

## BLOODY BATTLE FOUGHT SUNDAY.

### Kelly-Kenny's Attack on Cronje's Laager Results in Terrible Loss of Life.

## BOMBARDING LADYSMITH.

### Boers Again Begin Shelling the Besieged Town—British Capture Fifty Prisoners from Gen. Cronje, But are Unable to Dislodge Him from His Position.

By Telegraph to The News.  
PAARDEBERG DRIFT, Tues. Feb. 20.—(Delayed in transmission.)—One of the costliest actions of the war occurred here Sunday. General Kelly-Kenny in pursuit of Cronje, caught his rear guard at Klip-Drift, and followed the Burgers to the Boers' Laager at Koodoosrand Drift.

The action began at daybreak. Mounted infantry drove the Boer rear guard up the river toward the main body, while another body of mounted infantry maneuvered on the right front and flank of the Boers. The British main body advanced to outflank the Boers at the Laager on the North bank of the river. Kelly-Kenny, having seized two drifts, found the Boers strongly entrenched and ordered an attack; with the Highland Brigade on the left, Knox's Brigade in the center and right. Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade crossed the river and advanced along the north bank.

The ground is level on both the north and south banks. The advance across the open space was deadly, and the British loss heavy. The battle was an exact replica of the Modder River battle. The soldiers were under fire all day long and all the fighting had no definite result, as the Laager was well barricaded. They remain in their position.

The British shelled the Laager vigorously. The Boers confessed to a loss of over eight hundred. The terrific shelling was resumed Monday, when Cronje asked an armistice. The shelling continued Tuesday. Over fifty guns poured lead into the Boer camp.

### SHELLING LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Boers are again bombarding Ladysmith. From Bulwana Hill and Blaauwbank they are pouring shot and shell into the city. This news surprises London, which supposed the Boers had dismounted the guns and that the relief of the town was assured.

### PROTEST AGAINST SEIZURE.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Ambassador Choate has received a dispatch from Secretary Hay, protesting against the seizure of the "Sabine," bound from New York to British ports in South Africa. Mr. Hay characterizes the seizure as unnecessary and says the British could have effectually prevented the transference of the contraband to the Boers after the cargo of the "Sabine" had been landed.

### FIFTY PRISONERS CAPTURED.

PAARDEBERG, Feb. 21.—(Wednesday.)—A Boer kopje was captured with fifty prisoners. Cronje still holds his position.

### BOERS LEAVING NATAL.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Official and press dispatches unite in the statement that the Boers are fleeing from all points in Natal. As they withdraw the Boers are shelling Ladysmith vigorously to keep White from helping Buller. Buller draws constantly nearer and his advance is watched from the town.

The Federal troops are rushing reinforcements to Cronje, who is fighting Roberts desperately around Bloemfontein.

### BOTHA'S COMMAND SCATTERED.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to the Evening News dated Paardeberg Wednesday afternoon says: Commandment Botha has been attempting to relieve Cronje. There has been severe fighting. Botha lost heavily and his command is scattered.

### THAT SAME OLD JOUBERT RUMOR.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Boer reports state that Gen. Joubert's nerves are unstrung and that he is no longer chief in command.

### SURROUND BRITISH CONSULATE.

By Telegraph to The News.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Beirut, Syria, Feb. 17th, says the Mussulmans of Sadan or Sidon have wounded the son of Shibli Abela, the British vice consul, and surrounded the consulate. Troops have been sent and the British Consul General is hastening thither.

## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

### Generally Celebrated—Dewey Day at Wheeling.

By Telegraph to The News.  
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was observed here as a strict holiday. The banks, exchanges and business houses were closed and flags were flying everywhere. Many appropriate events took place, through the weather was very unfavorable. Advice from all parts of the country show that the memory of Washington was universally honored.

### DEWEY AT WHEELING.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 22.—The weather interfered with the Dewey celebration here. But thousands of West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio people crowded the streets. Lieut. Dorrige was presented with a sword. The celebration was a great success, in spite of the weather.

## THE KENTUCKY PROTOCOL.

### Judge Field to Hear Cases Which will go at Once to Court of Appeals.

By Telegraph to The News.  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 22.—The signing of the Protocol yesterday by the attorneys of Taylor and Beckham has brought the gubernatorial contest to a point where it will be fought out on a legal basis.

