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We have Dress Goods in woolen as well as cotton, white and dotted Swises. French Organdies that are the newest. And all the Novelties in wash goods.

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A big lot of silks for waists and skirts in Taffetas, Plaids, Stripes and Plain. See our New Belts. Fancy Hosiery to please you.

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Good calicoes for 4c Good cotton for 5c
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Plenty of Novelties in Boys, Childrens and Mens Clothing
Don't buy a Dollar's worth of Clothes until you see ours.

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We sell
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as the
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best and
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and best
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straw
and fur
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than ever

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novelties
in ladies
and gent's
ties, belts, laces
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PRIZES IN WAR.

Prize is any property captured in virtue of the rights of war. A difference exists in practice between war on land and on the sea in respect to private property. At sea all the property of every citizen of a belligerent country is liable to capture.

The general right of a belligerent to make captures by his public armed vessels of war, to grant commissions to private persons for the same object, and to establish tribunals of prize for the purpose of examining into all maritime captures, and of judicially deciding upon their validity. By the declaration of war all the citizens of the belligerent countries respectively become enemies, and the citizens of one country may seize any property of the other that they may meet with at sea. Property so seized belongs to the sovereign of the country, and not the captors, unless it is given to them as an act of grace on the part of their sovereign. For this reason, and also that the government of the country may have the power to limit and control the operations of the war, commissions are usually granted by the government to private persons, authorizing them to make such captures, and after adjudication by a competent tribunal they are entitled to the proceeds of the prizes thus taken. It is obviously necessary that when a capture has been made there should be some tribunal with authority to pass upon the validity of the capture, and to pronounce a decree of condemnation or acquittal.

It is therefore the right and duty of the government of a country, on the declaration of war, to establish tribunals of prize; and it is then responsible to all foreign nations for the correctness of the decisions therein made. So far as the property in question is concerned, the sentence in the prize court is conclusive upon all the world. If the sentence is one of condemnation, the title of the former owner is divested, and all nations are bound to respect the new title acquired under it. But to give the decision of the court this effect, it must appear conclusively that the court had jurisdiction over the property in question. It sometimes occurs that circumstances will not permit property captured at sea to be sent into port. The captor in such a case may destroy it, or allow the master or owner to ransom it. The property of a subject or an ally engaged in commerce with the enemy is liable to capture; and it makes no difference whether the trade be direct or indirect. The law of nations permits vessels to sail and chase under false colors, but not to fire a gun or capture under them. It has become an established principle of the law of nations, that a nation which takes no part in war shall have the same rights which it has in time of peace, except so far as the exercise of these rights would materially interfere with the permanent rights of the belligerents. Within her own territory, which for this and for other purposes extends a marine league from the shore, a neutral nation is supreme. No belligerent has a right to make a capture in her waters, or to arm or equip his ships of war in her ports, and if either of these things is done the neutral is bound to redress the injury. A ship has no right to station itself in a neutral port and send out boats to make hostile seizures. The neutral nation may allow certain privileges to one of the belligerents, but only such as she is willing to allow to the other. She cannot lend money to one belligerent, but if she is under a previous stipulation, made in time of peace, to furnish a given number of ships or troops to one of the belligerents, the contract may be complied with.

All seizures at sea are made at the peril of the captors. If, on being sent in, the vessels and cargo are acquitted, the captors are responsible for all damages and costs, unless the capture was made with probable cause. The distribution of prize money, or of the proceeds of the sale of ships or goods adjudged by courts of admiralty to be good prize, is carefully regulated by statutes of the United States. The 10th section of the act of June 30, 1864, provides as follows: "The net proceeds of all property condemned as prize shall, when the prize was of superior or of equal force to the vessel or vessels making the capture, be divided to the captors; and when of inferior force, one half shall be decreed to the United States and the other half to the captors; provided that, in case of privateers and letters of marque, the whole shall be decreed to the captors, unless it shall be otherwise provided in the commission issued to such vessels. All prize money adjudged to the captors shall be distributed in the following proportions, namely: 1. To the commanding officer of a fleet or a squadron, one twentieth part of all prize money awarded to any vessel under his command. 2. To the commanding officer of a division of a fleet or a squadron, on duty under the orders of the commander-in-chief of such fleet or squadron, a sum equal to one fiftieth part of any prize money awarded to a vessel of such division—for a capture made while under his command, the said fiftieth part to be deducted from the moiety due to the United States; if there be such moiety, otherwise from the amount awarded to the captors; provided that such fiftieth part shall not be in addition to any share which may be due to the commander of the division, and which he may elect to receive as commander of a single ship making or assisting in the capture. 3. To the fleet captain, one hundredth part of all prize money awarded to any vessel or vessels of the fleet or squadron in which he is serving, except in case where the capture is made by the vessel on board of which he is serving at the time of such capture, and in such case he shall share in proportion to his pay with the other officers and men on board such vessel, as is hereinafter provided. 4. To the commander of a single ship, one tenth part of all the prize money awarded to the ship under his command, if such ship at the time of the capture was under the command of the commanding officer of a fleet or squadron, or a division, and three twentieths if his ship was acting independently of such superior officer. 5. After the foregoing deductions, the residue shall be distributed and proportioned among all others doing duty on board (including the fleet captain,) and borne up on the books of the ship, in proportion to their respective rates of pay in the service. No commanding officer of a fleet or squadron shall be entitled to receive any share of prizes captured by any vessel or vessels not under his command, nor of such prizes as may have been captured by any ships or vessels intended to be placed under his command, before they have acted under his orders, nor shall the commanding officer of a fleet or squadron, leaving the station where he had command, have any share in the prizes taken by ships left on such station after he has gone out of the limits of his said command, nor after he has transferred his command to his successor. No officer or other person who shall have been temporarily absent on duty from a vessel on the books of which he continued to be borne, while so absent, shall be deprived, in consequence of such absence, of any prize money to which he would otherwise be entitled. And he shall continue to share in the captures of the vessel to which he is attached until regularly discharged therefrom."

