

War is Practically a Reality.

The situation in South Africa is that of war in all the essentials, but those of actual carnage which will follow quickly unless studiously avoided for more time to get ready. The reply to the Boer ultimatum was to the effect that Great Britain could not even discuss the terms. The English diplomat has taken his passports and bidden adieu to the Transvaal. That government has advanced its troops into Natal. The British also are moving to the front. Seizures of trains, etc., mark also the beginning of hostile acts. There will probably be efforts at up-rising in Natal and Cape Colony according to indications now, and all the indications point to a fierce contest.

University Railroad to pay \$2500.

The jury in the Durham court gave a verdict for \$2500 damage to L. J. Andrews who, as administrator of his son C. M. Andrews, sued the University Railroad for the killing of the deceased. Though the suit was entered for a very much larger amount both parties to the suit seem disposed to abide by the decision of the jury without further litigation.

Vermont Honors Her Son.

The Dewey reception in his native state was quite enthusiastic and demonstrative. At Montpelier he received a gold medal given him by the state. At night there was a grand display of fireworks including a bonfire whose flames reached 100 feet high and cast its light thirty miles around.

COURT CALENDAR.

At a meeting of the members of the Concord Bar held the 4th day of Oct., 1899, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, it was agreed that all cases be continued, except the following:

On Thursday Oct. 19, 1899.
No. 18—J. S. Lafferty vs. Joseph Yonag, Executor et al.
No. 19—D. L. Bradford vs. J. R. Wallace.
No. 22—E. M. Morris & Son vs. Hammet Montgomery.
No. 24—Sol Levy vs. E. R. Motley.
No. 26—Nellie Koonce vs. Edward Koonce.

On Friday Oct. 20, 1899.
No. 11—M. Oglesby vs. W. W. Burleyson, Administrator.
None of the cases will be called before Thursday, and the above case of M. Oglesby vs. W. W. Burleyson will not be called before Friday.

J. M. Cook,
Clerk Superior Court.

Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of authority vested in me by a Deed in Trust or Mortgage, executed by J. A. Smith, of the County of Cabarrus, in the State of North Carolina, on the 19th day of December, 1887, which Mortgage or Deed in Trust is duly recorded in Register's office for Cabarrus county, in Book No. 3, pages 558 and 559, I will sell at public auction at the court house door in Concord, N. C., on the 28th day of October, 1899, to the highest bidder, for cash, said J. A. Smith's entire interest in his father's real estate located in No. 9 township, being by will one-ninth of Mathias Smith, deceased, entire real estate, supposed to be about one hundred acres. (Since the execution of this mortgage the interest of John A. Smith has been set apart by notes and bonds and is known as lot No. 5) and is bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone by a dogwood and corner of lot No. 4 and runs S. 82° E. W. 200 feet to a stone and white rock, Horns corner, then with his line S. 20° W. 102 feet to a stone on the south edge of the great road, then S. 82° E. W. 200 feet to a stone as follows: lot N. 34, W. 27 feet to a stone in the road, then S. 21° W. 53 feet to a stone on the south edge of the road by E. O. W. 200 feet to a stone corner, then 3rd line on road N. 30° W. 24 feet to a small white oak on the north edge of the road, then a dividing line, N. 52° E. W. 100 feet to a dividing line, containing 56 acres, more or less.

Title to said property is supposed to be good, but the purchaser takes such title as is authorized to convey in said mortgage.

E. Bost, Trustee.
This 27th day of Sept., 1899.

Farm For Sale.

In pursuance of a judgment and decree of sale duly rendered in the Superior Court of Cabarrus county, in the case of J. O. Query et al. ex parte, the undersigned will sell at public auction at the court house door in the town of Concord, N. C., on Monday, November 6th, 1899, at 12 o'clock M., the following tract of land in No. 4 township, bounded as follows: Beginning at a E. O. in the lane, Andrew corner and runs with Andrew line S. 6° E. 35 poles to the oak in the lane then S. 11° E. 24 poles to a black jack in the lane, then S. 46° E. 50 poles to stake in lane, Phillips corner, then with his line S. 14° E. 35 poles to highway, Phillips corner, then with Phillips and King line E. 120 poles to a post-oak, King's corner, then N. 25 poles to highway on Morgan's line, then with it W. 20 poles to a stake by an old road, Morgan corner, then N. 20° W. 175 poles to Morgan's with Harris' line to a B. J. Andrew's corner, then with Andrew's S. 25° W. 76 poles to a B. J. by the side of a glide, then S. 3° E. 50 poles to a B. J. saying, then S. 20° W. 20 poles to the beginning, containing 100 acres, more or less. Terms of sale: One-half cash, balance payable 12 months after date. Title reserved till purchase money is paid in full.

