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The statement that Capt. Clark, of the battleship Oregon, is an ex-Confederate, is a mistake. He fought on the northern side during the civil war.

Walter R. Henry, Populist-for-office, at last gets a slice of political pie. He has been appointed national bank examiner for North Carolina, vice Col. Burgwyn, resigned.

There are several cases of yellow fever at McHenry, Miss., caused by last year's germs, but as prompt measures were taken to stamp it out, it is hoped that it will not spread.

It is stated that Secretary Alger deserted during the civil war. He would be freely forgiven for that great offense if he would only quit his post now, and give at least one chance in a thousand for McKinley to appoint a competent man for the place.

The Dingley tariff is a failure. Customs receipts in May, 1897, under the Wilson law, \$17,000,000; in May 1898, under the Dingley law, \$13,466,534. Dingley's lauded measure was a good thing for the monopolists whom it protected. As a revenue law it is a failure.

John Wanamaker will go to the front as lieutenant colonel of the regiment he has raised. George R. Snowden will serve as colonel. Wanamaker said that he lacked military experience and he preferred to have an able man in command. This causes us to think more highly of John Wanamaker.

"There are seven negro postmasters in Halifax county," said Capt. Kitchen at the Democratic State convention. That's what those so-called Democrats who voted against Bryan are getting for their mistake. They are disgusted—that is, all of them are who are not fond of negro postmasters and the like, and that's all who are not going into the Republican party.—News-Observer.

The lack of money seems the worst of all the difficulties the Spanish government has to face. For a limited time a bankrupt nation can carry on a war on credit, but armies and navies cannot be long maintained without cash, and the Spanish resources are so nearly exhausted and the country itself has been so impoverished by wars and rebellions and general disturbance and maladministration that the present situation of the responsible officials is really pathetic.—Winston Journal.

It seems as if North Carolina will get no brigadier general in this war. We are sorry that Gen. Hoke did not see fit to accept the appointment offered him. The next best man for such appointment would be Gen. Roberts, but it is said Congressman Pearson will oppose him, and also Judge Whitaker, in the hope of getting it for his cousin, Tom Settle. Judge Walter Clark is also mentioned for brigadier general. It seems, however, that North Carolina will not get any appointment for general.

There are too many small calibre politicians in control of affairs both at Washington and in this State. These politicians are comparable to the old smooth-bore, short-range guns, and even the effectiveness of such are lessened by their excessive dirtiness. A dirty gun does not shoot far nor accurate. The dirty politicians in control of affairs in North Carolina and the nation are equally ineffective, considering the immense resources of men, money and materials at their command.

The policy of our government is now said to be "silence." The government's policy also appears to be "inaction." If our fleets in the gulf were not controlled by the government at Washington they would undoubtedly have accomplished something ere this. Dewey is the only one of our men who has accomplished any big result, and his success is attributable to his great distance from Washington preventing the alleged strategy board there hampering him down with foolish instructions. About the best thing for the country would be to abolish the incompetent board at Washington

and tell our naval commanders and army officers in the field to go ahead according to their best judgment. If this was done we think that something would be accomplished and the war quickly ended.

It is unfortunate that such a tool of the money power and monopolists as McKinley is president of this country; unfortunate that our chief executive is such an undecided, vacillating man. If Bryan had been president we believe this war would have been ended—and with honor to our country—long ago.

It is a pity that we haven't such an energetic, vigilant, pushing, decided man as Bryan in the chair.

McKinley has allowed politics to govern his actions, regarding the war and appointments of officers, entirely too much.

## STATE NEWS.

### Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

The secretary of war has decided that Col. Carr could not pay off the North Carolina boys at Jacksonville, Fla., so all will have to wait for awhile.

The Democrats of Johnston county will celebrate July 4th by opening their campaign on that date. Governor Jarvis and Chas. B. Aycock will speak.

It is reported at Raleigh that Judge Norwood has resigned. He on several occasions on the bench has been under the influence of liquor and a year ago came near being impeached by the legislature. It is said he is again drinking.

The second regiment, at Raleigh, has been ordered to drill six hours each day, except Sunday, and that two hours of this time be devoted to practice marching—three miles an hour. Shoes, underclothes and rifles for the men have at last arrived.

