

When the Russian fleet that has been on the way to the Far East so long got to French Cochon China, it anchored in Kamranh Bay, and the Japanese claim that it remained there several days in violation of the laws of neutrality.

The city of Raleigh was given a primary election law by the last legislature, embracing the Australian ballot system, and the first election under it was held last week.

President Broom, whose article calling for a meeting on the 6th of May appears on the first page, is very anxious that there shall be a big attendance on that day.

Governor Glenn's most ardent friends could not desire to see him more active. Last week he figured in the papers a good deal by reason of the announcement that he was booked to deliver a Sunday school address on the subject, "Shall we Reject the Master?"

We are indebted to Mr. G. Sam Bradshaw for a copy of a handsome history of the first North Carolina Reunion, held at Greensboro in the fall of 1903.

Joseph Jefferson, the foremost American player, who for half a century charmed the world with his presentation of the immortal Rip Van Winkle, went to the long rest from his home in Florida last week.

The commencement exercises of Weddington Academy were held on the 20th and 21st of this month.

Wanted, 1000 pounds of country hams. Doster Grocery Co.

The Hand of Graft Upon the Continent.

Everybody's Magazine. Over the whole continent—in the East, in the middle, in the West—Graft has set its talons. Do you want the facts? Everybody's for May is full of them: facts about Mr. Rogers and the Amalgamated; facts about the land thieves; facts about the Beef Trust; facts about the people ruined by the Graft of Business by whatever name it is called.

As with a searchlight Mr. Lawson, in the May instalment of his "Frenzied Finance," illumines the dark doings of the rapacious "System." He lays bare the workings of the "Standard Oil" crowd, whose motto is "Extract Every Dollar!"

Across the continent for years have been working the Land Grafters of the Pacific Coast—quiet swindlers who perjure themselves that they may get Public Land from the People, and sell their stolen property to the Land Kings of California and Oregon.

And, midway between "Standard Oil" in the East, and the West Coast Land Swindlers, stands the "Greatest Trust in the World," the Beef Trust, still dripping from the white wash applied by the Chief Kalsominer, Commissioner Garfield!

The Rise and Fall of Possum. Close observers say they noticed that if, when bicycles were strange, one horse was carried constantly where he could see them and become accustomed to them and then turned into a lot with others that had not seen the bicycles, he would tell them all about the new machine, so that they would not be afraid even the first time they saw one.

Safe Robbers in Great Demand. Charles O'Day and John Fisher, the alleged safe crackers who were run down in Anson county, N. C., recently, are much sought after. Governor Glenn has possession and wants to try them for burglaries and robberies committed in that State, and Governor Heywood has made requisition on him for them to try them for the Heath Springs robbery, and the Federal authorities are claiming them for robbery of the mails.

FREE AS THE AIR! Owing to the Charcoal and other ingredients of Kellum's Sure Cure For Indigestion, it stimulates and excites the digestive organs and juices to perform their natural functions.

The finest of watch, clock and jewelry repairing done. W. S. KRAUSS, The Monroe Jeweler.

A Card from Mr. Fairley.

The president of the Cotton Growers Association has made an earnest call to the cotton growers of the South to meet at their respective court houses on the 2nd Tuesday in May, and our chairman, Mr. Broom, has changed the time of meeting to the Saturday following, and I trust every farmer in Union county will attend this meeting.

It is the night for the nomination of aldermen and every voter who could leave home was out to attend the ward meetings. Mr. Edmundson, who was a candidate in his ward, had been defeated because he was known to be a prohibitionist.

Shooting in Goldsboro. About 9 o'clock tonight there occurred one of the most sensational shooting affairs that Goldsboro has ever witnessed.

Gold and Silver Lost. In trying to economize in buying your Meats. What is to my customers' interest is to my interest.

and healthiest cows, sheep and hogs for the Market. Such stuff as is not fit for my market is often sold otherwise.



WHAT WE HANDLE: Backboard, Kellum and Sonnet, Book bound, Remond, and Freight, Book bound, Remond, and Freight, Touring Car, 10 H. P. engine, 1000 lbs. weight, 10 H. P. engine, 1000 lbs. weight, 10 H. P. engine, 1000 lbs. weight.



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Spring Line. I have just received a nice up-to-date line of Ladies' Leather Bags, Waist Sets, Hat Pins, Lockets and Chains, Beads, and Back Combs. Call and look before they are picked over.

Sowing Seeds.

Waxhaw, R. F. D. No. 4, April 24. The farmers of this section seem to be a little behind with their work. Some who planted cotton seed early say they were just ready to come up, when the cold wave struck it and it will be to plant again.

