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CAUSED BY SPANIARDS.

Shown By The Official Report of the Naval Court of Inquiry

THE SITUATION LOOKS GRAVE.

Spanish Government Holds the Disaster of Internal Origin--War Preparations on an Unprecedented Scale Hurdled to Completion.

Washington, March, 25.--The Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion.

The State Department by direction of the President has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish Government of this conclusion.

A GRAVE SITUATION. The President and cabinet advisers held two extended sessions today one at 10:30 a. m., and another at 3:30 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail.

The Spanish Government has accompanied by a brief message from the President.

While interest was thus centered at the White House, the Navy and War Departments were hurrying forward their work of preparations.

The Cape Fear Squadron. For the benefit of those citizens who are fearful that the "wily Spaniards" may slip into Wilmington and do mischief, we will say that the "Cape Fear Squadron" is in splendid trim and can withstand some pretty good shocks (from tar barrels).

War preparations on an unprecedented scale are being hurried to completion by the War and Navy Departments, and the country, practically, is on a war footing.

The foregoing gives a record of one of the most eventful days in the close of the civil war. It was a day of profoundly important action, of deepest anxiety, coupled with naval and military activity, one step following another in rapid succession.

Representative men of the administration, public men in all branches of Congressional life, no less than the public in general, shared in the attention to which the situation has been wrought.

There was no effort among the highest officials, nor indeed was possible, from what was clearly apparent in the developments of the day, to minimize the situations.

Finding of The Court of Inquiry. Viewed in detail the finding of the Court of Inquiry was the most vital feature. Commander Marix, Judge Advocate of the Court of Inquiry, delivered the report to Secretary Long early this morning and shortly after it was carried to the White House and placed in the hands of the President.

At 10:30 the cabinet assembled, half an hour earlier than usual and began the consideration of the momentous document. Even the rigid rules of secrecy which prevail at cabinet meetings were made doubly strict in this case, and no intimation of the results reached by the court were known until 4 o'clock, when an Associated Press bulletin gave the information to the country as well as the eagerly waiting officials throughout Washington.

These results, briefly stated, are that the loss of the Maine was due to an explosion from the outside, the court being unable to fix the responsibility for the explosion. The court does not express an opinion as to the character of the explosion, but the testimony goes to show that it was a powerful submarine mine, the exact character of which is not determined by the testimony, though the belief was expressed that it was a floating submarine mine. There were two explosions, the court finds the fires from the outside, and that set off one of the smaller magazines.

It was the result, expressed in detail and with the precision of a court deeply conscious of its responsibility, together with the evidence on which it was based, that occupied the attention of the cabinet throughout its extended session this morning and afternoon. The other and lesser subjects gave way to this foremost question. There was no change in the plan of making the report public and transmitting it to the President.

LETTER NO. 2. Wilmington, N. C., Feb'y 14, 1898.

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. C. Pritchard, U. S. S., Dear Senator:--Enclosed find clippings from the "Messenger" and "Star", our morning dailies, from an interview with Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, P. M. at this place on Thursday last.

Now, Senator, in order to effect a compromise agreeable to you and Col. Boyd, my friends, on the promise that you would see that Mr. Chadbourn carried out his part of the agreement, consented to withdraw the claims of Mr. Albright for P. M. and then they asked that I be appointed Asst. P. M. which request I sent to you, and which has been presented to Mr. Chadbourn, but directly Mr. C. took possession of the office he declined to make the appointment, alleging that it would be impolitic, as there is a white lady in there protected by Mr. Cleveland's civil service who would resign her position as money order clerk, although that lady has not, nor ever had a single vote under her control that can aid the Republican party. Mr. Albright suggested to Mr. Chadbourn by the way of harmony that I be designated as Asst. P. M. with the salary thereof and placed in the charge of the mailing department where I would not come in contact with this lady clerk's place which is a sore spot for a man with some mailing duties attached. Is this fair? Is it just? Does it savor of harmony?

In 1896 with a promise from our leaders that the colored men should have the bulk of the federal patronage, the colored men of New Hanover county with 45 delegates out of a possible 54 yielded up everything, and are now told that it won't do to appoint us to the only position not covered by civil service. If this state of affairs prevails, then we are forced to the alternative of this year placing Negroes in nomination for every office in this County and electing them with our black majority of 1,000. You can readily see what effect this would have on the State, but we will be literally forced into it, since at the hands of the government we receive nothing of a fiduciary character.