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Whoooping Cough
I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Bergettsboro, Pa.
For sale by J. H. Orme, druggist.

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Church Dedication.

New Hopewell Baptist church near Golds, will be dedicated on the second Sunday in June.

Rev. J. N. Hall has been engaged to preach the dedicatory sermon, and as, Rev. J. N. Hall is so well known to our people as one of the strongest advocates and exponents of the Baptist faith, the mere announcement that he is to preach will bring out a large congregation. He will preach on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, and Sunday morning and night. The dedicatory services will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

A basket dinner will be spread on Sunday, and we are requested to state that arrangements will be made for all in attendance.

The Hon. O. M. James, of Crittenden county, one of the two prospective Democratic candidates for Congress, was in the city a day or so last week mingling with his host of friends. He has not formally announced yet, but feels confident and easy on the score of falling heir to the seat in the House of Representatives due the Old Gibraltar District; which has for years been supplying the Democratic majorities for the State. He is in no sense a weakling, either mentally or physically.

Although barely old enough to qualify as a Congressman, he is more than six feet in slippers (which he rarely wears,) weighs nearly three hundred, and about the youngest member of his home coterie of lawyers; even the old fellows in the radius of his cloth give him a wide berth in anything he goes after—Caldwell's Telephone.

COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION

To Be Held at Chapel Hill On Saturday, June 11.

Our County Convention will be held at Chapel Hill, Saturday June 11, 1898. All are especially invited, Baptist, Methodist Presbyterians, Christians churches and all alike. Let everyone do what he thinks is right, let each school make out its reports and have them ready at any time. If you want to pledge something for the Sunday school work we will appreciate it very much indeed. District President, do your work well, wherein we have failed in inviting make up in coming. "If all are alive and well enough and nothing happens more than I know of now I'll be there," R. M. Franks, Co. Pres.

POPULIST MEETING.

Delegates To The Congressional Convention To Be Chosen

In Marion on the second Monday in May, county court day, to select delegates to the Princeton convention to nominate a candidate for congress from this district. Every Populist in good standing and voter who may endorse our principal are invited to meet with us. Everybody come as there will be speaking by good speakers. W. H. Brown, Champ.

A. H. Cardie, Secy.
BACKACHE AND RHEUMATISM relieved by Dr. Miles' Nerve Pain-Expeller. Nobody need have Rheumatism. Get Dr. Miles' Pain Expeller from druggists. "One cent a dose."

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ONE YEAR — ONE DOLLAR

OUR WAR DOGS BARK, And The Spanish Squadron Meets The Fate of the Maine.

A Great Battle at Manila and The Americans Now Command The Situation.

It was a Dewey morning, May 1.
It was simply a May day picnic.
The first fight took place almost directly beneath us.
The "Yankee pig" is routine in the Spanish garden.
G-tling to them is the only trouble our boys are experiencing.
Even the Spaniards have well grounded reasons for remembering the Maine.
Our volunteer forces are not likely to be allowed the privilege of even seeing a Spaniard.
There will be no extra session of the Legislature. Uncle Sam proposes to pay all expenses.
Our gunners should be careful lest they sink the island of Cuba when they open fire on Havana.
After two hours fighting not even the proverbial greasy spot was left of the boasting treacherous Donas.
If they can hit Weyler amidsthip with a ball from one of our thirteen inch guns, no questions will be asked.
Dr. David W. Vandell, one of the most eminent physicians and surgeons, died at his home in Louisville Monday.
The Spanish boast that they covered themselves with glory, but most folks believe that Dewey covered them with his guns.
Peace is better than war, but such victories will serve to blount the refined sensibilities of the most fastidious conscientious scurples.
It is announced that Secretary Gage is now ready for the bond issue. Other war news may be conflicting, but this will do to be on.
The Smithland Banner has issued a declaration neutrality in the Congressional race. In as much as the Banner has already carried contra bands of war under its flag, the neutrality ultimatum is a surprise.
Admiral Sampson shot at the Spaniards down in Cuba and killed one of their mules. Another evidence of the truth of the old saying, "death loves a shining mark." The mule had no business keeping such company.
The \$50,000,000 appropriated some weeks ago for war purposes have been exhausted, and \$36,000,000 more has been credited to the ar fund. War comes high but the Dewey victory is mighty near worth that amount.
There is nothing new under the sun, except the knack the daily papers have developed for manufacturing war news. Solomon never dreamt of the part the papers would play in the Spanish-American war, or he would not have declared himself among the line novelties.
The Kentucky soldiers are growing more and more impatient every day. They enlisted to fight, and the delay is exasperating. Kentucky soldiers have distinguished themselves on every battle field where they have been called upon, and it is but natural that the sons of the state should be anxious to take a prominent part in the fray.
The three editors in the last legislature from this district, are now lustily calling upon their delinquent subscribers to call and settle as money is needed to pay paper bills and other printing office necessities. From this the public might conclude that there is not much money in playing statesmen in the Kentucky legislature.
Near Cienfuegos Monday the Nash ville, assisted by the Porter and Montgomery captured the big Spanish steamer Venezuela. She had on board ten Spanish officers, and ten soldiers. These were kept as prisoners of war, and the ship was towed to Key West as a prize. Seven Spanish gun boats, attempting to assist the Venezuela, were put to flight.
Two Titans
The Murray Ledger will this week contain the announcement of the Hon. Ollie James, of Marion, as a candidate for Congress from the First district. Mr. James is a young man but is fully capable and competent to fill the position to which he aspires. We feel sure that with such papers back of him as the Ledger that he will win, and should he do so his name will go on record as the best man mentally, physically and oratorically that has ever been in Congress at his age. With James from the First and Rhea from the Third, Kentucky's representation will be hard to beat, for if anything should be lacking in one it will be made up in the other.—Elkton Times.

