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PEACE WITH SPAIN.

For nearly eight months the United States has been practically at peace with Spain. Since the protocol was signed in August last there has been entire cessation of hostilities and a treaty has been negotiated which was ratified by the United States Senate and approved by the Queen Regent of Spain.

Spain has lost the most important of its colonial possessions as a result of the war. It has evacuated Cuba, to which the Congress of the United States, before war was declared, pledged freedom and independence. It has been compelled to cede Porto Rico to this country, and, on account of reverses in the Philippines and in consideration of \$20,000,000, has transferred its sovereignty in the archipelago to the United States.

The United States has acquired possession of Porto Rico, which may be of some value to us in the future as a strategic point if we are ever involved in war with a naval power. If our acquisition of territory had been confined to this island in the West Indies our treaty makers would have displayed greater wisdom. Not content with this addition to our territory, the administration insisted upon the cession by Spain of a thousand islands or more, nearly 7,000 miles from our Pacific coast, inhabited in the main by a semi-civilized population for whom it has agreed to pay \$20,000,000 or about \$250 apiece.

Spain has sustained an enormous loss in territory, but Cuba and the Philippines were a great burden, held only by the maintenance of a large military and naval force in both possessions. This burden has been shifted permanently to the United States, so far as the Philippines are concerned, while we are under the necessity of keeping an army of occupation temporarily in Cuba. Spain's loss of territory may prove a blessing in disguise to the Spaniards. Let us hope that the "new possessions" will not prove as great a curse to us as they were to the nation from whom we have taken them.

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The republican leaders in New York are doing a public service in exposing the abuses of Tammany rule in New York city, but they are doing it as partisans, and with a partisan object.

Last Week in Trade Circles.

Special Correspondence.

NEW YORK, April 17th, 1899. Business during the past week has been generally of good volume. It has been helped in jobbing and retail departments by the prevalence of more favorable weather, which has quickened demand for consumption. The improvement in weather conditions has also brightened the agricultural outlook, although the season is backward. The industries as a rule have been fully employed and the situation has been improved by the prompt settlement of an incipient labor trouble in the iron trade and by the adjustment of some of the labor disputes in the New England cotton mills.

Cotton prices have eased off 1-16 of a cent per pound owing to fairly liberal receipts and improved crop conditions, which have induced liquidation by speculative holders and discouraged new buyers for investment. Demand from spinners has been moderate, and exports have continued comparatively small. There has been a fair but not an active trade in cotton goods. Prices as a general thing have been well maintained. The wool trade has been more active at Boston, where several of the large corporation mills of New England have taken some good sized blocks of wool; but in other seaboard markets only a moderate business has been done, and in no locality has there been any improvement in prices.

Wheat prices show net advances for the week of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents per bushel. The rise has been due to speculative buying, which has been encouraged by reports of injury to the crop. The Government report made the April 1 condition 77.9, against 86.7 at the corresponding period last year, but some of the unofficial expert calculations indicated a considerably lower average condition. The area in wheat this season, however, is about 4,250,000 acres larger than that from which the latest crop was harvested, and this increase will go far to offset the effect of winter killing. Alternate freezing and thawing and excessive moisture had caused much damage in many localities subsequent to the period covered by the reports to the Federal Department of Agriculture. It is on account of this phase of the crop situation that conservative investigators have predicted a much smaller yield than that of 1898, even on the much larger acreage of the present year.

In almost every neighborhood there is some one whose life has been saved by Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or who has been cured of chronic diarrhoea by the use of that medicine. Such persons make a point of telling of it whenever opportunity offers, hoping that it may be the means of saving other lives. For sale by M. E. Robinson & Bro., J. H. Hill & Son, and Miller's Drug Store, Goldsboro; and J. R. Smith, Mount Olive.

The moderate character of the advance in wheat values indicates that traders are not yet satisfied that the extent of the crop killing has been sufficient to justify a materially higher level of prices. There is a disposition among speculators to realize quickly on small advances, and to wait a test of the effect of better weather conditions before accepting the bullish theory of a material deficiency in the crop. The interior movement of wheat has continued to exceed that of last year at the corresponding period; but it has not been large. Exporters have been only moderate buyers. Shipments from Argentina are large, and other countries are contributing more freely to the needs of Europe; so that foreign buyers have been less eager for United States wheat. Prices of corn have risen 1/2 of a cent per bushel, largely from sympathy with the strength in the wheat market. Export demand for this cereal has been comparatively light. Chicago prices of hog products are a shade lower as a result of less active demand.

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Implicates his Mother in the Crime.

Special Correspondence.

Hiram Hall, a prominent farmer, was hanged at Crossville Tenn., Friday for the murder of his wife. Hall made a confession of the crime stating that he had been urged to kill his wife by his own mother, who wanted to get rid of her daughter-in-law. He said that he had waited for his wife at a deep well near the house until she came there for water, and as she stooped over to draw water, he pushed her in.

