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It is mighty poor consolation to the unvaccinated to reflect that if they do catch the small-pox they will be greatly pitted.

Don't expect the mystery of the Maine's destruction to be cleared up too soon. There'll always be diverse conclusions about it.

St. Louis Republic: Weyler has been proved a thief, Blasco an assassin and De Lense a weak. And still the United States of America have patience with a Government administered by such men.

At a meeting of the Democratic State Committee in Raleigh Tuesday night, it was decided to hold the State convention on May 28th, and to admit to the primaries "all white electors who intend to vote with us in the next election."

THE WRECKED WAR SHIP.

On our first page is an interesting diagram of the Maine, which is now lying a wreck in Havana harbor. The forward part is to the right. It was under this part of the vessel that the explosion took place.

The forward half of the vessel is a total wreck and is submerged, while the after decks remain above water. Just above the space occupied by the boilers are piled great masses of iron—thrown there by the force of the explosion. But the diagram of the vessel is not intended to show this, but the plan of the ship before the explosion.

LATEST FROM THE MAINE.

Investigation Going Quietly On—Proceedings Held Secret—Working Contract Closed.
The court of inquiry to ascertain the cause of the Maine's destruction is conducting its investigation at Havana. The proceedings are kept secret however, since a public investigation is regarded as unfair to Spain.

Excitement has greatly subsided both in Washington and Havana. Everything to be done depends now upon the nature of the report which will come from the court of inquiry when its work is completed. Meanwhile both Spain and the United States are preparing for war.

The government has closed a contract with big wrecking companies of New York and Boston for raising the Maine and towing her into Norfolk harbor. They will go at once to the relief of the sinking battleship. The pay is \$271 a day for the regular plant and \$207 a day additional for the use of the floating derrick, the barge, which can raise 250 tons. But the total cost is not to exceed \$300,000. If the companies succeed in raising the Maine and towing her into Norfolk they are to receive a bonus of \$100,000. This is the largest wrecking expedition ever organized.

Latest: The conviction grows that the Maine was blown up by a mine, and to-day's news is ominous of war with Spain.

RAILROAD WAR AT HICKORY.

THE SOUTHERN AND O. & N. W. CLASH.

The Southern began laying side tracks which crossed the Carolina & North-western tracks in two places—Tombles followed, the C. & N. W. tearing up the Southern's crossings—The City of Hickory eventually took a stand.

HICKORY, Feb. 10.—At 2 o'clock Monday morning a special train of the Southern, loaded with hands and material, arrived in this place for the purpose of laying side tracks into the plants of the Catawba River Lumber Company and the Hickory Manufacturing Company. In order to reach these plants it was necessary to cross the Carolina & North-western at two places, which was objectionable to the Carolina & North-western. At daylight Monday morning, both crossings had been put in without the knowledge or consent of the Carolina & North-western. The officials were notified of the action taken by the Southern. On arriving here they ordered two cars to be placed on one of the crossings, and an engine on the other. The cars and the engine stood on the crossings all day, which prevented further work on the crossings.

About 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, the foreman of the Southern, thinking that all was quiet, retired to the sleeping car. Shortly after they had gone the Carolina & North-western began to tear up the crossings, but the guards, which had been placed on duty by the Southern, soon gave the alarm. Soon the crossings were covered with hands from both roads. The Carolina & North-western were overpowered and compelled to abandon their work. The hands of both roads were ordered back to the sleeping car. All was quiet until the morning when the hands of the Southern were given the command to replace the crossings. The Carolina & North-western, learning the plan of the enemy, directed their hands not to permit a spike to be driven. The attempt to replace the crossings was made, a general tug of war followed, the one side trying to keep the track, the other trying to keep it up.

After the night fight the city authorities, fearing that it would lead into a general riot, determined to stop both roads from doing any work. The mayor ordered the chief-of-police to summon enough men to aid him to quell the riot. Fifty men were summoned and after some difficulty took the crossings in possession.

