







SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT.

THE MAINE CREW EXONERATED FROM ALL BLAME.

THERE WERE TWO EXPLOSIONS.

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NO CESSATIONS.

Work is Rapidly Progressing in the Naval Yard.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 28.—The cruiser Columbia will leave League Island navy yard today for Hampton Roads. She finished loading ammunition at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after which her pilots were taken aboard.

There was no cessation yesterday in the activity at this naval station. Caulkers were busy putting finishing touches to the decks of the Minneapolis, a few remaining stores were placed aboard and the paint is scraped from the torpedo boats.

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Other Dispatch.

Havana, March 28.—Saturday night it was persistently stated on alleged good authority that the palace officials here had received a cipher dispatch from Madrid which in effect said: "Prepare for war."

It is not likely anything so alarming or peremptory was received, but it is pretty certain that intimation was given out at that time for evasion or delay on the part of Spain was drawing to a close.

There can be no question that the policy of the United States in making the destruction of the Maine merely a side issue and a corollary of the graver question of the continuance of inhumanity and property destruction on the island is a disagreeable surprise to many high officials in Cuba.

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RIOT IN HOUSTON.

Street Car Strike is the Occasion of Violent Outbreak.

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REAR ADMIRAL SICARD.

He Has Retired and Capt. Sampson Has Been Placed in Command.

Key West, Fla., March 25.—The news that Capt. William Sampson of the Iowa had succeeded Rear Admiral Sicard in command of the fleet caused an end of excitement among the naval officers here.

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REPORT FROM SPAIN.

New York, March 28.—A special telegram from Havana says: It is probable, indeed, that if the United States government claims indemnity for the loss of the Maine Spain will put in a counter claim for hundreds of millions of dollars for damages through filibustering expeditions fitted out in the United States and permitted to sail from American ports.

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Report of the Court of Inquiry Has Been Received at Washington.

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QUEER AND CURIOUS THINGS

Encampment, a Poem—Warfare Against Maryland Moonshiners. Stomach—Moulin.

Every prop on which I lean, Every earthly chance to boast, Of whose power I need it most, Falls me when I need it most.

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Good Advice for Girls. Clara writes and asks the best occupation to follow. Ans: We presume that she has determined to go to work.

Negligee Gown from Paris. This dishabille is made of cream-colored mousseline de soie, with lace in-

Telegraphs in India. Consul-General Patterson of Calcutta informs the state department that the telegraph lines of India have always been owned by the government.

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OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

Then and Now, or the Lover's Cause for Lamentation—An Appeal to Reason—From One Extreme to Another—Cohen's Ready Reply.

Then and Now. N'fies fervid June time I courted a maiden; No Muse, Grace or Goddess more I wretchedly fair.

They're Always Doing Good. Cohen's Ready Reply. The Spider—Come in, my friend, and I sell you a nice, cheap suit!

An Appeal to Reason. Cholly—Hang it, I don't know how to take Miss Cutting.

After Bigger Game. Tom—What a decent sort of fellow that chap Symons is to be sure.

Rain Falls on the Just and Unjust Alike. Reuben Restaurat—Wheat up ter ninety cents yet? Ah, that's prosperity.

Always Meeting It. Creditor—May I ask whether you ever expect to meet your indebtedness?

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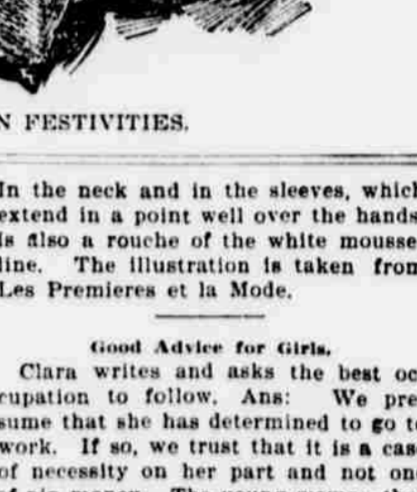
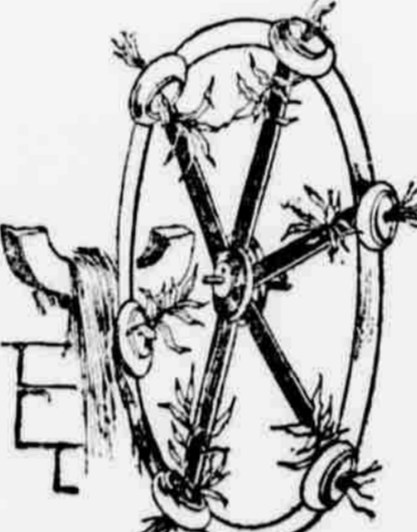
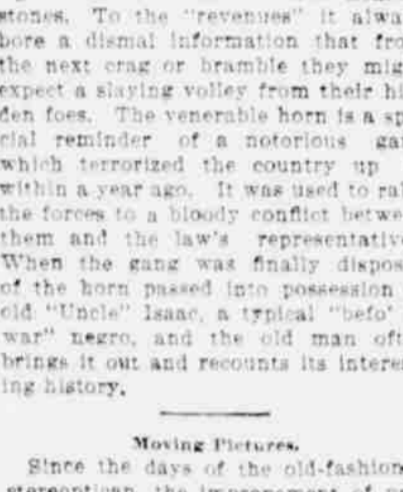
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Mr. A. C. Foster is attending court at Anson this week, where he is engaged in an important land suit. Have your sewing machines repaired by W. H. Parsors. He keeps needles for all machines in stock.

