

DURHAM'S GROWTH should be a source of pride to all North Carolinians. No town in North Carolina has been more advertised, or is more generally known in all parts of the world than the wonderful town of Durham. And a visit to that town will prove to the skeptical reader that Durham well deserves all that has been said about its growth and energy. We have frequently visited there during the past fourteen years, and on each visit we are surprised at the many improvements that have taken place since our previous visit. Several years ago we thought that real estate was ridiculously high, but on each succeeding visit we found prices higher and higher. Property that we thought dear at a few hundred dollars, a few years ago, is now considered cheap at many thousands. And it is a very remarkable fact that no person has ever lost a dollar in speculating in Durham real estate! Not many towns can boast of that.

We enjoyed the pleasure of visiting Durham, a few days ago, and were much pleased to note its continued growth and prosperity. Through the thoughtful courtesy of brother Hackney, the Recorder, we rode all over the town and saw it all. What was a small village, only a few years ago, is now a prosperous town of over 7,000 inhabitants, with paved streets, water works, electric lights and street cars. Its many immense brick buildings prove the faith of their owners in the stability and permanency of Durham's prosperity. No handsomer or costlier buildings can be found anywhere in the State, and others are now in process of construction. Although Durham's growth has been so rapid, we predict that it will be still more rapid as soon as the railroads now in contemplation are constructed. A railroad is now being constructed between Lynchburg and Durham and its early completion is assured. On next Saturday an election is to be held upon the question of the town's subscribing \$100,000 to the construction of a road to Henderson, and there seems to be no opposition whatever to the proposed subscription, which will assure the construction of the road. And on the Saturday following another election is to be held upon the proposition to subscribe \$50,000 to a road to Oxford. If these railroads are constructed (and two are certain) they will not stop at Durham, but one or more of them will be continued southward, and thus make Durham quite a railroad centre. We venture the prediction that the next national census will show only three cities in North Carolina with a population as large as Durham's! In addition to the two banks already established at Durham a third is soon to be established, with Mr. Julian S. Carr as president, and then no city in the State will have more banking facilities than Durham. A savings bank is also needed.

THE STATE OF morals in fashionable society at the North is sadly illustrated in the reception accorded to the Duke of Marlborough. This specimen of the English nobility is one of the most notoriously immoral characters of the present day. He has figured very conspicuously in several divorce cases in the English courts, and is such a man that should not be tolerated in decent society. And yet he is now on a visit to the United States and is meeting with quite an ovation from the wealthiest and most stylish members of Northern society. There is no more fashionable summer resort in America than Newport, Rhode Island, and so this Duke has visited that place and has been feasted and toasted by the elite of the summer visitors, and made quite a "lion." Entertainments have been given in his honor, and beautiful belles have smiled upon him with their sweetest smiles. What a sad commentary upon Northern society!

AN ELECTION was held in Barnwell county, on the 25th of August, upon the proposition to levy a special county tax for enlarging the courthouse and jail, and the proposition was overwhelmingly defeated. At the late term of the superior court of that county the presiding Judge, in his charge to the grand jury, said that every man in the county ought to be indicted on account of the condition of the courthouse and jail. But this seems to have had no effect upon the voters, who have determined to continue this disgrace to their county. The jail is certainly a disgrace to any civilized community, and Judge W. A. Moore, when holding court there several years ago, declared that he would not imprison a dog in such a hole!

ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN. CHATTANOOGA, ILL., Sept. 3.—An attempt was made to wreck the evening passenger train on the Illinois Central Railroad yesterday evening, by some miscreants placing a tie across the track at a point half a mile south of this station, in a cut and on a curve. The obstruction was noticed by the engineer just as the engine was about to strike it. The grade at this point being up hill and on a curve, enabled him to stop the train in a short distance, thereby preventing a serious accident.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5, 1887.

