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The Leading Newspaper of the First District.

BIGGEST GAS WELL YET.

Word comes from Williamstown, W. Va., tells of the discovery of the biggest gas well ever struck in the State of West Virginia, which makes it the biggest in the United States, the big Moses, in Tyler county, being the largest in the world previous to this one. The well is located on the Charles Uhl farm, and the noise of the escaping gas can be heard for miles. The well was so strong that, although it took fire, it blew itself out. Efforts will be made at once to control the immense pressure, and put it to commercial uses. The pressure is so great that stones are thrown from the mouth of the well 200 feet into the air.

The Billville Banner.

[Atlanta Constitution.]

We have now registered six times; but the books are closed and, unfortunately, we've got to vote for twelve candidates

There is speaking in Billville every night now especially when we try to unlock the door with our umbrella and go up stairs in our stocking feet.

Two women are running for the Senate in Billville. Our private opinion is that they would serve their country better in the house.

All the mules in Billville are old enough to vote, but if they attempt it there will be a good deal of kicking at the polls.

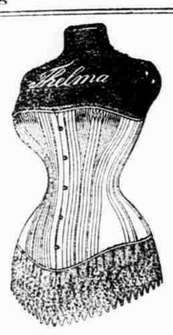
Every candidate for office should have a platform; but he should be careful about the carpenter who makes it.

Vote early and often, but don't spend your money until the recorder's court is open.

Boys, don't use any whiskey in this election. Every man ought to be sober enough to know who he is paid to vote for.

CONVICT SHOT.

At Winston last Saturday, two county convicts, named Hartgrove Brothers, attempted to escape when they were fired upon by the guard; one was shot and mortally wounded. Officers are in pursuit of the other one. The men were serving a term on the county roads for breaking in and robbing a store.



Beautiful Thelma."

Tradition describes Thelma, the beautiful Norwegian Queen, as the prettiest and most perfect perfect woman ever born. The makers of the best 50 cent article ever created, has selected the name "Thelma," to describe the best and most perfect corset ever made at this low price—50 cts.

This Corset is made over the same glove fitting models of higher grades, and will compare favorably with many corsets sold at one dollar. Long waisted, made of rich heavy materials, handsomely embroidered with silk, with a *wide strap* running through the entire length to give it extra support—besides the double stays in front, it also has wide double stays on side to prevent from breaking.

If you want a pretty figure and wear this price corset, don't take any other but the "Thelma."

The Thelma Corset Co., of New York has made us their only agents for Elizabeth City.

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We also keep the celebrated C | B Ala Spirit Corsets at 75cts and 1.00. The richest and best corsets made. All dress makers recommend them for their exquisite form and comfort. Try one and you'll wear no other kind.

MOBILIZING A NAVAL FLEET.

POWERFUL WARSHIPS WILL DEPLOY IN THE ATLANTIC.

FOR A LESSON TO SPAIN.

THE LARGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE OF ANY FLEET EXCEPT THE BRITISH.

Although the administration does not anticipate a foreign war, there is no intention of being unprepared if such an event should happen. The first step in the direction of safety is the moblizing of a large fleet off the New York and New England coast. While the immediate collection of these ships is for the purpose of tactical training, it is well understood that they are intended as a useful object lesson to those European countries which believe that the United States Navy exists largely on paper, and that its material strength is unimportant.

A brief review of the vessels composing the Atlantic fleet will show it to be, with one exception (the British fleet in the English Channel,) the largest and most effective of any now flying the flag of any of the great powers. When it assembles off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, a few weeks hence, it will consist of the battleships Indiana and Massachusetts, which carry the heaviest batteries afloat, and which can fight on even terms with any vessels that may be sent against them; the second-class battleships Maine and Texas, the armored cruiser New York, the powerful monitors Amphitrite, Miantonomah and Terror, and the cruisers Columbia, New York, Cincinnati, Raleigh and Montgomery.

