# THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

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We are glad to note that editor Ramsay, of the Progressive Farmer, has agreed to withdraw the charges made against Ex-Judge W. R. Allen, in connection with the oyster litigation and the latter has agreed to stop his action for libel.

A reduction of 25 per cent. in the ments of destruction, which have deal of confusion in the public mind thorough courses of study at the Eastern North Carolina has been ments.

ordered by the Railroad Commission. This reduction was ordered in order that the rate from Morehead and Newbern might be as low as from Norfolk.

Mr. Jacob Tome, president of the Cecil National Bank, of Port Deposit, Maryland is dead. He was the owner of the Oxford Market House bonds. His widow has been elected president of the bank. It is stated that Raleigh was the first Southern city to have a woman as president of a bank. A woman was recently elected Vice-President of the Morehead Banking Company, of Durham.

Among the first taxes which will be increased to raise war revenue will be that on tobacco. It is proposed to increase this tax from 6 to can factory, it would stimulate every 12 cents per pound. Through the branch of industry and domestic influence of the North Carolina and commerce, it would greatly increase Virginia manufacturers, it is prob- the demand for American labor, and able that the increase will be to 10 in the end every certificate that repcents per pound. Mr. Dingley, business enterprise would be worthchairman of the Ways and Means more money than it is worth to-Committee insists on the increased day. tax on the stock in hand. This retrade, and it is stated that the to- the transportation of troops, ammubacco men will compromise on a nition, supplies, coal, etc., during the

A NAVAL WAR. The American people have no yet awakened to a realization of the

momentous consequences that are involved in the impending war with Spain. No man can foretell whether

the war will continue three months or three years.

The conflict will necessarily be waged largely on sea. The naval features of the present war will surpass those of any in the annals of history.

This war will demonstrate the utility of the modern warships, with their awful death-dealing instru-

express rates on fish from points in never been tested in actual engage- concerning it. The New York University."-Tar Heel.

It may be that the events of this war will inaugurate a complete revolution in the construction of the war vessels of the world's navies. Our navy is superior to that of Spain,

but it is known that the latter possesses some most excellent war ships and it may be expected that doctrine, says: the American navy will suffer many dreadful losses in its encounters with the enemy.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c, If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

### WAR AND BUSINESS.

In his speech in the Senate, on the Cuban situation, Senator Thurston that free ships should make free said:-

"War with Spain would increase the business and the earnings of every American railroad, it would increase the output of every Ameri resented a share in an American

It may be true that the railroads troactive feature of the proposed traversing the Atlantic Seaboard if belonging to Americans, be taken bill is being bitterly fought by the will have an increased business in from them.

to explain:

this fight is the restoration of good trade's being carried on by a foreign government and the supremacy of nation, and it would be constantly he white race.'

The campaign in Granville will ish cruisers and privateers. be waged upon a like platform, as

"As a result of the admission of women into the University we have outlined in the address of Chairman Cooper, published in last week's issue of the PUBLIC LEDGER.

young lady students appointed to a prominent position. Miss Watkins, who has been in the University since

OUR COMMERCE AND WAR. October making a specialty of

The question has frequently been mathematics has received an appointasked, What would be the position ment as teacher of high mathematof our foreign commerce in our own ics, in Peace Institute, Raleigh. and in neutral ships in case of war This is a compliment to the Unibetween this country and Spain? versity as well as to Miss Watkins. and the matter has been widely dis- It shows that there are places of

cussed, says the Richmond Dispatch, importance awaiting the young wowith the result of creating a good men who prepare themselves by

Evening Post thinks, however, The Post sincerely regrets that that there is no occasion for this the Cuban matter could not have confusion, as the answer to the question is plain. First, the Post deals with neutral commendation for the President of

bottoms, and after giving a brief the United States for his earnest history of the controversy over the and patriotic efforts in this direction. doctrine that "the flag covers the That the United States should be cargo," and summarizing the influcalled upon to intervene in putting ences that led to the urging of that a stop to the periodical recurrences of oppression and barbarities at our

