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 ELIZABETH CITY, May 20, 1898.

It is welcome news to the American people to learn from the Navy Department that the battleship Oregon has completed her long trip and is now safe.

The advantage of the smokeless powder in confusing the Americans as to the locality of the Spanish gunners is stated to have been one of the notable features of the battle at Cardenas. The great soldiers and sailors of the past, could they take part in the battles of today, would find that in order to achieve greatness they would have to adjust themselves to conditions that did not obtain in other days.

The North Carolina Populist Convention proved, as in many other instances, that where there is most noise and bluster there is the least strength. Congressman Skinner, who wanted the party to fuse with the Republicans, claimed two-thirds of the convention, but found himself beaten out of his boots by Senator Butler when the votes were counted. The later at this time favors fusion with the Democrats. He had an easy victory.

**Gomez's Wife An American.**  
 It may not be generally known that the wife of Maximo Gomez, Commandant-in-Chief of the insurgent forces in Cuba is an American woman, but such appears to be the fact. Representative Gibson claims to represent the district in Tennessee where she was born. Her former name was Miss Pink Martin, a daughter of Mr. Henry Martin of East Tennessee. The family was one of the best in the county, and her father was very wealthy; so that Miss Martin was given exceptional opportunities during her childhood and early womanhood. She first married a Georgian, but he died directly after the civil war, and as Mrs. Clive, his widow, she went to Havana, where her brothers were engaged in business. While at the Cuban Capital she met Maximo Gomez, then a very important personage in the Island of Cuba, and in a short time they were married.

**Another Big Day Sale in Elizabeth City.**  
 On Next Thursday May 26th.

Perhaps nothing ever created as great sensation among the dry goods stores of Elizabeth City as that Special Sale given by Mitchell, who runs the New Bee Hive Store. Hundreds of people came for miles, and by 10 o'clock the Bee Hive was packed and jammed. This sale was the first and only genuine Special sale ever given to the people in this town. Mitchell advertises just such goods as people need every day. They are all new and bought in big quantities for these Special sales, they are sold at less than cost and Mitchell loses considerable money; this is no secret, but he is determined to make the Bee Hive, Elizabeth City's greatest store and in this way brings the people. It is strictly up to date in everything and originates new ideas, strictly for their own. A child can trade as safely as a grown person, as we have but one price, and the same to all alike. An organized bill goes with every purchase, and your money back, if you want it. On next Thursday May 26th, there will be a Special Sale at the Bee Hive Store, all new goods that you need every day. We shall make it to your interest to come. A list of goods to be sold and particulars will be issued later. If you were not at our first sale, don't miss this. We do just what we advertise, if others do not. Our regular prices every day, is making the Bee Hive the attraction of the town. We have employed a number of extra sales people for next Thursday, and will promise that no one shall go away without being served. Remember the day.

**WANTED.**  
 Agents in every County, in North Carolina, for the sale of the Braham Pen, fully protected by Patent. A great convenience for all who write. Saves dipping of pen so frequently as is the case with all other pens now in use. Write for particulars now. Address, S. P. WIXON, Agent for State of North Carolina, Edenton, N. C.

**SAMPSON AND SCHLEY**

Sent Out to Destroy The Spanish Fleet.

Both American Fleets Left Key West This Morning.

The Fleets Are in Splendid Trim to Pound the Spaniards.

New York, May 21. The New York Evening Journal says they have received information that Sampson and Schley left Key West this morning at daybreak. Schley sailed westward toward Yucatan passage, and Sampson toward the Windward passage, on the eastern end of Cuba. They have orders to find Admiral Cervera's fleet and destroy them. A battle may occur tomorrow morning if Admiral Cervera has left Santiago; otherwise a battle may not occur before Monday.

Washington, May 21. It is announced that Sigsby met Admiral Sampson yesterday and delivered a large supply of coal and ammunition. An official despatch says the Oregon and Marietta are with Sampson. The Buffalo is heading for Key West for repairs.

