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The Roanoke News has entered upon its thirty-third year. A good old age, and it is a fine weekly paper.

Porto Rico pays taxes to Spain this year amounting to \$4,377,874, of which only \$650,000 is spent for the benefit of the native population.

The quartermaster-general at Washington says all who volunteer and go to the rendezvous and are rejected at the medical examination must pay their way back home. This is a rank injustice, it seems to us.

It is now said that Fitzhugh Lee will be sent to the Philippine islands as governor-general. Whether that is correct or not, it is evident that there is a studied and determined resolve not to send him to Cuba. Why? He knows all about the situation there and would win too much glory for a Confederate soldier to be permitted to win.—News-Observer.

It is reported that President Dole, of the Hawaiian islands, has tendered them to the United States for the purpose of war uses and to furnish the American warships in the Pacific with large quantities of coal, supplies and ammunition. At Washington this tender is regarded as indicating a willingness to form an alliance with the United States for the war with Spain.

Hudson Maxim, of London, brother of Hiram Maxim, the famous inventor of weapons of destruction, claims to be able to build ships at half a million each, equipped with torpedo guns, one of which will be able to destroy the entire Spanish navy. He wants to build some for the United States. But before he could get one built, the probability is that Spain's navy will already have been destroyed, unless Spain soon makes peace with the United States.

All sorts of reports are circulating as to the movement of the Spanish fleet from Cape Verde. It is not known whether it has gone to Cadiz, or to the Canary islands, with the intention of leaving there to intercept the Oregon. It has been announced that the New York and Indiana have gone to meet the Oregon and aid her in resisting any combination Spain can send to attack her. If the Spanish vessels tackle the Oregon they will have their hands full.

## SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

May 5, 1898.

Miss Glennie Moody left last week for her home in Newbern.

Rev. A. B. Crumpler spent Tuesday night at Mr. J. J. Ivey's.

There are more shad being caught this week than any time this spring.

Mr. J. M. Hines, of Selma, stopped at Mr. Robert Ivey's Wednesday night.

Mr. Ed Herring, of near Kinston, visited relatives here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Death entered the home of Mr. T. D. Uzzell Tuesday night and took from them their little infant. We extend sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Tuesday, about 1 o'clock, Mrs. Chloe Parks was stricken with paralysis. She fell unconscious and neither moved or spoke afterward. The angel of death came Thursday morning at 2:20 and took her spirit to a world on high. May God comfort the bereaved.

## Willing to Cede Cuba.

London, May 5.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:

"Those who are best informed as to the government's view allege that if the Spanish arms suffer another reverse, like that at Cavite, the government would informally request the great powers to lend their service to arrange the best possible terms of peace.

"I am assured that the government would be content to cede Cuba to the United States, but would not pay indemnity, because unable. Well informed politicians here regard the war as practically terminated and that toward the end of May it will become history. All the elements of a long civil war in Spain are unfortunately becoming visible."

## The Four War Chapters.

The Washington Post says that four chapters remain to be written before the war with Spain could be ended. They will have the following titles:

1. Occupation of the Philippine islands.
2. Seizure of Porto Rico.
3. Destruction of the Spanish Atlantic fleet.
4. Capture of Cuba.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The court of appeals has decided that the C. F. & Y. V. R. R. is to be sold as an entirety.

The army officers at Raleigh are greatly annoyed at the slowness of the government in sending supplies for the use of the volunteers in camp there.

Robert Hayes, charged with the murder of Joseph Dement, in Vance county, in 1892, has been arrested at Nashville and taken to Henderson and jailed.

Populists of Brunswick county instructed their delegates to the State convention, to be held May 17th, to support a proposition for fusion with Democrats.

Dr. J. J. Mott publishes a letter urging the silver Republicans to organize so that silver Democrats and Populists may be encouraged to unite all the friends of silver.

Mr. Samuel Ferree, one of Winston's oldest citizens, shot and fatally wounded himself Wednesday. Grief over financial matters is thought to have been the cause.

