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CAKE WALK

By Daughters of the Confederacy for Banner for the Veterans-Three Prizes offered.

The "Cake Walk," given by the "Daughters of the Confederacy," will be held at Caton's Hall next Thursday night, April 28. The object of the entertainment is to raise funds to purchase a banner for the Confederate camp at this place.

The ladies guarantee you an evening of genuine enjoyment. All are invited and expected to walk for the cake.

Three sets of twelve couples in full evening dress will lead the march, one at the time.

There will be three prizes awarded. First for the most graceful walker, a handsomely decorated cake.

Second prize to next best walker, a smaller cake.

Booby prize. The ladies reserve this as a secret prize.

Appropriate music will be rendered by the very best voices of the city.

Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

The walking will commence promptly at 8.30 o'clock and all couples are requested to be in readiness. The judges for awarding the prizes are as follows:

Misses J. M. Odell, P. B. Fetzer and Rev. C. B. Miller.

In naming one of the new navy vessels the "Dixie," the Secretary of the Navy has given further official evidence of the drawing together of the bonds of the union between the North and the South, which cannot fail to please citizens of all sections of the country.

No one doubts that if necessity shall arise the "Dixie" will give a good account of herself.—New York Herald.

A Spaniard for a Cup of Coffee.

One of the soldiers that passed through this morning on the troop trains was heard in conversation with an engineer at the Southern depot. He said to the engineer: "If you will give me a cup of hot water to make some coffee, I will bring you a Spaniard to pay for it when we come back."—Charlotte News.

A Michigan man has in his possession a piece of hard-tack issued as a part of the rations of the regiment in which he served during the civil war. Though thirty-three years old, the biscuit is said to be in an excellent state of preservation.—Home Visitor.

Land Sale For Taxes.

As Sheriff of Cabarrus county and by order of the board of commissioners of said county, delivered to me on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1897, and by authority of Section 51, of laws of North Carolina, 1897, Chapter 169, I will sell at the court house door in Concord, N. C., on Monday, the 2nd day of May, A. D. 1898, the following tracts or parcels of land in said county for the taxes due thereon, viz: 1.

- No. 1. 100 acres Rocky River C A Black owner \$13 36
- 31 acres Reedy Creek Zeb M Johnston owner 1 82
- No. 2. 36 acres Rocky River N M Sims owner 1 76
- 30 acres Coddle Creek Eliza Glass owner 2 78
- No. 3. 12 acres L Sapp, John R Barringer owner 58
- 14 acres Snow land, Joz, M Barnhardt owner 1 40
- 8 acres John Barnhardt, C C Barringer owner 42
- 9 acres Cook and Scott, Billy Cook heirs owner, 1892-1897 2 55
- 27 acres W C Coleman, Geo. M Walter agt, C Boat owner 1 25
- No. 4. 10 acres Buffalo creek Jacob Peacock heirs owner 35
- No. 5. 1/2 acre Reidsville Joe Barrier owner 24
- No. 6. 41 acres M Jane Farr owner double tax 6 84
- No. 7. 165 acres Pioneer Mills, E C Black owner 8 83
- 62 acres Rocky River Mary J Hartsell owner 1 05
- 2 1/2 acres G A Norvell owner double tax 5 11
- No. 8. 1/2 acre Will McDonald, Joe Alexander owner for '96 and '97 3 01
- 1/2 acre Hill and Fetzer, Esaw Bradshaw owner No. 12 33
- 1 town lot J A Cline, Dr. J Y Fitzgerald owner Ward 3. 6 16
- 1 town lot, Depot street Nat Harris owner 5 00

PASSED THROUGH.

Soldiers Passing All Night From 2 o'clock—Running Near Each Other But at a Slow Rate of Speed—The Soldiers All Gay.

As had been reported, the soldiers were taken through Wednesday night after midnight. Unlike many would think, the trains were running at a slow rate of speed on account of their load of ammunition that they were carrying.

The first train passed through at 2:16 o'clock, and from that time on they were running very near to each other, one having to wait here on account of close time.

The cars which contained the soldiers had guards on the outside of each door, and the officer of the day and his sentinel were just inside of the door. After saluting the guard and officer the writer was admitted and engaged in conversation.

The soldiers all had off their coats. They wore the regulation hat and each one wore a belt which contained a pistol on each side and his belt contained about three hundred cartridges. Their rifles were at their side and also their haversacks and canteens. They informed us that their haversacks contained victuals enough to last them three days.

The first train arrived at 2:16 this morning and contained 9 cars—4 containing ammunition, 2 cars of horses, 2 flat cars with 4 Gatling guns on each one, also one ambulance wagon and one passenger car with no men in it. This train did not stop.