Wilkesboro Chronicle: A young fellow by the name of Mark Atkins, in Lewis Fork township, got into trouble recently by marrying. He married a Miss Shepherd against the will of the family, and the boys followed him until they caught him and then, giving him a severe thrashing, took the girl back home.

Wilmington merchants tried to get the railway commission to compel the railroads to issue 1,000 and 2,000 mileage books, interchangeable, at 2 cents a mile. The commission agreed to allow railroads to sell mileage books at present rates, but to make them interchangeable among members of one family, provided the names of the family are recorded on the ticket. The Seaboard sells 1,000 mileage tickets for \$25 and 2,000 miles for \$40. The Southern and Coast Line sell 1,000 miles for \$25, but get \$50 for 2,000 mileage tickets.

## WAR NEWS NOTES.

Admiral Dewey recently cables the government at Washington that the fighting is all over and that all he needs troops for is to inaugurate the new administration of the United States control at Manila.

The Monterey, after making a hurried stop at San Diego, Cal., for the purpose of taking on a coal supply, is reported as having sailed Saturday, her next port being Honolulu, and from there the monitor goes to the Philippines.

Advices from Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday states that 12,000 troops will sail from there for Porto Rico, and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, who accompanies the expedition, will become the military governor on that island as soon as the expedition lands.

Secretary Alger states that the colored regiments may select their own officers, from the rank of captain on down the line. This will be good news to the colored soldiers, who were under the impression that they would be commanded by white officers entirely.

Nine hundred marines were landed Friday in the bay at Guantanamo, with tents and general supplies, and established a base of operations at Cainamera. Over the blockhouse, the American flag was hoisted by a colored sergeant, Richard Silvery, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Cape Haytien cable to Cainamera is to be at once repaired and put in good working order for the use of the Americans.

The navy department has sent orders to Admiral Sampson to notify Cervera that if the latter destroys his four armored cruisers and two torpedo boat destroyers to prevent their falling into our hands, Spain at the end of the war will be made to pay additional indemnity at least equivalent to the value of those vessels. It has been realized all along that the Spanish admiral, rather than permit his fine fleet to be added to the United States navy, might at the last moment, prefer to blow them up, perhaps going so far as to carry himself and his men along with them.

### A Jaw Pulverizer.

Wilmington Star. There is a captain of a Kansas company named Bobalikywy Pizbylow-witez, who stood the physical examination notwithstanding the load he has been carrying.

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## A Cardinal's Stories.

"I'm afraid I can't tell you," answered Cardinal Wiseman on some one asking the names of several choice plants on the table. "I am often as much puzzled by botanical nomenclature as the old lady who said she couldn't remember all the old Latin names. The only two she had been able to retain were aurora borealis and delirium tremens."

The cardinal thoroughly enjoyed humorous stories and often told them at his table. "I have seen Father Faber," writes the author of "Social Hours With Celebrities," "at the cardinal's table, laugh till the tears rolled down his face."

A story which the cardinal enjoyed much was that of an Irishman, who, while taking a barge up the Shannon, was asked what goods he had on board, and answered, "Timber and fruit." "What kind of timber and what sort of fruit?"

"Well, an if ye must know, the timber is just birch brooms, and the fruit, well, it's pretaties."

An Irishman averred that the habit of Irish landlords of living outside of Ireland was the great grievance Ireland had to complain of.

"Oh, yes," answered an Englishman, "that's the old stalking horse. I don't believe in your absentees."

"Not believe in 'em! Come to Dublin with me, and I'll show ye 'em by the hundred. Why, the country just swarms with 'em."

## Why Elephants Fear Mice.

It seems incredible that so small and harmless an animal as a mouse is able to frighten an elephant almost out of his senses. One little mouse in the hay on which they are feeding will stampede an entire herd. In their native land there are little animals, known as chacanas, which feed on a small, sour berry of which elephants are very fond. They live in settlements, something after the manner of prairie dogs, under the berry bushes.

When feeding, the elephants trample the little towns, and the chacanas, in their fright, run up the tubes of the elephants' trunks. Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh, and they cannot be ejected. The more violently the monster blows through its coiled trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh. Inflammation and death are the result. In captivity the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacanas when they see a mouse.—New York Sun.