It is proposed, also, to assemble at Mare Island all of the available ships now in the Pacific, excepting the fine cruiser Olympia, which will be retained in Japanese waters. For the next few months, at least, no ship will be detached from squadron service except in cases of extreme urgency. The cruisers San Francisco, Marblehead and Minneapolis will be left in the Mediterranean, upon the request of American missionaries in Turkey and Armenia, in order that the latter may have the benefit of their moral and material support.

Secretary Olney perfectly understands that any recognition of Cuban belligerency is likely to be followed by war. These assurance have been made to him with entire frankness by the Spanish Minister, Mr. Dupuy de Lome, and similar assurances have been repeatedly transmitted from Madrid by our Minister, Mr. Taylor. The Administration feel, however, that the time is rapidly approaching when it must announce its position with respect to Cuban affairs. Thus far it has pursued a course not only conservative, but one which has received the hearty commendation of Spain and the rest of the world.

It is President Cleveland's intention to continue this policy of wise forbearance until circumstances compel a different course. It may be that his advices from Havana may make it unnecessary to recognize a Cuban belligerency before the expiration of his term in March next. On the other hand, should the success of the revolutionists be so well assured as to justify him in giving them the recognition they desire, it can be authoritatively stated that he will not shirk his duty, but act accordingly. The President does not desire war with Spain, or with any other country, for that matter, nor does he propose that the struggling patriots in Cuba shall be abandoned to their fate after they shall have demonstrated that they possess all the qualifications which entitle them to the consideration of this Government. In other words, when the conditions in the island justify recognition it will be accorded to the patriots, be the consequence what they may.

That this recognition will be accorded is not doubted by any person familiar with the inner workings of the Administration. If war be a necessary consequence of such a recognition, it will not find this country unprepared. The ships now out of commission, by reason of foul bottoms and other causes due to long service, are being rapidly put in order. There is the highest authority for the statement that the purpose of the Navy Department is to have these vessels afloat at the earliest moment consistent with the work necessary to be done.

Orders have been issued to the several firms now engaged in constructing the new vessels for which appropriations were made during the last Congress, to push them to completion without delay, so that by next spring the United States will have in commission a navy small in number, but well drilled, as a result of continued squadron practice, and sufficiently powerful in offensive and defensive strength to crush any fleets that Spain might send to American waters with hostile intent.—Washington *Post, 6th.*

THE WAY OF THE WORLD.

There is no such thing in this life as complete satisfaction. If a man has no money he is always wanting it and is therefore miserable and if he has plenty of money he still wants more and does not know how to invest what he has got, fearing to risk much for fear he will lose all. There is no business that pays all the time, not even stealing, for you are liable to be caught up with and thrust into prison. Better try to earn an honest living than to gain something by speculation, which eventually brings on ruin and misery.

THE NEW U. S. FLAG.

The United States flag now flies with forty-five stars on its blue field, indicating the admission of Utah to the sisterhood of States. General orders issued by the War and Navy departments have prepared the way for the change and for several months past the flag makers have been busy in plating a new star on the flags in stock.

COULDN'T STAND JERSEY.

A young North Carolina bear on the way to New Jersey committed suicide by winding its chain around its neck and strangling to death, says the Wilmington *Star*, which adds that there are a good many things the North Carolina bear can stand, but being doomed to pass its life in New Jersey is not one of them.

By the Laudanum Route.

William L. Council, a merchant aged 40, committeed suicide at Elm Grove, Chatham county, N. C., Sunday night by taking laudanum. He leaves a young wife and three children, one only two days old. He had been on a spree.

PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE.

"I suppose you know all about the financial question?" said the intimate friend.

"I don't say that I know all about it," replied the candidate. "But I know enough not to talk about it."

Weak Lungs

Hot weather won't cure weak lungs. You may feel better because out of doors more, but the trouble is still there. Don't stop taking your

Scott's Emulsion

because the weather happens to be warm. If you have a weak throat, a slight hacking cough, or some trouble with the bronchial tubes, summer is the best time to get rid of it. If you are losing flesh there is all the more need of attention. Weakness about the chest and thinness should never go together. One greatly increases the danger of the other. Heal the throat, cure the cough, and strengthen the whole system now. Keep taking Scott's Emulsion all summer.