Later—it is believed now that a naval engagement is close at hand. The New York is the only ship that returned to Key West. Sampson with the rest of his fleet is in a good position to pound the Spaniards, and has reinforced heavily.

Key West, May 21. It is known here that Sampson's plans for the capture and destruction of the Spanish fleet is complete and there is no doubt felt as to the result. It is now generally believed that Admiral Cervera is off the coast of Cuba. The exact position of Sampson cannot be made public, but there need be no occasion for anxiety about any of the American ships. There is much excitement here and the general feeling is that the expected battle will be the beginning of the end of the war. Naval officers say that Sampson's plans cannot fail, and the Spaniards cannot escape.

**CASTORIA**  
 For Infants and Children.  
 The Kind You Have Always Bought  
 Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher.*

**ST. PAUL ON FIRE.**  
 Jacksonville, May 19. Fire was discovered in the coal bunkers of the cruiser St. Paul yesterday. It was quite serious, burning several hours before it was put out. Several men were prostrated from heat. The cause of the fire is supposed to have been spontaneous combustion.

**Bagley's Successor.**  
 Washington, May 14. Ensign J. D. Lattimer, of the Naval Ordnance office, has been ordered to succeed Ensign Bagley who was killed on the Winslow at Cardenas.

**WANTED.**  
**Juniper Cooper**  
 Legs,  
 A small lot, write or call to see H. G. GREENLEAF, P. O. Box 25 Elizabeth City, N. C.

**Bread Riots Increasing.**  
 Lisbon, May 20. Bread rioting along the Spanish Portugal frontier is increasing this morning. Troops are powerless in their efforts to quell the disturbances.

**Merit Talks**  
 "Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit. When you buy Hood's Sarsaparilla, and take it according to directions, to purify your blood, or cure any of the many blood diseases, you are morally certain to receive benefit. The power to cure is there. You are not trying an experiment. It will make your blood pure, rich and nourishing, and thus drive out the germs of disease, strengthen the nerves and build up the whole system.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**  
 Is the best in fact—the One True Blood Purifier. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.  
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**The World's Favorite**  
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 Manufactured by  
**C. W. STEVENS & Co.,**  
 Elizabeth City.

**THE WEEK AT EDENTON.**

Mr. C. C. Murden, has returned home from New York.

Mr. Henry Leary, of Mantoo, was in town this week.

Mr. Will Ward, of Hertford, was in the city Wednesday.

Peter Warren left on Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives in Washington county.

A very successful revival has been in progress at the M. P. Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton, are the guest of their relatives on Broad street this week.

Mrs. John Palmer, left Wednesday for Elizabeth City, where she will spend several days.

Mr. R. Sheldon Mitchell left this week for Ashville, N. C., where he will visit his parents.

Mr. L. F. Zieler, will leave next week for Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va., for a sojourn of several weeks.

Mrs. I. G. Berry, after a short visit with relatives in Edenton, left Wednesday for her home at Washington, N. C.

The Steamer Harring was in port Wednesday, after having spent some time aground at the mouth of Roanoke River.

Rev. Jno. E. White, corresponding Secretary of the B. S. C., will preach at the Edenton Baptist church next Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Woodard has purchased a handsome Naptha Launch for cruising in the sounds.

Mr. W. S. Pendleton attended court at Tyrrell this week. There he was acting solicitor in place of Mr. W. J. Leary Sr., who was at Raleigh.

Kings comedy company will hold the boards at Rea's Opera House for one week beginning Monday, May 23. This company is producing a choice repertoire of plays and should be greeted with a full house.

**Skin Diseases Cured.**  
 For the cure of tetter, itch, eczema, erysipelas and all irritations of the skin Dr. Edmondson's Eczema Cure is the standard. Price 25 cents per bottle. Address Dr. Frank Edmondson, Atlanta, Ga.

**Coinjock.**  
 Mrs. B. F. Hoskins is on the sick list.  
 Mrs. E. G. Godwin returned home Sunday.  
 The masonic meeting was held here to day.  
 Mr. B. F. Peterson one of our best fishermen closed his business to-day.  
 Miss Bessie Welstead, left Thursday to visit her sister Mrs. Curling of Berkeley.