Under the agreement, Judge Field, of Jefferson county circuit court, will try the injunction suits. The case will be at once taken to the State Court of Appeals, no matter which side gets the decision.

## GOLD FIND IN TEXAS.

### Grand Rush of Prospectors to the Chispa Mountains.

By Telegraph to The News.  
AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 22.—Discoveries of gold of wonderful richness have been made in the Chispa mountains, Brewster county, and great excitement prevails.

Mining Expert Russell says the ore rivals in richness and extent the new Alameda fields of California.

Prospectors are rushing to the locality. Over three hundred claims have already been located.

Present indications favor Kansas City as the place for holding the next Democratic national convention.

## JUNE SIXTH PROBABLE DATE.

### Democratic Convention Will go Either to Milwaukee, Wis., or Kansas City, Mo.

By Telegraph to The News.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The city is crowded with prominent Democrats. Most of the Democratic committeemen talk as if the silver issue will be kept to the front. They believe Bryan is stronger than he was in the last campaign.

The names most prominently mentioned for vice president are Caldwell, of Arkansas, McLean, of Ohio, Williams, of Massachusetts, and Sulzer, of New York.

The representatives of Milwaukee and Kansas City, both claim the place of holding the convention. June 16th will probably be the date.

## INSURANCE.

Major J. B. Ezell, of Columbia, representing the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Co., is in the city.

Mr. Randolph Peyton, of Richmond, Va., special agent for the Hamburg-Bremen Fire Insurance Co., arrived in the city last night. Mr. Peyton is here to adjust the loss of Mr. J. C. Garrison, of Mallard Creek, who lost his dwelling by fire a few nights since.

Mr. Jordan I. Thomas came in this morning at 4 o'clock, from Charlottesville, after an absence of several days on business for his company, the New York Underwriters Agency.

### NO TROUBLE AT THE LOUISE.

Col. W. S. Mallory, of the Louise Mill, says he is having no trouble in getting his hands to submit to vaccination. He had a talk with the employees yesterday and advised them to be vaccinated. He told them that the mill would employ a physician to do the work. But if any preferred their regular physician, he had not the slightest objection. In consequence, the health officers and police will not visit the Louise Mill.

## MR. OSBORNE RETURNS.

Hon. Frank I. Osborne returned last night from Washington, where he has been for several days. As news readers are aware, Mr. Osborne has been spoken of for a place on the Philippine commission. So far the appointment has not been made. It was reported last night that the President had about decided to name Hon. Luke B. Caldwell, of Memphis, for the position.

Messrs. Richard and Holland Springs are spending today in Lexington, visiting their sister.

## M'CABE APPEALS.

### Case Will Now Go to the Next Session of Superior Court for a Final Decision.

## TO TEST VACCINATION LAW.

### Mr. McCabe Fined \$25 for Interfering with the Health Officers—Mr. T. C. Guthrie, Counsel for Mr. McCabe, Doubts the Validity of the Law.

In Mayor McCall's court this morning, Mr. J. C. McCabe, a merchant at the Gingham mill, was tried on a warrant charging him with interfering with health officers while in the discharge of their duty. Mr. McCabe, through his attorney entered a plea of not guilty.

Dr. F. O. Hawley, the city physician was the first witness called. He stated that he went into Mr. McCabe's store yesterday morning for the purpose of purchasing a cigar. While in there he heard Mr. McCabe talking rather loud regarding the validity of the vaccination ordinance now in force. Dr. Hawley stated that Mr. McCabe said he had \$1,000 to test the law and that if he had not been vaccinated two months before he would certainly spend some money in testing. Dr. Hawley further stated that Mr. McCabe said he had a negro employed in his store who had not been vaccinated and he did not think he would be. At this juncture Dr. Hawley told Mr. McCabe that he guessed he would be vaccinated. The police who were near were called in and just as they attempted to arrest the negro, Mr. McCabe asked "if they (the officers) could take the boy without a warrant." One of the police spoke up and said this would be easy and in a few minutes produced a warrant and took the negro to the toms. When cross-examination by Mr. Guthrie, Dr. Hawley stated that he did not know Mr. McCabe and he did not think from the way McCabe spoke that he knew that he was talking to the health officer. After Dr. Hawley was examined Officers Pitts and Bradley took the stand. Both said that Mr. McCabe was not at all angry and that what he said was in bragadoocio.

