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PREPARATIONS GO ON

But the Preparations of a Conflict Rather than a Peace.

Lieutenants G W F Holman, Geo P B Row and A W Catlin and Boatman Jarkins arrived in Washington Saturday from Key West and had an extended conference with President McKinley and Secretary Long.

Constructor Hoover, who went to examine the condition of the armor plate with a view to furnishing testimony to the committee returned to Washington also, but no testimony antcipating the report is given out.

The preparations go actively on. The Naval Bureau has contracted for 4,500,000 pounds of brown powder, probably the largest single order for powder ever let.

Negotiations are still on for two more fine battleships, the San Martino belonging to Argentine Republic and the General O'Higgins, belonging to Chile.

A rush order has been received at the Newport, R. I., torpedo station for a full supply of torpedoes, beside a number of buoyant death dealing mines that are intended to be placed in port entrances.

The two unknown bodies found a few days ago were buried at Key West Sunday.

Spain is making a desperate effort to pacify Cuba with a very liberal system of autonomy, believing that it would simplify matters greatly between Spain and the United States.

The London Daily Mail seems to smile at the great preparations of the United States to fight so poor a foe as Spain.—Daily of 21.

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A WRITE UP.

Of Patterson's Mill By One Who Is Well Acquainted With the Place—Some Interesting Things About It.

The Patterson Manufacturing Co. has made considerable changes in their machinery in the last two months. Formerly the steam and water power were geared to the same line shaft. They have changed that now, each power having its own line shaft.

The position of all the machinery in the mill (except the spinning frames) has been changed.

The new machine that the company ordered has arrived, and is being put in place. The superintendent thinks that he will have everything in running order by the 28th inst., which we hope is correct, for we, who live in this community, want to hear the whistle and the hum of the machinery again.

The company has ginned for the community 220 bales of cotton—a great amount of which was bought by the company, and manufactured into yarn. The plan on which the gin runs is the best that we have ever been acquainted with, and hope the same plan will be continued from year to year.

It has always been thought that this section of the county is unhealthy, but from an actual residence in the community for 7 or 8 years, we are compelled to say that we have as good health as any other section. The death rate of our little town proves the truthfulness of the above assertion—only one death and that of an infant.

The tendency to vice in our town is not near as great as in the larger towns. We have no club rooms for the married men to spend their evenings, consequently they stay at home with their wives, where they ought to be, neither have we any bowling alley for the young men to learn the art of gambling.

LOOKS VERY SUSPICIOUS.

Buffalo Mills Bar Room Very Probably Broken Into—A Case of Diphtheria among Us.

Mr. H. A. Heacock, of Stanley Creek, is here today.

Letha Miller, a 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, of Forest Hill, is afflicted with diphtheria.

Rather a strange thing was found out over at Buffalo Mills Saturday night, and which is very probably a breaking up of some blind tiger business that is going on. Saturday night the people were surprised by a young man, who looked to be about twenty-two years of age, bringing a pistol on Buffalo street.

TWO RUNAWAY COUPLES.

Leave in Short Notice Saturday Night For Rock Hill To Be Married.

Concord has a splendid reputation for marrying people, but there are times when couples do not care to marry in their own town, but would rather go to a State where they can procure license without much trouble.

KINNEY GAINS

In the Suit Against the Southern Railway Company at Lexington.

Lexington, March 19.—Court adjourned this afternoon. The case that excited the most interest during this term of court was that of J. O. Kinney against the North Carolina Railroad Company. The trial took two and a half days and was completed today about two o'clock, when it was given to the jury and a recess taken for dinner.

1. Was the plaintiff injured by negligence of defendant's lessee? Answer—Yes.

2. Did the plaintiff by his negligence contribute to his injury? Answer—No.

3. Notwithstanding the contributing negligence of the plaintiff, might the injury have been avoided by reasonable care on the part of the defendant's lessee? Answer—Yes.

