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New Bern, N. C., Dec. 17, 1898.

That recounin Green county is very apt to give the Democrats of that county a feeling of big head.

Lieutenants Anderson and Blue can now appreciate what a good thing it is to be sons of the Old North State.

Wilmington's great bump of hospitality seems to be in a good working order as if no race trouble had taken place.

Colonel William Jennings Bryan may be again a "plain citizen," but he is getting the most desirable positions in the newspapers, top of column and first page.

As an entertainer Wilmington seems to have outdone the "open door" policy, and practically removed all her doors in welcoming her guests, Lieutenants Anderson and Blue.

Ohio may not be exactly jealous of the attentions shown President McKim by the citizens of Georgia, but she must think Georgia is a little over doing the "open door" act towards her son William.

LIBERTY STATISTICAL REPORT.

Bulletin number 9, recently issued by the United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries, gives some interesting statistics of the South Atlantic States, in 1897.

Of the four States, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, North Carolina stands very much in the lead in every way.

Two figures of interest about this State, are persons employed, 11,945; vessels and outfits, 174; value of these, \$151,375; boats, 4,378; value of these, \$201,709. The total amount invested in fisheries in this State being \$1,217,209.

Of the various kinds of sea products, fish, oysters, etc., the total amount is given at \$3,857,457 pounds, aggregating in value, \$1,301,629.

While this report shows this State to be so far ahead of its sister States on the South Atlantic Coast yet North Carolina can do much better, and would make a greatly better showing if there was wise legislation, not in the interest of political office holders, but in the interest of the great sea food fields of water on our eastern coast.

A wise direction over these means immense wealth to our people, not only today, but for all posterity, and legislative action on this matter should not be delayed.

How a Title.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

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Always in Trouble.

The coquette's very apt to find, Her's is no happy lot; She worries when she is in love, And also when she's not.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For malarial and liver troubles they have been proved reliable. They are guaranteed to be entirely free from every substance and are purely vegetable. They do not contain any toxic action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels, gradually improve the system. Regular size 30c per box. Sold by F. J. Cheney, Druggist.

Value of a Green's Life.

"Two, I've made up my mind to have my life insured."

"Any particular reason for it?"

"Going to be married next week."

"Let's see, you're one of those popular fellows, aren't you?"

"Why, I fancy I am pretty well known."

"Well, we can't insure you until after the wedding is over."

"Why not?"

"Because there's no telling what your fool friends will do to you before you get out of town."

Two Point & Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better, so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them, and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can always be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by—F. S. Duffy.

Fed on Sawdust.

"What answer did the quartermaster make to the charge that he had fed the regiment for an entire week on nothing but sawdust?"

"Why, he said that he had always understood that sawdust was very fine board."

Scats 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 constipation 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 to 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 F. S. Duffy's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts. and \$1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded.

What to Buy For Christmas.

Mrs. Hambro—I wish I knew what to get my husband for Christmas this year. He doesn't smoke; I haven't heard him mention any books that he wants, and there is positively nothing I can think of that would be likely to just catch his fancy.

Mrs. Warleigh—Why not buy him a nice diamond stickpin? You could all ways find use for that, you know.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured in 3 Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had Inflammatory Rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians; but received no benefit until she tried the Myrtle Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life."

Sold by Henry's Pharmacy.

In Mind Only.

"Barkwell told me, a short time before he married, that he had the ideal woman in his mind."

"I think he would tell you the same thing now."

Overcome evil with good. Overcome your chills and colds with One Minute Cough Cure. It is so good children cry for it. It cures cough, bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe and all throat and lung diseases. F. S. Duffy.

Sure of One Thing.

Emperor William—Don't you think those Americans have got big heads?"

The Minister—I'm not sure, your Majesty; but they're got some big guns.

Pain in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A place of salve dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by F. S. Duffy.

Water Tourist Tickets Now on Sale by Southern Railway.

Commencing November 1st, 1898, the Southern Railway will sell from principal stations on its lines, round-trip Winter Tourist tickets to best resorts in Florida, the South and Asheville, N. C., in "The Land of the Sky" at greatly reduced rates for the round-trip.

Tickets will be on sale from November 1st until April 30, 1899, and in most cases final limit returning May 31st, 1899.

In connection with the above the Southern Railway offers the quickest and finest train service and connections to all resorts in the South, Mexico, California, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Any information as to rates, schedules, sleeping car service, accommodations, etc., cheerfully furnished upon application to any agent Southern Railway, or H. I. Vernon, Traveling Passenger Agent, 11 South Street, N. C. Central Hotel, Raleigh, N. C.

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Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

Medicine: The wonderful remedy which will cure your child's life when attacked by Croup or Whooping Cough. It never fails to cure throat and lung troubles. Price 25 cts.