We would fain see some other way out of this for the party's good, but these are the conditions that confront us.

Mr. Dancy comes here as collector which is a recognition of the Negroes from the other parts of the State. Mr. Rice goes in as his deputy, into the only place not covered by the classified service. Mr. Chadbourn refuses to give me the only place under him not in the classified service; what then are the 3,800 Negroes of New Hanover to get?

You promised to go Mr. Chadbourn's bond for his keeping faith with your friends, will you leave them now to his tender(?) mercies?

This letter is written after mature deliberation with my friends, who are your friends.

Very truly and sincerely, Jno. Thos. Hows.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT

The Lighthouse Tender Mangrove Dispatched to Havana.

FOR THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

All, With the Exception of Consul General Lee--Rear Admiral Sicard's Views of the Naval Court of Inquiry.

By West March 25.--The Associated Press bulletin that the Court of Inquiry had found the Maine was blown up by submarine mine created intense excitement here.

One of the most significant developments followed the announcement of the report--a development which few--was the sudden departure of the lighthouse tender, Manrove, for Havana. The Manrove was being quietly at the dock, loading by 10 a. m. when orders came about 5 o'clock this afternoon for her to proceed with all haste to Havana and upon board all the American officials of that city with the exception of Consul General Lee. It is feared that the knowledge of the report has excited the population of Havana to a high rank of excitement.

al Sicard, however, according to what has been believed. Nothing could have been done otherwise. If they had been able to fix the responsibility feel sure they would not have shirked this duty.

The attention of Rear Admiral Sicard was drawn to the fact that Spain had officially decided that Havana harbor was mined. He replied "If Havana harbor were mined, I should certainly have mined it. The water here is especially suitable to such a method of defence. Spain's denial had nothing to do with the Court of Inquiry. I should not believe a statement that Havana harbor was not mined."

The court has not yet been dissolved. It is barely possible that more work may be required of it; but this is not probable. The Court of Inquiry is composed of several men. I am greatly satisfied with their work I hardly suppose any excitement will be caused by the announcement of the verdict.

It is the impression that a great number of our own people were already convinced that the Maine was blown up externally; and I scarcely think their ideas would have changed, even if the court had reported otherwise.

When the possibility of arbitration and the ensuing entanglement were suggested to him, Rear Admiral Sicard said: "The Maine case is nothing a comparison with the Alabama case. Then we were opposed to a powerful commercial rival; but now we are dealing with Spain."

Washington, March, 25.--At the White House it was said that official advices here did not bear out the suggestion of a pending crisis in Havana, and that there were no dispatches from General Lee of a disquieting nature. As to the movement of the Mangrove it was said that her departure was merely in line with orders issued several days ago, to go to Havana and return with the remaining officers of the Maine now there.

Political History. CHAPTER V. As stated yesterday, Mr. C. P. Lockey was promised the City Attorneyship but for some cause the job did not materialize, nor has any reference to his appointment been made since.

Several prominent and intelligent Republicans made application to the several officials for places under the new administration, and when the County Commissioners met Dec. 7th for the purpose of adjusting the offices, the several applications were not referred to, but others were selected who have never amounted to anything politically, and as to their Republicanism they were not even known, while the Republicans were completely ignored. It was at this time that ten Bollamay, Esq., selected County Attorney, Standard Keeper of the Galleries, and a last

LOCAL SPARKS. The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will celebrate the 18th Anniversary of Sister Love Household of Ruth No. 120 G. O. F. at Ruth Hall Monday night March 23, 1898. There has been prepared an interesting program. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents, children 5 cents.

Mercer and Evans in this issue of the Record make the announcement that they have some valuable Real Estate for sale. They have also a

fine lot of very fine shoes which can not be beat for service or price. Notice their window display. We advise our readers to buy their Easter or Spring Millinery from Mrs. A. E. Canady & Co., 115 South Front St. Because they will treat you kindly and are cheap. Rev. D. L. Johnson of the A. M. E. Z. Church now stationed at Cronly, N. C., passed through the city to day returning from a visit to his family at Trenton, his home. Mrs. C. Martin and Mrs. M. A. Stanley were callers at the Record office yesterday. For Mourning Millinery a Specialty go to Mrs. A. E. Canady & Co., 115 South Front St. Come down to J. J. Shepherds No. 18 Market Street and make a selection before the bargains are all gone. Great selection for 20 days in children's rubbers, sizes 11 to 1 at 10 cts a pair at J. J. Shepherds No. 18 Market Street. Parize Barnett & Green, corner South and Nun Sts. Full line of best Groceries at lowest prices. Dig Preparation Making and Order Taking for Easter Hats at Mrs. E. Canady & Co., 115 So. Front Street. WANTED Tuesday, 40 or 50 women or children to pick berries at 2 cts per bushel.