4. What damage has the plaintiff sustained by the reason of such injury? Answer—\$20,000.

5. Is the defendant company answerable for the negligence of the lessee company in this action? Answer—Yes.

The defendant moved for a new trial on the ground of excessive damage. Motion overruled. Defendant excepted and gave notice of appeal. Service of notice waived and appeal bond placed at \$100. The attorneys are making up the case for the Supreme court this evening.

The four first issues were excepted to by defendant and the defendant's attorneys submitted the fifth issue, which was answered by the judge.

VERDICT A VINDICATION OF ALL DISCHARGED MEN—LINES OF THE SUIT.

Statesville, March 20.—The suit of Engineer Kinney against the North Carolina Railroad, which has been on trial for three days, ended in Lexington yesterday evening. Kinney was the engineer on No. 11 on the morning of April 11, 1897, when No. 11 and No. 36 collided and killed four persons and injured several others.

Kinney was horribly scalded, maimed for life and not expected to live. But he did survive, and he and Conductor Lovell and Engineer Tomstall and Conductor Gentry, on No. 36, were all discharged by the railroad. Kinney brought suit. The lines on which the case was brought were that Kinney charged that the disaster was due to negligence in Superintendent Ryder's office, and the railroad charged the negligence on the plaintiff and his associate employees.

The jury found that Kinney was not to blame and fixed the railroad with negligence and gave Kinney a verdict for \$20,000. The verdict is a vindication of all the discharged men. The plaintiff's attorneys were B. F. Long, O. B. Watson and F. C. Robbins, and the defendant's were G. F. Bacon, Charles Price and Walter & Walter.

Is It Possible? Prof. Wright loves to see things going right, so on last Friday at noon he left right for Mecklenburg where he remained a right long time. Madam Romor says he is soon to follow right in the tracks of Dr. Crowell. This is all right Prof. Wright.—China Grove Record.

A Destructive Fire.—From the China Grove Record we take the following: "The residence of Mr. John Corriher, with all its contents was burned on last Thursday night. The fire is supposed to have originated in a defective flue. Mr. Corriher was quite severely burned while trying to save some of his household effects."

THE KLONDIKE RUSH.

Asheville Boy Advises the People to Steer Clear of It.

That all that glitters is not from the Klondike is shown by a letter to a member of the Citizen staff from El F. Baird, of Asheville, who recently went to Seattle with the purpose of making that city his home. Mr. Baird says:

"There is one thing I can say with great sincerity, and that is the Klondike excitement and reports are a fake, started by the transportation companies and merchants in Seattle. It was reported in the evening paper here today that a \$200,000 in gold was found with the pleasure of having an interview with this party, and they say the paper has exaggerated and misrepresented the facts. They say they have come back with some gold, but would not say how much. A victim of the Klondike landed at Skagway a few days ago without a dollar in his pocket. The transportation company offered to give him free passage to Seattle provided he would substantiate the report they would make about him in the paper. He agreed to do this, and it was reported in the papers that he brought back \$15,000. So you see you can't believe everything you see in the papers."

"W. A. Boyce, after investigating the matter, has decided not to go to Klondike. It is very probable that W. L. Ketchum and another party from North Carolina will go."

"I hope no more of our good townsmen will be caught by the gold fever. Ed Hunt is still out on the Yukon. The boat he is on is frozen in 60 miles from St. Michael's. If you hear of any one thinking of going to the gold fields tell them to stay at home. There is no place like Asheville."—Asheville Citizen.

KEEP THIS BEFORE YOU: WEDNESDAY : and : THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH AND 31ST, BIG OPENING AT

H. F. Parks & Co.

We are taking stock but we are selling Furniture as cheap as ever.

Thanking our friends for past patronage

Yours BELL, HARRIS & CO.

Notice. WANTED :—5,000 bushels wheat within the next sixty days. Highest cash price paid for same. Don't sell until you consult me, either in person or by correspondence. Fenix Flour Mills, G. T. Crowell, Prop. d26 w421

CONCORD LODGE of KNIGHTS of HONOR. Meets on the second Friday evening of each month. Hall in the rear of Dr. W. C. Houston's Dental room. This lodge has paid to the families of its deceased members twenty thousand dollars since its organization. The Knights of Honor is now in its twenty-fifth year of existence, and has disbursed up to the 14th of January, 1908, more than sixty-one millions of dollars to the families of its deceased members in that time. For further information call on N. D. FETZER or R. L. CRAVEN.