For sale by all druggists at 50c and $1.00.

STARTLING!

THE EARTH WILL COLLIDE WITH A COMET

NOVEMBER 13, 1899.

So Says Professor Folb, of Vienna.

Professor Falb, of Vienna, announces that the earth will collide with a comet on November 13, 1899. He says the earth itself will survive the shock, but every living thing will be choked with poisonous gases and be finally cremated.

Send Over a Better One.

Lord Dunraven's yacht, the Valkyrie III, which has been in New York waters ever since her races with the Defender, is to be sent back to England shortly.

HIS REVENGE.

A dandy went to a photographer to get his picture taken. When the job was done he refused to pay on the ground that the picture did not look like him and he left the establishment. Next morning he passed by the place, and saw his picture hanging in the show case, and under it were the startling words, in big letters:

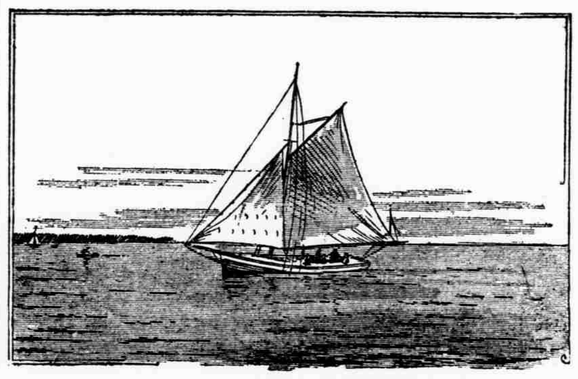
"The biggest fool in the whole town."

He rushed into the shop and abused the photographer.

"But my dear sir," said the latter, "since the picture doesn't resemble you, what in the world are you complaining about?"

What you want when you are ailing is a medicine that will cure you. Try Hood's Sarsaparilla and be convinced of its merit.

This paper for $1.00 a year.



THE fishing at Nag's Head now is excellent and early every morning the trim little sailing crafts may be seen skimming over the water carrying a jolly party to their favorite fishing spot. Fish stories galore are the natural result of these delightful trips. Every one makes splendid catches of trout, hog-fish, spots, croakers and other species of the finny tribe, but the biggest of course, all got away. In fact, the ones brought ashore were so long———, while the ones that nearly capsized the boat, you know, were so long————

Nevertheless the hours are spent delightful and the pleasant sail to and from the fishing ground is enjoyed by all.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A most shocking tragedy occurred Tuesday about one mile and a half from Reams' station in Dinwiddie county, Virginia, which resulted in the killing of one man, the mortal wounding of another and perhaps fatal wounding of a third.

The parties to the affair were two brothers named John Perkins and Fred Perkins, and Plummer Ramey.

It is said that Ramey had made some remark derogatory to the character of Miss Perkins, a sister of the two Perkins boys. The two brothers went to see Ramey in regard to the matter and demanded of him a retraction. Some words followed, and then all the parties drew pistols and began firing.

John Perkins was shot and killed, and his brother Fred Perkins perhaps fatally wounded.

Ramey was shot in the head and the doctor who attended him says he will die.

Bringing the Truth Home.

General Campos the Spanish commander, who was recently recalled from command of the forces of Spain in Cuba, and who was succeeded by the butcher, Weyler. says as follows in the Spanish Senate:

"Since 1878, instead of attracting Cubans, we have repelled them by bigger taxes and increased tariff. It is necessary to give our Cuban brethren what they have a right to ask, and let Europe know we are ready to establish in the West Indies every conceivable reform that has been promised. Let our vanity yield in the presence of the consideration that war costs too many millions and too many lives. I think war might have been prevented if reforms had been established."

A Murderer Lynched.

