance in speculation there has been produced a measure of distrust regarding prices that are maintained by the great combinations, which for the present tend to deter building. In the iron business the formal reductions were almost wholly anticipated in local sales. Some urgent and important contracts have been made, including that for the New York tunnel, requiring 70,000 tons at prices not stated, but it is believed that many others had been deferred until the prospect is clearer.

There is a slightly better demand for hides at Chicago, attributed to their improving condition, but the distribution of boots and shoes does not keep all the factories at work. Some are closed, many more are running part time, and very few of these in operation have orders for a single month.

There is no room for doubt that greatly restricted buying has been caused by the high prices asked, which the makers declare unavoidable until prices of leather yield.

The textile industries have large orders yet to be filled which keep many of the mills busy, but there are many others less fortunate and their hunt for orders, with much regard for prices, causes irregularity in the lines not of established position. The staple woolen and worsted goods hold steadily as the makers need no more contracts, but in less favored lines, both for men's wear and in dress goods, the business is by no means satisfactory. Wool has been inactive without change in prices. Cotton goods are by some sold at concessions for future delivery, as all realize that present prices will not long control cost of production.

Raw cotton is held at 9.81 cents with all the more ease, because there seems to be nobody in this country impatient to buy except in the speculative markets. Northern mills have taken, with the stocks they held last September, enough for the whole year's needs. The spinners abroad will have yet to supply themselves, are paying 9.3 cents, the average export price for $33,000,000 worth shipped in March. In spite of the decrease in other staples, there were the largest merchandise exports ever known except in December, 1898, and the value of the minor domestic exports, chiefly manufactured, rose to $159,793,509 in March, a sum never approached in any other month.

Wheat declined a fraction in price and corn advanced a fraction, both markets being rendered comparatively inactive by uncertainty that the remaining foreign requirements will be easily met.

Failures for the week have been 194 in the United States against 184 last year, and 17 in Canada against 22 last year.

MAY RAISE A HOWL.

American Tourists Should Not Take Pet Dogs to England.

London, April 21.—American tourists who usually take pet dogs with them cannot bring them into England this year. The board of agriculture has put into enforcement an old order forbidding the temporary entrance into England of foreign dogs. To prevent rabies is the cause of the enforcement.

The absolute character of the prohibition has been brought to the attention of the American embassy by Henry White, United States charge d'affaires, trying to bring in fox terriers.

Reservations are made if dogs are taken in quarantine.

PLAGUE IN MANILA.

Some of Those Stricken Have Died Within an Hour.

Manila, April 21.—The sudden deaths of Filipinos and Chinamen in Quiapo market have led to an investigation showing that 15 cases of plague, 14 of which were fatal, have occurred within the week.

The market is located in the center of the city. In black, rotten, wooden buildings the keepers of stalls live with their families in great filth. Some of the victims stricken died within an hour.

There were several deaths in other sections recently, traced to infection from the market. The health officer will keep the inmates quarantined for a fortnight. They will then burn the market.

Total number of bubonic deaths, 100; 10 Chinamen, 66 Filipinos. The plague elsewhere has been suppressed.

FORAKER RESOLUTION.

Washington, April 21.—The house committee on insular affairs voted today to amend the Foraker resolution on Porto Rico so as to make franchises and concessions inoperative until provided by the president, also placing rigorous restrictions on charters to private corporations.

TWO TICKETS.

Nashville, Tenn, April 21.—As a result of the split in the Republican state convention yesterday, when the Evans men bolted, two delegations are to be sent to the Philadelphia convention, two full state tickets were nominated, two platforms adopted and two state committees named.

COLSON'S MOTHER DYING.

Middlesborough, Ky., April 21.—Mrs. Louise Colson, mother of Col. D. G. Colson, now on trial at Frankfort, is at the point of death.

Wood's Velvet Beans, the famous new forage plant. Supply at Grant's

For cold and la grippe take Grant's No. 24. Conquers chill, fever and pain. 25c. at Grant's.