WANTED.—Raw Egg—such as Skunk, Muskrat, Otter, Mink, Raccoon, Opossum, etc., by the PROVINCE FUR CO., Providence, R. I. Buying agents wanted. d23 3m

MONEY made easy Manufacturing Rubber stamps, and for Price List of Outfit to E. F. W. Durman Co., 321 E. Fayette St., Baltimore, Md., U.S.A. Catalogue free.

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SPRING MILLINERY

Fresh from the Skilled designers of the World.

This department is under the supervision of Miss Mary McKnight, who with much experience has become an artist of reputation in her profession. From a lady's point of view the most interesting and probably the most perfect approach to life of all that is borrowed from nature, is that important item of millinery, the artificial flower. From violet to rose, from stem to foliage, may be found the stamp of man's ingenuity and skill. The tint of every petal this season almost breathes forth fragrance of nature. Then comes straw in all its beauty, which with the advanced stage of manufacturing this season accords a place to the millinery straw materials well up in the front ranks of perfection. So great is the variety and so exquisite are the colorings that we leave it to personal inspection for anything more than to merely intimate that the real element of beauty surpassed the efforts of all previous seasons.

Ribbons of the Season. Whatever may be said of that important adjunct of a woman's wardrobe—THE SPRING HAT—Ribbons occupy a prominent part in its ornamentation. The manufacturer, coloring artist and the milliner both French and American have all worked out amazing conceptions this season.

The trimmer's restrictions are none save to create the most artistic effects. As the Easter season comes closer and closer each day, we call your special attention to our line of KID GLOVES in all the appropriate colorings. Vestings and Infants' lawn caps, from the cheapest to the very best, find conspicuous places in this department.

THE 30th AND 31st OF MARCH, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, We will have our grand opening, showing all the latest novelties in this dress goods, lace, handkerchiefs, belts, furs, etc., etc.

Everything will be in keeping with the Easter season. This is the reason for new life and new ideas. Wake up from your winter's sleep and pay us a visit on our opening days.

Of course we will be crowded, but ample help will be rendered to show you the different departments. We will add, that while our millinery is way up in style and quality, the PRICE will be in moderation with the times.

Corn responds readily to proper fertilization. Larger crops, fuller ears and larger grain are sure to result from a liberal use of fertilizers containing at least 7% actual

Potash Our books are free to farmers. GERMAN KALI WORKS, 22 Nassau St., New York.

Yorke Wadsworth & Company Dealers in all kinds of Hardware, Builders Supplies, Buggies and Geo. E. Nisson Wagons and Fertilizers.

Notice! We want all the wheat we can get for the next 75 days, and will pay highest cash prices for it, and probably after the 75 days we will still be wanting. Call at our office next door to post office. CALVERTS ROLLER MILLS, d&w 21 per J Q Lippard.

FOR SALE. One large lot on Young Avenue. Two vacant lots on Bell Avenue. One house and lot on Bell Avenue. Terms liberal. Call on Geo. M. Lore or Elam King, of Concord, or address H. M. White & Sons, Charlotte, N. C.

VIGOREMEN. Easily, Quickly, Permanently Restored MAGNETIC NERVINE. In sold with a written guarantee. For weakness, exhaustion, loss of vitality, nervous debility, loss of vitality, general weakness, falling memory, the result of overwork, worry, overeating, excess of youth or over-indulgence. Price 50c and \$1.00. Free 10c. For quick, reliable and lasting results in Sexual Debility, Impotence, Nervous Exhaustion, and Loss of Vitality, the YELLOW LABEL SPECIAL—double strength—will give strength and tone to every part and effect a permanent cure. Cheapest and best. See Price 50c by mail. FREE—A bottle of the famous Japanese Liver Purifier will be given with a 5c box of more of Magnetic Nerve Tonic. Sold only by

NERVOUS Troubles are due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and NERVE TONIC.