The second train passed at 3:27, containing 9 coaches running very slow but did not stop. All were asleep.

The third one came at 3:40 and stayed until 3:45. This train had the Ninth Infantry of New York. This train the writer went through. There were 8 coaches and contained 240 men and officers. All were awake and were feeling very gay. One of the guards at the door asked the writer if this wasn't the "hot State," to which we at once answered that it was. We were then asked by him if we would be with them in the conflict, to which we answered emphatically in the affirmative.

The fourth train passed at 4:44. This train had 9 cars—of horses, 3 flat cars with four guns on each and one passenger coach. This train did not stop and was running faster than No. 1, 2 and 3. There were 12 cars on this train.

The fifth train arrived at 5:05, but did not stop. It had 8 coaches and all contained soldiers. All were awake and were eating breakfast. The coaches all were white. This train was going so slow that one could easily have gotten on and off anywhere. It was about daylight.

The sixth and last train arrived at 5:23, which contained 9 coaches and all were full of soldiers, but the train did not stop. All of the soldiers were awake and were eating their breakfast. The steps of the cars even were full, and many of them were standing on the platform.

As a salute to the liberty-loving soldiers Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, the express manager, and Policeman Boat fired their pistols ten times. This brought a multitude of cheers from the companies and an answering salute the whistles on the engine was used.

The monument accepted. The monument committee yesterday accepted the monument, and Mr. Gault left last night for Baltimore. The committee was pleased he was pleased, and everybody was pleased. The monument is in perfect taste. It is a beauty.—Charlotte Observer of 21.

An Entertaining Democrat. There are few men more wide awake and enterprising than P B Fetzer, who spares no pains to secure the best of everything in his line for his many customers. They now have the valuable agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. This is the wonderful remedy that is producing such a furor all over the country by its many startling cures. It absolutely cures Asthma, Bronchitis, hoarseness and all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs. Call at above drug store and get a trial bottle free or a regular size for 50 cents and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Populist Primaries Called. Chairman Morrison Caldwell has called the Populist primaries to be held on Saturday, April 30th, at 2 p. m., at their respective voting places to select delegates for the Populist convention, which will be held at Concord, May 7th. Their invitation reads as follows: "All persons who earnestly favor financial reform and sincerely oppose trusts and monopolies are cordially invited to participate in these primaries."

Getting Better. After Having a Cataract Removed from His Eye—Will Very Probably Be Able to Do Farm Work. A negro named Cris Boger, who went blind and who was taken to our county home some months ago is now at Charlotte, where the county sent him to have a cataract removed from his eye by Dr. Wakefield.

A letter this (Thursday) morning from Charlotte to Attorney Morrison Caldwell says that the cataract was removed on the 11th and that the eye is now free from inflammation. He says he has found what is called a capsular cataract which hangs like a dark, thick veil before his vision. This will be removed in a few days. Dr. Wakefield also states that he thinks his vision will be remedied enough that he may resume farm work when it is finished. Quite a while ago Cris told some of the officers of the county that if they had his vision restored to him he would be perfectly willing to work at the county home as a regular hand to pay for his expense and feel under many obligations to them. This will, too, save the county from the expense of keeping him as in the past.

Change in Footgear. What a change has come over the character of our footgear in about the last eight years! Twenty years ago the use of patent leather shoes was confined to young men of the "jakey" order, and they only wore them on Sundays when they paraded the sidewalks of Kensington and Southward. Walnut, Spruce and Pine streets looked upon them with horror. Now days they are the mode, and sensibly so, because they are easily cleaned and brightened and can readily be made presentable even on a rainy, muddy day. Ten years ago he who would have predicted the reign of the russet shoes might have been in danger of incarceration in an asylum for the insane. It came in vogue with the negligence shirt, and now both are with us to stay during the spring and summer months, and the bright-colored shoes are even making strong inroads as acceptable foot covering in fall and winter.—Philadelphia Times.

ARRESTED BUT RELEASED.

Two Young Men Taken Off of the Northbound Vestibule—Paid Out by the City.

A few minutes before No. 36, the northbound fast mail arrived this (Thursday) morning a telegram was received by Policeman Boat to catch two young men that were beating on that train.

The train came and so did the young men. The train went on but they were tried before Mag. Pitts.

Of course they were found guilty and were sentenced to the chain gang for thirty days. They having no friends, they had prepared to be taken to the chain gang but the people that attended the trial made up the costs among themselves and paid them out.