Mr. B. C. Kinsey, left Thursday to visit relatives in Tennessee.

Mrs. J. Overton and little son, of Brambleton, is the guest of her mother Mrs. E. O. Neal.

Miss Zejtie O. Neal who has been visiting relatives in Norfolk, has returned home.

Messrs Burfoot Garrenton and William Mercer, were in our village Wednesday.

Misses Stella Crider and Vetic Griggs both of Long Point, spent Wednesday evening in our little hamlet.

Miss Buena Dozier, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Hoskins left Saturday for E. City.

Rev. J. E. M. Davenport and Mr. J. H. Overton left Tuesday for Tyrrell to attend the association.

The Dicycle church is about completed. They will hold their union meeting and dedicate the church on the fifth Sunday.

There was a children's day held at Ebenezer church Sunday at Narrow Shore. There was quite a large crowd.

Mr. John Mercer Jr. had a very narrow escape Sunday the horse ran away breaking the buggy and throwing him and Miss Roberts in the ditch.

Messrs E. R. Johnson and W. J. Halstead, favored our village with a call Wednesday.

**Went Vote a Cent.**  
 Washington, May 20. It is confidently asserted that Congress-went vote a cent for the Parish Exposition.

E. City, 4-16, 1898.  
 Received of J. R. Hancock, Special Agent of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of N. C., full payment for loss sustained on my building. This payment was made as soon as the loss was properly reported. I am highly pleased with the management of the Farmers' mutual, and cheerfully recommend it to any one desiring insurance on their buildings.  
 Very respectfully yours,  
 MALACHI FLETCHER.

**Valuable to Women.**  
 Especially valuable to women a Brown's Iron Bitters. Backache, vanishes, headache disappears, strength takes the place of weakness, and the glow of health readily comes to the pallid cheek when this wonderful remedy is taken. For sickly children or overworked men it has no equal. No home should be without this famous remedy. Brown's Iron Bitters is sold by all dealers.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.**  
**ITEMS GATHERED HERE AND THERE**  
 BY CHARLES MORGAN.  
 SOME THINGS HE SEES AND HEARS AT POINTS WHERE WE HAVE NO REGULAR REPORTER.  
**MUMFORD.**  
 Mr. M. W. Buffkins is on the sick list this week.  
 C. H. Vann, of Mumford, spent last week in Perquimans County.  
 Willie Hinton is spending part of this week with his Graddfather, W. W. Williams.  
 Joseph Hewitt, of Rosedale, who is working in the navy yard is home on a visit.  
 George Britte, of Norfolk, is spending part of this week with relatives and friends at Mumford.  
 Samuel Williams, of Rosedale, is spending part of this week at Roper City, with his sister Mrs. John Messenger.  
 H. C. Harris, of Gilmerton Locks, Va., is spending part of this week with relatives and friends near Rosedale.  
 Thomas Temple, of Mumford, who is working on the locks, is home on a visit to relatives and friends at Mumford.  
 Thomas Williams, of Hickory, Va., is home on a visit to his relatives and friends at Mumford.  
 James Cartwright, who is working on the dredge, was in New Land last Sunday on a visit to relatives in Mumford.  
 Miss Addie Dailey, of Mumford, is visiting the family of Marshall Dailey, near pierceville, Camden County, N. C.  
 Capt. Stephen Harris who is on the vessel R. E. Bratten, is at River Bridge this week, and he will return to Newberne and then go to Philadelphia.  
 J. F. Simpson, who is representing the nursery of W. T. Hood & Co., of Richmond, Va., is in New Land this week and spent last Tuesday night with G. W. Morgan.  
 Harry Williams and Miss Maggie Goodwin, of Lake Drummond Church, spent last Saturday and Sunday nights with Miss Maggie Askew, at Mumford, and returned home Monday.

