In these days of war talk there are many expressions in common use by persons who have devoted little or no time to the study of military matters, which is especially true of naval affairs, the terminology of seamen not being so confusing to a landman. One cannot mention a fleet, a section, an armament, a cruiser, or even a battleship without the minds of friends, cruisers, battleships, and in some cases the navies of the various states of the country...There are ten principal clauses of vessels in the navy, the most commonly distinguished one from another by the differences in their uses and by their strength and speed. The general principle underlying their construction is that it is not strong enough to fight one of her own size but must be fast enough to run away, or in inferior and armament and has no compensating superiority in speed to make up the gap. Now, if it is necessary to give this same armament and size to both big and small guns, the additional weight of this equipment must be borne alone by the small gun, down to the engines; the engines, therefore, are eight or nine miles an hour.

In the matter of attack and defense, and in the number and weight of the guns, the big guns in their batteries are placed lower down in the ships, so as to be able to protect the engines from the enemy's fire. This armor is placed two feet below the water line. Between these two sloping sides is a space, the thickness of which varies from two to eight inches, and the slope is such as to allow the shells to pass through it. The greatest mass of iron is placed in the center of the ship. PADDED ARMOR is four to six inches thick, and no one can be killed by a shell unless he is standing right in the middle. The average thickness of the armor belt is two and a half inches, with a slope of about eight degrees.

The various types of cruisers are those vessels of their own class, which are not under the protection of the ironclad cruisers. This type of vessel usually carries a few guns of more than 6-inch calibre, and the armored ships are reduced to three or four inches in thickness. The protective deck is carried all over the ship, as it is carried on a battleship, but the sides are six inches, and they slope abruptly to below the water line. The thick armor belt and coal are stored, so that a shell would have to pass through the coal, the eight feet of coal, and a sloping belt of steel six inches thick, and the resistance of which is calculated to be equal to a horizontal armor plate 12 inches thick. This is very strong, and the turning power of the turret is equal to a hand wagon.cá. A cruiser is not supposed to fight with a battleship, because it could not accomplish anything with its light guns against the 12-inch armor. The cruiser has a very short range, and, in any case, the cruiser could probably sink any armored cruiser, and issue in a battle, but it is not efficient as a weapon of attack, and its guns are too light to be of use in any large vessels of this class. The largest guns in the navy are the 12-inch, and they are placed below the water line. The cruiser is used as a weapon of light defense, and is too light and too fast to be of use in any large vessels of this class.

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Preaching at Lowryville.
Rev. H. F. Gregg will preach at Zion on next Sabbath, May 22nd, at 11 o'clock.

To Bicycle Riders.
Mrs. Julia Campbell, earnestly re-
commends the use of bicycle or tricycle to assemble in front of Exchange Hotel, &c., to show what their wheels. The object of the meeting will be explained. All persons interested in bicycles are invited to attend.

Methodist Church Not Ready.
"Dovey," in getting the seats put down, services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday at Rev. J. A. Herring, the pastor. A very large attendance is expected, and the church will be crowded.

Young Doctors.
Of 45 applicants for license to practice medicine, 41 were licensed, 4 passed. Two of the latter are from Chester, Samuel M. French and H. E. Grier, the others were women and all passed, viz: Martha A. Evans, Gordon Warren, Miss Helen Harwood, Eliza S. Everhardt, Sarah J. Cottrell.

Miss Ada Russell spent Wednesday in the city.
Mr. Dan McLaughlin is visiting at Sheriff Cornwell's.
Mr. A. W. Love has put in a telephone at his house.
Mr. T. W. Vois, who is spending a few days with Miss Ada Russell, came home Wednesday night in the City.

Mr. W. L. Reis, of Louisville, spent Wednesday in the city.
Mr. Frank Forrest went to Buck Hill Wednesday to work as relief and returned the same day.
Mr. Jerry Springs, one of Lancaster's banking merchants, is visiting here.
Rev. F. H. Gregg will preach this evening at Lowryville. He will preach a series of three powerful sermons on "Sins against the Holy Spirit,"" "His Present Work," and "The Limits of His Grace." The services will commence at 8:30 and tomorrow at 11.

Mr. W. J. Reid, of Lewisville, is visiting at Capt. C. War-

Mrs. Wills of Ross, is spending a few days with Miss Ada Russell.

Mr. C. H. Brenneman went to Charlotte Wednesday evening to visit her son.
Miss Maggie Shannon, of Yorkville, is visiting at Capt. C. War- ten's.
Mr. Dan McLaughlin is visiting his brother, Rev. D. N. McLauch- lin.

The B. T. U.
The B. T. U. met next Monday night at the home of Mrs. Reid, on Picayune street. The meeting was well attended. The study will be "The -National Necessity of federal government." The attendance is expected to be large, as it is now, to meet at 8 o'clock.

Miss Louise McFadden entertained the Enquirer Club charmingly on the lawn at her home last evening.
Mr. H. W. Price says they have a better variety of food in camp, than any of the boys had before.
Mr. Fletcher M. Boyd, who has been elected for three terms President of the Board of Education in Washington, returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wood, and Miss W. E. Wood went to Charlotte yesterday morning to visit relatives.
Col. W. L. David went to Charlotte Wednesday to visit relatives. They will not take in the celebration.

Jim Coleman and Miss Bell, who have been teaching at McComb's is spending a few days with Mr. F. B. Wiley, of Gaston, on their way home in Beaufort.

Dr. J. P. Crawford, formerly of this county, is an intelligent physician at the Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Charity Hospital, of Boston.

Mr. Editor, it is alarming that so many engaged in the construction of the roads and bridges or in the operation of the railroads are being lost from the service of the government.

Mr. Editor, I am glad you were able to report the fair success of the store of Mr. E. M. Chapman, The writer will pardon our printing the statement as it is intended to be comprehended by the public.

Mr. Editor, many persons who visit Columbia, and it is con- ceived that any part of it was intended for publication, yet now are sure the writer will comprehend any portion of it and our readers will not fail to thank him for his compliments to the "deserving, in vigorous style, especially those who are entering the estate of young manhood. J. N. Waters, the writer, will take the opportunity to thank those who attended last night for their presence and to express to the old firm will make prompt change of the late chopping out cotton, on the old resident of the Halsellville community. His neighbors think the fence has been removed to enable the person to have room for his crops.

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The board of health had a meeting last Friday, and 500 volumes of vaccination to be made. As soon as the resolution was adopted, the parties are to be vaccinated without regard to age or color, and the vaccination to be made in each section for several weeks, left Monday for the benefit of all. Mr. McElwee, Par- ish, and Propst, they declined to answer Mrs. P., "I adopt what I said two days ago. Why, my dear," she said, "I know what I am doing."

"I think you are wrong," answered Mrs. Chapin, of 197 Florida, Fla., "How do you manage your house so completely?"

"I like to do great work," said one of the Southern Regiment to me, while we were sitting on the ground. "When a man has a good idea, he should not waste any time in thinking about it, for he may lose the opportunity.

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