Under cover of night April 30, the American squadron, slipped into the bay at Manila, on the Philippine islands, and at the break of day, the Spanish beheld the nine American fighting crafts in position and ready for a fight. The account of the great fight is imperfect and comes through Spanish authorities. One of the forts opened fire on the Americans, our ship shifted around and began belching forth a fire of destruction at both the forts and the Spanish fleet. The first engagement lasted two hours, and seven of the Spanish vessels were sunk or destroyed, and their entire squadron was practically annihilated.
The loss of life to the Spaniards is estimated at from 400 to 700, and their property loss can not be less than \$6,000,000.

Spanish Story of the Slaughter.
Paris, May 2.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Temps says that, according to the latest dispatches, the British Consul at Manila, in his visit to Commodore Dewey, made representations in behalf of the Consular Corps against the bombardment of the town.
The dispatch also says French, British and German warships are in the roads at Manila.
"No Spanish warship surrendered and the majority perished. Two Spanish commanders were killed while resisting to the last moment. The Spanish losses are estimated at 400 men killed, including many natives."

The Way Dewey Did It.
Washington, May 2.—The French Embassy has received some news by way Paris touching the fight. The full American squadron seems not to have engaged in the first attack, but this is accounted for by the necessity of having one or more vessels watching the harbor to prevent an attack in the rear.
The American ships advanced in the form of a wide V, and met the Spanish fleet that was ranged in an inverted Y formation, Montejos flag ship being at the apex. This vessel was the center of fire, and was riddled and sunk. She is said to have received 100 shots from 5 and 6-inch rapid firing guns at a distance of 1000 to 800 yards in two minutes. Commodore Dewey's fire tactics seem to have been the system considered the best by all high European naval authorities, which is to select a ship and concentrate the full fire of everything in range upon it.
It would appear from the burning and destruction of the three largest vessels of the Spanish fleet that Dewey deliberately selected the largest vessels, one after another, and poured such a storm of heavy and light shells into each that it put one after the other out of action in short order. The first engagement lasted 40 minutes. The second engagement seems to have been induced by the appearance of some Spanish war vessels that had been out cruising. The scene during the cannonading was terribly magnificent. The incessant roar of the heavy guns, with the sharper report of the quick-firing weapons, combined to make an overpowering, hellish din.

Sampson Goes to Meet Him.
Special Telegram to THE PRESS.
KEY WEST, May 4.—Half of Sampson's fleet has sailed to meet and give battle to the Spanish squadron, supposed to be headed for Porto Rico.

They Move on Cuba.
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KEY WEST, May 4.—Shafter and Wade will move on Cuba at once, and their success is almost certain.

A Great Battle Expected.
Special Telegram to THE PRESS.
NEW YORK, May 4.—A great battle is expected off Porto Rico within a week.

The Spanish Sail For Home.
Special Telegram to THE PRESS.
New York, May 4.—The Spanish fleet has sailed for Cadiz, where a combination will be made with other Spanish vessels, and the entire squadron will return to engage the American fleet.

Washington May 4.—The next great battle will be fought, not at Havana, but on the high seas off the Atlantic coast, probably not later than Saturday. The Spanish flotilla, now believed to be coming, and a part of Sampson's squadron are expected to meet.
Madrid, May 4.—An official dispatch from Havana says the entire American squadron which has been lying off that city has steamed away.

The Dynasty in Danger.
Madrid, May 2.—The disaster at Manila has aroused the Spaniards to the highest pitch, and Spain will fight to the bitter end. The papers declare that there can be no surrender.
Advices from Havana say the British population of the city is fleeing, and it is believed that the American fleet will bombard the city to-day or to-morrow.

The Cubans Are Ready.
Tampa, Fla., May 3.—Five thousand Cubans are waiting for transportation. They are anxious to strike the first blow that will forever drive Spain from their native land.

Reign of Terror Threatened.
Madrid, May 3.—Mobs of enraged people are parading the streets, and the military power will be helpless to quell the riots unless the powers that be force the Spanish fleet to fight the Americans.
The strain is great and the dynasty may fall before Saturday night.

Manila Has Surrendered.
New York, May 3.—Direct Hong Kong cable says: "Cable just in says Manila has surrendered colonial office."
England says Dewey will establish Provincial government.

Will Send Coal to Dewey.
Washington, D. C., May 3.—The navy department will at once send coal to Dewey's fleet. One ship has been secured already as a collier. It is stated to be a much faster vessel than those usually so employed, but it will take her about three weeks to reach Manila, and she may stop en route at Honolulu, to replenish her own coal supply from the large accumulation held there by Admiral Miller in order that she may arrive in Manila with a full cargo.

Soldiers Go to Dewey's Aid.
Washington, May 3.—Probably ten thousand soldiers, and many volunteers will go the Pacific coast and proceed immediately to the Philippine islands to aid Dewey.

