



SUMMARY.

Yesterday was observed in Richmond, Va., as a general holiday. The banks and all public offices, both State and Federal, were closed.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

ONLY three more days in which to do your log-rolling, candidates. If you want to get there you had better be up and at work.

CHARLOTTE is increasing her hotel facilities. The Buford House is to be enlarged to double its present size.

Two more men have been convicted at Little Rock, Ark., of interfering with the election officers at Plummerville last fall.

Gov. FORAKER is now in New York looking after the safety of the many Federal flags displayed there.

Under the head of "Bright and Laughable," the Raleigh News & Observer quotes the following from the Richmond Dispatch: "It is expected that during the next few days the busy crop in Oklahoma will be very large and varied."

KEEP your temper, boys. Do not say anything about your neighbor or friend during the campaign that you will be sorry for afterward.

RUSSIA will take no part in the Paris exposition. The Czar has even ordered his minister at that court to absent himself from Paris at the time.

ONE of the Northern papers, in lamenting the absence of Mr. Blaine from the New York centennial, says: "It is probably due to indisposition, physical or otherwise."

THE reports about the yellow fever in Florida are conflicting. The two cases were at once said to be sporadic.

"SAFE landing was made on a temporary stage slung to the Ward line wharf, whence sails the only line, it is said, of vessels engaged in the foreign carrying trade from this city sailing under the American flag."

Not many men have been held in the same esteem that Washington now is ninety years after their death.

During the President's reception in New York, the following telegram was handed him: "Chicago, Ill., April 29.—Seventy-five thousand people of Illinois, in mass meeting, will expect some sentiment from the President of the United States to-morrow. Please telegraph us to-day. (Signed), CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE."

SEPTEMBER 22d has been fixed upon as the day for general elections to the Chamber of Deputies in France. This will be an eventful day for that Republic, and may mark another great change in the affairs of that nation.

The European potentates are getting mighty thick here of late. They are gadding about all the time from first one Court to another.

The defence in the trial of Hawes, the Alabama wife and child murderer, rest their case principally upon the plea of mistaken identity. It is claimed that the murders were committed by a man named Thompson, who looks very much like Hawes and who has not been seen since the murders were committed.

TOWN TALK.

—First of May. —The Board of Town Commissioners will meet Friday night.

—Five rooms are offered for rent by Mr. A. Goldstein. See advertisement.

—Closing exercises of the Graded School on the 30th and 31st of this month.

—The Durham stamp agent, Mr. W. E. Foster, reports \$55,843.44 worth of revenue stamps sold in April.

—Ten marriage licenses were issued in April, by Register Lunsford—five to white and five to colored couples.

—The report that Capt. N. A. Ramsey is a candidate for Chief of Police, is emphatically denied by the Captain.

—The Durham ice factory is humming. It turns out the crystal blocks at the rate of nearly ten thousand pounds a day.

—"Sufferers" object to one of the acts of the present Board of Town Commissioners. We think their ground is well taken. At least, we think their ground was not well taken.

—A victory for the local optionists in May will help them to win a victory in June. Stand firm and do your level best to triumph in both contests, for both are important to the greatest success of your cause.

—The strawberry festival last night, by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, was a success, we are pleased to note. The occasion was such an attraction that the room proved too small to comfortably accommodate the crowd.

—The examination of applicants for cadetship in the Naval Academy, from this district, will be held at Raleigh, to-morrow. Prof. E. W. Kennedy, Superintendent of our Graded School, is a member of the Board of Examiners and will go to Raleigh to-night.

The poem entitled "The Vow of Washington," by John Greenleaf Whittier, read at the centennial celebration in New York yesterday, may be found on the fourth page of this issue of THE PLANT. Read it.

Attention is directed to the statement of the Orient Fire Insurance Company, for which Mr. W. H. McCabe, of Durham, is general agent. The assets exceed liabilities more than \$1,000,000.

How can the local option law be better enforced than it is now? Repeatedly we have said we think it can be done by electing town officers who are in favor of the law and who will strive to enforce it.