Two truths are self-evident to the sentiment on the political watch-tower: that the radical element of the Republican party has another rabid attack of the bloody-shirt, and that the ferocious Foraker is its fit type and prophet. Witness his disgraceful and outrageous conduct in Wheeling last week, where he raved like a madman and strutted around like a street-bully, during anybody to knock a chip off his shoulder. The West Virginia Governor gave the Ohio nuisance the right sort of response to his wild ravings, but still, to see the Governors of two neighboring States engaged in a wordy wrangle on the balcony of a hotel, while thousands of angry and excited men thronged the street, was a most unseemly demonstration. But the crowning outrage and indignity was the trailing of the United States flag in the dust by the Grand Army men and their spurning the picture of the President of the United States. If this was not a combination act of treason equal to firing on the old flag at Fort Sumter in 1860, then I confess myself vastly mistaken. The truth of the matter is, that if Uncle Sam's G. A. B. boys—good at rudeness boys—do not behave themselves better, he will have to give them a sound spanking and send them supperless to bed. The Army Paymasters have been transacting their business in a very loose manner—some of them not having settled their accounts in four or five years—and it is highly probable that the investigation of their accounts, which has now been ordered by the Second Comptroller of the Treasury, will uncover many discrepancies. Enough is already known to warrant the statement that many of the paymasters whose bonds expired in 1883 and 1884 and earlier years are short in their accounts with the Government. The responsibility for this state of affairs lies not so much with the Paymasters themselves as with the accounting officials of the Republican regime.

Senator Carlisle's presence in the city always attracts a large measure of public attention, and much comment is indulged in as to whether or not some important political move is on the tapis, when he visits the city at such an unseasonable time; but the distinguished statesman emphatically disclaims any such purpose and positively declares his ignorance of the so-called Democratic conference to which the press has given such wide publicity—stating that he is only here to look after the affairs of his constituents before the different Departments.

Senator Butler, of South Carolina has become a zealous convert to railroad supervision through a shaking up that he received in a recent wreck on a Virginia road, and he announces that he will offer an amendment to the law, looking to the protection of passengers and providing reasonable hours of work for the trainmen.

Senator Cockrell is in the city, and the committee of which he is chairman, is awaiting the completion of the reports of the chiefs of the several bureaus as to the methods of conducting business in the different Departments, in response to resolution of the last Congress. These reports are very voluminous, and if the committee read and inwardly digest them, it will be a long and laborious task. The reports will be especially useful for reference, in showing how the vast and varied business of this great Government is conducted and will be an interesting study as well, though I opine, the covert purpose of the Senatorial investigation was to manufacture a little political capital in behalf of the Republicans.

President Cleveland expresses his intention to spend the next few weeks quietly as his vacation time, at Oak View, and he will not feel under obligations to come to the White House except on public business that demands his attention.

Acting Secretary Muldrow has honored the profession of journalism by promoting to the Acting Chief Clerk of the Interior Department, Maj. S. A. Jones, for twenty-three years editor of the Aberdeen, Miss, Examiner, and for some years confidential clerk of Secretary Lamar. Maj. Jones, will bring to his new position the same devotion to duty and earnestness that won for him such distinction in newspaper work, and few men in the Government service are better equipped for the place; the employees of the office express the hope that his temporary appointment will be made permanent. It is really refreshing, after waiting so many years to see a true-blue Democrat in this position. He is the first Democratic clerk since the days of Abraham Lincoln.

Weather and Crops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—The following is the weather crop bulletin of the Signal Office for the week ending September 3:

TEMPERATURE.—During the week ending September 3rd, the weather has been cooler than usual in the Lake region, Ohio Valley, Southern and Atlantic States, and usually cold from Maryland southwestward to Georgia and Alabama. In the tobacco region of Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, the daily average temperature ranged from six to nine degrees below the normal. In the corn region west of the Mississippi river the temperature has been normal, or slightly above. The daily average temperature for the season from January 1st, to September 3rd, very generally differs less than one degree from the normal in all districts excepting that for Missouri, and from central Dakota southward over the western portion of Nebraska and Kansas it varies from one to two degrees above the normal, and along the South Carolina and Georgia coasts from one to two degrees below, and along Lake Superior from two to three degrees below.

