

**DURHAM RECORDER.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

With the present issue of THE RECORDER, a new editor assumes control of its columns. There has been no change of ownership, politics or policy of the paper. It will be the purpose of the editor and publisher, however, to improve the paper on lines worked out long years ago, and steadfastly adhered to through successive generations. During the present year and as long as the present management has control of THE RECORDER, it will seek first the best interests of Durham, and will make itself heard from time to time in behalf of "The best all around town in America." It will be progressive; it will keep up with the procession, but will not try to pull the rest of the world around by the nose to exhibit its superior qualities of leadership. It will print some news, but not everything that is news, because its columns are not elastic enough to contain everything that it would like to put into them. It will be Democratic in politics; it is simple enough to believe that the best guarantee of good government is the continued ascendancy of the Democratic party; and so believing, it will express its opinions accordingly, with all due deference to the views of others who may hold different opinions. It will be truthful; it will not knowingly print anything that its readers may not accept as absolute verity. Above all, it will be decent; it will admit to its columns nothing that will bring a blush to the cheeks of readers entertaining the strictest sense of propriety; it will try to make its columns interesting and attractive without resorting to things sensational. It will make an honest effort to be a better paper than it has been before; and it believes that the citizens of Durham, appreciating a newspaper that shows respect for its readers and maintains its self respect, will continue to give it their confidence and patronage.

The women folks are coming to the front in the northern Methodist church, and it will not be at all surprising to see them admitted as delegates to the annual conferences within a very few years. The question has been submitted to a vote of the church membership, and the result shows that a large majority of those who cared to express an opinion on the subject were in favor of admitting them as delegates. Out of a total membership of 1,500,000, nearly 300,000 votes were cast; and of these, a majority of 75,000 was on the side of the women. The sisters have scored a strong point, but the end is not yet. The final result will depend on the action of the general conference. There is a certain kind of progress going on at the North. Women have already been admitted to pulpits, and some are doing regular pastoral work. The next movement in order is to admit them as lay delegates to the deliberative bodies of the church. This may be real progress, but it is not according to the southern idea.

What a spectacle for gods and men was presented at the court house meeting last Thursday night! While partisans of the Hoar stripe were making frantic efforts to convince the country that the negro in the South is ground under the heel of white tyrants, the two races met on common ground in Durham and united their efforts for the promotion of each others' interests. Negroes contributed, of their limited means, for the erection of a hotel which they could never expect to enter as guests, and white citizens gave their cordial support and substantial assistance to a movement to procure the establishment, in this city, of a manual training school for colored youths. This does not prove that Durham's instalment of the

millennium has arrived, but it shows that the two races dwell together in harmony when not disturbed by the strife maker.

A committee of the Board of trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College has made a report in the financial condition of the institution. The college has property, including land, buildings and equipment, valued at \$55,000, which has been obtained without direct cost to the tax payers. The expenses of building and equipment have been paid out of the state tax on fertilizers; but this source of income has been cut off by a decision of the federal court, while as yet the college is but partially fitted for its career of usefulness. Interest from the land scrip fund and an annual appropriation by congress provide for the current expenses of the college; but more money is needed to erect other buildings and purchase necessary appliances. The legislature, therefore, will be asked to make an annual appropriation of \$25,000 for this year and next, and \$10,000 per annum hereafter.

All classes and conditions of citizens have made up their minds that Durham shall no longer be a by-word and a hissing on account of inadequate hotel accommodations. Durham is going to have a big hotel, eligibly located, thoroughly equipped and properly managed. And it will be the pride of the whole town; for all, from the least to the greatest, will have an interest in it by having contributed something toward building it.

Occasionally some croaker complains about a lack of public spirit in Durham. Those fellows ought to have attended the hotel meeting last week. There was public spirit manifest in words and deeds. Let us have more of the same kind Friday night.

**PITH OF POLITICS.**  
San Francisco Examiner: The Senators who represent something besides politics are becoming restive over the waste of time in the discussion of a wanton and wicked piece of partisan trickery. They know that in seeming to support the Force bill they are not doing a popular thing. It is easy to see the drift of popular sentiment, even if the late elections were not a sufficiently conspicuous storm signal. Not a single Democratic member of Congress, nor a single Democratic or Independent newspaper of any faction, nor a single Democrat in private life, so far as known, has anything but hostility for the Force bill. On the other hand, the Republican party is anything but united in its favor.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The people do not believe the McKinley outrage is a "reform" at all; it is an open, bare-faced robbery, and its doom is sealed. Public opinion has been educated on the subject. The people now know what they want, and, moreover they know how to get it. The pretense that the tariff is not a tax, but a divine miracle, creating something out of nothing, is too shallow for any one, but the President, to accept even for a moment. As for the people, they have been thoroughly taught by merchant and manufacturer, by precept and example, that the tariff is a tax.