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by the commissioners for a position under that body. The colored vote is about 95 per cent. of the total Republican vote of New Hanover County, but less than 20 per cent. of the offices directly in the hands of the County Commissioners were given them. Those of the colored men who made application were assured beforehand that they would receive proper attention but when it came to a vote their names were not mentioned, and only those elected were placed in nomination.

The reason given for this action was that under the Federal government the colored voters would be cared for, thus throwing the Negro off their hands and upon the hands of the National Government, although every office was under civil service except a few insignificant ones.

The only appointment of note under the County administration, made to a colored man, was the office of Deputy Register of Deeds made by C. W. Norwood, Esq. himself a colored man, and not a caucus nominee at that.

(Yesterday we stated that the Convention was held in May 1898. This should have been May 1896 and instead of Mr. Rice being from the Fourth ward he was from the Fifth)

Position wanted as stenographer and typewriter address "H" care Record office. 2w. The greatest reduction ever known in woolen and flannel dress goods for 20 days. J. J. Shepherds No. 18 Market Street. Remember that the special gains last only 20 days. For Rent! Evergreen Hall So. 7th Street between Nun and Church. Apply to Chas. Shepard at Boatwright's store 12 So. Front St. Your trade is solicited by Messrs. Barnett & Green at their Grocery Store on Seventh and Nun Sts. All kinds, staple and fancy groceries on sale at lowest prices. Call on them.

Strayed or Stolen. A fine Jersey Milk Cow and Heifer Any information concerning them or their return to 513 McRae street will be gratefully received. A reward is offered for their recovery.

WEATHER FORECAST. WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Threatening weather to-night; Sunday, cloudy, possibly with showers in the interior; warmer Sunday; easterly shifting to southerly winds. LOCAL FORECAST FOR WILMINGTON AND VICINITY For 36 hours from 8 a. m. to-day Cloudy to-night and Sunday; warmer Sunday; east to south winds.



For Women's Benefit. Earnings may be worn with a theatre toque. They may be worn with a hat that is set over the face.

Tartan Traveling Wraps. Scotland comes pretty tartan traveling wraps, fringed like the old-fashioned shawls. For steamers these warm woollen garments are particularly comfortable.

Lace in Vogue. Lace has not been so much in vogue for many years, and lace collars and cuffs, also frills, will be worn more than ever this coming season.

Mittens Without Thumbs. For generations during mothers and impatient nurses have sat with wigged girls (wigs) attended have an ample, though simple, matters to slip the little hand into a case that just fits it.

Fashion Fancies. Neck strings of coral beads. White violets for evening toques. Ostrich feather ornaments for the hair.

Where Hearing Comes. Lord Rayleigh in a recent lecture said that experiments had shown that a vibration of sound having an amplitude of less than one two-millionth of a centimeter could still affect the sense of hearing.

Paradox in Canal Making. Irrigation in the western United States goes steadily and eagerly on, and the methods employed have in some instances, apparently at least, reversed the order of nature.

ELECTRICITY MIGHTY FORCE FOR THE MIGHTY MIND. Harnessing the Earth and Stimulating the Germination of Seeds by Subjecting them to Electrical Treatment—Grows the Vegetables by Electricity—Frees the Soil from Pests.