**Showboro.**  
 Mr. J. E. Bell, spent a few days in Norfolk this week.  
 Miss Alphaia Hollowell, spent Wednesday in E. City.  
 Dr. F. M. Morgan, of Berkeley, Va., was in the village a few days this week.  
 Miss Bessie Morgan, made a flying trip to E. City Wednesday.  
 Miss Lucile Simcoe came Wednesday from Norfolk to visit Miss Margaret Bell.  
 Mr. Philip Sanderson and Lillie, were in the town Tuesday last.  
 Col. Stark, of Norfolk, made a flying trip to our village on business Monday.  
 Mr. Harry Price and Mr. Hall, of Norfolk, were in our village and spent a few days this week.  
 Mr. J. B. Grandy is spending this week in Cresswell visiting his son James, who is at work in that town.  
 Four of E. City's most popular young men spent a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. J. E. C. Bells on Wednesday last.  
 Mrs. Monford Forbes and children were called over to see her sick father at Mr. R. E. Flora's Tuesday last.  
 Mr. Dennis Flora who has been quite ill with pneumonia at his sons, in this place is convalescing slowly, under Dr. W. H. Cowell's skillful treatment.  
 Mrs. Chas. E. Brewer and child left Monday for her home in Wake Forest, after spending a week at her father's, Mrs. J. E. C. Bell.  
 The "Shawboro Tennis Club" will meet next Friday night at the home of Miss Margaret Bell. All members are requested to be present.  
 Miss Margaret Bell, returned home Monday, from Norfolk where she has been attending the convention and reported a grand time. Miss Eva Russell and Miss Lela Ives both of Norfolk returned to Shawboro with her.  
 Miss Mary Shaw returned Saturday from Norfolk where she has been visiting relatives and friends and report a splendid time. DAN.

**D. E. Williams, UNDERTAKER**  
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 Having accepted the Agency at this place for the Herford Coffin Company, am prepared to furnish Coffins, Caskets and All Burial Material at Short Notice. Hearse will be furnished when desired. Prices low and orders filled promptly.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.**

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 Samuel Pitcher, M.D.  
 March 8, 1897.

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 Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which even he does not know.

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 A Tremendous Gathering of intelligent people from all parts of the country crowded our Stores day and night and went away happy with bundles under their arms.

**Glorious News to the People in the Country.**

Some Odds and Ends Left from the Reduced Lots that will give an opportunity to the belated ones. The following only a hint to the many lots that are here.

- CLOTHING.**  
 37 suits of the mixed plaids that were sold for 7.00, what's left will go for 4.67.  
 60 pairs of good pants to close at 99 cents.  
 Few of those boys suits at 67 cents to close.  
**DRY GOODS**  
 250 yards 3/4 percale to close the lot 5 cents.  
 300 yards left of the Apron Gingham will go for 3 1/2 cents  
 Few bales left of the 4-4 Bro. cottons to go at 4 cents.  
 About 400 yards 15 and 20 cent Dress Goods will close at 11 cents. Good new styles.
- Furnishings.**  
 Mens Balbrigan Shirts 19 cents Worth 40 cents.  
 16 Ribbed Gingham Umbrellas. Worth \$1.00. Our Price 69 cents.  
 Silk Neckwear 10 cents.  
 Standing or Turned Down Collars 5 cents Each.  
 Boys Base Ball Shoes 69 cent While They Last.
- NOTIONS.**  
 117 Prs. Ladies hose this lot will go at 4 1/2 cents.  
 Big lot Real 15 cent Turkish Towels to go at 9 cents.  
 119 Hammocks, will go at 29 cents.  
 Will continue the 50 cent Corsets at 37 cents.
- SHOES**  
 47 Prs. last of the big lot ladies Sandals. Sizes 3 and 4. Worth 1 50 to close at 79 cents.  
 39 Prs. Childs Sandals, at 39 cents.  
 Few small sizes in the \$1.00 Sandals to close at 47 cents.  
 Ladies Dong. Butt Shoes 1.00 kind to go at 69 cents.

Would be well for those who did not have a chance to attend our sale during our great rush, to come early as possible as the balance of the many bargains will not last long.

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