"We, as the great carriers of the world during the Napoleonic wars, were vigorous advocates of this doctrine, but England, as the great sea-power, was unwilling to concede it. But at last even she gave in, and when the Powers met in Paris after the Crimean war,

they all-that is, England, France, Russia, Prussia, and Italy-agreed goods-that is, an enemy's goods should always be safe in a neutral

vessel.' However, neither Spain nor the United States signed this declaration, nor did either sign the declaration against privateering. Therefore, adds the Post, "under the law of nations," American goods, no matter by what ships carried, would be liable to seizure by Spanish cruisers, upon paying the freight to the carrier. Although most of our exports go in British ships, these ships could, under that law, be stopped

on the high seas, and their cargoes,

tioned from making any inquiry

covers the cargo" would hold. As

It appears, therefore, that our

foreign commerce would be pretty

ONE ENJOYS

But here is a saving factor by virtue of treaty, as the Post goes on

Hargrove, Mary L., 100 acres...... Jones, E. L., 173 acres..... It is to be questioned, even at best, the game is worth the candle. Logan, J. exposed to the depredations of Span- Certainly it is not when there are Graham, A. W., agent, 1 lot..... Alston. R. T., 2 h ts, 1896 .. ..... penitentiary scandals by the dozen,

Hancock affairs to burn, railroad fights to half win and then surren-

der, boards of directors that always the pleasure of seeing one of our insist on doing the wrong thing and a Railroad Commissioner that flops and falls around like a wilted collard every time you take your hand off him.

> And yet this is only a few of the Governor's troubles and they continue to multiply and replenish the face of his administration.

> But there is no rest for the wicked. His Excellency must press on. It's too late to turn back or fly to a rice-field for safety.

His own friends are the ones that are daily compassing h s destruction. If every man had good reason to "Oh Lord, deliver me from pray. been settled without involving this my friends, I can take care of my country in war. It has nothing but enemies," that man is Governor

SALE

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Russell.-News and Observer.

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very gateway, was inevitable-was TAXES. manifest destiny. It was hoped that this intervention would not require the use of the army and navy Pursuant to the Laws of North Carolina aurizing the sale of Real estate for taxes, I shall and the hardships of war. Provisell for cash by public auction at the courthouse door in Oxford, or Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1898, the Real Estate hereinsfter described to dence, for an all-wise purpose, has

willed that this country should set- satisfy the Taxes due thereon for the years 189 and 1897, Time 12 m. V. S. COZART, Sheriff.

> Braswell, John, 25 acres. Mize, J. A. 105 acres ... Norwood, J. T. C., guard., 22 acres ..... Ridley, John, 53 acres ..... Willtams, Sallie, 1 acre.....

Davis, Bob. rissom, A. T., 270 acres. McGtee, J. B., Agent, Ross, W. E., 31 acres.

DELINQUENTS.

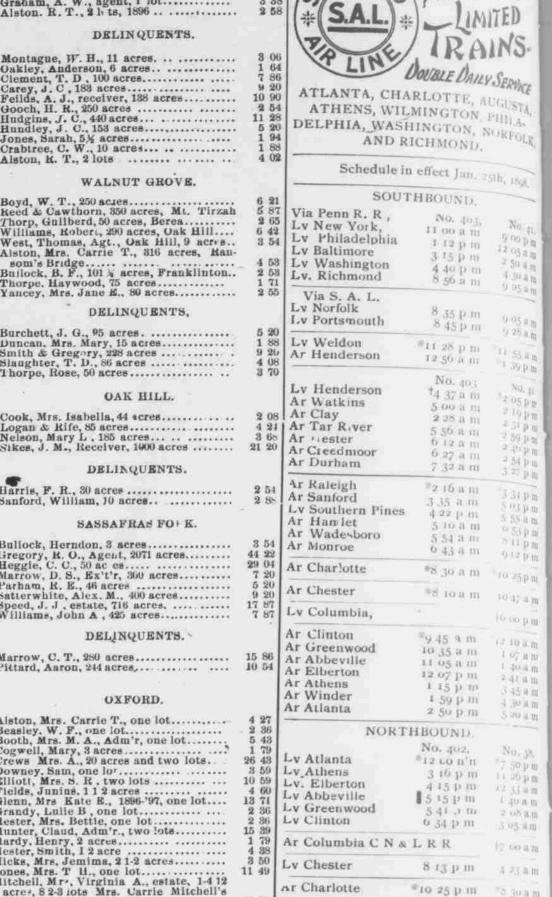
Currin, T. C., 50 acres.....