Mr. McCabe had a number of witnesses in court but one each one was examined and his testimony was practically the same as the state's witnesses.

In addressing the court, Mr. Guthrie stated that he thought just such proceedings as the court had been engaged in for the past hour was an outrage on justice; that he had never in his life heard of a citizen being brought before a court on such trivial evidence; that there was absolutely no evidence before the court that his client had either interfered, obstructed or detained the officers while in the discharge of their duty. The fact that his client said he had money to spend testing the validity of the vaccination ordinance. Mr. Guthrie contended was not in violation of law; that a citizen had a right to test any law on the statute books. Mr. Guthrie further stated that Mr. McCabe was in his own house and as a citizen had a right to discuss the vaccination ordinance.

In regard to the enforcement of the vaccination ordinance, Mr. Guthrie gave it as his opinion that the law would not stand the test; that he had often times refused to make such a test because he thought all people should be vaccinated but this did not hinder him from saying that he did not think the law, as it stands, would be upheld by the courts.

After hearing the evidence and the argument by Mr. Guthrie, Mayor McCall said that of all ordinances in the city code, the vaccination ordinance had given more trouble than any other. As mayor of the city, it was his duty to see that the law was enforced regardless of consequences. As to the validity of the law, it was not any of his business but that he believed it would stand the test in the courts.

Mr. McCabe was fined \$25 and the case was appealed to the criminal court and from there will go to the superior court.

### MR. AVERY TO MISS JOHNSTON.

Friends in the city have received the following invitation:

Mrs. William H. Johnston requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Mary to

Mr. Alphonso Calhoun Avery, Jr., on Thursday afternoon, March sixth, nineteen hundred, at three o'clock.

Seven thirty-one, South Twenty-eighth street, Birmingham, Alabama.

### General Passenger Agent W. A. Turk passed through Charlotte last night en route to Washington, from Atlanta, where he has been on business for several days.

## ZWEIER--WILLIAMSON.

### An Early Morning Marriage of Much Interest.

A marriage of unusual interest was solemnized at the home of Captain John Wilkes on West Trade street this morning shortly before 9 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. W. A. Zweier and Miss Gertrude Williamson. Rev. C. L. Hoffman, Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, heard the vows and pronounced the couple man and wife.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Zweier left on the south bound train for a two weeks stay in New Orleans, where they will attend the Mardi Gras.

The marriage of this popular couple will be learned with pleasure by many. They kept their secret as only true lovers can and this announcement will be in the nature of a surprise.

The groom is a native of Lebanon, Pa. He came to Charlotte about three years ago and has been connected with the jewelry establishment of Mr. John Farrior. His profession is that of engraver and he is considered an artist of genuine ability. Since his residence in Charlotte he has by his gentlemanly ways and actions made many friends. Although retiring in manner he loves the association of friends and by these his genuine worth is the more appreciated.

The bride is one of Charlotte's best women. She has long been admired for her many beautiful traits of character. She is a finished musician, and has for some time conducted a studio of music on North Tryon street. In the new sphere that she is to occupy the heartfelt wishes of her host of friends in this city are that her married life will be one continual round of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Zweier will, on their return from the South, make their home at the Arlington hotel, for the present at least.

## MR. FURR HELD THE FORT.

### Did Not Leave When the Vaccinating Physicians Arrived.

Mr. N. F. Furr who has charge of the school at the Gingham Mill, sends the News the following card which we cheerfully publish:

To the Editor of the News:—Yesterday's News saying my school near the Gingham Mill was broken up by the vaccination scare is not exactly correct. When Dr. Hawley, with the policemen, visited my school, the little ones got scared of the police. Their minds being frustrated, they were excused for the day. One of the little girls, Lila Walsh and myself, were vaccinated last evening.

I will say that only two of my students ran as was stated last evening, and that no one leaped from the windows.

I had Dr. Hawley to visit my school this morning and all who were present were vaccinated. My school is now in session and everything is going on nicely.