RAIN FALL.—During the week the rainfall has been slightly in excess from eastern Texas northward to the Missouri valley. In Florida and the upper portion of the Mississippi valley and in other sections, there has been a slight deficiency, amounting to about one inch in the South Atlantic and Middle Atlantic States. The deficiencies for the season continue large in the lower Mississippi valley, and portions of Illinois and Iowa, exceeding ten inches. Over one hundred per cent. of the usual amount of rain-fall in the past month from eastern Texas, northward to Missouri valley, in the northern portion of Wisconsin, and from western Virginia to northwestern Georgia. Less than fifty per cent. of the usual rainfall has been reported from the lower Mississippi valley: central Alabama, southern Illinois, and the greater portion of Ohio. Frosts occurred in central Michigan August 30 and 31.

A Word to Our Farmers.

The season rapidly approaches when the soil should be carefully prepared for grain and grass sowing. One trouble with many of our farmers is they do not prepare the soil soon enough in the fall for their grain, and of course do not sow the grain as early as is best. If the land be properly prepared, the earlier the sowing is done the better and stronger the stand will be by cold weather, and it is not so liable to injury by freezing. We hope the good crops of this year may not cause any of our farmers to neglect preparations for next year's crops. These should be the more encouraged all to provide for larger grass and clover crops. Our people can not raise too much grass. In the raising, they are not only adding to their money resources, but benefiting their land. If a man get twelve bushels of wheat per acre this year, by early preparation and judgment he ought to expect at least twelve bushels per acre next year. This is the way to make farming pay in this country. Do not try to cultivate more land than you cultivated this year, but try to so cultivate the same quantity as to get double the yield next year. Early and thorough preparation, and good seeds well sowed, will go far towards accomplishing this. Food crops, to turn under in the green state, are invaluable.

Fined \$10 for Kissing.

Quite an unusual spectacle was witnessed by about one hundred and fifty people at Catawba Station a few days ago. The citizens had gathered about the depot, some to go on the excursion to Asheville, and others, both ladies and gentlemen through curiosity. Among the crowd was a negro woman named Ann Casler, who was under the influence of whiskey. She proposed to a young white man to give him a gold ring which she wore valued at \$12.50, if he would kiss her in the presence of the crowd. The young man who was also "how come you so?" accepted the proposition, called up the audience and began the performance. They embraced each other as if the last had been found. The negro woman then turned to some ladies who were standing off some distance and said: "Now I reckon you see that the white boys will kiss us colored girls." About this time the Lord Mayor appeared on the scene and invited the "kissers" to visit his office. Before they were allowed to go free they were required to pay into the town treasury \$10 each, for we suppose, their "indecent exposure," after which neither was able, financially, to make the trip on the excursion.

A Fatal Fire.

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—A Times special from Woolwith, Texas, says: The house of Perry Buchanan was burned yesterday, with contents. One girl, about 5 years old, was burned to death; mother, about 3 years old, cannot possibly live. One about 19 years, may recover. Mrs. Buchanan had her arms burned to the elbows. The ten-year old child was out in the yard, out of all danger, but looking back she saw the flames surround her little three-year old sister, and ran back to the fire and brought her out, suffering the penalty of being almost burned to death for her bravery. The fire originated from a cook stove.

A German ship foundered off Yarmouth; five of the crew were rescued and twenty-four drowned. Forty-eight thousand dollars are missing from the safe of the treasurer of Drake county, Ohio.

State News.

Wilmington Review: The high water in the Cape Fear is now running off rapidly, and unless there is a retroflection from the interior will soon be all gone. It has made a short stay, but it has worked a great deal of mischief. The loss to the farmers along the line of river will be very heavy.

Sanford Express: J. C. Black, Esq., President of the Carthage railroad, is in town. He says the road will be completed by Christmas next to Carthage. —Mr. Sidney Weatherpoon lost two fine cows, that had the misfortune to eat withered peach tree leaves. It is generally known that the leaves of peach trees will kill cows.

Charlotte Chronicle: As an evidence of the extent of the wholesale business done by Charlotte, a reporter was yesterday about the shipping books of Mr. S. Wittkowski, for the month of August. The books show that during that month this house shipped 1,350 cases and bales of goods, representing a cash value of \$65,000. This is the largest August business yet known in the wholesale circles of Charlotte.