ooch, H. R., 250 acres ..... Hudgins, J. C., 440 acres... Hundley, J. C., 153 acres... Jones, Sarah, 5½ acres... Crabiree, C. W., 10 acres... Alston, K. T., 2 lots ....... WALNUT GROVE. Boyd, W. T., 250 scies..... Reed & Cawthorn, 350 acres, Mt. Tirzah Via Penn R. R Thorp, Guilberd, 50 acres, Mc. Tirzan Thorp, Guilberd, 50 acres, Berea...... Williams, Robert, 290 acres, Oak Hill.... West, Thomas, Agt., Oak Hill, 9 acres. Alston, Mrs. Carrie T., 316 acres, Man-Ly New York, 6 42 Lv Philadelphia 3 54 Ly Baltimore 4 53 som's Bridge..... Builock, B. F., 101 & acres, Franklinton.. Lv Washington Lv. Richmond Thorpe, Haywood, 75 acres..... Yancey, Mrs. Jane E., 80 acres..... Via S. A. L. Lv Norfolk DELINQUENTS, Lv Portsmouth Burchett, J. G., 95 acres. .... Ly Weldon Duncan, Mrs. Mary, 15 acres..... Smith & Gregory, 228 acres ...... Slaughter, T. D., 86 acres .... Ar Henderson Thorpe, Rose, 50 acres ..... Lv Henderson OAK HILL. Ar Watkins Cook, Mrs. Isabella, 44 «cres..... Ar Clay Logan & Rife, 85 acres..... Nelson, Mary L , 185 acres.... 1 21 | Ar Tar River Ar viester Sikes, J. M., Receiver, 1900 acres ..... Ar Creedmoo Ar Durham DELINQUENTS. Harris, F. R., 80 acres ..... Ar Raleigh Ar Sanford Ly Southern Pine Ar Hamlet SASSAFRAS FOFK Ar Wadesborg Bullock, Herndon, 3 acres. Ar Monroe Gregory, R. O., Agent, 2071 acres..... Heggie, C. C., 50 ac es..... Ar Charlotte Marrow, D. S., Ex't'r, 300 acres. Parham, R. E., 46 acres Satterwhite, Alex. M., 400 acres..... Speed, J. J., estate, 716 acres. Ar Chester Ly Columbia Villiams, John A , 425 acres..... Ar Clinton DELINQUENTS. Ar Greenwood Marrow, C. T., 280 acres ..... Ar Abbeville Pittard, Aaron, 244 acres..... Ar Elberton Ar Athens Ar Winder OXFORD. Ar Atlanta Alston, Mrs. Carrie T., one lot..... Beasley, W. F., one lot..... Booth, Mrs. M. A., Adm'r, one lot..... Cogwell, Mary, 3 acres..... Crews Mrs. A., 20 acres and two lots. Ly Atlanta Downey, Sam, one lo'..... Elliott, Mrs. S. R. two lots ..... Lv Athens Lv. Elberton Fields, Junins, 112 acres ...... Glenn, Mrs Kate E., 1896-'97, one lot.... Ly Abbeville Ly Greenwood Ly Clinton ........... Hunter, Claud, Adm'r., two lots ...... Hardy, Henry, 2 acres..... Hester, Smith, I 2 acre ... Hicks, Mrs. Jemima, 21-2 acres..... Ly Chester Jones, Mrs. T H., one lot..... Mitchell, Mr<sup>2</sup>, Virginia A., estate, 1-412 ar Charlotte scres, 82-3 lots Mrs. Carrie Mitchell's interest..... McGuire, Maggie E , two lots ..... Lv Monroe 940 p m Owen, Miss Mattie, one lot ...... Lv Hamlet 11 23 p m Paschall, Emily, 19 acres ..... Peace, Pattie, one lot .... Ly Southern Pines 12 14 p m Mr4. Ella, 40 acres and one lot. Lv Raleigh Paschall, Mrs. Mary A., one lot. ..... Royster, Jas. W., ½ acre.... Thomas, W. E., 1-8 acre... Turner, Mrs. L. H., one lot...... 2 10 a m Ar Henderson 3 18 a m

DELINQUENTS.

lement, T. D , 100 acres ......