Their names were given as J W Posey, of Danville, Va., and J J Coffield, of Newcastle, Delaware. Coffield had a letter in his pocket, and the writer read it, in which the captain of Company "H" of Newcastle, Del., says for him to come home as he is expecting their company to be called out. Coffield says he is a druggist by profession, Posey is a cotton mill operative and says he knows a man named Bob Brown, who formerly worked here. Coffield, we think, gained the sympathy of the people much more than Posey but one could not pay one out without the other.

A Newspaper Man. News comes directly from Albemarle that Mr. Charlie Craven, a brother of our townsman, Mr. John Craven, and one of the firm here, but who has lately been at Albemarle in copartnership with Mr. Marshall Crowell, is now editor of the Stanly Enterprise. The trade was closed on Wednesday.

Mr. Rufus Crowell, the former editor of the Stanly Enterprise, has bought Mr. Craven's part in the store of Crowell & Craven, and the firm now stands as Crowell & Crowell. Or, in other words, Messrs. Charlie Craven and Rufus Crowell have exchanged trades.

Editor Craven, THE STANDARD wishes to extend to you its most hearty congratulations before entering well upon your new field and may it be unlike most of newspaper men—that is that you will always have copy on the book and money in the cash drawer.

It is entirely in order to say to the retiring editor, Brother Crowell, that we are sorry to lose him from the social circle. While we have had our little tilts in friendliness, we shall ever hold him in high esteem and personal good will. Here's to his success in his new enterprise.

A Wall Street Regiment. Washington E Conner, broker for Jay Gould in conjunction with Theodore W Myers, ex-Comptroller of New York, and one of the most influential brokers in the "street," has formed a regiment made up entirely of Wall street men, and offers it to the government.

Already \$100,000 is pledged for the use of the regiment, and 1,042 men, comprising bankers, brokers and clerks, are ready to put on a blue uniform and carry rifles or swords into battle. It is intended to put the regiment in the field fully equipped and officered.—New York Dispatch, 17th.

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GRAVE AS CAN BE.

Colo Takes His Passport—Woodford to Leave Havana Firm—The Queen Regent Inspiring No Hope of Peace—Activity Unabated.

There is no break in the war cloud. As announced Wednesday the President signed the resolutions and with it he transmitted to the Spanish minister a copy of his ultimatum, whereupon the department of State received the following: Legation de Espana, Washington, April 20, 1898.

Mr. Secretary: The resolution adopted by the Congress of the United States of America and approved today by the President, is of such a nature that my permanence in Washington becomes impossible and obliges me to request you the delivery of my passports. The protection of the Spanish in Washington will be entrusted to the French ambassador and to the Austrian-Hungarian minister. On this occasion very painful to me, I have the honor to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

LUIS POLO Y BERNABE, To John Sherman, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

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Bodies recovered—Officers, 1; sailors and marines, 177; died from injuries, 5; total, 186.

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Number of bodies not recovered, officers, 1; enlisted men and marines, 73; total, 74.

The work of recovery, says the report, was continued until April 6, when the wrecking tugs were withdrawn, and nothing is known, and the last bodies reported as recovered were sent to Key West on March 30. No estimate has been made of the parts of bodies which were recovered and buried.—Greenville Reflector.

Handsome Residence. Mr. John W Glover has given the contract to J M Burrage for the erection of a \$1,500 house on the corner of Long and Fisher streets. The contract was given this week and work on the house will begin soon.—Salisbury Sun.

Honey Production. A remarkable statement concerning the production of honey in this country is made by Edward Simmons, of West Virginia, an expert apiarist. He says: "It is a curious thing that in the Southern States the percentage of honey-comb is greater than in the North. Arkansas, for instance, produces 1,100,000 pounds of honey and 24,000 pounds of wax, while Minnesota's yield is 1,100,000 pounds of wax. North Carolina makes a third less honey than Wisconsin and three times as much wax.—Exchange.

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A HOMICIDE.

At New London in Which Mr. Napier, the Manager of the Cordage Factory Was Shot Five Times in the Breast.

At about 1.30 o'clock this (Thursday) evening at New London the sad news comes to us that a young man named James Frank Spence shot Mr. Napier, the manager of the Tucker Carter Rope Co's factory at that place.

Mr. Pence, it seems, had been working for Mr. Napier and for some reason asked for a settlement. The difficulty arose from this demand and as a result Pence fired five times with a pistol on Mr. Napier, each shot taking effect in his breast. At this time Mr. Napier was still living.

After the affair Pence made his escape and came towards Concord. Chief of Police Boger was notified at an early hour.

