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—Peter's Diamond Special \$3.50 Shoes is the best.  
Ellis & Little sells them

—Little Eligah Brinegar is chilling at present.

—School is progressing nicely at this place.

—Ralph Calhoun had his arm hurt very badly on last Wed.

—Go to the Colony Mill if you want good, cheap Oak Lumber.

—Mrs. Hensley called at this Office on last Wednesday.

—If you want nice fresh bread, just call on the Palmer Bro's.

—Mrs. Jesse Atkisson and sister paid the Colony folks a visit last Friday.

—If you want any kind of confectionary just call on the Palmer Bro's, who have a nice new stock of goods.

—Schofield & Paden are enterprising Merchants, just give them a call.

—Verna Kelley has been on the sicklist but is some better at present.

—Mr. Sanders our drayman is moving into the house just vacated by F. J. Thompson.

Go to the Palmer Bro's, new Restaurant and get a warm meal just as cheap as anywhere.

—Lots of fat cattle coming into town this week. Mr. Schofield is buying them up to ship.

For Clothing, Dress Goods, Ready to wear Skirts of the Best quality, Call at:  
Ellis & Little's.

—Albert Absher is boarding at W. E. Dawson's at present, attending school.

—Do not forget the new restaurant in town, run by the Palmer Bro's.

—T. H. Marshall keeps a nice stock of general Merchandise and he is selling every thing at cost for cash.

—Prayer meeting at the Colony Mill next Sunday at 9 O'clock every body come and take a part. It is free for all.

—Ellis & Little have received their fall line of Ladies Dress Goods, Ready made Skirts, Men and Boys Clothing. They are up-to-date.

—There will be preaching at the Colony Mill next Sunday at 11 O'clock by Rev. L. S. Garrett and also at 3 O'clock.

—Miss Alice Neukirk in company with Mrs. Helms paid Mrs. Sam'l Merritt, one of the Colony, a pleasant visit last Friday.

—Come on with your Items Correspondents. We want to get the news from all parts of the country.

—Mr Devine & wife paid this Office a pleasant visit last Tuesday eve, they were very sorry the Editor was not at home.

—There will be preaching at the Colony mill the 4th. Sunday in this month. by the Ed. also baptizing and ordination. Every body invited.

—Mr and Mrs. Devine of Chicago formally of this place, has been visiting their host of many friends in this vicinity for the past week returning home to day their friends were sorry to see them leave again.

—The Palmer Bro's. from Mt Grove have just opened up a nice restaurant in the Ryan building formally known as the Myers building. Just give them a call and get you a nice warm meal, at any minute.

From our Regular Correspondent's

The date for the meeting for Congress is drawing near rapidly and the chances are that among the questions that will come up for serious consideration is that of tariff revision whether the 'leaders' in the House and Senate wish it or not. The talk of revision is in the air and it is quite possible that the wishes of the President in this regard will be forced on Congress after the standpaters had thought the subject more than half dead and were making preparations for the funeral. One thing that has given impetus to the talk is the defection of the Pittsburg Gazette, an old and tried Pennsylvania Republican organ. The paper in question is felt to represent a large and growing sentiment both east and west and it is possible that the devotees of a high protective tariff would rather see the question of revision brought up under such men as Canon, Payne, Grosvenor and Dalzell than to wait a little longer and have the question broached in the camp of the enemy. So "Roosevelt luck" may favor the President as usual and the matter that is very near his heart may stand a chance of accomplishment. If it is considered at all by the present House and Senate, the result probably will not be fully satisfactory to the country at large. But the discussion in the present congress is likely to be an opening wedge for more effective action in the future.

In the same connection, the return of the Tafi party from China and the Philippines is awaited here with great interest. Nearly all the members of the party expressed themselves satisfied while in the islands that closer and more generous trade relations with the United States were desirable and the Filipinos were certainly led to believe that something would be done in this direction when the party returned to the United States. When they get back it is an even chance that some at least of the party will either discover that they were misquoted as to their views on Philippine trade or they will lay their temporary aberration to a change of air. It is not likely that the islands, raising as they do a great crop, of tobacco and sugar will be given any better show than they now have at the United States markets, if the tobacco trust and the sugar trust can prevent it. The mere fact that such action would be highly beneficial to the whole people of the United States as well as to the islanders will of course not figure in the discussion. Local and selfish interests prevent a broad consideration of many questions.

There has in fact been a strong propaganda abroad in favor of disposing of the islands altogether. The idea of having a two year tour of duty in the Philippines is not pleasant to a great many army officers and such as do not see any benefit to their health in this direction would like to have the

United States dispose of the Philippines in any way it can. It has been suggested that Japan would be a ready purchaser and that the Filipinos would prefer Japanese rule to that of the United States. Of course there is some question as to where the money would come from in Japan's present financial condition. It is possible that she might be willing to hypothecate her esmpmor monopoly in Formosa as that is about the only unpledged asset she has left. But the cry just now for perhaps a small but certainly a noisy faction, is to dispose of the islands in some way on the score that they are not worth keeping and will be an expense to the United States for many years to come.

The mystery of the past few days at the State Department has been the coming mission to Europe with which Judge Penfield was charged by the President. This has been exploited as a "secret mission" and considerable mystery made of it. The whole matter has now been disposed of by the President who explains that Judge Penfield's mission is not to Europe but to South America, though possibly his work may take him to Europe eventually for a short time. He is to help the special agents who are now in the South American fields to study the trade relations of the southern republics as they have bearing on European exports. This is a large question and one in which the merchants of his country should be and probably at some future date will be much interested. The reports that have been already received at the State Department from the special agents and the consuls in South America indicate as in fact nearly all our foreign trade reports indicate that the American manufacturer does not want the foreign business. Certainly the few who have gone after such trade have done so in a half hearted way and have shown a degree of ignorance as to conditions that would have meant their financial annihilation

had they applied such methods in the United States. But this is a very large question and one that it is not necessary to go over just now. Suffice it Judge Penfield is going on a pleasant trip and he will doubtless add largely to the mass of information that is already in the hands of the Bureau of Commerce and Labor and in the State Department files on the subject of American manufacturers abroad. But the American manufacturer abroad will not profit by the investigation till he adopts different methods in hunting foreign trade. Think of the folly of sending agents who are ignorant of the language, manners or business methods of the country!

The engineers of the Panama Canal Board have met again and received another batch of maps and documents accumulated by expensive surveys and commissions on the spot. They will take some time to digest this date and will meet again when that is done. Meanwhile they will go to Oyster Bay to call on the President and the active work on the canal will wait a little longer.

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