188 acres .....



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that the conflict may be of short duration, but conclusive. All that the authorities may need in this enterprise will be loyally given of men and money. And it is a comfort to know that our country will have the sanction of the Christian world, as

well as of its own conscience, in its battle for civilization and humanity -its determination to remove the last vestige of mediaeval barbarism from the Western Hemisphere. God will bless our purpose, and may He grant a speedy as well as a suc-

for an administration that's the at- Evans, Senora,

tle this matter once and forever, and the President-having exhausted FISHING CREEK every peaceful method at command, Jones, Mrs. T. H., 12 acres......\$ K arsey, Archibald, 136 acres.... Roberts, W. J., 100 acres.... placing his trust in God, has called on his countrymen to march to the field and settle it by means of the sword. Every good citizen will pray 143 ac es .....

REAL

DELINQUENTS.

cessful deliverance.-Raleigh Post.

If the devil ever sat cross-legged

Taylor, Polly, ½ acre ..... Watson, John B , 93% acres ..... Weaver, Q. P., 46 a res. White, Mrs. W. H , 75 acres.... Mitchell, Mrs. Virginia, 1-4 interest in

Allen, L. M., 100 acres ..... \*\*\*\*\* -----Boswell, Ann, 4 acres ..... Chavis, Julia Ann, 82 acres ..... Davis, Lindy, 10 acres ..... Davis, Jackson, 1 acre ..... Grandy, Lottie, 10 acres ..... McGuire, Mrs. R. H., 132 acres .....

BRASSFIELD

Adcock, J. C., guardlan, 423 acres.... Agent, 107 acres ......

Blackley, Jas. H., heirs, 57 acres...

tax of 10 cents per pound, provided continuance of the war, which will the increased tax shall not apply to more than counterbalance the fallstock in hand.

#### CUBA.

Just at this time, the following information about Cuba will be of interest. Cuba is the largest of the Antilles and Spain's most important transmarine possession.

It is more than 750 miles in length and has an average width of 50 miles, its area being about 45,700 square miles, a little smaller than North Carolina which has an area of 48,580 square miles.

The surface is mountainous at the Southeastern coast. In the central portion of the Island, there are rugged, hilly districts. The remaining portions, though undulating, consist largely of well watered plains, supporting luxuriant vegetation.

Rocky reefs and muddy shallows beset about two-thirds of the coast Havana is the chief harbor and the emporium of Central America.

In Cuba, there is no destinction of dry and rainy seasons; there are showers every month.

Hurricanes are less frequent than in the other West India Islands. but at times cause wide spread desolation, 2000 lives being lost by one which visited the country in October 1870. Earth quakes are frequent.

Cuba produces in abundance sugar, tobacco, rice, maize, bananas coffee, yams and all other tropical products. Herds of cattle are raised in countless numbers. Sugar is the chief product of the Island; 75 per cent. of that exported, going to the

United States. Tobacco is likewise a large export product.

The chief imports are flour, salted fish, manufactured goods, hardware and machinery.

Cuba is divided in three sections-Western, Middle and Eastern.

In the Western, there are 1,000,000 inhabitants. It includes Havana with 250,000 inhabitants, Matanzas with 36,000, Cardenas with 13,000, and several other towns connected by railways.

The Middle division has a pop-

ing off in general business, and ber 27th, 1795, explained and rati- North Carolina. while the manufactories which supply the army and navy will have increased earnings, yet it is almost

become dormant, factories will close and taxes will be abnormally high. War will entail loss upon the derived from war preparations will acknowledged this principle-i. e., that free ships make free go ds. enure to the benefit of a few at the the expense of widespread suffering acknowledged this principle, so that Now England and France have both

in all other classes.