CAREFUL GREEK PARENTS.

Boys Were Educated in School Just as Girls Are Now.

The extraordinary care that the Greek boys received in their formative years made his moral training more effective than that indicated by the most careful of modern parents. His general education, coupled with skillful and continuous physical instruction, produced a moral cultivation very similar and fully as strict as that the Christian father deems necessary for his daughters.

A pedagogue, generally an old and trusted slave, led the boys to school early called for them after it closed, carried the books, looked out for the little boys, kept the older ones from fighting and falling into bad company and had a general oversight of their conduct and street form. He was by no means a schoolmaster or even a private tutor, not even being allowed to enter the school-room. Oftentimes ignorant in the extreme, he was chosen simply because of his loyalty to the family and confidence, I fear, because he was unfit for any other occupation. Though the hint of the boys' ridicule as well as that of the comic poets and low wise of the day, he did an invaluable service in preventing vicious companionships and keeping pure the minds of those entrusted to his charge.

The child was never sent off to boarding school, but boys attended the day school; town life prevailed. Besides, the sentiment that jealously guarded the boy's purity with a pedagogue from his sixth to his sixteenth year could brook no intimation of personal oversight. Education was essentially private, the state having jurisdiction simply over the moral and not the professional standing of the teacher.—Popular Science Monthly.

FAKE "FENCES."

A Little Trick That is Worked in Baxter Street.

"There was a time and that not so very long ago," remarked an old time puller in, "when almost every other store in Baxter street was a 'fence,' or pretended to be, in order to give customers the idea that they were getting good bargains. The clerk who took a hesitating customer aside and whispered 'fence' was generally sure of a sale. There are no genuine 'fences' in Baxter street now, because clothing, shoes and hats are so cheap, but some of the stores still pretend to sell stolen goods."

"When a customer in one of these stores has looked everything over in the shop and hasn't made a purchase, the salesman then takes him to a back room, down stairs and urges upon him the necessity of keeping it quiet on account of the police. Of course the customer won't say a word. So down stairs they go to the alleged 'fence,' which generally proves to be a big trunk packed with goods."

"While showing the contents of the trunk the salesman keeps up a running yarn about the famous criminals who brought the goods to the store."

"Finally, after showing a lot of stuff of the same quality and pattern the salesman refuses to buy up stairs, the salesman gets him to try on something, and as quality, workmanship and perfect fit always go with 'fence' goods, there is a sale made. This fake 'fence' answers all purposes as well as the genuine," concluded the puller in, "and there is no risk attached to it."—New York Sun.

A Naval Blow, 1702.

At 6 this evening Captain Norris coming on board this ship (the flag ship), my Lord Hamilton, Captain Ley, Captain Wishart and Captain Trevor were standing on the quarter deck, and as Captain Norris came up Lord Hamilton asked him if he had taken any more wine or brandy. The other answered no, upon which Captain Trevor asked the price of his chair, whether he might have any at 4. It was a shaghead, Norris said he would have 60, or salt water, and then Captain Ley said he would rather the price were ashore than he would give 60. The hoghead, upon which Captain Norris said he was a rascal that wished his prize ashore. The other replied he was a rascal, if he called him so, and then Captain Norris struck Captain Ley and threw him over the gun, which Mr. Hopson hearing, as he and I were in my cabin, ran out and upon inquiry found he (Norris) had hurt Captain Ley, and by the admiral's directions ordered him to be confined, upon which Captain Norris drew his sword and offered to stab Captain Ley, but Admiral Hopson, holding his hand, ordered him to be disarmed and confined in Mr. Kayney's cabin.—"Journal of Sir John Rooke."

A Greek Genius.

Diamandi, a native of Pylos, one of the Greek islands, is a remarkable calculator. After a mere glance at a blackboard on which 40 groups of figures are written he can repeat them in any order and deal with them by any arithmetical process. It is said that he never makes an error in calculations involving billions, and he can extract square or cube roots with marvelous rapidity and accuracy. An eminent German specialist declared the other day that this is not the case with Diamandi, who writes poetry and novels in the intervals of business and shows considerable intellectual capacity.

Effective Reflecting.

"It is so sudden!" exclaimed the fair haired girl, who had just received a proposal to marry her. "You must give me time to reflect."

"No, no," returned the diplomat young man. "One whose dazzling beauty makes a mirror of herself should never go into the reflecting business. Let this illustrious diamond do the reflecting."

And the records of the House show that it was even so.—Chicago News.

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THE MEN AT THE GUNS.

HOW VANKEE GUNNERS FIRED IN THE MANILA FIGHT.

Good Marksmanship on a Floating Target and the Determination of an Engagement Were More Than the Public Appreciated.