According to the Clinton Democrat, in former years there were in some sections of Sampson county many persons who believed in witches and witchcraft. It is also believed that if the image of the witch, whether a man or a woman, was carved upon a tree and shot with silver bullets the evil spell would be removed. This practice prevailed in the "Lucksburg" section of Sampson, near where Mr. J. R. McPhail now lives. A relic of it was discovered the other day when a party of hands found the image of a woman engraved upon a yew tree, which they cut down. Imbedded in the tree several inches inside the bark were found several pieces of silver that had been shot there to break the spell of the witch. When the pieces of silver were arranged, they proved to have originally formed a dime of the mintage of 1850.

Quadrennial Tax Assessment.

This is the quadrennial tax assessment year, and all property—real and personal—must be appraised for taxation. "Some folks seem to think," said the State Auditor, "that the assessors have nothing to do but assess real property. That is not true. The laws say 'the list-takers and assessors shall ascertain the true value in money of every tract or parcel of land or other real estate, with the improvements thereon, and personal property, and assess the same in accordance with said valuation.' There will this year be some changes in the tax abstracts, but not much. They will be a little more comprehensive. I have secured samples of the latest abstracts from every State in the Union, but none of them show much improvement over the one we already have."

It makes the weak strong, as nervous men and women gladly testify. It cures all blood diseases, as thousands of cured voluntarily write. It is just the medicine for you, as you will gladly say after you have given it a fair trial.

Bad Blood.

At about 70 years of age I am thoroughly well. It was three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla that made me so after spending over \$50 in medical attendance. My trouble was a raw sore on my ankle. Mrs. LOUISA MANOR, Court Street, Lowell, Mass.

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STRAYED HOG.—ABOUT TWENTY months old, gone since middle of January, male, blue with white list around him and waddles; ear marks: speck in each ear. A liberal reward will be paid for his return to J. W. MARTIN, Mount Olive, N. C.

LEVY FOR TAXES. This is to give notice that I have levied on real and personal property of the parties named below, who have failed to pay their taxes for 1898, and will sell such property at public outcry at the Court house door in Goldsboro, on Monday, May 1st, 1899, at noon: Davis, D. G. 15 37 Folsom, Zilpha 5 95 Hall, W. F. 9 54 Grantham, A. B. 10 30 Parker, R. B., estate 14 72 M. C. KING, Tax Collector Brogden Township.

Old Items of State News.

Davidson county now has a law which requires the Clerk of the Superior Court to pay to the bearer the sum of twenty-five cents for every hawk scalp taken.

While two men were out hunting Tuesday they found the body of a little girl baby in a creek, two and a half miles southwest of Salem. It was wrapped in cloth and a fat iron was tied to it to sink the body. Last week there was shipped from Hickory over 2,000 crates of sweet potatoes averaging three bushels to the crate, which made 6,000 bushels, and the farmers realized 40 cents per bushel for them, which amounts to \$2,400.

The Vindicator says Deputy Collector McFarland found an illicit distillery in Rutherford county last week which had this sign painted over the door: "In God we trust—February 14th, 1899." The outfit was destroyed.

Mrs. John L. Brown, of Salisbury, has a canary bird that is thirteen years old. She raised it and by good attention he has lived longer than most canary birds do. He is showing his age very much, but still sings sweetly at times.

The Lincoln Journal says: The case of the State and Joetta Nixon against Alex. Little for seduction did not, fortunately for the good morals of the public, come to trial. It was compromised out of court by the payment by Mr. Little to Miss Nixon of \$450. In court the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere and paid the costs.

According to the Lincoln Journal, a regular pitched battle occurred at a negro church near Iron Station on Sunday. There were about 30 colored men in the row all of whom came out of it more or less badly banged up. Warrants have been issued for about 15 of the insurgents and if they can be hived in time they will be tried at this term of the court.

The Hickory Press says: Mr. Chick Alexander, of Alexander county, was in the city Saturday. He was not in such high spirits as usual. He says he had half a dozen hens nests and the dogs kept getting the eggs until he decided to try them on some billiard balls. He put one in each nest and when he looked again they were gone. Mr. Alexander would like for some one to tell him what to try on those dogs.

Lon V. Stephens is the first native-born Governor of Missouri; neighboring Kentucky has furnished the rest. As chief executive of the State of Missouri his policy is business-like, economical and progressive. Gov. Stephens frankly and freely recommends Paine's celery compound. He has been greatly benefited by it, and whenever there is sickness in his family Paine's celery compound is the remedy that is used.

As a witness to the wonderful efficacy of this remedy, especially in spring, the experience of the Chief Executive of the State told in the following letter cannot be slightingly passed over.

Executive Department, State of Missouri, Jefferson City, Feb. 8, 1899.

Gentlemen: I have used Paine's celery compound, keep it in my house for family use, and find it a splendid remedy. Very respectfully yours, Lon V. Stephens.

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If it were possible to make a household canvass of families where Paine's celery compound is being used during these early spring days, an overwhelming amount of evidence would appear showing the implicit confidence that is placed in this greatest of all spring remedies; and the enormous number of people who are being cured of some form of nervous troubles, sleeplessness, indigestion, headaches, neuralgia, heart troubles or a general "run-down" condition.

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