It is certainly true that public either of these Powers would be safe and private securities will be less from Spanish capture. In fact, both America and Spain have vir-tually acknowledged the principle, salable in the markets, for only the apprehension of war has had a by mutual agreement, and the agreedepressing effect upon the market. ment is such as to cover the signers One of the results following war, of the declaration of Paris. In other words, the Spaniards will be the interruption of new would be barred by the treaties men-

business ventures and enterprises. But the most disastrous effect of touching a cargo on board a neutral war will be to our sea trade. It will ship. The doctrine that "the flag be suspendid for a time.

Material and financial considerto cargoes in American bottoms, if Spain should capture one of our ations exert a powerful influence ships, bona fide foreign ownership on governments as well as individ- of cargo would have to be proved to uals, but the higher considerations exempt it from seizure and confisca-

of humanity and christian civiliza- tion. tion have impelled our country to

its present position. War means the loss of life and

property, the destruction of homes and happiness. It is a fearful means carrying trade would probably be to accomplish a righteous end. The American nation, unsurpassed in bravery and patriotism, exhaustless ia resources and "clad in the armor

of a righteous cause" is invincible.

## OUR PLATFORM.

We colip from the address of the Chairman of the Executive Com-

mittee of Edgecombe county the following timely observations upon the condition of affairs existing in many sections of our State:

"Within the brief period of Republican rule scandal or corruption has tainted almost every official and permeated every public department. Incompetency is the mildest sentence that can be pronounced against any Both the method and results when official of the present administration. "The Governor, after condemning

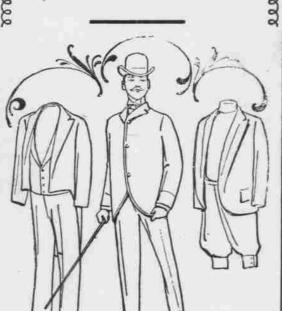
every one of his appointees as faithand refreshing to the taste, and acts less and unworthy, himself stands ulation of only 75,000, of waom condemned by public opinion as the

"Spain, by a treaty of trade and titude his Satanic majesty is assumcommerce concluded with us Octo- ing toward the present reign in

fied by another treaty concluded in | If Russell were well out of poli-1819, agreed not only that 'free ships tics it's to be doubted, with what he should make free goods' as between now knows, whether he'd ever re-Spain and the United States-that turn. Were he back in private life universally believed that war will is, that neither of them would seize and away from the troubles that beparalyze business. Industries will the other's goods, in case of war, on set him, he'd more than likely be board a neutral vessel-but also that content to live the safe balance of any Power at war with them on Hanover rice farm.

board of a neutral vessel if the gov-Clothing

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well protected in case of war with Spain, and that, as the Post con-Well Dressed Men-The 3 cludes, what remained of American e best clothing can now be 3 bought for a small price. A transferred to British ships. As regood, ready-made business 3 gards our coastwise trade, however, suit of splendid cloth and 2 we would be in a very bad way, as Sexcellent workmanship put 3 our navigation laws prohibit that on your back for \$5.25 is cer- 3

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Lyon, J. N., 144 acres Wilkins, Bettie A., 112 acres. Coilins, G. K., I185 acres	4 08 4 58 89 54	Beasley, H. T., one lot.	$     \begin{array}{r}       2 & 74 \\       10 & 40 \\       2 & 12 \\       2 & 84     \end{array} $	Ar Weldon Ar Richmond Via Penn R R	<sup>#</sup> 4 55 a m 8 15 a m	"3 00 p m
DELINQUENTS. Bledsoe, Miss Lorena, 9 acres TALLY HO.	1 74	Moseley, J. S., ¾ acre Sherman, Rebecco, two lots SALEM.	6 58 11 18	Ar Washington Ar Baltimore Ar Philadelphia Ar New York	12 31 a m 1 43 a m 3 50 p m *0 23 p m	11 to pm 12 45 pm 3 45 am *0 51 am
Bullock, Ruben, 165 acres	4 75	Gregory, Mrs. R. O., guard., 454 acres	26 13	Ar Portsmonth	7 30 p m	\$ \$0.0 m

3 20 Satterwhite, Alex., 80 acres ..... 5 12 Wright, A. J., 100 acres.....

Venable, Mrs. Delia, one lot...... White, Mrs. W. H, 69 acres and six lots



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