Jas. P. Morrison, Com'r.
Concord, N. C. Oct. 5, 1899.
Caldwell & Buckley, Att'ys.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having been duly qualified as administrator of the estate of Martha Ann Denton, I hereby give notice that all persons indebted to said estate must present the same for payment on or before Sept. 15, 1900 or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery.

R. E. Harris, Administrator.
Sept. 15, 1899.

Town Destroyed and 4,000 People Killed by an Earthquake.

Amsterdam, Oct. 12.—A dispatch to the Handelsblad, from Batavia, capital of the Netherlands Indies, Java, says that a violent earthquake has visited the south side of the island of Ceram, next to the largest of the islands, between Borneo and Papua, completely destroying the town of Amheid and killing, it is estimated, some 4,000 people, as well as injuring some 500 others. The dispatch says that details of the disaster have not yet been obtained.

Change at Niagara Falls.

By a fall of rock which occurred recently, just when nobody seems to know, the Horseshoe Falls has been restored to a more symmetrical shape and to the form from which it derived its name. This condition was discovered by an old man by the name of Pitts, who called the attention of others to it, and all agree that the change had occurred in the contour of the waterfall. Of late years the falls has been quite "V" shaped, destroying much of the natural beauty by forcing a large amount of the water to flow over the centre, instead of being evenly distributed, and thus contributing to the symmetry of the falls. However, this latest fall of rock has had the effect of restoring the horseshoe shape to the falls and greatly increasing the beauty of its line.

The fall of rock will interest scientific men and others who have made a study of the falls. In a paper on the duration of the falls, Prof. Spencer has said that from 1842 to 1890, 275,000,000,000 square feet fell away. In 1819 the of the crest Horseshoe Falls was very acute.

Lesson to Register.

A pretty little story is told by the Evening Memphis Scimitar teaching a lesson to have about you the means of identity. In the early days when Fayette county was sparsely settled a man was found dead by a creek some distance from Mr. Hall's hotel. On examination and inquest it was found that he died of natural causes and had \$25,000 with him. No clue to his identity could be obtained. The money was turned over to the county trustees and put on interest. Twenty-one years afterward there came along a man of 27 years and stopped at the Hall hotel. The proprietor urged him to register, saying it would help to trace him if occasion required and told him the story of the dead man with the \$25,000. The young man had been striving all these years to find out something of his lost father and here was the clue. He proved to the satisfaction of the trustees that he was the son and heir and was entitled to the fund. He received the full amount which had grown to double the original sum.

Will Pay Interest in Advance.

As a means of relieving the existing money stringency and to prevent the further accumulation of a useless Treasury surplus, Assistant Secretary Vanderlip is prepared to prepay all government interest due within the current fiscal year, which does not end until July 1, 1900. The amount that will be thus advanced, including that which is already due or will come within thirty days, is \$30,000,000.

The government will save something by discounting its interest payments for three-fourths of a year, but the principal gain in the transaction will be to the public. The money, and it is a large sum, will be in circulation instead of being uselessly tied up in the Treasury vaults where it can do nobody any good.

With a surplus of nearly \$300,000,000 already in the Treasury, Secretary Vanderlip is fully justified in paying the government interest in advance, and to this extent relieving the present stringency in the money market.

—Philadelphia Times.

Where Carter Will Serve Sentence.

Leavenworth prison, where Captain Carter will be confined, is just being finished. In a steel cell in the big gray pile of granite and brick the convicted man will spend the five years of his sentence. Among his prison companions will be desperadoes from the border, moonshiners from the mountains, thieves who prey upon the cattle ranges, Indians and vagabond whites of the type who carry liquor to the reservations in their boot legs—as oddly assorted a lot as ever a prison housed.—New York Herald.

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A PLEASING INCIDENT.

Rev. Craven Handsomely Treated by His Spencer Congregation.