Sydney Randolph, the negro charged with the brutal assault upon the Buxton family at Gaithersburg, Md., on the 25th of May, which resulted in the death of little Sadie Buxton, was taken from Rockville jail, where he was confined awaiting the action of the November grand jury, about 2:30 Saturday morning by a mob of thirty or forty masked men and hanged near Rockville. He went to his death without saying whether he was guilty or not of the horrible crime, his only utterances being cries of "murder" as he was carried away by the resolute body of men from the jail.

A Sultry Obituary.

It wasn't a Missouri editor, but a Missouri printers devil who was going through his first experience in making up forms. The paper was late and the boy's galley mixed. The first part of the obituary of a prominent citizen had been dumped in the form, and the next handful of type came from a galley describing a recent fire.

It read like this: "The pall bearers lowered the body to the grave and as it was consigned to the flames there were few, if any regrets for the old wreck had been an eyesore to the town for years. Of course there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance." The widow thinks the editor wrote the obituary that way because the lamented partner of her joys and sorrow owed him five years subscription.

Few medicines have held their ground so successfully as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. During the past fifty years, it has been the most popular of all cough-cures and the demand for it to-day is greater than ever before. Prompt to act and sure to cure.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

ONE MAN KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED.

Caused by Slanderous Remarks

About the Character of a Young Lady.

A deadly duel took place near Adairville, Kentucky, Sunday morning. Dock Younger went to town drunk. As he rode out of town he fired his pistol. H. H. Harmon, the Town Marshal, jumped on a horse and started after Younger. An hour later both men were found dead about one mile from the town. Both had been shot through the heart, and only one chamber in each revolver had been discharged. There were no witnesses. Wm. Younger, a brother of Dock, was killed in Adairville by Dates Patterson four years ago. The youngers were relatives of the famous Younger outlaws. Harmon killed two men in Tennessee several years ago. He was the only man the town of Adairville has had for years who could keep order.

A Damaging Cloud-Burst.

A cloud-burst occurred early Monday morning near Bellaire, Ohio, doing very great damage to property. Sheep, horses and cattle were drowned. Trestle work and bridges and seven houses with their contents, and the large canning and preserving works of McMillin Bros. were swept away by the heavy water in Megee Creek. The telegraph wires on the Bellaire, Zanesville and Cincinnati Road are down. Trains are delayed along the Baltimore and Ohio on account of the tracks being damaged. No lives are reported loss.

A Hen Rudely Disturbed.

Esquire John P. Hunter yesterday started out with his steam threshing equipment. A few sheafs from last season were left in the thresher, and when the wheels began to hum and dust rise, a partly picked hen came fluttering and squalling out. She had made a nest in the thresher and was setting on the eggs. The thresher got about half of her feathers. All the eggs in her nest went through the machine.—Charlotte *News.*

To be Hanged Aug. 7th.

Alonzo Walling, convicted at Newport, Kentucky, of the murder of Pearl Bryan, has been sentenced to be hanged August 7th. This was one of the most brutal murders on record, the murderer having decapitated his victim.

At Guilford Court House.

Ten thousand people attended the annual celebration at the historic Guilford Court House battle ground on July 4th. The address was delivered by United States Senator Marion Butler.

Resignation Accepted.

The trustees of the State University have accepted the resignation of President George T. Winston, to take effect August 15th. The trustees meet August 1st to elect his successor.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

CHASED BY A CRUISER.

THE THREE FRIENDS SHOW A CLEAN PAIR OF HEELS TO THE RALEIGH.

Monday morning it became known, and it spread like wildfire, in Key West, Fla., that a steamer was being chased up the Gulf, thousands of sympathizers rushed down to the beach and housetops to get a view of the brave little filibusterer. When first sighted the vessels were a little one side of Sand Key light and, judging from the volume of smoke coming from their smoke stacks, were driving them to their utmost capacity. The Three Friends, it is now positively known to be her, was skimming the reef, while her pursuer, which turned out to be the United States steamer Raleigh, was some distance in the gulf. When off Key West, the Main was signalled, and the Raleigh kept on, and finally when the Three Friends came inside the reef, the Raleigh altered her course, giving up the chase. The reports that the Raleigh fired at the steamer are without foundation.