The Sundry School of Carr Church will give an excursion to Henderson on Saturday of next week, May 11th. Opportunity will be afforded our citizens generally to accompany the school.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the commencement exercises of Bowling's Academy, on May 22d and 23d. The sermon will be preached on the first day by Rev. J. H. Puckett, of Hillsboro, and the oration will be delivered on the second day by Rev. C. C. Newton, of Durham.

We learn that the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church will tender their beloved pastor, Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, a vacation this summer and will present him a purse of sufficient calibre to defray his expenses to the World's Sunday School Convention at London.

We are authorized to state that Mr. I. M. Reams, who was nominated for Commissioner by the local option convention, will serve if elected, any intimation to the contrary notwithstanding.

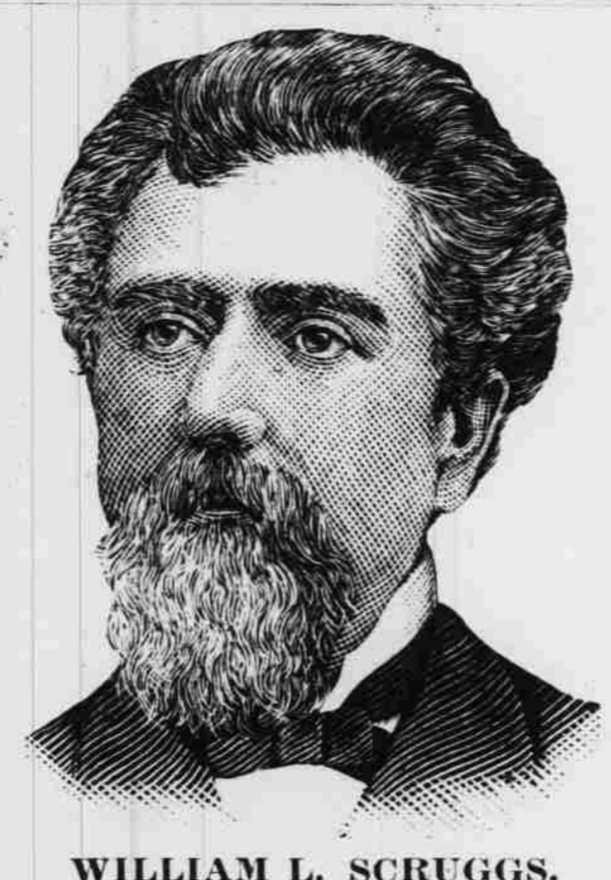
An interesting programme is in preparation for the book reception at the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Friday night of this week.

In justice to the Richmond & Danville railroad we will say that its convenient schedule for Durham was overlooked in commending the favorable schedule recently adopted by the Durham & Northern.

The following items are furnished by our Flat River correspondent: Mr. Fenwick Ellis, an elderly citizen of Mangum township, had the misfortune on the 27th of April to get his arm broken from the kick of a horse, while sitting on his wagon.

On that windy day, when so many fires took place all over the country, Mr. E. H. Veazy, of this neighborhood, lost a large quantity of wood and came near losing all his buildings. His neighbors collected in large force and assisted him.

On the 29th of April, little Floyd, son of Mr. W. P. Latta, while playing, stuck a stick through the fleshy part of his leg, making a painful wound. Dr. Harden was called in and the little fellow is doing well.



WILLIAM L. SCRUGGS.

William Scruggs, who will represent our country in Venezuela, is an honorable and upright gentleman, who already under former Republican administrations has been in the diplomatic service. He was born in Tennessee in 1839, received a classical education, studied law and was called to the Bar when only twenty-one years old.

The new Hymn-Book of the Methodist Episcopal Church South has been issued at last, and an instalment has been received by Messrs. T. J. Gattis & Son, agents for the Publishing House, to whom we are indebted for a copy.

There were 1,063 hymns in the old Hymn-Book. Of these, 408 were omitted in the revision, and 655 retained. There were added 274 new hymns, making a total of 929 in the new Hymn-Book—134 less than in the old book.

There are 169 hymn-writers who have only 1 hymn each in the Hymn Book. The largest number, of course, by any one writer is by Charles Wesley—294. Isaac Watts comes next with 115; then Phillip Doddridge with 37; John Wesley 26; Montgomery 23; Newton 21; William Cowper 9; Horatius Bonar, Frederick William Faber, Anne Steele, 8 each; Fanny Crosby, Joseph Hart, Reginald Heber, and Thomas Kelly, 7 each; John Fawcett 6.