Wood's Grass and Clover Seeds. For clean fields and clean crops. Sow Wood's Trade Mark Seeds, the best qualities obtainable.

Wood's Seed Book gives the fullest information about Grasses and Clovers, best time and methods of seeding, kinds best adapted to different soils, quantities to seed per acre, best combinations for hay or pasturage, and much other information of the greatest value to every farmer.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS. FOR COTTON WEIGHER. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of cotton weigher at Monroe.

Land Sale. By virtue of a power contained in a certain mortgage deed to me executed by E. L. Fincher and wife, and duly recorded in Book A, B, page 480, I will sell Monday, the 29th May, 1905, all the public lands in the tract bounded by the following real estate in the town of Waxhaw, N. C.

Specials in Hand Bags. We have on sale this week a new lot of Hand Bags from \$1. to \$5. We would like very much to show you the newest Spring styles.

The W.J. Rudge Co. SPECIAL RATES Via Seaboard Air Line Railway. SAVANNAH, GA. Account of Fourth Annual Tournament Golf Association, Savannah, Ga., May 9-13, Seaboard announces rate of one fare plus 25 cents from all points. Tickets sold May 10th, 11th, 12th, final limit May 12th.

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Failed to Corner May Wheat.

What is described as "one of the most celebrated deals ever known on the Chicago board of trade" came to a close Saturday. John W. Gates and his associates had made a daring effort to control all the available wheat of May delivery; but apparently gave up the task and threw their holdings on the market. As a result the price at one time was down 1 1/2 cents per bushel and the close was at 21 cents less than the price six weeks ago.

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VALUES, varied and exceptional, command the attention of the wise. So no matter what the weather may be, you cannot afford to miss this great bargain feast.

Special Embroidery Sale.

Promptly at 9:30 tomorrow, we will place on sale about 5,000 yards Embroidery, put up in 5 and 6 yard lengths, running all widths, all at one price, 5c. the yard.

Don't forget to be here at 9:30 to get first selection.

Special Table Linen Sale.

75c. Extra Special Table Linen, full bleached, 2 yds. wide, warranted all pure linen. Special price 48c. the yard.

Read Every Line; It Means Dollars to you!

1000 yds 7-1-2c. Bleaching in 10 to 20 yd. pieces, about same quality as Androsoggin and Barker, special sale 5c., not over 20 yards to a customer. Madras and P. K., cheap at 20c. per yard, big lot, half price, 10c. One case light Percals, full yard wide, 8-1-2c. quality, as long as it lasts, 5c. All wool Tamise in all the new shades and black, 48c. Audrey Suiting, wears and looks like wool and washes like lawn, especially good for skirts, 10c. yd.

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THEY carry the badge of Superiority (the Schloss label shown in illustration) 'tis the sign of the Best Correct Clothes for Gentlemen of Superior taste—and is considered a valuable ally for the dressy clean cut man of limited purse. When you buy a suit from us you make an investment that will yield you a daily dividend of satisfaction—a dividend that is as certain as the setting of the sun

It is impossible to wake you realize through cold type the merits of our Clothing—better call on us—see the garments and learn how great is the advantage of trading with us. We have the exclusive agency for Stetson's and Snow's High Grade Shoes.

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Outfitter to Particular People, Monroe, North Carolina.

Do you Need a Good Farm, Saddle or Driving Horse?

If so, we have them and will sell them at bargains never before heard of. Also a lot of well broke farm and draft mules to sell at bargains.

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The Sikes Company.

A Brave Governor. We see that some effort has been made in Arkansas to scare off the farmers from organizing to protect themselves and secure living prices for their cotton. Governor Davis says if the courts hold that the farmers organization is a violation of law, that he will pardon the farmers convicted under the Statute. Better repeal any such foolish law. If it is right for every class of men under the sun to organize for their own protection, why in Heaven's name is it not right for the farmers to organize! They have the inherent right to do so and we want to see them stand together for their rights through out this great country.

SOUTHEAST. No. 33 daily, at 9:15 a. m. for Atlanta and points south. No. 41 daily, at 12:01 a. m. for all points south, including Atlanta and the principal cities. WESTWARD. No. 133 daily, at 9:15 a. m. for Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby, Rutherfordton and local points. Connects at Lincolnton for C. & N. W. points. No. 39 daily, at 9:55 p. m. for Charlotte. For rates, time-tables, or any information apply to ticket agents, or S. W. PARHAM, Agent, Monroe, N. C. G. H. GATTIS, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C. C. B. RYAN, C. P. A., Portsmouth, Va.