Dandruff is an exudation from the pores of the skin that spreads and dries, forming scurf and causing the hair to fall out. Hall's Hair Renewer cures it.

HOW WE LOST.

Whether any deaths have occurred, as a result of the game of base ball, played here, between the Portsmouth, Va., team and our boys Saturday, July 4th, we have not heard. But disappointed cranks, and sore throats were as numerous as silver delegates to the Chicago Convention.

It was a pitchers battle royal, from start to finish, and was enjoyed by the spectators. Everybody was happy (when we were ahead) and even the man, that stole last years umbrella, was forgiven and told to shout.

Quertoll, the queer man, who manipulated the horse hide for the visitors, was very effective, holding our boys down to 10 hits and striking out 18 men.

Mills, of the home team, also pitched a great game; 16 stalwart Virginians falling before his mighty arm, and only allowing his guests 7 hits—two of which, were what is known as "Texas Leaguers."

Our boys out batted and out fielded the visitors, but could not bunch their hits.

Considering this is the first time they have played this year the boys did well, and with a little practice will show up strong—as the team is composed of good material.

The Portsmouth team are a gentlemanly set of ball players and are always in the game.

Mills batting was great, four times at bat, four safe hits and four runs. Sanders at first and Johnston at short played gilt-edge ball, so did E. Broughton for the visitors. Ziegler umpired a clean game and gave entire satisfaction. In a word, we lost because the Portsmouth boys made more runs than we did. See score:

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A Murderer Wanted.

Governor Carr has offered a reward of one hundred dollars for the capture of W. J. Deans, who stands charged with the murder of A. W. Henry in Gates county June 23rd.

Just What's Needed.

Exclaims thousands of people who have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla at this season of the year, and who have noted the success of the medicine in giving them relief from that tired feeling, waning appetite and state of extreme exhaustion after the close confinement of a long winter season, the busy time attendant upon a large and pressing business during the spring months and with vacation time yet some weeks distant. It is then that the building-up powers of Hood's Sarsaparilla are fully appreciated. It seems perfectly adapted to overcome that prostration caused by change of season, climate or life, and while it tones and sustains the system, it purifies and vitalizes the blood.

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For DYSPEPSIA, CONSTIPATION, Jaundice, Bilious attacks, SICK HEADACHE, Colic, Depression of Spirits, SOUR STOMACH, Heartburn, etc.

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containing those Southern Roots and Herbs which all-wise Providence has placed in countries where Liver Diseases most prevail. It will cure all Diseases caused by Derangement of the Liver and Bowels.

The SYMPTOMS of Liver Complaint are a bitter or bad taste in the mouth; Pain in the Back, Sides or Joints, often mistaken for Rheumatism; Sour Stomach; Loss of Appetite; Bowels alternately costive and lax; Headache; Loss of Memory, with a painful sensation of having failed to do something which aught to have been done; Debility; Low Spirits; a thick, yellow appearance of the Skin and Eyes; a dry Cough, often mistaken for Consumption.

Sometimes many of these symptoms attend the disease, at others very few; but the LIVER, the largest organ in the body, is generally the seat of the disease, and if not Regulated in time, great suffering, wretchedness and DEATH will ensue.

The following highly-esteemed persons attest to the virtues of SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR: Gen. W. S. Holt, Pres. Ga. S. W. R. R. Co.; Rev. J. R. Felder, Perry, Ga.; Col. E. K. Sparks, Albany, Ga.; C. Masterson, Esq., Sheriff Bibb Co., Ga.; J. A. Butts, Bainbridge, Ga.; Rev. J. W. Burke, Macon, Ga.; Virgil Powers, Supt. Ga. S. W. R. R.; Hon. Alexander H. Stephens.

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Prices on Hartford bicycles have just been reduced from $80.00 down to $65.00. Ladies wheels at $45 and $50. Sold for cash or installment.

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Agent for POPE MFG. CO.,
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