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The Thomasville Times has changed from a semi-weekly to a weekly, and has enlarged. It is a good, clean paper.

Mr. Rockefeller's money isn't worth a cent. He has been trying to give \$100,000 away for two weeks without finding a taker.

An exchange says "any man can take a paper." True; and most men do. Only the imitations manage to get along paperless.

Safe-crackers take their lives in their own hands when they go to Wadesboro. Two or three were bagged near that town last week.

Baltimore is vigorously discussing the need of a sewerage system for the city. Raleigh discussed that some fifteen years ago, and completed the job pretty soon thereafter.

The newspaper correspondents with President Roosevelt in the West announce that the President killed a snake Tuesday. The papers ought to send their sober men on such trips.

William Jennings Bryan declares that he would rather talk religion than anything else. As he has tried everything else in recent campaigns, we presume that Billy is throwing out a feeler.

In addition to the railroad building going on in the vicinity of Raleigh, the Durham and Southern may be mentioned. And an electric line has been chartered to connect the towns of Haw River, Graham and Burlington.

They have not yet proven that Marshal Oyama is from North Carolina. But they are about to convict Admiral Togo. The Herald and Presbyterian says that Togo is a Presbyterian. That almost makes him a North Carolinian.

No matter how careful we are, our foresight will get wabby now and then. Only a few days ago we congratulated the State officials on having sold the oyster patrol boat "Lilly." Now Chatham County is in trouble with England, and if her fleet comes into North Carolina waters we have nothing with which to defend ourselves or repel the fleet.

HOLD YOUR COTTON.

In December the price of cotton reached the lowest figure recorded in several years—6¾. It has risen about one dollar per hundred. For some weeks the price has remained stationary. At present the tendency is downward. This should not cause any alarm. Hold balance of crop and reduce acreage. The only way to fight is to fight to a finish.

No one can foretell the outcome. The warehouse plan may solve the problem. The company has been formed. But that cannot do much to stimulate the price of the crop on hand. Only a reduction of acreage will affect that.

Plant anything except a large cotton crop. The time will hardly ever come when grain, meat, potatoes or produce of any kind will be low in the South, hence if you raise a little surplus you can readily dispose of it. Produce your own supplies and you have done much to solve the cotton problem. In fact, if you raise your supplies there will be no cotton problem in the future. No matter what your neighbor does, no matter what is done in other States, "sweep before your own door."

DOINGS OF A CYCLONE.

Mr. J. A. Black, a reliable citizen living near Mt. Mourne, Iredell County, states that the cyclone which did so much damage around Mooresville a few days ago started in the form of a small whirlwind on his farm, where it unroofed a corn crib. His farm is some four or five miles southwest from Mooresville. As the cyclone sped on it must have gathered force and speed.

Near Mooresville the house of Frank Beaty was wrecked. His wife and two children were in the house. One child escaped unhurt. The mother and another child were found on the roof of the house, which had blown a considerable distance, and both were injured. A small house occupied by John Knox was unroofed and everything blown away. A small child was blown three hundred yards and was unhurt. Many other houses were completely or partially wrecked.

At the home of Mr. Lee Kistler a small negro boy and a cow were taken up by the wind and carried four hundred yards and neither were hurt. In one instance a farmer and his wife were on a wagon going home from Mooresville. The woman was blown off the wagon, badly hurt, and sustained the loss of her teeth, presumably false ones.

The cyclone swept a path about four hundred yards in width. Property loss about \$30,000.

This cyclone passed through the suburbs of Mooresville. Had it struck the main portion of the town the damage and loss of life would probably have been great.

Mooresville has been fortunate in that respect. A number of years ago on a hot afternoon the writer witnessed the passing of a cyclone in that country. It started near the Catawba River some ten or twelve miles west from that town and passed about one mile south from where the writer lived. At first it was only a small black cloud, but it was traveling at a fearful rate, and soon presented a funnel-like shape. It was

a huge balloon of jet black seething, whirling destruction, and the roaring seemed to be like that of a thousand passing trains. It was all over in a few minutes. The cyclone proper was not more than fifty yards in width. But in that narrow path nearly all large timber was blown down and small trees were torn up by the roots or twisted off. Though it travelled for more than ten miles through a fairly thickly settled country, the main path zig-zagged enough to miss every dwelling, and well it did, for no ordinary building could have withstood that mighty rush of wind. A few small out-buildings only were blown down. The wind was strong enough to blow down some timber a mile on each side of the main storm. The town of Mooresville was directly in the path of the cyclone. Strange to say, it dipped upward just at the outskirts of the town, leaped over and continued its course, but with less severity east of the town than on the west side. The people of the town did not know until hours afterwards that they had so narrowly escaped a fearful disaster. Even a distant view of a cyclone is enough for a life-time.