Both roads began to increase their forces, until there were fully one hundred men on each side. The police force was increased and for awhile it seemed almost impossible to prevent further trouble between the hands of the two roads. The mob was after awhile divided. The Southern men were placed on one side, the Carolina & North-western on the other, while seventy-five or a hundred officers stood between them.

After the work had been stopped, the Southern placed an engine on one of the crossings and refused to let the Carolina & North-western pass while, at the other crossing, the rails were torn up. As the result of this the passengers, mail, baggage, etc., had to be transferred.

The Southern complained to the city authorities that the other road was on their right of way and that they refused to move their engine or let the Carolina & North-western lay their iron back.

The Southern men held the fort until 3 o'clock this evening, when they received orders from General Booth Master Dodson, who had come to view the situation, to let the Carolina & North-western proceed.

The people here are in sympathy with the Carolina & North-western.

THE GEORGEWOWN BOY.

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One such helpful youth of fourteen or fifteen years of age grew so rapidly that his proportions matched the proportions of a man of twenty-three. Yet after all in regard to his endurance, strength and ability he is not to be regarded as a "big boy."

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NEWS ITEMS.

A negro girl nearly grown was buried to death on Mr. Drum's place, near Edgemoor, last week. Her clothing caught from burning grass in the field.—Chester Leader.

Spencer Blackburn, of Ashe county has been appointed assistant District attorney, but Mr. Overton refused to resign, claiming to be protected by civil service. It will be contested in the courts.

Married in Clover on February 15th, at the house of the officiating officer, magistrate S. W. Alexander, Mr. Joseph Clemmer and Miss Linnie McAllister, both of Gaston county, N. C.—Yorkville Yeoman.

It is not surprising that Gov. Russell of North Carolina, should indignantly resent being represented as intending to defy the United States Supreme Court. No man likes to be made to pose as a fool.—Fayetteville (R. I.) Gazette & Chronicle.

The Columbia State of last Saturday says there are nearly 100 cases of small-pox in the little mill town of Polkham, S. C. among the operatives. The mill authorities held to the chicken-pox theory until the disease has assumed such large proportions that it cannot possibly be mistaken. It was carried to Polkham by the same negro who carried it to Greenville from Atlanta.

A special, Feb. 10th, from Fayetteville says: This afternoon, fire news is very distressing. All the houses have been destroyed at Lakeside except the club house. Also McArthur's residence was destroyed. Mr. McArthur lost everything. All the summer cottages at Bolton's springs were burned. Fire is raging north of here yet. The woods fire at Lumber Bridge did great damage.

The Chester Leader says: Rev. J. S. Moffatt will spend a week or two in West Virginia about the first of March, under the direction of the board of home missions of his church. His pulpit will be supplied by Rev. R. G. Miller of Serbia, N. C., and Rev. J. U. Galloway, of Gastonia. Mr. Moffatt will probably run over into Ohio, while he is gone to visit the home of his boyhood.

It will be a great surprise, no doubt, to the people who heard Sam Jones in Gastonia a short while ago and his denunciation and rebuke of politics and politicians, to know that he has announced himself a candidate for Governor of Georgia. His platform is simply that of a "gentleman," neither a Democrat, Republican or Populist. He assures the public that he "will not be the hind dog in the race."

Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, died at 12:15 o'clock Friday morning at the Hotel Empire in New York City. Miss Willard had been ill three weeks and a week ago it was reported she was dying. She rallied, however, and less than 12 hours before she expired it was a question of a few days. Her death was wholly unexpected.

Some have criticized Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Miss Winnie for living in the North instead of the South. To do this the Democrats must have the Legislature, and if we are allowed a suggestion, in order to accomplish that end there should be no equivocation as to principles, there should be no overtures made to any party or parties, and there should be no compromise. A straight line on State issues should be marked, and by unity victory will be easy.

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