Tarboro Spectator: Mr. H. D. Teel says the following is true to the letter: "Hiding in the country the other day he saw a large black snake coiled around a large oak tree three or four times. Pistol practice began and the snake was accidentally killed. The body of the snake in several places bulged out so that the curiosity of Mr. Teel was excited so he cut it open and found four green rabbits which the reptile had recently swallowed."

Rockingham Rocket: Dr. J. M. Covington showed us a curiosity at his office a few days ago. Near the window on the south side of his office is a morning glory vine which has threaded its way through the eight inch brick wall of the building, coming out at the tip of the base board on the inside of the house. The vine has attained a growth of ten or twelve feet in the room, running up over the doctor's library and giving it quite an aesthetic appearance. But how did it get through the brick wall?

Wadesboro Intelligencer: On Sunday evening, 21st instant a malatto, Charles Bruton, cloped with Julia A. Ross, a white woman, about 25 years old, the daughter of Packerham Ross, near Newwood. Said negro left a wife, and has served out a term in the penitentiary for house-breaking in Montgomery county. On Friday night previous to the elopement, he was supposed to be the person who broke in the storehouse of Perkins & Bro., near Troy, and stole about \$20 in cash and other goods of various descriptions.

Wilmington Star: Mr. W. S. Warlock, who lives on the sound and a strange fight a few days since between a cat and an eagle. It seems that the cat went out to hunt a rabbit and while hunting was pounced upon by a large eagle, who probably mistook her for a rabbit. Then commenced a curious fight. The cat clawed the eagle so savagely that it immediately soared high up in the air, burying its talons deep into the cat's neck. Finally, however, the eagle began to tire and descended again, whereupon the cat broke loose and ran.

Greensboro North Star: A worthy but eccentric old bachelor died recently at Milton, Caswell county. His dying request to Mr. R. L. Walker, a druggist who was very kind to him, was to have his grave dug without a vault; and he also told him he had saved all the hair ever out from his head and every tooth he had ever lost; and he wanted them buried with him; it was done as he requested. Mr. Walker made a pillow of the hair and the dead man's head rested on it; a package containing his teeth was likewise placed in the coffin.

Alamance Gleaner: We are informed by Mr. Jesse Henley of a fatal accident which occurred near the Chatham line last Thursday afternoon. John Jordan, of Chatham, and David Brown and his brother, of Alamance, were out hunting. Jordan had cocked his gun to shoot a bird but it put the gun back on his shoulder, it seems without letting the hammer down, and the gun was fired, the load of shot taking effect in the head, face and shoulder of David Brown. Though he was unable, according to the evidence, to account precisely how the shooting was done. Brown died about 1 o'clock Thursday night at Sulphur's mill near where he was shot. One or two shot are supposed to have entered the head of the victim.

Weldon News: The vineyard of C. W. Garrett & Co., at Ringwood, is the largest in the State. He purchased the farm in 1868 which has been for a long time known as Well's Vineyard, and by care and good management made it a most valuable property. Since his death in November last it has been excellently managed by Mr. H. S. Harrison. The farm contains 65 acres in scuppernon grapes and 20 in other varieties. Most excellent wines are made there, the product last year being 38,000 gallons. A larger quantity will be made this season. The cellar contains between 50,000 and 60,000 gallons of wine and about 2,000 gallons of brandy. These have a splendid sale throughout this country and quantities are shipped to foreign countries every year.

News and Observer: There are now 175 students enrolled at the State University. This is a gain of 25 over last year at the same date. The indications are that there will be an attendance of between 220 and 240 this year. At Wake Forest there are already over 150 students, with additions being made every day. This is a gain of 17 over the attendance

of any year since the foundation of the institution at the same date. The enrollment will very probably be 225 during the session. —There was an unusual occurrence yesterday morning, on Martin street. The remains of the late Mr. John Putney were being carried to their final resting place, when, at the intersection of Wilmington and Martin streets, the horses, drawing the hearse suddenly dashed down Martin street, Mr. Brown who was on the hearse with the driver, jumped off and sustained a severe sprain in the ankle. It was necessary to run the horses against a fence before they could be stopped. No serious damage was done.