We are authorized this week to place the name of Mr. A. W. Springer before the people of Haskell county as a candidate for sheriff and tax collector. So far as old citizens are concerned it is not necessary to allude to Mr. Springer's standing as a good citizen and an upright man.

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS: Nothing gives me more pleasure than to credit a man when I think he appreciates it enough to come and settle every few months, but when it runs for a year, two years or longer it shows very clearly to my mind that there is no appreciation for favors extended.

HERE WE ARE With our New Goods

Our new goods are arriving daily and are being placed on the shelves for public inspection.

OUR LADIES DRESS GOODS.

This line has been selected with more care and taste than ever before and include all the latest weaves, patterns and designs in the most stylish fabrics for spring and summer wear.

Staple Dry Goods. Our stock of all the staple dry goods is unusually full, covering the best brands of prints, ginghams, checks, shirtings, sheetings, jeans, etc. etc. Clothing. The gentlemen are invited to call and see our clothing.

Boots and Shoes. We have undoubtedly the largest stock and greatest variety of these, including the latest styles in all grades, ever displayed in Haskell.

Spring Millinery. Our Milliner, Miss Lena Wilson is just back from Chicago where she got all the latest points in styles and modes of trimmings and selected a splendid line of hats and trimmings.

Our Grocery Department. The necessity for more room for our increased stock of Dry Goods has forced us to move our groceries into the building formerly used by us as a ware room and storage house.

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IT IS TIME To Think of BUYING A STOVE.

We have just received a Car Load OF THE POPULAR BRIDGE BEACH CO'S COOKING AND HEATING STOVES.

These stoves are first class in every particular, and will be sold at prices that will beat going to the railroad for them.

Call and see them. McCollum & Wilbourn Co.

REEDY'S RESTAURANT. MEALS at all HOURS. FRDSH OYSTERS SERVED TO ORDER. Also keeps fresh Fruits, Nuts, Candies, Cider, Cigars and Tobacco.

RAG CARPET AND RUG WEAVING.

I have received my Daisy Flying Shuttle rag carpet loom and have tried it and find that it does excellent work. Its capacity is 50 yards per day. I can weave Carpets, Rugs and Mattings of most any design, and I will be glad to weave for any one desiring this kind of work.

Our War Strength.

Table with columns for State/Territory, Total actually serving, and Liable to military service. Includes Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming.

Notice.

President McKinley has been pushing war preparations lately with all the means and energy at the command of the administration, among other things large quantities of provisions were ordered for provisioning the warships—speaking of provisions should remind Haskell county people that they can save money by buying their groceries at the low prices now prevailing at D. W. COURTWRIGHT & CO'S.

Haskell Hardware Store

Wire, Plows, Stocks, Buggies, Harrows, Lumber, Wagons, Hardware, Cultivators, Plow Gear, Steel Shapes, Double Shovels.

A Cure That Cures.

Women, Farmers, Mechanics, Business Men and Boys. Parker's Hair Balm. Parker's Hair Balm. Parker's Hair Balm.

DEAD.

Eld. W. T. Hughes died aged 61 years, 6 mos. and 20 days, after a stroke of paralysis from which he suffered for six weeks, on the night of March 26, 1898.

Will my Christian friends remember me in their prayers that I may be able to bear up under my great bereavement, and may be able to direct my children that we may all meet that loved one who has just left us, where sorrow, pain or death shall never come.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to express through the columns of the FREE PRESS, my sincere thanks, to those who visited and rendered such valuable assistance to Mr. Hughes during his long sickness. I pray that God may abundantly bless you all, for the kindness expressed.

OUR CLUBBING RATES. We will send the FREE PRESS one year and any of the papers named below at the price opposite same.

Discover by a Woman. Another great discovery has been made and that too, by a lady in this country.

A WORD TO YOU.

We just want to whisper softly to you that it will be to your interest to hold up on your spring purchases until our goods arrive, which will be during next week.