The Rev. R. C. Craven, who is here aiding Rev. J. D. Arnold in his meeting at Forest Hill received a pleasant surprise today (Friday) from his congregation at Spencer in the way of a letter containing a postal note for \$200 with the request that he make for them a selection of a suit of clothes for that amount and accept it as a gift in testimony of their love and esteem. Rev. Craven, of course, complied and was much pleased with the suit obtained.

News from the Bingham School.

Mebane, Oct. 15.—Among the list of students who stood first in their respective classes for the month ending October 2nd, were Brandon Means and Gordon Johnson, of Concord, and Billy LeGrande.

Talks Directly to New York.

Not until recently has the Bell Telephone Co. had calls for their line from here to New York. Within the last week Mr. Jas. W. Cannon has had occasion to use it three times. The price for a conversation with one in New York is \$5.75. That would to some seem very expensive while in important affairs it is a great satisfaction to talk directly to the person there.

Organization Effected Again.

After spending their summer months in pleasure found at summer resorts and visiting friends, the members of the Thursday Afternoon Whist club met again this week with Mrs. Robt. S. Young and will now continue their meetings regularly. The meeting was full of interest and the members have commenced as with new vigor. Elegant refreshments were served by Mrs. Young.

Crops of Small Grain For '99.

The total wheat crop of 1899 is estimated by the American Agriculturist, in its final report to be published Oct. 14 at 565,350,000 bushels, grown on 45,251,000 acres, as compared with a production last year which, in the light of the season's movement, cannot have been less than 716,000,000 bushels. The average yield per acre is placed at 125 bushels.

The winter wheat crop is estimated at 197,000,000; average yield 11.5 bushels per acre; spring wheat crop, 269,000,000; average rate of yield 13.7 bushels.

The average rate of yield of oats according to Agriculturist, is returned at 30.4 bushels per acre 2.05 bushels above that of last year and an average higher than was ever before reported for the whole breadth. The crop is estimated at 860,000,000 bushels, against 799,000,000 in 1898 and 814,000,000 in 1897. The quality of the present crop is reported unusually good.

The authority named places the average condition of corn three points lower than Sept. 1 and only two higher than was reported at this date a year ago, and adds that if the final rate of yield shall substantiate that indicated by the returns, the crop is likely to be found rather above 2,125,000,000 bushels, a fairly liberal result, but not a record crop.

The Necessary Amount Not Subscribed.

On Sunday, the first day of October, it will be remembered that a congregational meeting was held in the First Presbyterian church and it was decided that a ten days canvass be made to solicit subscriptions for the purchase of the Allison property on North Main street as a location for a new church. The canvass was made during the allotted ten days. Two thousand dollars was the amount to be subscribed and only \$1,750 was subscribed.

Deep Interest Continues in the Meeting.

There is a good attendance at each service held at the Forest Hill Methodist church during the protracted meeting. Rev. Craven, of Spencer, is assisting Rev. Arnold. Eight penitents once advanced to the altar and four confessions of faith were made in Christ.

FIRE AT THE BLEACHERY.

The Flames Soon Fill the Napper Room Doing Considerable Damage to Machinery and Cloth—Cause of the Fire Not Known.

Shortly after 3 o'clock today (Thursday) the fire alarm was sounded and people rushed out to locate the flames. But by that time the fire was almost subdued and the damage was done.

No cause is known for the breaking out of fire in the knapper room at the bleachery. G. W. Sherrill, who works at one of the machines, was apprised of the fire when one of the men hollered to him that he was on fire. He turned and found the flames spreading all over the machine. Soon the lint and cloth was burning and Mr. Sherrill escaped only in time.

Some of the operatives soon connected a hose with one of the hydrants and ere long subdued the flames. The stream of water as well as the fire did much damage to the machinery, which machinery is very expensive. Thousands of yards of cloth were saturated with water, and a considerable amount of it was burned partly. The damage could not be estimated yet, but it will be at least several hundred dollars.

Mr. Gus Correll to Wed.

Cards have been received by a few of his most intimate friends here inviting them to attend the marriage of Mr. A. B. Correll, of this place, to Miss Essie Miller, of Columbia, S. C., which will take place on the 25th of this month at the bride's home. Mr. Correll, until recently, has been employed at Augusta, but has now engaged in the jewelry business with his brother, Mr. D. C. Correll, in Spartanburg.