Battle Off New Foundland.
St. Johns, New Foundland, May 3.—The telegraph operators at Cape Race and Trepassay, on the South coast of this island, report having heard heavy firing of shots in the offing Saturday night.
The firing lasted fifteen minutes and to the operators conveyed the impression that two ships were engaged in a sea fight.

Beginning of The End.
London, England, May 3.—A special dispatch from Brussels says a high Spanish diplomatist there declares Spain is practically in a state of revolution.
The end of the regency has begun.
A special from Madrid says: "During the demonstration Monday night the soldiery at the barracks were only prevented from joining the mob by the personal pleadings of the officers."
It says also many officers mingled with the mob, inciting it to an attack upon the residences of the ministers.

If Caught, They Will Hang.
New York, May 4.—It is thought that Spaniards blew up the powder mills in California. Two Spaniards acquired about the location of the mills the morning of the catastrophe.
Major General.
Washington, May 3.—Fitzhugh Lee has been appointed a Major General.

England's Sudden Move.
The English Ambassador at Washington is to be succeeded by one of the highest officials of the British Foreign office. This means some important step on the part of England, but it portends no harm to us.

A Final Struggle.
Madrid, May 3.—The cabinet has decided to make one final struggle in Cuban waters. All of the Spanish navy is to be massed immediately and they will make one grand effort to crush the American ships in the Atlantic.

The Savage Spanish.
New York, May 4.—The Spanish according to late advices, are pursuing their savage mode of warfare where the dominate. Porto Rico advises say they have imprisoned Dr. Barba, a liberal leader, on trumped up charges, and he will probably be shot. The wives and daughters of absent leaders have been thrown in jail. More than a score of political executions will take place in a few days.

Spanish Spy Tried and Shot.
Key West, May 2.—Despite denials in almost every official source the rumors continue to be circulated today that the Spanish spy who was caught tampering with the locks on board the blockading vessel Puritan, was tried by drumhead court-martial on board the ship yesterday and put to death. The man's name was Iglesias and he was a fireman on the Puritan. The affair is being suppressed, but as I stated the rumor is persistent today as it was last night.

Our Ships Not Armored.
Washington, D. C., May 2.—The greatest anxiety is felt as to the casualties sustained by the American fleet. All of the ships engaged were vulnerable in one respect, namely, in their lack of protection to life.
There was not an armored ship in Commodore Dewey's fleet. The nearest approach, being the flagship, Olympia. She had some coal protection around the sides and an arched steel deck, calculated to protect the vitals of the ship. Other vessels of the fleet, save those recently added to the navy, like the McCulloch, have lighter steel decks of this character, but in all cases, with the exception of some light protection in the shape of gun shields, the personnel of the ships are exposed to the fire of the enemy.

If Commodore Dewey lost a considerable portion of his men, it is feared he will be embarrassed in the work of maintaining possession of Manila for lack of sufficient force.

The Future of the Philippines.
Washington, D. C., May 2.—As to the future of the islands it is likely the government will retain possession of Manila for a coaling station and a base of supplies during the remainder of the war.

Washington, May 2.—Leading diplomats say no step toward European intervention is likely to be hastened by this disaster of Spain. It is looked upon simply as a war reverse, which cannot be turned into political channels by Spanish appeals to the great powers. This is the view alike in British, French and German quarters. It was rather expected from the British, and it is none the less apparent among French and German officials, who regard the time for mediation or intervention as past.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. Gris ham, Gaits Mills, La. For sale by J. H. Orme, druggist.

Ayer's Asthma Cure
better known as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, has made a record for its remarkable cures of asthma. Cases that have been considered beyond hope or help have been cured by this remedy. We give two examples of such cures out of the many on record:
"My mother has been a great sufferer from asthma for the past ten years, and her recovery is almost without a parallel. On account of her advanced age—over seventy—we had but little hope of ever seeing her well again; but we are sincerely grateful to inform you that she has been entirely cured by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral."
INGLIS BANKS, Tar Brook, N. S.
"I was a sufferer for a long time from asthma, vainly endeavoring to procure relief in the use of ordinary remedies. At length I was induced to try a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. The first bottle afforded me so much benefit that I continued the use of the remedy until entirely cured."
JOSEPH KLONZ, Charlotte, N. C.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral
put up in half-size bottles, 50 cents. Full-size bottle, \$1.00.

James Paris
Still at the old stand—one door west of Pierce's Hardware, with good groceries and low prices.
He is Closing out
The Bighest stock of Dry Goods, and has some good bargains in shoes and hats.
It will pay you to see him.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla

is the
BEST SARSAPARILLA.

"Best" is an easy boast. But there's no best without a test. You expect something extra of best; something extra in bread from best flour; something extra in wear from best cloth; something extra in cures from best medicines. It's that something extra in Ayer's Sarsaparilla that makes Ayer's the best. That something extra is quality. Remember it's quality that cures, not quantity. Geo. Smith of the People's Drug Store, Seymour, Conn., says: "I have sold your goods for twenty-five years and when a customer asks me for

The Best Preparation for the Blood

I say: 'If you will take my opinion, use Ayer's Sarsaparilla; I will guarantee that you will receive more benefit by using one or two bottles of Ayer's than you would by using half a dozen bottles of some other kind.' When they take it, I never hear any complaint."

Ayer's Sarsaparilla cures all diseases that have their origin in impure blood: sores, ulcers, boils, eruptions, pimples, eczema, tetter, scrofula, etc. It cures cheaply, it cures quickly, and it cures to stay. That's why it's best.