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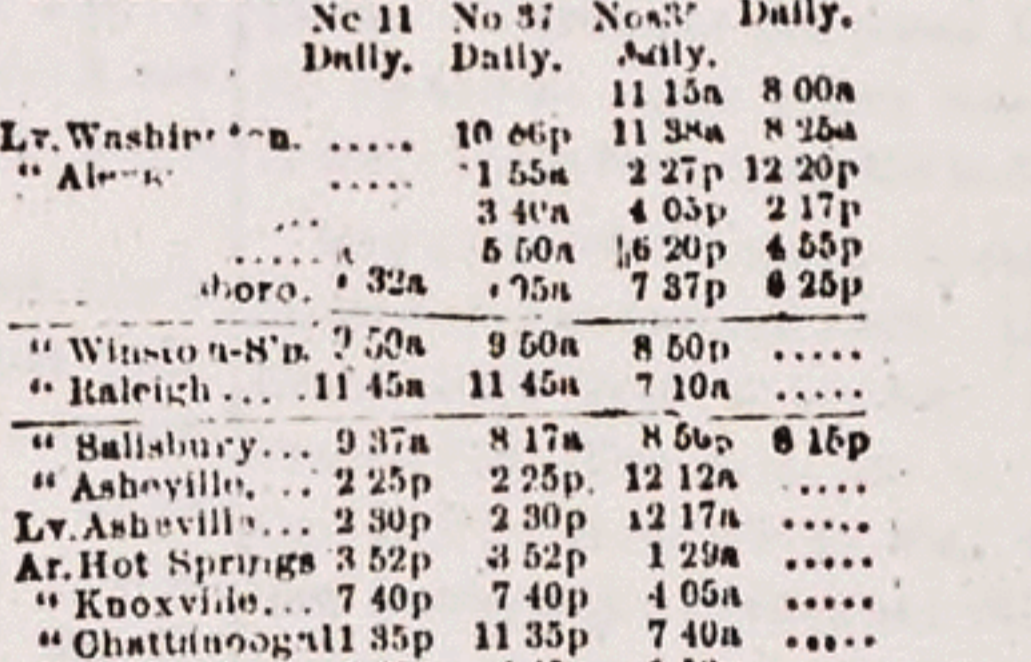
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Seaboard Air Line. THIS DIVISION. In effect May 2, 1897.

Large table detailing Seaboard Air Line schedules, including routes to Salisbury, Raleigh, and various other stations with times.

Seaboard Air Line. Who is acquainted with the geography of the United States...



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At 9:15
Pread at
Church
"Christ Anointed for His Bur."
Mark, 14:8; at 7:45, "The Friends of Christ," John 15:14. Rev. F. G. Ragland, Pastor.

Services at St. Mack's Episcopal Church Passion Sunday service, 11 a. m. Morning prayer litany and sermon; 3:15 p. m. Sunday School; 7:30 p. m. Evensong and sermon. Confirmation class meets 4:30 p. m. Beginning of the first of April the Sunday night services will be at 8 p. m. Instead of 7:30 o'clock. E. R. Dean, net Rector.

Grand rally at St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion Church tomorrow Rev. A. Stroud A. M. E. Church will preach at 10:30 a. m.; Rev. F. G. Ragland will preach at 3 p. m.; Rev. G. A. Corpree of Brooklyn N. Y. will preach at 8 p. m. The public is cordially to assist us in this effort.

P. L. Cuyler pastor.
Special services at Trinity M. E. church tomorrow. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. W. Tolson; at 3 p. m. by Dr. J. Allen Kirk; at 7:30 p. m. by pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. S. A. J. Miller Pastor.

Naval Militia Called On.
For the first time the militia is called into service, and the Governors of Massachusetts and New York are requested to direct their naval militia to assume charge of the monitors assigned for the protection of the Boston and New York, in conjunction with the land fortifications. The orders sent to Gov. Wolcott, of Massachusetts, and Gov. Black, of New York, for transmission to the commanding officers of the State naval militia, inform them that they will be directed to assume charge of the monitors assigned to each of those States to assist in the second line of defence.

The Boston men will be sent on board when the monitors Catskill and Lehigh arrive, and the New Yorkers will proceed to Philadelphia and take their two ships around A naval officer will be in command of each monitor, and under him will be naval militia officers and sufficient seamen from each organization to give the ships their complements. Instructions have also been sent to hold the Western organizations in readiness to transport to the East, where they will be sent. The men of Ohio have well drilled militia organizations, and these will be first drawn on.

A CARD.

The Colored People of Wilmington buy as good goods as the white people. My experience with them twenty-five years has taught me how to treat them and to cater to their wants. I am making preparations to fill your orders for the holiday trade.

A. W. Rivenbark
New Store,
New Goods,
LOW PRICES.
Nos. 10 & 12 Mulberry St.

J. L. Croom & Bro.
The above firm have opened in the Splendid New Stores which have just been completed on the lot on which the old store of A. W. Rivenbark stood.

This firm has put in a Choice stock of STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS and TOBACCO, which they are selling at the Lowest Cash Prices.

