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TOO SLOW.

It is not inappropriate to again call attention to the fact that there is not enough activity in Salisbury in the way of city improvement. The war, as we have before stated, appears to be the overshadowing subject. This should not be the case. Salisbury is a good town and with proper energy can be made a leading city. The citizens are too slow.

Indeed there have been several marked and favorable improvements in Salisbury recently. The sanatorium of Drs. Whitehead and Long, which is nearing completion; the new Bell block and the building of Mr. Horah adjoining it, which are now being erected, and a street sprinkler are the most important that may be named. There are room for others.

There is, it appears, a prolonged stampede in the matter of electric lights. The citizens were led to hope that they would have these lights for the city during this year. They should come, but it would seem that the city is as far from the lights now as ever. This is to be regretted. Salisbury certainly needs better lights and it is to be trusted that the time will not be very much longer delayed when the city will have electric lights. These should come first now, and this should be followed quickly by improving the macadam on the main streets of the town if none others.

We repeat, the citizens are too slow. There must be more push and more vim displayed in improving the town. If Salisbury is to grow into greater importance the people must work for it. We would be glad to see all take a leading interest in the city.

The Petersburg Iron Works Company, which has a large contract for furnishing the United States government with munitions of war, has just shipped to Fort Hamilton, N. Y., and Key West, Fla., twelve carloads of projectiles weighing each from eight hundred to one thousand pounds. This iron works company is pushing ahead with the work it has on hand for the government, and in order to complete its contract at the earliest possible moment day and night forces are being worked.

Representative Hartman, of Montana, has introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to have prepared and delivered suitable medals of honor to Lieutenant Hobson and each member of his crew, for the gallant, heroic and patriotic services rendered to the United States at Santiago. It appropriates \$500 for the purpose.

Senator Tillman has an older brother, George Tillman, who is a candidate for governor of South Carolina. A correspondent says he "never wore an overcoat nor donned underwear."

A private in one of the companies of the Fifth Ohio is serving under a captain who was his coachman formerly.

The St. James Gazette says that an American war loan of \$200,000,000 is to be issued during the coming week, and it adds that the hope is expressed there that "a good portion of it will be offered in London, where it is confidently anticipated that the bonds will be partially taken up."

Cervera has Ability.

Admiral Cervera, whose name has been appearing daily for weeks past in every newspaper in the United States, is sixty-five years of age. His father was a nobleman, possessing large estates, and was one of the richest wine merchants in Spain. His mother was remotely connected with the royal family.

He graduated from the Naval Academy at San Fernando in 1854. In 1859 he participated in the expedition against Morocco, next he served in Chinese and Peruvian waters, and was sent to Cuba when the ten-years' war began. Shortly after he was recalled to Madrid and entered the Spanish cabinet as secretary of the navy.

The Pelayo, the first and only first-class battle ship in the Spanish navy, was contracted under his supervision, and he assumed command of her as admiral. He has been adjutant to the Queen Regent, and was the head of the Spanish naval commission sent to London. He has fifteen medals of honor and is accounted the foremost naval officer of Spain. His ability is unquestioned, but he is insolent and overbearing, hard and cruel to his men and much disliked by them.

A Costly Cork.

Baltimore Sun.

Corking bottles has not heretofore been considered a warlike operation, but the science of war is changing and we do not know from day to day what to expect. One of the modern methods of disposing of a hostile fleet is to bottle it up, and after it is bottled up it must be corked up, and corking seems to be a more expensive matter than the bottling. It is much easier to pour cider or champagne into a bottle than it is to put in a cork that will keep it there. The Spanish admiral bottled himself in Santiago harbor and left to Commodore Schley nothing to do but to apply the cork. The cork used was the old steamer Merrimac, which cost the government a large sum, variously stated from one hundred thousand to three hundred and sixty thousand dollars. That a cork of such a costly nature was used gives us a hint of the expensive character of a war. And we cannot estimate in dollars and cents the value of the eight heroes with which the old vessel was freighted as she went into the neck of the bottle. There is such general joy that the brave men who seemed to be going to certain death escaped with their lives that other matters are overlooked. One of these matters is the price paid for the Merrimac. It is freely stated that this vessel was only an old hulk, with worn-out machinery, and was only fit for this use—to be sunk as an obstacle to navigation. In addition to this costly cork it may be estimated that the combined fleet of Sampson and Schley in front of Santiago costs several hundred thousand dollars a week in addition. War is glorious, but it comes high.

The meanest burglar on record has been at work in Montreal. He broke into a baker's shop and finding only 32 cents as plunder, took a single bite out of every pie and cake in the place, thus rendering them unsalable.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

Telegraphic News Condensed for the Convenience of Hasty Readers.

A severe hail-storm passed over a portion of Essex county, Va., yesterday doing much damage.

Robert D. Fussell, of Washington, committed suicide in the Alexandria, Va., hotel yesterday by inhaling gas.

The superintendent of a hospital for consumptive negroes at Southern Pines, N. C., is seeking aid in New York.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, in a sermon said the very shadow of the Mason & Dixon's line has gone.

The Russian Governor of Fergana has been removed for allowing an insurgent uprising to take place in his district.

At Cape Haytien there are rumors that President Heuraux, of Santo Domingo, has been assassinated and that the insurgents have triumphed.

It is stated in dispatches from Panama that a revolution is gaining headway in Venezuela, several reverses having been suffered by the government forces.

A dispatch which the Spanish censor allowed to come from Madrid says that a squadron of Spanish warships passed Madagascar recently, heading for Manila.

General Merritt expects to start the second expedition to the Philippines this week, with about 5,000 troops, on five transports. W. J. Bryan's Nebraska regiment will go with a later expedition.

Advices from Manila say it is officially declared there that four armed cruisers, with colliers and torpedo boats and transport ships, carrying 10,000 troops, have left Spain, proceeding for eastern waters.

Little Jessie Scott, daughter of J. V. Scott, was outraged by a colored man named "Bud" Hayden, near Fairview, Texas. The negro was arrested and lodged in jail. Later a committee of seven took Hayden to the young girl, who identified him. He was hanged and shot to death.

According to private advices from Cadiz, the preparation for active service of the Spanish cruiser Carlos V. the battleship Pelayo and the auxiliary cruiser Patriota Rapido is proceeding slowly, and these vessels are not nearly ready to proceed to sea.

Admiral Dewey reports that the insurgents have been actively engaged in the province of Cavite during the past week. They have won several victories, taken prisoners about 18,000 men, and 50 officers, of the Spanish, not native. The arsenal of Cavite has been for occupation by the United States troops upon the arrival of the transports.

News from Yancey county tells of a tragedy Friday night in which Thomas Ballew shot and killed his wife. The cause is not known. It is thought that Ballew believed his wife unfaithful.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at T. F. Klutz & Co's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

Shave at the Climax.

A Peculiar Spot.

The "State of Wilkes" comes to the front with another freak. A white ground squirrel was recently captured on a spot which is peculiar. The Chronicle says it is a graveyard spot, and it is an actual fact that the blackberries that grow thereon are all white. The trees are all white oak and white pine. A few years ago a white rabbit was found there, and there are white rats there. The spot seems to possess peculiar qualities. —Winston Sentinel.

The Board of Education.

The county board of education met in regular session yesterday at the court house. C. D. Overcash was appointed school committee man in the Atwell district, in place of J. M. Freeze who failed to qualify. Most of the time was taken up with looking over the books of the county treasurer. It was found that the supervisor had approved claims and the treasurer had paid out over \$14,000 of school money since the first of January.

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