

**LOCALS AND PERSONALS.**

FRIDAY MORNING, Nov. 11, 1898.

Election passed off very quietly.

The state election has been a sweeping victory for the Democrats.

Baker's CHOCOLATE at J. R. SMITH'S.

We will wind up the years work on the fourth Sunday at Saulston.

Rev. A. R. Morgan will preach at Saulston next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Miss Emma Cutchin of Rocky Mount is visiting her sister Mrs. George Best.

Nice line of STATIONARY at J. R. SMITH'S.

Our Stewards meeting will be held at Eureka on Friday the 25th of this month.

Mr. Zadoc Jeffreys and children of Goldsboro visited relatives in town Sunday.

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Miss Emma Bass left for Wilson last Monday after a short visit to Mrs. C. C. Aycock.

Several of our citizens went down to Goldsboro Wednesday to get the returns from elections.

Mr. J. W. Morris reported the news of the election in the state, for our town people Tuesday night.

Our telephone did good service Tuesday night, in reporting the the news of the election. Now let us have it extended to Goldsboro and Wilson.

We call the attention of our town people to the fact that we are prepared to do all their small job work neat and at reasonable rates. Give us a trial.

The Western North Carolina Conference meets next week at Winston, N. C. and the North Carolina Conference, two weeks later at Elizabeth City.

There will be a thanksgiving service held at Eureka on Thanksgiving day and a collection taken for the Oxford Orphan Asylum that day. Let every body come out.

Any one wishing to renew their subscription to the North Carolina Advocate through me can do so. I will be pleased to take their money up to Conference and hand it to the editor for you.

We have not seen any proclamation from Governor Russell asking the people of North Carolina to observe a day of thanksgiving. Why does he not do so? Have we not very much to be thankful for? Let us not forget if he does.

I want all the deeds of church property on Fremont circuit, so that I may deposit them in Bro. G. D. Best's safe. This is the order of our last Quarterly Conference. Let all who hold deeds for their churches, please send them to me at once. Sincerely, C. P. JEROME.

WASHINGTON LETTER. (From Our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, D. C. Nov. 7, 1898.

To break off the Peace negotiations is the very thing that Spain does not desire to do. That was made fully apparent in the answer of the Spanish Commissioners, declining to consent to our demand for the whole of the Philippines. Spain wishes to get as much money as

it possibly can from us, for the Philippines, and if the negotiations are broken off, it would not get a cent, while we would get the Philippines just as surely as we would if the treaty was regularly concluded. There are good reasons for the belief that Spain would object most decidedly if our Commissioners should withdraw their demand for the Philippines, which they are not likely to do, and substitute a proposition that the islands should be returned to Spanish control. One of them is that a return to Spanish control would be a physical impossibility, owing to the strong insurgent army of Aguinaldo, which would be in absolute control of the entire group of islands within a week after the withdrawal of the American forces. Spain knows that the islands are lost to her, and, even if it did not expect to get a money indemnity from us, would doubtless prefer seeing them controlled by the U. S. to seeing them controlled by the insurgents. So far as can be judged by appearances, the President and the members of his Cabinet, are perfectly satisfied with the situation in Paris. In fact, members of the Cabinet have said as much, and added their expectation that the treaty would soon be concluded upon our terms.

Lieut. Hobson, who is in Washington, could scarcely restrain his tears when he received the news of the sinking during a storm, of the Maria Teresa, the Spanish cruiser he raised, while on its way to New York. Many regrets have been expressed by others, especially Naval Officers.

There is a pointer in a portion of the testimony of General Lawton that should not be overlooked by those who seek for reasonable explanations of numerous things connected with the campaign against Santiago. It will be remembered that it had already been stated in the testimony of the Naval Officer who had charge of the debarkation Shafter's army, that the troops never would have been landed from the transports had the Navy not gone to the assistance of the army officers in command. Nearly every naval officer who has expressed an opinion on the subject, has declared that the transports should be under the navy, as they are under the British system. Col. Denby, of the Investigating Commission, who conducted the examination of Gen. Lawton, asked whether he thought the Navy should have control of the transports. "No, indeed," was his prompt and emphatic reply. "Then you think the army should have control of them?" asked Col. Denby. "Absolutely," was the answer. "While they are acting together?" queried Col. Denby. "They won't act together," answered Gen. Lawton; "That is where I make my point; two men cannot command the same affair." Gen. Lawton's declaration that the army and navy won't act together may be a little too sweeping, but there is little doubt that they did fail to act together during the Santiago campaign.

Fifty-seven cannon captured at Santiago have been ordered taken to the U. S. arsenal, at Watervliet, N. Y., for examination. This order is merely a form, as it is well understood that these cannon have no other value than as trophies, and expected that Congress will, at the coming session, authorize their distribution as such among the states.

If anybody in your neighborhood, enticed by stories of gold

and diamonds, has a hankering to go to South Africa, he will be interested in the following extract from an official report made by Consul General Stowe: "That there are many Americans in South Africa who should never have come is evident. Many unfortunates are stranded here, without employment. I would advise Americans to stay away. Gold and diamonds are not for the many; all avocations are full; living is high; to go 'up country' is like jumping from the pan into the fire, for the conditions there are not encouraging."

**National Thanksgiving.**  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—President McKinley issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:  
By the President of the United States

**A PROCLAMATION**  
The approaching November brings to mind the custom of our ancestors, hallowed by time and rooted in our most sacred traditions, of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings he has vouchsafed to us during the past year. Few years in our history have afforded such cause for thanksgiving as this. We have been blessed by abundant harvests, our trade and commerce have been wonderfully increased, our public credit has been improved and strengthened, and all sections of our common country have been brought together and knitted into closer bonds of national purpose and unity.

The skies have been for a time darkened by the cloud of war; but, as we were compelled to take up the sword in the cause of humanity, we are permitted to rejoice that the conflict has been of brief duration and the losses we have had to mourn, though grievous and important, have been so few, considering the great results accomplished, as to inspire us with gratitude and praise to the Lord of Hosts. We may laud and magnify His holy name the cessation of hostilities came as soon as to spare both sides the countless sorrow and disasters that attend protracted war.

I do, therefore, invite all my fellow-citizens, at home as well as those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe Thursday, the 24th day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving to come together in their several places of worship for a service of praise and thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings of the year, for the mildness of the seasons and for the fruitfulness of the soil, for the continued prosperity of the people, for the devotion and valor of our countrymen, for the glory of our victory and the hope of a righteous peace, and to pray that the Divine guidance which has brought us heretofore to safety and honor may be graciously continued in the years to come.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.  
By the President: John. Hay  
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