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Plant Photographs. M. A. Angier, Esq., spent the afternoon in Raleigh.

Mr. W. W. Shaw has returned from a trip to Wilmington.

Rev. J. H. Cordon, of Raleigh, was on the east-bound train to-day.

Mr. J. M. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, passed up the road yesterday afternoon.

Mr. A. L. Follett returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to New Berne.

Master Walter Markham, son of Sheriff F. D. Markham, is quite sick, we are sorry to hear.

Mr. R. H. Atwater writes us from Bucklin, Mo., under date of April 28th, that he is well pleased with his new home.

Mr. John H. Underwood left today for Fayetteville, bearing the best wishes of his Durham friends for a prosperous future.

Are you going to the Guilford Battle-ground Celebration, near Greensboro, on Saturday? The railroad rates are very low, being only \$2.15 for round trip tickets, from Durham, for civilians, and \$1.60 for military companies in parties of not less than twenty.

One thing the Town Commissioners did do, and one thing they did not do.

The Town Commissioners did one thing that they had no moral right to do, if they had the legal right, and that was to give the Durham & Lynchburg road Rowland street, to the inconvenience and annoyance of the citizens who paid for the street out of their own pockets.

One thing they did not do, and that is pay back the money that private citizens paid for Rowland street (out of their own pockets). These citizens that paid for Rowland street imposed a sacred trust into the hands of the city authorities and it was betrayed.

We have received the following letter from Mr. W. E. Christian, editor of the Charlotte Democrat, which we publish with the request that the Confederate veterans of this section furnish Mr. Christian with their views upon the subject of establishing a Soldiers' Home in North Carolina, together with their age, occupation and present condition:

Editors Durham Plant: My DEAR SIRS:—In furtherance of the scheme undertaken by the Wilmington Messenger towards building a Soldiers' Home, I propose at an early day to request of the citizens of Charlotte a meeting for the purpose of getting from them an expression as to ways, means, feasibility, &c. In addition to data that will then be submitted, it is desired to have also personal letters from old soldiers giving personal needs, willingness and desire for such a home. Should you be able enter through solicitation or from your own experience to furnish such information, you will much oblige Yours truly, W. E. CHRISTIAN, Editor Democrat.

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Business Notices. For Rent. Five rooms for rent. Apply to ABE GOLDSTEIN.

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Who have used CLARKE'S EXTRACT OF FLAX (Papillon) SKIN CURE award it the first and highest place as a remedial agent in all cases of Skin Diseases. Erysipelas, Eczema, Pimples, unsightly blotches, humiliating eruptions, Boils, Carbuncles, Tetter, etc., all yield to this wonderful preparation at once. Price \$1.00 for a large bottle at R. F. Whitehurst's Drug Store. Clarke's Flax Soap is good for the Skin. Try it. Price 25 cents.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

Orient Insurance Company.

December 31st, 1888.

Table with 2 columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES. ASSETS includes real estate, bonds, stocks, etc. LIABILITIES includes losses unpaid, reserves, etc.

North Carolina Business in 1888.

Table showing statistics for North Carolina Business in 1888, including exports, imports, etc.

President, CHAS B. WHITING. Secretary, J. U. FAUSTER, General Agent, W. H. McCABE, Durham. STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Office of Secretary of State, Insurance Department, Raleigh, N. C., May 1st, 1889.

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

On Thursday, the 30th Day of May, Next, We will sell at public auction, (unless sooner disposed of at private sale), the following valuable real estate, situated in the town of Durham:

BANK BUILDING, Lot fronting on Main street 27 feet and running back 210 feet to Railroad street, Fire Proof Vault, two large Herrin's safes, (largest and best made, one them burglar proof with time lock), Office Furniture and other fixtures, all of the very best quality.

FIVE DWELLINGS. One seven room dwelling and kitchen, on corner Liberty and Dilard streets, lot 70 feet front by 179 feet deep, go 4 well on the premises, also supplied with water by the Durham Water Co.

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