"After twenty years' experience as a druggist, I consider Ayer's Sarsaparilla superior to any similar preparation on the market, and I give it the preference over all others."
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"I believe Ayer's Sarsaparilla contains more medicinal value than any other similar compound."
JAMES DOANE, Dispensing Chemist, Kingsville, Ont.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Roseville, York county Penn., who saw the latest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would me for a dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by J. H. Orme, druggist.

Wool Carding AT MARION
Having thoroughly overhauled and repaired our machinery, making it practically as good as new, we are now ready to card wool.
We have secured an experienced carder, who understands the business in every detail, and having a first class machine, we can do better work than you can get anywhere else.
ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

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Write for beautiful book giving testimonials from graduates occupying prominent positions all over the United States—it will be mailed to you FREE. College Building and Office Third and Jefferson streets, Louisville, Ky.

Southern Mutual Investment Co.,
Branch Office, Marion, Ky.
Below we give extracts from letters written us by investors in this Company, and the originals are in our possession, if you are interested we will show them to you. From the Cashier of a bank in a neighboring city: March 17, 1893. I am a small investor in the Company, at first sight the statement of the case looks very "satisfactory" but on investigation it is practicable, one of our leading lawyers after a thorough investigation has become a heavy investor.
From a prominent Kentucky Merchant: March 22, 1893. The best evidence I can give of my belief in the plan and management of this Company is I have invested in it, I am now carrying 34 coupons and pay the \$94.00 per month. I have realized from investments with them \$1700.00 which cost me less than \$8 00.00.
From an eminent Divine of the Baptist Church: March 21, 1893. I have been an investor in this Company since July 1, 1891. have acquainted myself with its officials, plans and management and see no reason why I should cease to invest with them, on the contrary I made a special investment about a month ago of over \$300.00 in buying certificates the owner had carried 32 months. I believe the Company will stand the test of time, its on the plan of life insurance, reversed, to pay the living benefit of the heirs of the dead and with a continuous business it will certainly be able to carry out its contracts. I have had 24 coupons to mature which have me less than \$550.00 and on which they paid me \$1515.00. Come in and see us, and investigate this system of investment whether you want to make an investment now or not.

SCROFULA.
One of America's most famous physicians says: "Scrofula is external consumption." Scrofulous children are often beautiful children, but they lack nerve force, strong bones, stout muscles and power to resist disease. For delicate children there is no remedy equal to
Scott's Emulsion
of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. It fills out the skin by putting good flesh beneath it. It makes the cheeks red by making rich blood. It creates an appetite for food and gives the body power enough to digest it. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.
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Quality and Prices to suit.
Where to buy?
At the New Furniture Store
Down with High Prices!
Every thing You want from Parlor to Kitchen.
THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPLETE STOCK TO SELECT FROM.
I also have the Largest and best equipped stock of
COFFINS CASKETS, ETC.
and Horses when desired. Mr. R. A. Dorr, and experienced undertaker, will give personal and prompt attention to all calls, day or night.
Patronize the new furniture store for good qualities and low prices.
CHAS. E. GRAVES,
Next door to Freeman's Hotel
MARION, KENTUCKY.

The Press.

R. C. WALKER, Publisher.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES

The infant of W. L. Bigham died Monday.

L. H. James was in Eddyville Monday.

Lucien Miles, Jr., is still confined to his bed.

Dr. Carty, of Hurricane, was in town Monday.

H. F. Alloway, of Sturgis, was in town Sunday.

Marion Bank holds its annual election Saturday.

The prospect for a fine wheat crop was never brighter.

Just received a large line of fine val lace at Clifton's.

The spar men are still making rich "finds" in the county.

Now that we have a town again, let us all stick to her.

Have you seen that beautiful line of jeweled belts at Clifton's.

Finis D. Hardin appeared in court and chose Burley Belt as his guardian.

Miss Georgie Boaz, of Kelsey, was the guest of friends in Marion last week.

Mr. J. F. Dodge and wife went to Fulton Saturday to visit Mr. C. E. Weldon's family.

Rev. R. T. McConnell, of Carversville, spent some days last week with friends in Marion.

A number of the young people of Marion spent Sunday afternoon at Crittides Springs.

You can't afford to buy an ordinary dress until you have seen that matchless line at Clifton's.

See our line of mens cottonade pants for 50c. worth 75c.

Clifton's.

A dog supposed to have hydrophobia was killed in town a few days since.

Mr. Will Howerton returned Friday from Louisville, where he has been spending a month.

Mr. A. H. Cardin sold a handsome saddle and harness here to an Evansville man last week.

Mr. J. W. Skelton went to Hopkinsville Monday to work up interest in a Knights of Honor lodge.

WANTED:—Twenty good stove makers. For further information write G. I. Neptune, Memphis, Tenn.

Morse's new brick buildings will soon be completed. Such additions to the town are worth talking and writing about.

Mr. Walter Blackburn spent Saturday and Sunday in Marion. He was enroute to Paducah to attend the session of Federal Court.

Rochester Wallingford, the battle scarred veteran, returned from Madisonville Monday. He remained in the army several days.

Miss Alice Wathen, of Ford's Ferry is visiting friends in Marion. She is enroute home from Meade where she spent some weeks with relatives.

Mr. Press Ford, of Crayneville, was in town Monday. If they want a brigade of old men, Press would so be ready for the fight.

Fred Clement was in town Monday. He has thirty acres of corn up and says the little black boys are having a picnic in it.

Ex City Marshal Lloyd is almost ready to enlist. If he had his blood hounds, we'd bet he could locate the Spanish fleet in twenty-four hours.

Mr. D. Woods has been on the sick list this week.