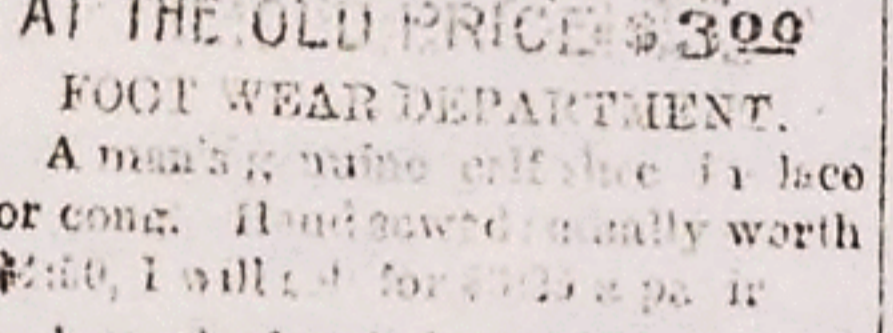
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What I Can Do.

I do not my policy to wait for you to come. I can't do it. I have to do it at once. I must be up and at it. I mean to do business at all the time if I have no more money to help it along. Spring trade will be in shortly but that is by and bye. I want to do it today.

I will coax trade while I can, when I must I will drive it. That is the reason of these driving prices. UNRESTED LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS A CROWN.

BUT NOT SO WHEN CROWNED WITH OUR HAWKS HAT.



IT'S THE NEW STYLE AT THE OLD PRICE \$3.00
FOOT WEAR DEPARTMENT.
A man's name on his shoe is like a coat of arms. It is a mark of honor and worth. I will tell you for \$3.00 a pair a man's shoe is worth \$10.00 a pair. A man's shoe is worth \$10.00 a pair. A man's shoe is worth \$10.00 a pair.

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Just The Thing Put on Over Your Slippers When You Feel Like Changing For Shoes. We have a New Lot Just Received 20 And 50 Cent

Solomon New Shoe Store

Great Excitement at The Bee Hive.
Yes everybody is excited. Some are glad, some are mad, some are surprised. What the outcome will be, we know not.

We keep up a considerable excitement ourselves. Our buying the Prettiest styles in Millinery and Best Quality Dress Goods, and then selling them at Prices so much below all others as to arouse the enthusiasm of all the Mothers, Wives, Daughters and Sweethearts of town. We are counting on a "Smashing" Millinery business this Season. Just Received considerably over a half a Thousand dollars worth of Hats, Ribbons, Flow's Etc. We have just had our Millinery Department enlarged and we are now better prepared to wait on you for anything in that line than we have been heretofore.

W. H. Gay and, Proprietor BEE HIVE, 117 SOUTH FRONT STREET.

WE ARE SATISFIED.

- That, taking the general run right through, we can sell you Groceries lower than any in the City.
- Two large Cakes 50c
- Regular 5c Can Baking Powder
- Regular 10c Can Milk
- Regular 5c Package Tea
- Regular 10c Package Tea
- Regular 50c per pound Tea
- Compound 1 lb. per pound
- Pure Hog Lard, per pound
- Sweet Chocolate, Two Cakes for 10c
- Three pound Can Pork
- Three pound Can Grut
- Other things in Pro.

B. F. King, Manager
Phone 557.

Cost I Object.

We Must Clean out our Surplus Stocks, so we will give our Customers the Benefit. A few of the MANY BARGAINS OFFERED

5c Unbleached Muslin at 1-1-1/2 per yard. 7c Bleached Muslin at 5c. 9-4 Sheeting, Bleached and Unbleached. 12c 12c Lonsdale Cambria at 9c.

Merrino Underwear
Iadies' Heavy Ribbed Vests 19c. Ladies' and Gents' Ribbed Merrino Vests 19c. Better Qualities at Equal low Prices.

Millinery and Trimmings.
Our Entire Stock of Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at less than cost. Also Feathers, Bird, Wing

Taylor's Bazaar, 118 Market Street

An Unparalleled Offer.
During the next 30 days I will sell certain building lots in the city of Wilmington at prices ranging from \$75 to \$100 each, on the following remarkable terms: \$5 cash and the balance in weekly installments of \$1 each without interest. And I will pay all taxes till deed is given, call and see plats at my office.