IN WAR CIRCLES.

Several small skirmishes constitute all that has been reported from Manchuria during the past week. The Japanese have kept their movements concealed from the public and the Russians. No doubt something is going on, and the Russians are just as anxious as we are to find out just what it is. Doubtless they will soon learn.

To the surprise of everybody the Russian Baltic fleet has at last been ordered to the Far East, presumably Vladivostock. There have been rumors of naval engagements, but they are hardly true. But, unless the fleet gets new orders a fight will take place before long.

In the Baltic fleet Rojestvensky has seven battleships and two armored cruisers, also a number of small cruisers and torpedo boats. Some of the battleships are second-class. Japan has five very fine battleships, eight fine armored cruisers, several smaller cruisers and numerous torpedo boats. With equally capable crews there would not be much difference in the fighting capacity. But the Russians are far behind in naval efficiency. That has been proven. The most helpless thing in the world is a battleship with a green crew and poor gunners. Naval experts do not expect that the Russians can do more than accidental injury, if any, to the Japs. At first thought it would seem folly for Russia to risk the balance of her navy in an engagement with Japan. On the other hand it is her last desperate chance. If by some strange fortune the Russian fleet should succeed in destroying the Japanese fleet it would change the tide of war, as the Russians could command the sea between Japan and the Manchurian coast, prevent further shipment of troops and provisions, thus snatching victory from defeat.

And Grover merely spits on his bait and says nothing.—Memphis News-Scimitar.

Mr. Rockefeller has found that the way of the transgressor is hard when it comes to giving away money. He ought to offer the next batch to some Christians down this way and see how quickly they will snap it up.

The cruiser Raleigh, which was named after our city, and several torpedo boats, have been dispatched to the island of Palawan to enforce neutrality if the Russian and Japanese fleets begin to scrap in that vicinity.

An exchange says that there seems to be an idea abroad in the land that newspapers are run merely for fun and for amusement of the public. Apply business rules in the conduct of your paper and you will notice a difference.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Don't jump out of your flannel too quick. You may have to jump back in it again.—Durham Sun.

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Any objection to resuming the discussion of a noiseless Fourth of July?—Burlington Hawkeye.

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The pilory has been abolished in Delaware. There's progress for you! Who knows but Addicks may some day be abolished.—Puck.

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There are perhaps some who have given up hope and are willing to let Mr. Bryan take it and do with it as he pleases.—Durham Herald.

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The fact that the Japs are approximately vegetarians and addicted to cigarettes staggers one's faith in some things.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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After all, China's determination to defy Russia does not mark it as particularly daring just at this stage of the game.—Detroit Free Press.

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A Pennsylvania court has decided that "a man is master in his own home." He is legally entitled to feel that way.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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President Castro knows that the feather-weights really talk just as loud about the preliminaries as the big fellows.—Detroit Free Press.

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Senator Elkins' committee has arranged to secure a vast deal of information on how not to frame a bill regulating railroad rates.—Baltimore Sun.

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Russia, after all this trouble, has not learned enough to know that the vanquished cannot procure peace on his own terms.—Memphis News-Scimitar.

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The indictment of even one Beef Trust president will be cheerfully accepted by most of us as an earnest of better things to come.—Indianapolis News.

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Thank the Lord the dispensary in Asheville was defeated by 406 majority. If a hell must run, let the world do it, and not the church.—Hickory Mercury.

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Cerebro-spinal meningitis is said to have appeared in malignant form in Germany. We wonder what cerebro-spinal meningitis is in German.—Rochester Herald.

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At Pulaski, Va., Friday a negro was indicted for murder, tried, convicted and sentenced to death in less than an hour. The swiftness of the proceedings reminds one of records made in divorce cases.—Charlotte Observer.