Their First Dividend Declared.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane who is president of the cotton mill at Newwood, attended the meeting of the directors there on Tuesday, the 10th. Though this company has been organized only eighteen months, and the mill has been running only about eight months, a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. was declared at this meeting. This is the first dividend.

He Passed the Examination.

Jno. Harris, a negro from this place, stood his examination before the State Board of Pharmacy at their recent meeting at Raleigh. His examination was satisfactory and license has been granted him. John is a graduate of Shaw University at Raleigh, at which place he took a course in pharmacy. He has also been working in a drug store at Raleigh.

A Change at the Odell Mills.

Mr. V. Y. Suther, who for some time has had charge of the spinning in mill No. 2 at night in the Odell mills, has been given charge of the spinning department in mill No. 4 in day time.

Mr. B. L. Still, who has been employed at the Buffalo mills, has been given the Buffalo mill. Mr. Adam Hopkins gets Mr. Still's place at the Buffalo mill.

Would Fall on This One.

A new military prison chaplain was recently appointed in a certain town in Scotland. He was a man who greatly magnified his office. On entering one of the cells on his first round of inspection, he, with much pomposity, thus addressed the prisoner who occupied it:

"Well, sir, do you know who I am?"
"No, nor I dinna care," was the nonchalant reply.
"Well, I'm your new chaplain."
"Oh, ye are; well, I heard tell o' ye before."
"And what did you hear?" returned the chaplain, his curiosity getting the better of his dignity.
"Well, I heard that the last two kirks ye wore in ye preached their bath empty, but I'll be changed if ye find it such an easy matter to do the same wi' this one."

THE INCREASE OF FACTORIES.

The indirect benefit of the increase of factories in North Carolina is not yet appreciated. Some have even so concerned themselves with the factory problem that they are unable to be glad for the increase of industrial population. That there is a problem is not deniable; but that it is of such import as to bid us falter in our encouragement of industrial activity in this respect, only one who has not thought into the subject will hold. Any one who appreciates the changes for the better already wrought by the increase of factories will gladly welcome all the problems that a thousand more will bring in their train.

For many years the population of our State has been ruinously out of balance; our producers of raw material have so far outnumbered our manufacturers and consumers that farming has ceased to be remunerative, and population engaged in that sphere has not only become discontented, but in some degree desperate of advancement. Now the factories will tend to balance the population and adjust supply and demand. They offer employment to the surplus labor in the fields they have already become the source of support for large numbers. And in so doing, they also create a consuming class, the class dependent upon the produce of the farms—not only calling for their cotton to manufacture, but also making requisition upon their wheat and corn fields, their stock, and their truck. Farmers who live in the vicinity of factories find a ready market for their produce, and the acres once wholly given to cotton are employed more profitably. Immediately farming becomes more attractive; land goes up; labor is in demand. So then the increase of factories of all kinds is a blessing upon our whole State.—Biblical Recorder.

Burglars Worst Off Carr.

The Durham correspondent to the Charlotte Observer under date of the 11th, says:

"Last night the residences of Gen. J. S. Carr and Judge Robert W. Winston were burglarized and at the former place between \$3,000 and \$4,000 worth of jewelry was carried off. The whole matter is shrouded in mystery and there is no clue as to who burglarized these homes. Jewelry was also taken from the home of Judge Winston, but the package was found by one of the servants in the back yard this morning.

When Gen. Carr was dressing this morning he discovered that his diamond stud, valued at \$1,000, was gone from his shirt.

This discovery led to a further investigation and it was then found that his home had been burglarized during the night and \$4,000 worth of jewelry carried off.

"Among the jewels taken the following is a partial list: Gen. Carr's diamond stud, valued at \$1,000; Mrs. Carr's watch \$700; Gen. Carr's watch, \$500; a pair of gold cuff buttons, set with diamonds, belonging to Claiborn Carr; a diamond scarf pin, diamond brooch, ear-drops and a very valuable watch fastener, used to pin a watch to a lady's dress, belonging to Mrs. Carr.

"It seems that the burglar was looking for jewelry, as thousands of dollars worth of gold and silverware might have been carried off with all ease.