Baldwin's headache cure, Grant's.

Teosinte is a valuable and enormous yielding, continuous cutting forage crop. Wood's seed at Grant's.

CANNED ROAST BEEF FOR THE PHILIPPINES

50,000 CANS A MONTH TO BE SENT OVER FOR THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS.

Washington, April 21.—The war department officials have been compelled to resort to the use of canned roast beef in the subsistence of the army in the Philippines. This is due to the fact that it is absolutely essential that the soldiers shall be served with fresh meat and the impossibility of providing refrigerated beef or cattle on the hoof under existing conditions. When the bulk of the army was located near the seashore and at easily accessible points there was no difficulty in providing them with fresh meats, but the conditions have now changed and the army is scattered among 160 posts in various parts of the archipelago, a great many of them at considerable distance from the nearest shipping point. There are no cattle available, and the refrigerated beef which has heretofore been the principal basis of subsistence for the troops, cannot be preserved in good condition long enough to reach many of the inland posts.

Consequently it became necessary to look for some suitable substitute and the American canned roast beef was the only thing found to meet the requirements.

The suggestion for its use came originally from the subsistence officers in the Philippines, and the chief commissary officer at Manila recently called a requisition for an immediate delivery of about 100,000 cans of roast beef and subsequent delivery at the rate of about 50,000 cans a month.

Special precautions will be taken to secure the best quality of beef and to insure proper care and preservation at all stages of its long journey to the Philippines.

FREIGHT WRECK.

Five Cars Tumble Into Thicketty Creek —No One Injured.

Greenville, S. C., April 21.—Part of a northbound freight on the Southern went through a trestle over Thicketty creek, between Spartanburg and Gaffney, this morning. The engine and tender passed over, but five cars, loaded, fell with the trestle. Nobody was hurt. All trains are delayed, being run around by Charlotte, Columbia and Spartanburg, throwing them two hours and a half behind.

The rainfall is terrific and continuous and all streams are higher than for many years, but this wreck is the first serious damage reported anywhere in this section.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE FIRE

Plant of the St. Louis Chronicle Practically Destroyed.

St. Louis, April 21.—The plant of the St. Louis Chronicle, occupying the three and four story buildings, 14 to 18 North Sixth street, was practically destroyed to day by fire, which is supposed to have originated in the boiler room. The interior of the building is a complete wreck, and the typesetting machines, stereotyping outfit and whole fonts of type of the advertising department are destroyed.

REMAINS THE SAME.

Atlanta, April 21.—The strike situation on the Southern is unchanged. The strike edition of the Journal of Labor will be discontinued for two days in order to give the editors and printers their Sunday rest.

SITUATION IMPROVED

Jackson, Miss., April 21.—The flood situation is somewhat improved this morning and the Ilinois Central road is getting trains through to New Orleans over the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley tracks without difficulty.

EVIDENCE ALL IN.

Frankfort, Ky., April 21.—The taking of evidence in the trial of ex-Congressman Colson concluded this morning.

YESTERDAY'S BASEBALL.

Philadelphia 5; Boston 4.
New York 12; Brooklyn 8.
St. Louis-Pittsburg and Cincinnati-Chicago games postponed; rain.

It's Easy
to get all the drugs, perfumes, syringes, hot water bottles and drug store goods in general if you don't mind what you get. But it is safer and expense no greater to go out of your way if necessary and buy those things at Wingood's.

"He Puts Up Prescriptions,"
and is in a position to supply you in such a manner as to win your future custom and good will.

Poor Spices
often spoil many otherwise good dishes. We know the quality of the kind we sell and would like to supply you, at Wingood's.

"He Puts Up Prescriptions"

Practically everything for the garden at Grant's. Wood's seeds only

BAKER & CO.,
Scientific Refracting Opticians.
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Examination Free.