Lieutenant Bradley A. Fiske, U. S. N., of the Fleet, who took part in the engagement of Cavite bay, has written an article for The Century on "Why We Won at Manila." Lieutenant Fiske says of the "men behind the gun":

"Look as you can stand, look strong in hand, behind the gun, his legs wide apart as he balances himself on the uneasy deck, his eyes fixed on the sights of his gun and on the enemy, whom he sees through the narrow aperture of the gun port to the right and left, and the powder and the smoke and the foam, and that year ago the necessary steps were taken which placed this terrible weapon in his hand today, so fashioned that if he fires in the right direction, his shot will strike the enemy's ship."

But the sailing of the ship from side to side throws the line of his gun sights high up against the sky and then down into the sea, and as no ship can exactly straighten the line of sight, the gunner is obliged to keep his eye on the mark, and that year ago the necessary steps were taken which placed this terrible weapon in his hand today, so fashioned that if he fires in the right direction, his shot will strike the enemy's ship."

Suppose now that Tom Bowling is firing at an average ship, say 30 feet high, about 2,500 yards away. If he fires at the middle of the target, as he should do, this gives him a margin on each side of ten feet, which means at angle as Tom Bowling's eye of about one-twelfth of a degree, so that Bowling must appreciate the fact that his sights are "on," and do everything required to fire the gun in one twenty-fourth of a second, or else he will miss the target. Now, no man living can be depended on for such rapid thought and nerve action, even under the best conditions of quiet and calmness—that is, he cannot be depended on to do it every time.

Much can be done by a good gun captain, however, by watching for a smooth time and firing a little before the sight line. No one knows this better than Tom Bowling. So he braces his feet on the gun's deck, every second steady to its utmost tension. He sees that the gun is pointing a little to the right of the enemy's ship. "Left!" he orders, and the gun trainers work their training levers, or, in a turret, start the turning engine so as to turn the gun to the left. "Batter!" as the line of sight gradually is approaching the target from the right it is also rising and falling with the rolling of the ship. Tom Bowling sees that the gun is now pointing a little to the left of the target, the trainers will have got the gun trained in the proper direction. He braces himself for a quick pull of his lock string, and then a wave strikes the ship on the starboard bow and the line is again a little to the left before the sight gets up.

"Right!" orders Bowling instantly, and the gun trainers work the gun back to the right quickly, but cautiously, for much depends upon them now. "Well!" "Right!" "Left!" etc., come the orders in quick succession as Tom Bowling and his trainers work the gun. Suddenly the line of sight strikes the target. There is a gleam in Bowling's eye, a quick pull of his arm, a tremendous effort, a stifling cloud of smoke, and in comes the gun as if it were a projectile itself and were going clear across the ship and out at the other side, but it quickly, yet gently, slows, the stops, controlled by the hydraulic cylinder, and immediately it runs out again and is ready to be loaded and fired once more.

In an instant the second captain has the powder and the powder residue. Quick hands wash off the powder residue from breech block and bore, and then shove in the shell and powder. The second captain closes and locks the breech with a heavy clang, puts in a new primer and reports the gun ready. "Fire!" orders Bowling, and the same sequence of actions is re-performed.

If anybody could have gone from ship to ship of the United States fleet during the eventful hours between 5 and 7:30 p. m. that beautiful Sunday morning, he would have seen about 50 Tom Bowlings all doing the same things and in the same way. He would have seen 50 gun crews' work as eagerly, yet coolly, working their guns, and he would have seen each division of guns and each turret under the charge of an officer responsible for it.

Considering that there were about 38 Spanish gun captains, one may reasonably ask, "Was there not even one of them who would shoot straight?" There is no reason why a Spaniard should not be able to shoot as well as anybody else. He had shooting an inherent trait in a Spaniard. If not, was the blood due to a lack of discipline? There is no reason to believe it, and the usually accepted idea of the Spaniard would tend to make one suppose that there might have been too much discipline rather than too little. Was it due to lack of intelligence on the part of the officers? The officers of both the Spanish army and navy represent the best of the blood of Spain, where the ordinary vociferous of trade and, in a measure, the civilian professions are devoted beneath the particular families, and the literature of both services bears convincing proof of the excellent instruction which their officers have received and of their devotion to and interest in their service. Was it due to lack of courage? The Spaniard is and always has been brave, and he was brave, very brave, in Manila on the 1st of May, 1898. Was the bad shooting due to the constantly changing direction of the ships necessitated by their maneuvers? Not at all, for the ships remained in column and nearly motionless for the greater part of the time.

But had there been enough drill of the men in the handling and firing of their guns under way and under circumstances simulating battle? This question we are prone to answer definitely, but the impression which we received from civilians, natives and others, does not lead us to believe that there were the same labor and time spent on