"Some of the jewelry will be hard for the present owners to handle. The \$1,000 stud was a registered stone. It was stolen from Gen. Carr during the World's Fair in Chicago. Eleven months later the stone was recovered by some of the Pinkerton detective force in the Windy City. Mrs. Carr's watch was of peculiar design and had a picture of Gen. Carr engraved on the lid. Gen. Carr's watch was also of a design that would be easy to trace. Any of the diamonds could readily be identified if found."

Col. Carr's house showed no signs of having been entered.

Judge Winston's front door stood open. There is a fine job of detective work to be accomplished in the affair.

The Love Letter Answered.

A short time ago we published a "Model Love Letter," coming from the pen of the editor of the Monroe Enquirer. One of our correspondents is the author of the following answer to it:

DEAREST "YOU KNOW":—While lazily sitting under the droppings of the twilight, and listening to the melodious notes of a plaintive Tom cat perched on the back fence, what should I receive but your own dear letter filled with words of honeyed words coated over two inches thick with sugar of sweetness. I can't find adequate words to promulgate my caloric ecstatic feelings, as our dictionary is spending vacation abroad; but, oh! your letter was a treat—better than a rural pedagogues' treat the last day of school. It was chock full of the very quintessence of double-distilled sweetness, with a large vein of delicious, honey-dripping love running all through it, and sticking out in places, like a small boy's head from a window of the school house when the circus or a load of early watermelons passes by. I was charmed by the quaint style of humor oozing out from your unique epistolary dissertation; and while ruminating thereon like an unsophisticated goat on the county-seat of an old pair of pantaloons, my heart unconsciously capitulated to your elastic affections which had surrounded it like the rubber cover of a base ball in the bottom of an old-fashioned frog pond. I love you harder than a soft-boiled egg; and my heart leans out toward you like a dumpling or a fried flap-jack toward the canine cavity of a hungry dog-gone it. My love is stronger than the city police or boarding-house butter. How I long to be with you, and bask in the moonlight of your regal smiles, on a dark night, after the old folks have retired and the light burns low. Your precious eyes are like golden stars of promise peeping out through free-silvery clouds of national disaster. Your nose, never having poked itself into other people's business, has had ample opportunity to grow, and has most wonderfully and fearfully illustrated the principles of "expansion." The incipient mustache, which sits under the droppings of your blossoming nose, is soft and velvety to touch, and reminds one of some great event which has failed to occur. It shelters a large, sweet mouth which laugheth at fear and spurteth out immense discharges of the liquid extract of borrowed chews of tobacco, like melted lava from the turbulent mouth of an affectionate volcano. A bountiful harvest of Auburn hair over-shadows your classic forehead like a brush arbor over a camp-meeting. Your benignant smile is like a gentle ripple on the surface of a natural lake of home-spun molasses; and the odor of your apyic breath brings back fond recollections of the fragrant smellification of odoriferous Limburger cheese. Your ruby lips with honey drips. They are like twin bulbs which arise in the morning, paw and below the ground, and but each other into the middle of next week. Tons of succulent kisses are smeared about over the suburbs of your rosetate face like soap-grease on the interior of a lard jar filled with peas. Little cupid's are picknicking about over your classic countenance, and the thrilling melody of your stentorian voice is unequalled by anything other than that which issues from an up-to-date frog-pond after a summer shower. One wee smack of your luscious, rubicund lips is worth a whole hog-head of the nectar which Jupiter sips and a swig o' cider to boot. While resting my unworthy head on your manly breast, with arms encircling your compact neck like a weary pumpkin vine around an old stump, I am as near Utopia and the capital of the county as when gulping down the products of an ice-cream factory, or disputing with the hired man as to how long a dead hen lays.

Before receiving your letter, life to me was a dreary Green-land overgrown with ice-covered lichens of affectional indifference, but now it is a tropical Africa with the mosquitoes all transported to Siberia. The wand-

cent flint of your heart struck the opaque steel of mine, and myriad scintillations touched the powder of my affections and complexions, and a lively explosion blasted away the rocks of indifference, and unearthed a glorious fountain of blissful love growing up as calves of the stall. I am most felicitously happy to inform you that I do most assuredly reciprocate and return your affections, in a neat little package, post-paid. I enclose half a dozen kisses for you. These should be kept in a dry place to keep them from sticking together. Write immediately or sooner, if you can, and next Sunday evening I shall sit on your knee as usual; and believe me to be, Your own little pet.

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