

THE COMMENCEMENT exercises at our State university last week were unusually interesting, and will long be remembered by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

The whole of Wednesday, the 10th inst., was devoted to the meeting of the alumni, whose exercises were of a most interesting nature.

The dinner hour having now arrived an adjournment was taken, and all the alumni then assembled in the old chapel in which a sumptuous banquet had been prepared.

Other classes were represented as follows: 1820 by Hon. W. H. Stimpert, Col. William Johnston, of Charlotte; 1821 by Stephen A. and Clarence W. Grayson, of Duplin county; 1822 by Gen. Rufus Barringer, of Charlotte; and Dr. W. W. Harris, of Wilmington; 1823 by Judge R. P. Dick, of Greensboro; and Dr. John L. Williamson, of Albemarle county; 1824 by Hon. W. L. Steele, of Rockingham; James H. Bowen, of Oxford; and Adolphus G. Jones, of Cary; 1825 by Hon. J. B. Bingham, of Raleigh; and Dr. L. C. Taylor, of Oxford; and 1826 by Col. W. A. Pason, of Duplin county.

The regular call of the roll of classes was here suspended in order to give place for the special exercises of the class of 1879, which was the first to graduate after the reorganization of the university.

The class of 1868 was also given special time; that being the last class to graduate under Gov. Swain's administration.

W. H. S. Burgwyn, A. W. Graham, Isaac R. Strayhorn and Thomas Watson.

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A destructive fire. Yesterday, June 7, following is a copy of the San Francisco Examiner's report of a great fire in Seattle, Washington Territory.

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Our Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 7, 1889.

"Cheap John" Wannamaker is trending on dangerous ground. He wants to abolish Sunday work in the post office, and in order to get some foundation to work on he has sent a circular letter to the post-masters of one hundred of the largest cities asking for suggestions as to how Sunday work may be stopped.

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The Weather and Crops.

WISCONSIN, June 9.—The weather crop bulletin for the week ending on Saturday says that the week was generally favorable for all crops in the Upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, and the corn is rapidly recovering from the effects of the recent frost, considerable being replanted.

In New England the conditions were generally favorable for all crops excepting corn, which was slightly injured by low temperature.

Heavy rains in Indiana. Indianapolis, Ind., June 10.—The adverse frontal parts of the Storm in the past week both to the growing crops and to the property situated along the water courses.

A Man with an Appetite. From the Boston Herald. Clarke County has always been noted for having a man that could eat more than other men in the United States.

A Terrific Wind Storm. Utica, N. Y., June 10.—Word was received here this morning that a terrific wind storm passed through Port Leyden, Lewis county, and the larger portion of Jefferson county about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A Shooting Editor. J. B. Douglas, Esq., June 6.—J. A. Benjamin, editor of the DeLand News, shot and instantly killed Capt. J. W. Douglas, of New Smyrna, on Friday, Capt. Douglas is a prominent citizen of Daytona and a well known Democratic politician.

Belgian Marchioness Murdered. Brussels, June 6.—Marchioness Hastelle, an old lady belonging to a noble Belgian family, has been found murdered in her bed in Chateau Moulbaix at Mons.

Thousands Butchered. LONDON, June 7.—Missionary letters to the Anti-Slavery Society say that the Mahdists have made Western Abyssinia a desert.

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