Georgia Watermelon Seed.
COMPLETE LINE STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES AT CORRECT PRICES.
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REACHED POSITION IN NICK OF TIME

2000 Boers With Two Guns Attack Methuen's Escort.

Juce Advanced to Within 300 Yards of British Line.

CHERMSIDE AND RUNDLE COME IN CONTACT WITH BURGHERS NEAR DEWETSDORP AND FIGHT TILL DARK.

Bloemfontein, Friday.—Continuing their march on Friday, Generals Chermside and Rundle came into contact with the Boers near Dewetsdorp at noon. Fighting continued until dark and was kept up by Kelly-Kenny, who silenced two of the Boer guns.

The British command the hills for miles around the Boers, who are reported to hold strong positions, but are probably retiring.

Casualties on the British side were slight, and most of them occurred among the yeomanry and mounted infantry. The firing was at long range. None of the British were killed.

Boshoff, Orange Free State, April 21.—At midday yesterday General Methuen's field force at Swartzkopjesfontein was ordered to return to Boshoff. Its convoy extended over six miles. The escort took up a position on the hill commanding the road, just in the nick of time, as a force of 2000 Boers with two guns suddenly appeared in the vicinity and opened a very heavy fire.

The British, however, held them in check until the column could reach a point of safety, when they retired. The British had seventy casualties. The enemy's losses were heavy and must have been considerably, as they came advanced to within 300 yards of the hill, whence a concealed detachment of the British opened a heavy usillade on them.

London, April 21, Evening.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 21.—Rundle's force came in contact with the enemy yesterday four miles west of Dewetsdorp. They occupied strong position covering the ford. The yeomanry and mounted infantry seized another position which enabled Rundle to drive the enemy off and occupy the ford place. Rundle advanced this morning and is now engaging the enemy. Casualties yesterday, two men severely wounded and Lieutenant O'Connor and seven men slightly wounded.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Decline in Liverpool, with a Dull, Indifferent Support.

The following quotations on cotton are furnished by Murphy & Co., 11 Church street, Asheville:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	8.04	8.05	8.00	8.01
February	8.04	8.04	8.03	8.02
March	....	8.08	8.07	8.05
April	9.42	9.42	9.42	9.35
May	9.42	9.42	9.36	9.36
June	9.42	9.41	9.35	9.32
July	9.40	9.40	9.33	9.32
August	9.22	9.23	9.18	9.19
September	8.45	8.45	8.41	8.41
October	8.18	8.19	8.15	8.16
November	8.04	8.04	8.00	8.00
December	8.02	8.04	7.99	8.00

Decline in Liverpool, with a dull, indifferent support. The cotton market closed 2 to 5 points net decline. New York spot steady; 9 13-16.

The total stock at interior towns shows practically half the amount of cotton on hand compared with a year ago.

We Will Buy Back
at full prices any goods bought of us that do not turn out as we represent them. That's the way we do business at
Wingood's.
"He Puts Up Prescriptions."

CALIFORNIA PAPER SHELLED ORANGES.....
The Sweetest Orange grown. A large lot in today.

FLORIDA STRAWBERRIES
Received fresh every day by express, at
...KEELING BROS.
Opposite Postoffice. Phone 118.

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WE WILL SELL YOU
$1.00 Bottle Queen's Sarsaparilla
Containing Iodide Potash and Iodide Iron
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The Pelham Pharmacy,
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Some drug stores do but little prescription work and as a result the drugs used are not always as fresh as they ought to be—with us, however, this is an important part of our business—we do not use, indeed we cannot afford to use, any but the freshest and best drugs obtainable—then we handle all prescription work with such scrupulous care that mistakes are not made at Smith's Drug Store, opposite the public library.

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Our aim has been to produce not only the best Shoe Store, but to put into it the best Shoes.

Theory won't do this. It requires practical shoe knowledge and technical skill. You always get your money's worth at

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We have on hand from our first shipment—
Oyster Cocktail
Brunswick Stew
AND
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Try some before all of this is gone.
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