N. F. FURR.

## NEW ROADS.

A road jury, in charge of Deputy Sheriff Johnston, was out yesterday laying off a road from Mrs. Mark Willson's to the upper Tuckakeese road. Another road from Williamson's store, the Mt. Holly bridge, was also laid off by the same jury.

## WILLARD MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, in their Room No. 1, Hunt Building, the W. C. T. U. will have a memorial service for Francis Willard. Every member is cordially invited to come and bring an offering to help the work. Visitors will receive a cordial welcome.

## A SHELBY MARRIAGE.

The following invitations have been received:

Mr. and Mrs. John Decatur Brevard invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Jessie, to

Mr. Harry Emmons Reid, on Wednesday afternoon, March the seventh, at five o'clock, Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

The News received to-day a copy of the minutes of the third annual meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which was held in Henderson the 11 and 12th of last October. Our thanks are due Mrs. William H. Overman, of Salisbury, for the volume which is neatly gotten up.

## A DARK CITY.

The city last night was extremely dark between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock. The severe electric storm in the early evening hours got in its work at the power house. The lights were on bright and clear shortly after 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Wood, formerly Miss Woodley, left this morning for Pomona, N. C., her home.

## COUNTY POLITICS

### Interesting Meeting Held Tuesday Night in Long Creek Township.

## THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

### Mr. J. L. Sloan Endorsed for the Legislature—Resolution Regarding the Selection of County School Teachers—Mr. Glenn for Gov. and Mr. Aycock, Lt. Gov.

At a meeting of a number of representative Democrats from Long Creek, Lemley's, Mallard Creek, Dewesse and Huntersville townships, held last Tuesday night, a number of important subjects were discussed.

Mr. A. McCoy was chairman of the meeting and Mr. W. D. Harry acted as secretary.

Before adjournment the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1st, That we recommend to the Democratic voters of this county for representative in the Legislature of North Carolina, Mr. J. Lee Sloan, of Dewesse.

For county commissioners:—A McCoy, of Long Creek and W. D. Alexander, of Mallard Creek.

Resolved 2nd, We demand that every applicant for the position of teaching in the public schools in North Carolina shall be examined by the county superintendent of education, regardless of any diploma or certificate of proficiency issued by any school, seminary or college, and that committees of public schools be enjoined from employing any person as principal or teacher in the public school who has not been examined by and received a certificate from the county superintendent of education.

Resolved 3rd, That we respectfully suggest to the Democrats of North Carolina the Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Forsyth for Governor and Hon. C. B. Aycock, of Wayne, for Lieutenant Governor.

Resolved 4th, That we demand the repeal of the present school laws and the re-enacting of the school law previous to 1895.

Resolved 5th, That we demand for Mecklenburg county the enactment of our old county government system, viz.: Government by the magistrates.

Resolved 6th, That the above resolutions be published in the county papers.

## DR. COLLIER TO SPEAK.

Rev. Dr. Collier, a retired U. S. army chaplain who has for the past fifty years been a member of the North Ohio Methodist Conference, will address the Epworth League of Trinity church to-night at 8 o'clock. Dr. Collier is spending a few days in Charlotte before continuing his trip further South.

All young people are invited to attend the meeting to-night.

## A HANDSOME FOLDER.

One of the prettiest folders of the season has been issued by the Southern railway on "Winter homes in the South." The Southern gets these folders out both winter and summer and they are always a work of art.

## MR. MCCALL ON TEMPERANCE.

Y. M. T. C., No. 1, will meet at Epworth church at 5 p. m. next Sunday. Important business will be transacted. The members are urgently asked to attend. Hon. J. D. McCall, our "dry" mayor, will address us at 5 p. m. on "Temperance in All Things." Come out and hear him.

C. E. A. BYERS.

## FOUR NEW CASES IN GREENSBORO.

A gentleman from Greensboro informs a News reporter that four new cases of smallpox were found in that city yesterday. Three of the number are negroes while the fourth is Mrs. E. K. Huff, wife of a well known citizen of that place.

## MR. HOOPER RETURNS.

Mr. C. E. Hooper, manager of the Central, returned last night from Washington, where he went on business. Last summer Mr. Hooper was in charge of the St. Cloud hotel at Asbury Park. His visit to Washington was to ascertain if he could again secure this hotel for the coming season.