Philadelphia Record: Senator Paddock of Nebraska is not much of a talker, but he has a habit of hitting the nail on the head every time. He says of the Federal Election bill that it is not demanded by any portion of the people outside of the Republican party. The Senator could have added with perfect truth that within the Republican party there are multitudes who regard the Force bill as a blunder, and in politics blunders like this are crimes.

**Faith in Durham.**  
The Chronicle's faith in Durham has been unshaken. When the Blackwell Bank failed and ominous predictions were indulged in for the future of the town, the Chronicle said that Durham's recovery would rival that of France after the disasters of the French-German war. It has turned out as we predicted, and Durham is at the threshold of its great growth and development.

**LO! THE POOR INDIAN.**

The Extinction of the Red Man is inevitable. Philadelphia Times. The only comfort that can be derived from a fight with Indians like that reported from the Pine Ridge Agency is that each such occurrence brings us a little nearer the inevitable end. Some day our little army will not have to fight the Indians any more, because there will be no Indians left to fight. Till that time comes the same old, sad story will be repeated that has been told over and over from the first coming of the white man to America.

That the Indians are doomed to extinction as inevitably as the races that their progenitors drove before them; that they must disappear as the buffaloes have disappeared before advancing civilization, till all that shall be left of them will be a few little communities scattered here and there, as feeble as the groups of buffaloes preserved in the public parks, cannot be doubted by any one who knows the history of the world. The Indian himself understands this. He has been fighting for his existence from the very first and the path of advancing civilization from the Atlantic to the Pacific is marked by the blood of the pioneers and soldiers whom he has slain in his futile effort to reverse the decrees of history.

It is impossible to predict the immediate effect of this engagement, whether the punishment inflicted will be a warning to the other disaffected bands or whether it will inflame them to fresh hostilities. The ultimate result must be in any case the same. We shall lose a larger or smaller number of soldiers, but the greater the resistance of the Indians the more thorough their defeat at last, and so these Indian battles, one by one, bring on the inevitable dispersion of the tribes and the absorption of the remnant by the advancing waves of the white man's civilization.

**A Bad Day for McKinleyism.**

New York Star, Dec. 31. Yesterday was not a particularly good day for McKinleyism. There were reports from Pennsylvania, Illinois and elsewhere of workmen's wages reduced or soon to be reduced. Wages in Carnegie's steel works will go down ten per cent.; the window-glass companies are organizing a Trust, and will advance the prices of glass and reduce their workmen's wages; an increase of wages has been refused to 1,500 Pennsylvania miners, and Illinois miners have struck because their employers have assented them to make up for certain contract losses. So the work goes on. The McKinley tariff has increased the cost of living, while the workmen find all pre-election promises that were made to them falsified and their wages cut down. We doubt if the Republican monopolists will be able to fool the workmen again.

**Seven Children Burned to Death.**

New York Journal, Dec. 31. An industrious and worthy colored man named Scott Thompson, his wife and oldest child, who live five miles below Bayboro, went to church Sunday night leaving seven children, five of them his own and two of them his grandchildren, at home—their ages ranging from infancy to about fifteen years of age. Before the services were concluded it was discovered that their home was on fire, and the congregation made a rush for it. On nearing the scene of the conflagration the agonizing screams of the suffering little ones could be plainly heard, but when the place was reached the building had fallen in and every one of the inmates had perished in the flames.

It is supposed that the fire caught in some way from the chimney and spread rapidly, and all the children being sound asleep did not awaken until the flames had cut off all egress.

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**JOHN T. STANLEY vs. MANTHA CLEMENS.**  
The above named defendant is hereby notified that an action has been commenced before M. A. Angier, J. P. for said county and State by the above named plaintiff against the above named defendant for the purpose of obtaining judgment for \$150, purchase money of a tract of land near the town of Durham, N. C., 45x200 feet, due by three notes, dated April 4th 1886, and she is hereby required to appear and answer, or demur to the complaint on February 10th 1891 before M. A. Angier, J. P. at the Treasurer's office in said county and State at 3 o'clock P. M.

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