If it comes from Clifton's it's all right in style and price.

Revs. W. H. Miley and Jas. F. Price joined the K of H. Tuesday night.

For Sale:—A four room frame dwelling. A bargain. See R. C. Walker.

Miss Haghey Nunn, of Sullivan, was the guest of friends in Marion last week.

Mr. J. H. Todd was in town Tuesday and qualified as police judge of Shady Grove.

□ Fresh home baked bread at Coopers—two doors west of Pierce's hardware store.

Miss Mattie Williams, of Providence, is the guest of Mrs. Lizzie Franks of this week.

If you carry a silver watch bring it in and we'll trade you a gold or gold filled watch for it.

Levi Cook.

Mr. J. T. Franks has purchased the Annie Smith house and lot lying just north of the Loving property.

There are three negro boys in jail now—two serving out jail sentences and the other waiting circuit court.

The working team of the K. P. Lodge goes to Princeton today to assist in the organization of a new lodge.

Mr. W. B. Rankin moved to his farm Monday. He will come back to Marion in the fall to send his children to school.

I wish to rent out my residence. Will rent all the house to one person or one half, to suit renter.

J. H. Walker.

Dr. Wiley Truitt, of Shady Grove, dropped into see us Thursday. He has been in poor health all winter and spring, but hopes to recuperate when the red bird begins to sing.

If you want to see the greatest line of women's \$1.00 oxfords in the country you can find them at Clifton's.

Mr. W. M. Ebridge was in town Saturday. He is building a handsome cottage residence for Mr. W. M. Lockett in the Caldwell Spring neighborhood.

"Just tell them that I am the grand father of Mark Hanna," said our old friend Henry Yandell yesterday. It is a fine boy at Ves Threlkelds and they have named him for the Ohio politician.

For sugar, coffee, flour and all other groceries, please see us before you buy. We will certainly save you money.

H. Schwab.

Always remember when you want clocks, watches and jewelry, the best goods and lowest prices will be found at Levi Cook's.

When the news came that Commodore Dewey had sent the Spanish squadron to Davy Jones' locker, everybody in town was ready and anxious to enlist in the war.

Crossland Miles and John McCard of this place enlisted in the company at Madisonville, but when the order came reducing the number of men from 103 to 87 our boys were dropped out.

Never late if you carry one of our watches. They are correct time keepers and always on the go.

Levi Cook.

Among those who attended the commencement exercises were Mrs. Cooley, of Mayfield; Mr. Oag and wife, of Orider; Mrs. Lucie Farris of Salem; Mesdames Bugg and Loyd, of Fredonia; Mrs. Hughes and wife, of Sullivan; Mrs. Chippies of Bayou Mills; Mrs. Fannie Koon, of Dyonburg; Dr. J. D. Threlkeld and Dr. J. V. Hayden, of Salem.

Saturday Mrs. Mary E. White tendered her resignation as administratrix of the estate of E. R. White, and having accounted for all funds, the same was accepted, and L. E. White was appointed.

There will be baptizing at Crooked Creek church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock; there are nine candidates, and among the number is Mr. Basil Butler, one of the oldest men in the county. Rev. Carter will administer the ordinance.

Friday Mr. C. Wilson's delivery team became frightened and ran helter skelter through the streets with the wagon. Mr. Wilson and Howard McConnell were thrown from the wagon, and the boy was badly buried about the head and face.

Pin your hat with one of our new hat pins. They are very hand some and cost less than you'd expect.

Levi Cook.

Mr. A. J. Bennett one of the leading farmers of the Hurricane country was in town a few minutes last week. He had his fleet mule cruisers standing ready to fire into the ground the moment the clouds raised the blockade they have been maintaining on the soil most all spring.

Mr. Marion Beard who attempted suicide some weeks ago by shooting himself in the head is recovering. His friends fear, however, that his mental powers have been impaired; he seems but little inclined to talk, and our informant tells us that he takes little or no interest in anything.

Wool season now opening, and we will pay the highest market price in cash for your wool.

H. Schwab.

We learn that Mr. J. S. McMurray is winding up his business at Repton and will shortly move to Ford's Ferry and go into the mercantile business. Mr. McMurray is a fine business man and a splendid citizen, and Ford's Ferry may well be proud of her a question.

Just received an elegant line of ladies neckwear at Clifton's.

The following marriage license have been issued:

B. F. Brantley and Miss Lucy E. Parish.

Wm. H. Fletcher and Miss Dora Nelson.

Abner D. Moon and Miss Sarah Tom Lear.

Mr. J. N. Clark has enrolled the names of between forty and fifty members for his company of volunteers. Since notice was made in the Press of his determination to raise a company he has received letters from men in adjoining counties expressing their desire to enlist.

The roll will probably be completed by next Monday.

Use one of our alarm clocks, they always get you up on time. I have them from 75c up, and guaranteed good time keepers.

Levi Cook.

Our friend Luther Hardisty writes to change the address of his paper to Lytle, Ga. He is in Company H, 12 infantry, and the company was recently moved from Nebraska to the southern camp. Frank, a brother of Luther, is also in the regular army and is now at New Orleans. Sam Koon, another Crittenden boy, in the regular service, is with the troops in the south, ready for marching orders.

We acknowledge the receipt of subscriptions from the following persons:

A. J. Bennett, Tol; J. M. Brantley, W. H. Adcock, Blackford; A. Hughes, Crayneville; A. P. Shanks, Goldust, Ark; F. J. Clement, Marion; S. C. Bennett, Kelsey; E. A. Crow, Ft. Worth, Tex; J. P. Read, G. W. Adcock, Marion; R. E. Hill, Iron Hill; J. M. Brown, Dwight, Ill.