## HAIL IN SARDIS SECTION.

While the rain was pouring down in Charlotte yesterday afternoon, a typical summer hail storm was in progress in the Sardis section. The hail covered the ground and at some points it was 1½ inches deep. No damage has been reported more than a few broken tree limbs.

Rev. J. Y. Adams, pastor of the Wadesboro Baptist church, is spending the day with Dr. Barron.

## AT PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE.

### Washington Day Exercises Were Interesting and Attractive.

The chapel of the Presbyterian College was well filled with "Daughters of the American Revolution" representatives of the various schools, and others interested in the patriotic occasion. The platform had been dressed with bunting, and flags were placed in every available place. The most conspicuous feature of the platform decorations was a spinning wheel, with its spindle and distaff—the insignia of the D. A. R.'s. The programme as published in yesterday's News, was carried out.

Mr. Bridges made an eloquent prayer and then America was sung by all standing.

Miss Colton, of the Presbyterian College, read the Boyhood of George Washington, after which Mr. Heriot Clark was introduced by Mr. Bridges. He made a beautiful and strong talk on the character of George Washington, closing by presenting the schools with portraits of George Washington in the following order:

First, The graded school received by Prof. Graham.

Second, Elizabeth College, received by President C. B. King.

Third, Presbyterian College, received by Rev. J. R. Bridges.

Fourth, St. Mary's Seminary. Father Francis was to receive this but was unable to attend.

Fifth, C. M. I., received by Prof. J. G. Baird.

Short talks were made by Prof. Alexander Graham, Rev. C. B. King and Rev. J. R. Bridges in accepting the pictures.

Miss Josephine Noterman, of the Presbyterian College, sang the "Star Spangled Banner" beautifully, bearing in her arms the banner as she sang.

Miss Selene Hutchison then read "The Insignia of the D. A. R.," standing as she did so by the spinning wheel of her own great-grandmother.

Mrs. Van Landingham, Vice Regent, D. A. R., then read the offer of prizes to the public school, 9th and 10th grades for historical paper.

"Carolina" was sung and then the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. King.

On the platform were the Vice Regent, Mrs. Van Landingham, Miss Colton, Miss Selene Hutchison, Miss Folt, who played the accompaniments, Mr. Heriot Clark, Revs. Messrs. Bridges, King, Prof. Alex. Graham.

## AT ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

### Washington Day Celebration was a Decided Success.

At 10:30 this morning the friends and members of Elizabeth College, met in the chapel which was tastefully decorated in flags and bunting, to celebrate the birthday of George Washington.

By way of introduction, Miss Katherine Seagle rendered an organ selection with her usual ability, after which Prof. Fritz offered prayer.

With childish grace there entered eleven little Colonial Dames with the powdered hair, beauty patches, and dainty robes of the last century, attended by a diminutive George Washington, also in appropriate costume. In song and recitation these little folks brought back the time when Washington was something more than a cherished memory—a living and loved reality.

The young folks who participated in these exercises are members of the preparatory department and are Misses Carrie Marshall Brown, Kate and Bessie Kruger, Irene Allison, Nell Watkins, Anna Freda and Bertie Dotcher, Mary King, Pauline Fisher and Master Fred Dotcher.

The entire school joined in singing with patriotic enthusiasm America, the Star Spangled Banner, and Dixie. In the intervals between the songs President King and Prof. Fisher gave addresses appropriate to the occasion.

## COL. SPERRY HEARD FROM.

Col. B. W. Sperry writes a member of the News staff from Jacksonville that his hotel—the Duval, is now filled. He opened about two weeks ago and had no trouble in filling every room. His many Charlotte friends will be glad to learn of his good luck and they will all wish that the same will continue with him through life. The Duval is one of the prettiest hotels in Jacksonville and has recently undergone many improvements.

## SMALLPOX EXPERT HERE.

Dr. L. Harrill, the smallpox expert whose home is in Statesville, was in Charlotte today en route to Reidsville, where he goes to pass on some supposed cases of smallpox. He will also visit points in Stokes county for the same purpose, before returning home.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 22.—Four houses in process of construction on Fifth Avenue, were blown down this morning in a heavy gale. The wind blew sixty miles an hour.