## Ways of Actors.

In the country one has few opportunities of meeting these children of nature. Occasionally one sees an individual or a company at the railway stations, and then it is curious to note how instinctively they treat the platform as a stage and take up the important positions on it. I wonder if acting now is as lucrative a profession as it was under Elizabeth. Shakespeare, we are told, got nothing to speak of for his plays, but made his fortune as an actor, and Al-leyne, another actor, after providing for his family, founded Dulwich school. Another curious point about actors is that they should not be content with their own names, like painters and writers, but take names, the ladies especially, that belong to other people. Is there no property in names? N. told me of a model of his who wished to go upon the music hall stage and whom he asked, "What should you call yourself?" "Oh, Alice Burne-Jones, certainly."—Cornhill Magazine.

## The Traveling Frenchman.

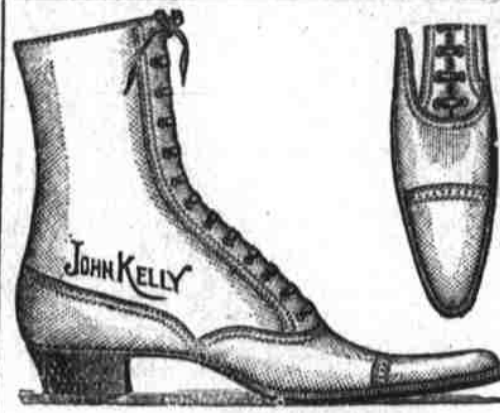
The Petit Journal of Paris says that nothing is so curious and instructive as to observe the Englishman when traveling as compared with the Frenchman. The former is calm, punctual, precise and with only the necessary quantity of baggage. He will journey through China with merely a valise. He is not impatient. He loves travel. It is to him an inclination and a felt want. On the other hand, the Frenchman when journeying is restless, nervous, impatient, bored; the entire time he spends looking furtively at his watch or consulting the railway time table. He is always crowded up with parcels in addition to his portmanteau. He is, as a rule, outnumbered with many useless articles. In fact, he dislikes travel, which he finds an ennui and a fatigue.

## Patriotic Souvenirs at Dinners.

Even social functions are tinged with the war fever. There is actually a "corner" in the supply of dark blue bachelor's buttons. These are in demand for dinner table decorations, in combination with red and white carnations. At a big dinner party in New York the other night enameled American flags were given as souvenirs.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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May 15th, 1898.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon...	11 50	9 43	.....	.....	.....
Ar. Rocky Mt. ....	12 55	10 38	.....	.....	.....
Leave Tarboro....	12 29	.....	6 00	.....	.....
Lv. Rocky Mt. ....	1 00	10 38	6 45	5 40	12 57
Leave Wilson....	1 58	11 13	7 19	6 23	1 30
Leave Selma....	2 50	11 58	.....	.....	.....
Lv. Fayetteville.	4 25	1 07	.....	.....	.....
Ar. Florence....	7 28	3 15	.....	.....	.....
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Ar. Goldsboro....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....
Lv. Goldsboro....	.....	.....	.....	7 01	3 05
Lv. Magnolia....	.....	.....	.....	8 05	4 12
Ar. Wilmington.	.....	.....	.....	9 30	5 40
.....	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 78, Daily.	No. 102, Daily ex. Sunday.	No. 28, Daily.	No. 40, Daily.	No. 48, Daily.
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. Florence....	8 45	.....	8 35	.....
Lv. Fayetteville.	11 10	.....	10 35	.....
Leave Selma....	12 35	.....	11 44	.....
Arrive Wilson....	1 17	.....	12 19	.....
.....	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Lv. Wilmington.	.....	.....	7 15	9 05
Lv. Magnolia....	.....	.....	8 55	11 01
Lv. Goldsboro....	.....	5 00	10 10	12 08
.....	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Wilson....	1 17	5 38	12 19	11 15
Ar. Rocky Mt. ....	2 12	6 15	12 57	11 57
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arrive Tarboro....	.....	6 45	.....	.....
Leave Tarboro....	12 29	.....	.....	.....
Lv. Rocky Mt. ....	2 12	.....	12 57	.....
Ar. Weldon....	3 25	.....	1 49	.....
.....	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Train on the Kinston Branch Road leaves Weldon 4:15 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:30 p. m., Greenville 6:37 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:53 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., daily except Sunday.  
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