Tuesday night James Woods, a colored man of this place, threw a chair at his grown daughter, Cora, striking her on the head and knocking her down. She remained in an unconscious state several hours. Woods was arrested and put in jail. Yesterday the woman had about recovered. When asked why he threw the chair Jim said: "She had been giving me some of her jaw."

Mr. George D. Hughes, one of the thriving young farmers of the West section, was in town Saturday. He had planted no corn, and said he would not until the ground was dry. "I think more of my land than of one crop," he said, "and never work it when too wet."

Useless Sweet Potatoes Slips For Sale.

Per hundred, 30 cents.

Per thousand, \$2.50.

Leave orders at A. M. Hearins.

A. M. Witherspoon.

In 1888, W. H. Weatherford, a Christian preacher of considerable prominence, was sent to the penitentiary from Livingston county upon a charge of larceny. A few months later he escaped, and went to Missouri. Recently he was located, and detectives arrested him last week and returned him to the Frankfort prison. The arrest was an astonishment to the people of Crocker, Mo., where he has resided, and was doing acceptable service as pastor of the church. He had deported himself as a gentleman since going there, and was regarded as a model preacher.

A GREAT SCHOOL.

The Closing Exercises Are Largely Attended.

Seven High School and Forty-Five Common School Graduates.

The closing exercises of the fourth term of the Marion Graded School were held at Opera House Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening of last week. These occasions are among the important events in the history of the community. We are putting a good deal of money in our school and the results are naturally watched, with more than passing interest. On each of the evenings the Opera House was packed with people—Marion people, Crittenden county people, and people from five or six adjacent counties. The stage was beautifully decorated for the occasion, appropriate music was rendered during the evenings.

The orations of the young people were splendid and held the closest attention of the big audience. The young speakers were thoroughly interested in their work, and acquitted themselves with honor, while their friends covered them with flowers. In Marion there are practically no classes; no distinction between rich and poor, high or low, and a glance at the bright young people composing the graduating class demonstrated this. The school has been dedicated to the children and it was an impressive sight to see the girls and boys as one family enjoying the fruition of their hard labor. There were two may in the class for the Press to undertake to particularize, and then if we had space, it would be difficult to tell who did best. All did well, and reflected credit upon the school, and showed that Prof. Evans and his corps of most excellent teachers have been measuring up to the responsibility that rests upon them as guardians of this great and growing institution. There has never been a moment when the people of Marion regretted the investment made in our graded school; and when we behold the results as exemplified at the end of each term in these commencement exercises, we have reasons to congratulate ourselves upon the selection and retention of Prof. Evans as principal of the school. His whole being appears to be wrapped up in this work, and the interest he has aroused here, the patronage he has drawn from the outside, and the material evidences he turns up with at the end of every term, will convince anyone that in him we have a titan at the head of our educational interest.

During the term 470 pupils were enrolled—363 home students and 107 from the outside, representing six counties. The term opened with six teachers and closed with eight.

The following was the programme for each evening of the exercises.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Music—Concentration March Invocation.

Music—Waltz, Espanita.

The Maine, Kitty Cat.

Maxims of Franklin, Arthur Finley.

Marion, 1903, Myrtle Glenn.

Sowing Tame Oats, Chas. Wigginton.

The Klondike, Otto Pickens.

Should our war footing be increased? Wort Spurrer.

Music—2nd Regiment, March.

The Rhine of America, Henry Chippies.

Frances E. Wallis, Kitty Henry.

Thos. A. Edson, Duke Harris.

The Bicycle, has it come to stay? Minnie Brown.

Gettysburg, Roy Gilbert.

Music—"Manzanillo," Spanish.

Hollands Boat, Henry Haynes.

Our Sunday Schools, Anna Dorr.

Dwight L. Moody, Melrose Vernon.

Clara Barton, Genia Fletcher.

Should Hawaii be Annexed? Geo. Chas. Moore.

con. Wm. Rhodes.

Music—Coffied March, Narcissus.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Music—Waltz, "Flour-de-lis."

A change of Administration in Kentuck required. pro Ira Bennett.

con Will Carter.

Liquid Air, Lynn Watson.

Monitor and Merrimack, Maud Tucker.

Jefferson Davis, Robt. Foster.

Music—March, Saints to Helena.

Old Ireland, N. Woods.

Sir Henry Bessemer, Ira Pierce.

Young Women and Christian Endeavor.

Maud Hill.

John C. Breckenridge G. E. Thomas.

Marion School Library, Kathie Woods.

The Hero of the Hour, Edna McGraw.

Music—Two-step, King Carnival.

Joel T. Hart, Ella Newcom.

Loyalty of the South, Chas. Grady.

The Boy on the Farm, Bertie Snow.

Music—"The Pickaninny."

John J. Audubon, Letta Carter.

In an Inch of the Presidency, Harry Gill.

The Month of April in History, Guthrie Travis.

Henry W. Grady, Ebba Pickens.

The Hoosier Poet, Maurice Schwab.

Music—March, "Philo Senate."

SATURDAY EVENING.

The Future of Cuba, Walter Walker.

A Girl's Girl for A' that, Ida Koon.

A Man Without a Country.

Edison's Iron Plant, Robt. Cook.

Our Seaside Environment, Carrie Moore.

Women of the Revolution.

The Washington of Cuba, Valetictory R. I. Robinson.

Music—March, American Belle.

HIGH SCHOOL EXERCISES.