HALL FOR RENT
Room 13 Rath Hall suitable for Lodge purposes. Will be rented cheap. Apply to E. M. Green, cor. Seventh and Nun, Sts.

Dry-Goods & Clothing

New Spring Goods.
Beautiful Checks and Plaids 10, 12, 15, 25 and 45c.
Prettiest Silks ever shown at 25 to 65c.
All Wool Dress Goods at 25c per yd.
New Organdies at 15 to 35c per yd.
Best quality Percales 10c.
Black Dress Goods at old prices.
Best Gingham 5c a yd.
White Homespun at 2 1/2c.
Colored Homespun at 3c.
Ready-made Shirts 1.00 and up-wards.
A nice Silk Skirt for 5.00.
New line of Draperies

New Stock of Spring Clothing.
Suits to order from 12.00 and up-wards.
3.00 row styles.
Big stock of new Children's Suits, prettiest styles shown at 1.50, 3.00, 2.00 and 4.50.
Men's all wool Suits at 5.00.
Our new Negligee Shirts, they are beauties, at 25c to 1.25.
Carrhart Overalls, the best goods made, guaranteed not to rip, sizes fit any one.
A new thing, Overall for small boys 25c.

Shoes. Shoes.
\$1.00 Men's shoes, our price 85c.
\$1.50 Shoes \$1.25.
Ladies' Pat. Tip shoes 50c and up-wards.
Children's Shoes 15c.
\$1.00 School Shoes 75c.
Men's 2 1/2 Shoe 1.75
House Slippers at 25 and 35c.
Embroideries at 2 1/2 to 25c.
Everything for fancy work.
Ready-made Aprons, full sizes, 10 and 15c.
Ladies' underwear at lowest prices.
Beautiful line of Ribbons and Laces.

Carpets and Matting.
Yard wide Carpets 15c and upward.
Door Mats 50 and 75c.
Wire Door Mats 1.00.
A good Matting 10c.
Better Grades 15, 25 and 35c.
Window Shades on Spring, 1.00 to 7.00.
Floor Oil Cloth 25c.
Curtain Poles and Fixtures.

Notions.
Sweet Soap three cakes in a box & Colored Spool Thread 1c.
Pins and Needles 1c.
Bicycle Goods at lowest prices.

J. H. Rohder & Co
Near Fourth Street Bridge.

GEO. O. GAYLORD

THE BUYER THE FOR WILMINGTON'S BIG RACKET STORE

The just run and from the northern milliners. The visited Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York and I must say I have bought the most complete line of goods I have been able to choose. I can tell you now Dress Goods in Plaid Checks and Stripes, figured, fine face Broadcloths, 24 inches wide black ground colored flowers, worth 1.00, job at 50c per yard. Colored Plaid Dress Suit 34 inches, at 1.25, wool, new style 34 inches wide at 2.00, 35 inches wide at 2.50, 36 inches wide at 3.00. A job in fine all wool Cashmeres and 40 inch slightly damaged, worth 40c, at 1.00 per yard.

Beautiful White Goods and Cross-bar Lawns at 1/2. Book old India King 5/25. 100 White organdies, 33 inches wide from 1.00 to 3.00 per yd. White and colored Broad. Fine Lace in Valenciennes, from 1.00 per dozen up to 10c per yard. Silk Laces at 1.00.

Our Suffer Hats are a winning card. We bought our lot of new fine Straw hats in colors, black, brown, red, blue, green, white, yellow, etc.

Geo. O. Gaylord, Proprietor,

Up to Date Sales and Livery STABLE

S P Cowan & Co
Sutherland's Old Stand

Our service is first class in every particular. Finest horses in town. First-class equipages. Polite attention. All calls and orders day or night promptly attended to. Telephone calls answered any hour day or night. Special attention given to boarding horses. Box stall and careful grooming for stalling horses. Hacks and baggage line to all trains going out coming, at usual prices. Carriage for railroad call \$1.00, Hack 25c.

Before buying what you need in ANY KIND OF SHOES Look in and see what we have. We can fit the Eye, the Foot and the Pocket. As per previous advertisements, we gave the three presents to the persons who, by their efforts in bringing us trade, secured them: The successful ones were as follows: John Olson, 1st choice, H J Whithead 2nd choice, and Wright Lottin 3rd choice. See either of these parties and ask if they are pleased with our treatment.

MERCER & EVANS
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Open 365 Days and Nights in a Year.
Either Poone No. 15