Pence is a young man about 23 years of age and of medium height. He has a dark mustache and has on a black suit and a blue speckled shirt.

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FIRE ALARMS.

Given Thursday Night and Friday Morning—No Damage With One But a Loss in the Other.

About 8 o'clock Thursday night the fire alarm was given and in a short while the people in the business part of the town were running to and fro. The fire was found to be at the residence of Rev. W C Alexander on West Depot street.

The fire was caused by one of the children knocking the lamp off of the table. The oil ran out on the floor and caught fire. An effort was made at once to smother out the flames with some bed clothes. But not until some water was brought did they succeed in quelling the flames.

No damage was done except the burning of some of the carpet and also some books that had fallen from a shelf.

The people turned out in large crowds. The reel and hose turned out but was not needed.

About 8 o'clock this morning the fire alarm was again given and in looking out one could see quite a black smoke arising, but a considerable distance off.

The fire was found to be at the barn of Mr. Wallace Cook, beyond Forest Hill on the Beatty's Ford road, and on the suburbs of our town.

Before the fire-excited crowd could reach the place the barn was past control and the work now to be done was the saving of the residence of Mr. Cook. The citizens worked faithfully and succeeded in keeping water poured on the house and saved the building.

When the fire started several hogs were in the barn lot, but no stock was in the barn. The immense heat from the fire caused the hogs to squeal considerably, but they were soon rescued. It was reported that one of the horses had burnt, but was false.

Mr. Cook had insurance on both his crib and barn, both of which were totally consumed. The insurance on his stock and all of his buildings amounted to \$1,200.

Both fire companies turned out, but too late to offer any assistance.

There is a report that some children were about the barn with fire, though it is hardly thought that this is true. Mr. Cook has no idea in the least how the fire originated, and at the time the alarm was given he was on his way down street.

A tolerably good amount of roughness, one buggy, four pairs of double harness and a considerable amount of cotton seed were burned also.

—Daily of 23rd.

MR. GARY RESIGNS. Health the Only Reason. Postmaster General Gary has resigned his place in the Cabinet, but it is not from discord on the President's foreign policy, as at first reported. It was purely on account of broken down health. He had prepared the President's mind before and withheld the resignation till the President found a successor in Mr. Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia. Mr. Smith's nomination was confirmed Thursday by the Senate.

MR. NAPIER MAY LIVE. The Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says that a successful surgical operation was performed on Mr. Napier at New London Thursday evening and the pistol balls were removed. It is now hoped that Mr. Napier will recover. Pence was caught by R M Eames, Jr., and a small party near Buffalo Creek, in Cabarrus, at 5.30 o'clock. He made no resistance.

It seems Pence was working in the cordage factory and concluded to quit work. He demanded settlement, when Mr. Napier informed him that he would be paid on pay day. Pence became enraged and went to shooting shot after shot into the breast of Mr. Napier.

Pence is said to be a very worthless character.

MR. REUBEN CROSS DEAD. Mr. Alfred Klutz, of Cannonville, has returned from near China Grove, where he attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Reuben Cross, who died on the morning of Tuesday, the 19th, and was buried on the following day. Mrs. Cross had reached the ripe old age of 74 years. Mr. Klutz's father, who now lives in Rowan county, is the only one left of the family of six.

WE NOW HAVE WAR.

TROOPS SAIL FOR CUBA—THE FLEET BLOCKADES THE CUBAN PORTS.

The Spanish Fleet Moving—The Oregon in Danger—100,000 Troops to Be Called Out—Spain in Fighting Temper.

A condition of war exists between the United States and Spain as surely as if the cannons were booming, and indeed they may be doing so, when this is being read.

The first step taken by the United States is to blockade Cuba at once. If the Spanish fleet should attempt to relieve General Blanco there will be a battle royal. The Spanish fleet is said to have left the Cape Verde Islands. Its objective point is not known. The Oregon is on its way from the Pacific to the Atlantic. No little solicitude is felt for her. Should she be intercepted and destroyed it will be a severe blow to start with, and Spain would rejoice over two instead of one.

The war department, it is said, intends to concentrate 80,000 troops at the gulf ports to be transported to Cuba.

A call for 100,000 volunteers will probably be made.

Spain's temper is at earnest fighting heat and Gen. Blanco has made a ringing appeal to the Spanish in Cuba, declaring that Cuba, shall never be anything but Spanish; that Spain's right can never be trumped upon by a nation of "nobodies."

Minister Woodford was not discourteously treated as he left Madrid Thursday.

THE WAR DATED. From April 21st—One Thousand Troops Captured—A Running Battle Reported—Fire Shot for Shot.