LaGrange Spectator: Last Friday night about 12 o'clock some fiend in human shape, provided with a quantity of dry hay and kerosene oil, made an effort to fire the village. The scoundrel had piled the hay under the rear window of the wooden building next door to Mr. Simon Wooten's store and which Mr. Wooten uses for a warehouse, and had thoroughly saturated the window sill with oil preparatory to his diabolical work. Fortunately at this juncture Mr. Joe Paris getting the odor of kerosene as he was passing the street, concluded to investigate, and as he paused, heard a match strike. He rushed to the rear of the store and fired several shots at the fleeing rascal, who was on the alert and fled when he heard Mr. Paris.

Durham Recorder: The story told us is this: Under the rocks at Strayhorn's spring is a hole the length of which no one has been able to ascertain. A gang of partridges use it as a den and yesterday evening becoming frightened started in a run for this hole, and disappeared immediately on reaching it. There is nothing unusual in this, but our informant remaining near the spot for a few moments, saw a big black snake crawl from under the rock, and sticking in its mouth were the legs of a partridge. The reptile was killed, and it was found to have swallowed the entire coxey numbering fifteen. It is supposed that the snake seeing the birds coming, opened its jaws, and down they went one after the other. —Sunday morning Jailor Ross went to the jail, in which were confined eight or ten prisoners, to have water pumped into the tank that is connected with the various cells by pipes and faucets. It is customary to have one of the prisoners do the pumping as it gives exercise, but it was not compulsory, merely a matter of choice among the prisoners as to which one went. Sunday morning A. S. Barrow, a white man, came forward, and watching his chance, caught Mr. Ross around the waist, pinning his arms to his side. A negro was in the corridor sitting over the sink, but when the attack was made he opened the cage door by turning the patent lever, releasing six prisoners, and then tried to smother Mr. Ross with a blanket, but he resisted this attempt and prevented their choking him. With a combined effort of the six men Mr. Ross was thrown into a cell and the door bolted, and before he could release himself or summons aid, the prisoners, now free men, had passed out all the doors, scaled the fence, which is no barrier, and were two or three miles away. The negro women in jail kept such a racket that parties hearing the jailor's outcries needed them not and passed on. A posse of mounted men, armed with repeating Winchester rifles, scoured the country for miles and miles yesterday, but found no traces of the fugitives.

Homicide at Winston. Special to Charlotte Chronicle. WINSTON, N. C., Sept. 5.—Yesterday Frank Moore was walking in east Belmont town and stopping at a spring in an old grove to get some water, he was approached by a negro, named Grant Walker, who asked him if he wanted to buy some liquor, Moore replied that he did not. The negro then called him a "d—poor white son of a—" and said that the reason he did not want to buy it was because he was not able to pay for it. Moore then caught the negro and commenced knocking him when the negro got loose from him and picked up a rock, threw it at Moore, striking him in the forehead, producing a concussion of the brain. Moore fell to the ground and was then taken to his home, where he lay in a comatose state all night and during the day up to noon, at which hour he died. Frank Moore was about 28 years old, slender built, and lived in Salem near Messrs F. & J. Fries' cotton mills. He had a widowed mother and two sisters and a brother. The negro looks to be about 22 years old of medium height, well built. Coupling the facts of an attempt to sell illicit whiskey on Sunday and braining a man to death because he refuses to buy, makes an awful crime. The negro was arrested by policeman Dowdy about ten o'clock to-day and lodged in jail.

The Brady bill, which was intended to enable farmers to plead want of consideration on notes given for fertilizers, and which had passed the Georgia House, was defeated in the Senate by the deciding vote of the President of the Senate.

Richard Emerson, of Chicago, 16 years old, died of hydrophobia Thursday night at Koussha, Wis. He had been bitten two months ago by a pet dog which showed no symptoms of rabies.

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