A public-spirited negro at Raleigh makes a gift of \$2,500 to the fund for the purchase of 640 acres of land two miles from the city for a permanent military post.

It is said as to the colonelcy of the second regiment that it will probably be given to W. H. S. Burgwyn, B. F. Dixon, Spier Whitaker, W. A. Bobbitt, J. F. Bruton or W. B. Rodman.

Gov. Russell has appointed Capt. C. D. Cowles, of the U. S. infantry, lieutenant colonel of the first regiment, and Adjutant General A. D. Cowles lieutenant colonel of the second regiment.

News comes from Newport News, Va., that R. G. Lane, a resident of Newbern, who had been ill at Newport News for some weeks, Monday night jumped from a second-story window while delirious and was paralyzed. He is expected to die.

H. H. Harding, who forged drafts on the Bank of Pitt, of Greenville, and secured \$8,000 on them in western states, and who was arrested in Canada and taken to Seattle, Washington, for trial, was tried recently, convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment.

### Bringing Her to Time.

"I don't know how me and Sally Ann's goin to fix it up," said the troubled young farmer as he talked with the justice of the peace.

"Thought you said you and her was engaged."

"I did, but they was conditions. She said if I'd git her a brand new sewin machine so she could git ready for the weddin and do her own sewin later on she'd 'gree to marry me. Yisterday I took them colts and druv to town, bought the machine, paid fur it, loaded it inter the wagon and started home happier'n a lord. Down by the depot an engine begin lettin off steam, and afore I could tighten up on the reins I was jerked bac'ards off the seat and them colts went down the road like a pair of skered pups. I follered fast's I could, and fur three miles there was nothin but chips and screws and bits of steel and needles and them there extrys what go with a sewin machine.

"It was the completest wreck you ever see, and nobody on earth could ever put the thing together ag'in. I told Sally Ann jist how it all kim about, but she hauled me over the coals fur tryin to show off them colts, said that a steady ole boss was better adapted for haulin sich val'ables and said 'no machine, no weddin.' I'm clean busted and looks to me like I'd lost her without she'd wait a year."

The old squire said nothing, but he wrote a note to Sally Ann saying that it was strictly private and telling her that Jim Walton was "settin down in his office talkin 'bout marryin that gal from the city what was visitin at the Clovertops." The note was sent by a boy. Half an hour later Sally Ann was hurrying across the fields, in her best clothes, to the squire's, and she left there Mrs. Walton.—Detroit Free Press.

### Insurance Which Did Not Pay.

The late Sir John Arnott of Ireland was fond of telling the following story: A certain man, believing that by some losses which occurred 20 years ago Sir John Arnott was financially ruined, and that his embarrassments would shorten his life—he was then upward of 60—insured his life for a great sum at a high premium. Sir John, however, did not fail and did not die. The insurer paid the premium until it ruined him and then sold the policy to a syndicate, which paid the sum twice over and will now reap the disappointing result of the speculation. Sir John always told this story with a superabounding good humor, free from every trace of irritation or resentment, and ended with the remark, accompanied with a merry wrinkle of his eye, "They will, I expect, be saying that premium for a little time longer."

### A Remarkable Poster.

The posters of "Julius Caesar" that are decorating some of the London boardings contain probably the most remarkable evidence of the prescience of the Romans that has ever been recorded. On the right hand side of the sheet is a coin, intended to be Roman. It bears a head, under which is the name "Julius Caesar," while surmounting it is the date B. C. 48. Evidently the Roman mint had prophetic powers denied to similar institutions in a later age.—London Chronicle.

### Advice.

Winkle—I wonder what becomes of all the boys who leave the country and enter the great struggle of life in the city?

Kinkle—They make big fortunes, and then lie back in their easy chairs and advise country boys to stick to the farm.—New York Weekly.

Five is the great sacred Chinese number. There are five virtues, five colors (yellow, white, green, red and black), five household gods, five planets (Saturn, Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury), five ranks of nobility, five tastes, five cardinal points (the middle, east, west, south and north respectively), and five tones.

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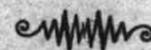
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