The war with Spain dates from the 21st.

The first day of actual operations gives keen satisfaction to Americans.

The New York captured the Spanish ship Alphonso XII on its way from Barcelona, Spain to Cuba, with 1,000 troops aboard.

The Nashville also soon after leaving Key West for the Cuban blockade espied and overhauled Buena Ventura, a Spanish vessel from Cuba to the gulf coast to load at Pensacola for Holland. She becomes a prize. She had a crew of 28.

The Oregon, accompanied by the Marietta, left Valparaiso on last Monday for Montevideo. The Spanish torpedo boat Tamarario, has been at Buonos Ayres and it is said has gone out to attack them. Destruction is a game, though, that she may be the loser by the attack.

The captain of a British vessel arriving at Galveston Friday says the Spanish flotilla is delaying time and is not anxious to meet the American squadron.

A running battle is reported by telegram from Jacksonville Fla., Friday in which an American monitor was chasing a Spanish gunboat conveying a coal transport. The firing was returned shot for shot and is said to have been a thrilling scene.

President McKinley has issued his proclamation announcing a blockade of the Cuban parts in possession of the Spanish.

The call for North Carolina's troops is expected at any time.

THIEVES ABOUT. Stole Corn from Mrs. George M. Walter's Farm—About Thirty Bushels. News comes to us this (Saturday) morning that thieves entered the barn on the farm of Mrs. George M. Walter, in No. 5 township, Friday night and stole twenty-five or thirty bushels of corn in the ear.

Mr. Zeb Walter, son of Mrs. Walter, lives at the place and was at home, but the barn is a considerable distance from the house, and he did not hear any one during the night.

About 3 o'clock that night, as Mr. Anthony Boat was returning to his home on East Depot street, he saw two wagons coming up the street from out in that direction, and thinking it something unusual for two wagons to be travelling at this hour of the night, he followed them a short distance to where they passed an electric light, and they had something in sacks in their wagons which one might suppose is corn. Mr. Charlie Sappenfeld also heard them pass his house on East Corbin street. Besides, a negro beyond the depot head two wagons pass about the same time also.

The thieves have not yet been caught.

The Standard.

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SCHEDULE SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

In Effect Mar. 1, 1898. This condensed schedule is published as information, and is subject to change without notice to the public:

Trains Leave Concord, N. C. 9:25 p. m.—No. 35 daily for Atlanta and Charlotte and all points South and South west. Carries through Pullman dining-room buffet sleepers between New York, Washington, Atlanta, New Orleans, Savannah and Jacksonville. Also Pullman sleeper, Charlotte to Norfolk to Greensboro and Castanovia.

8:40 a. m.—No. 37, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibule limited for Atlanta, New York, Memphis, Montgomery, Mobile and New Orleans, and all points South and Southwest. Through Pullman sleeper New York to New Orleans and New York to Memphis. Dining car, vestibule coach, between Washington and Atlanta, Pullman tourist car for San Francisco, Wednesday and Sunday. Richmond, Washington, Goldsboro, Selma, Raleigh, Greensboro, Knoxville and Asheville to Charlotte, N. C.

10:20 a. m.—No. 11, daily, for Atlanta and all points South. Solid train, Richmond to Atlanta: Pullman sleeping car, Richmond to Augusta and Norfolk to Greensboro. 10:58 a. m.—No. 36, daily, for Washington, Richmond, Raleigh and all points North. Carries Pullman dining-room buffet sleeper, New Orleans to New York; Jacksonville to New York; Chattanooga & Salisbury to New York. Pullman tourist cars from San Francisco Thursday.

8:53 p. m.—No. 38, daily, Washington and Southwestern vestibule limited, for Washington and all points North. Through Pullman car, Memphis to New York; New Orleans to New York; Tampa to New York, Augusta to Richmond. Also carries vestibule coach and dining car. 7:08 p. m.—No. 12, daily, for Richmond, Asheville, Chattanooga, Raleigh, Norfolk, and all points North. Carries Pullman sleeping car from Greensboro to Richmond and Greensboro to Norfolk via Raleigh and Salisbury.

6:27 a. m.—No. 8, daily, for Richmond; connects at Greensboro for Raleigh and Goldsboro; at Danville for Washington and points North; at Salisbury for Asheville, Knoxville and points West.

First sections of regular through or local freight trains carry passengers only to points where they stop according to schedule.

JOHN M. CULP, W. A. TUCK, Traffic Mgr., Gen'l Pass. Ag't, FRANK S. GANSON, Washington, D. C. Third Vice President, and Gen'l Manager, Washington, D. C.

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