Abraham Lincoln, Addie Boyd.

Stonewall Jackson, Lal Threlkeld.

Music—Waltz, "Casta." A Joint L. c. ure: Sunshine.

Kate Browning.

Fannie Gray.

Music—Madley of Songs.

The Paradise of Fools, Adella Clement.

The Last Days of the Southern Confederacy, Valetictory, A. F. Orider.

Conferring Diplomas.

Music—March, "Around the Square."

Will Dorr, Charlie Burget and Ollie White are out making for a medicine company.

Bob Woods, colored, was taken to Princeton yesterday to answer an old indictment for seduction.

Remember the election of trustees for the graded school Saturday. The returning members of the board are W. B. Yandell and R. C. Walker.

The little daughter of Mr. Wm. Belt of the Chapel Hill neighborhood, has been dangerously ill several days. She is thought to be some better.

Watch cleaning and repair work executed in the most skillful manner at lowest prices. Give us your work and we will give you satisfaction.

Levi Cook.

A gentleman brought to our office a piece of peach tree limb upon which the peaches were grown in four and five. The entire tree, he says, is loaded just that way.

Rev. R. J. L. Rue left Monday for Norfolk, Va., to attend the Shenandoah Baptist Convention. He is the delegate from the Ohio River Association. He is a Whittist man, but represents a strong anti-Whittist constituency.

Cousins Lightning Liniment cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Sick Headache, Sore Throat, Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Old Sores, Corns, and all pains and inflammations. The most penetrating Liniment in the world. Try it. 50c. J. H. Orme.

On Friday Mr. Abner Moon and Miss Sarah Lear, of the Sheridan neighborhood were united in marriage, Rev. W. R. Gibbs officiating. The groom is near eighty years old, while the bride is many years his junior. The Press extends congratulations.

You may not have been born "with a silver spoon in your mouth," but you can eat with silver spoons and it won't cost you much either—if you buy them of me.

Levi Cook.

Ex-Sheriff John T. Franks is winding up his business here as rapidly as possibly preparatory to going to Owensboro to take a position in the collector's office. He will have charge of the supply desk in the office. He hopes to move about the middle of the summer.

I am now ready to pay for our services at March term 1899.

J. H. Walker, T. J. F.

My stump-sucking gray horse strayed two weeks ago. I want him had enough to pay reasonable for his return.

J. B. Kevil.

Will Organize Monday.

Mr. J. N. Clark now has fifty names on his volunteer roll, and they will meet at the court house in Marion next Monday, at 1 o'clock to organize. The officers will be chosen and the company will begin drilling at once. A number of patriotic speeches will be made.

Crittenden Post G. A. R. held its regular monthly meeting yesterday.

The attendance was larger than usual and the old veterans had a pleasant day. The war spirit abroad just now brought back many scenes and movements of by gone days and they were discussed with a fervor of spirit, and the boys feel that if it is necessary they can give Spain a taste of their prowess.

There are some things in this world hard to understand, and deputy sheriff Ainsworth ran across one of them the other day: it was county judge Rochester's hand writing. The officer was in trouble, the document was an order of sale, and he was directed to sell what appeared to be from the judge's writing a "hog mare colt," and none of the officers friends could tell him just what kind of an animal that was. Everybody agreed that the writing meant that and nothing else, and the last seen of Ainsworth, he was going towards the Ohio river, asking everybody where he could find a "hog-mare colt."

The city council will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night, and will probably take such steps as necessary to conform to the decision of the Circuit Court. The county judge will probably be asked to appoint five trustees for a sixth class town, and then steps will be taken to go into the fifth class, and organize with the present six as to officials in charge. This appears to be the proper thing, though Mayor Moore thinks that it would be best to remain in the sixth class until just before the November election, when the change could be made a few officers elected.

We have the best school Marion ever had; it is affording the children educational advantages that are equal to any other school; it is bringing young people from the country and from adjoining counties, and is adding to the good reputation of Marion more than any other institution of a secular nature we have ever had. Its success has been largely due to the untiring zeal and ceaseless efforts of Chas. Evans, the principal, and he should be retained so long as his services can be had.

P. Hudson & Co., a firm engaged in mining in this county has contracted with Wm. Redd for all the mineral that may be mined and shipped from his 123 acre farm; he is paid 30 cents per ton for the mineral.

Rev. Shelton, presiding elder of this circuit of the M. E. church, preached at the C. P. church Tuesday night. This division of the Methodist church will probably organize a church at this place. For some time they have been negotiating for the old C. P. church, and the trade will probably be made in the near future.

Dedication.

The new Presbyterian church at Tolu, will be dedicated Sunday, May 22. Dr. Nourse, of Hopkinsville, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

Annual Meeting B. P. O. Elks.

For this occasion I will sell round trip tickets to New Orleans at \$13.50. Tickets to be sold only on May 7, 8 and 9, limited to fifteen days from date of sale for return.

H. S. Fitzpatrick, Agt.

Educational Association.

The F. D. E. A. will meet at May field, May 13-14. Railroad fare will be \$3.80; Mayfield will entertain. Every teacher who possibly can, should go, the meeting is not for teachers alone; anyone who feels interested enough in education to go, will meet a hearty welcome. There will be a number of pupils there; why not have some from this county? You boys and girls who have graduated, or who are hoping to graduate, or who do not care a fig for graduating—who is more interested in education than you should be? The meeting is for you and we shall be glad to have you with us. Mayfield is a beautiful little city, and a pleasant journey from us and a comfortable distance from Cuba, and the date at most delightful season. The meeting promises to be best in history of the association. You should go.

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