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IRELAND'S TROUBLES.

The condition of Ireland is assuming a most serious aspect, and the troubles of that unhappy country are truly alarming and threaten an open rebellion.

UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

On last Thursday we had the pleasure of attending the Annual Commencement of our State University, which was the most successful that has been held since the resuscitation of that institution.

The Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. W. P. Harrison, D. D., of Washington City, and the Literary Address by Senator Mat W. Ransom, were delivered on Wednesday, and were conceded by all who heard them to have been equal, if not superior, to any that have heretofore been delivered on similar occasions.

The graduating class consisted of thirty-one members, a larger number than in any graduating class in twenty years, and the Faculty assert that there has never been a class of superior scholarship.

The degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon Bishop Green, of Mississippi, an alumnus and former professor, Rev. A. D. Hepburn, another professor but now President of Davidson College, and upon those distinguished alumni, Senator Ransom and Judge Ruffin.

One pleasing and remarkable incident was the speech of Mr. E. J. Mallet, now a resident of New York, who graduated in the class of 1818—sixty-three years ago!

We were pleased to meet and exchange greetings with our veteran brethren of the Press, Messrs. Creecy, Yates and Cameron, whose facile pens have done so much to promote the prosperity of our good old State.

A Striking Contrast.

We understand that a gentleman asked the president of the Liquor Dealers Convention why they did not get the Rev. (?) Mr. Brown to open the Convention with prayer, to which he replied that he did not believe in prayer.

The Anti-Prohibition Preacher.

Rev. S. D. Brown, of Hamptonville, was a delegate to the Anti-Prohibition Convention which met in this city last week, and delivered a speech that has given rise to much comment.

The Prohibition Bill.

The Central Protestant (published at Greensboro) suggests the following appropriate titles for the prohibitory bill:

"The proposed act in reference to the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors, called prohibition, might have a title more expressive of its nature and tendency; we propose the following:

An act to protect the poor man's coat at the elbows; his pantaloons on the seat and the knees; to furnish him a clean shave and a clean shirt; to send him home in due time at night, sober, rational, peaceable and harmless; to put clothes on the backs of his children, bread in their mouths and knowledge in their heads.

An act to improve the public highways, especially the streets of towns and cities, so that where heretofore blasphemy, vulgarity and ribaldry have been so rampant as to render it unsafe for ladies to walk in the daytime (even though attended by the police) any lady may go without fear and without an attendant.

An act to abolish two-thirds of the crime of our population, to reduce the cost of criminal prosecution, and to lessen the numbers in jails, almshouses, asylums and the penitentiary. An act to economize the time of the day laborer, that he may give to the cause of productive industry the strength heretofore spent to his injury, and have his reward in the improved condition of his family.

An act to restrain the dealer in strong drink from compassing the ruin of innocent boys and promising young men by tempting them to drink.

An act to deprive the devil of his right arm and to cut off from his recruiting officers the right to drill in any township of this State.

An act to put the burden of crime on the tempter, where it belongs, and take it from the tempted, to whom it does not belong."

Anti-Prohibition Convention.

Pursuant to a call, the State Anti-Prohibition Convention met in Metropolitan Hall at 12 m., to-day. Col. T. N. Cooper, of Iredell county, called the Convention to order, and Mr. George Tonnoffski, of Wake, was made Temporary Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Scott, of New Hanover county, a committee of five on permanent organization was appointed as follows: E. P. Powers, H. E. Scott, W. A. Elson, J. J. Stewart and Nat Atkinson.

Mr. James E. Boyd, of Alamance county was called out, and proceeded to address the Convention for upwards of an hour, in opposition to the prohibition bill. At the conclusion of his address the Chairman of the Committee on permanent organization reported as follows, which was adopted: For President, R. C. Badger, of Wake; Vice-President, D. S. Angle, of Iredell; J. E. Boyd, of Guilford; J. T. Respass, of Beaufort; J. E. O'Hara, of Halifax; Henry Northery, of Richmond; J. H. Renfrow, of Wake; Daniel Kelly, Moore; M. N. Leary, of Cumberland; W. H. Bailey, of Davie; W. J. Turner, of Granville; W. J. Daughtry, of Carteret; D. R. Johnson, of Warren; A. Moore, of Cumberland; G. A. Bingham, of Rowan; Wm. Johnston, of Mecklenburg.

Committee on Resolutions—N. Atkinson, George Mathes, Col. Carpenter, J. E. O'Hara, John Spelman. Executive Committee—State at large, Col. Carpenter, T. N. Cooper, H. E. Scott, H. Brunhill. Secretaries—H. I. McDuffie, G. L. Tonnoffski, J. M. McGowan and W. V. Turner.

Mr. J. E. O'Hara, on taking the chair, as President, addressed the Convention briefly. J. E. O'Hara and J. T. Respass delivered addresses. Mr. Nat Atkinson, of Buncombe county and another gentleman, whose name we failed to get, made speeches after which, on motion, the convention adjourned till 5 o'clock p. m.

State News.

Raleigh Visitor: The Vance county magistrates met yesterday and elected as commissioners of the new county E. G. Brodie, A. L. Steed, J. M. B. Hunt, G. H. Yancey and J. B. Crudup.

The Ashboro Courier boasts of the following Randolph curiosities: Mr. Henderson Burrow has a hog's tusk that measures 12 inches in length. There is a boy in this county aged 15 years who is 6 feet 4 1/2 inches high. He grew more than 4 inches last year.

A correspondent of the Kinston Journal writing from Onslow county, says: "Prohibition is booming down here, our township almost a unit in its favor—a Grand Mass Meeting the 11th June—The colored people are strong for it."

A correspondent of the Elizabeth City Economist from Washington county, says: "Prohibition is getting to be very popular over here. Our professional men will take the stump in its favor. The preachers will do their best for it. The colored society are taking the field in its favor."

A Correspondent of the Greensboro North State, says: "Last week I was in Albright Township, Chatham county, and was assured that nine out of ten of the electors of that township would vote for Prohibition. I am grateful to know that the Alliance Clearer, Chatham Record, and Ashboro Courier stand erect on the subject."

A correspondent of the News and Observer from Caswell county, says: "There was, not long ago, a man living near Leesburg, who was born in Orange, raised in Caswell, and lived and died in Person, and never moved out of the house where he first saw the light. So much for forming new counties."

News and Observer: Yesterday the prohibition movement had a dumb though powerful witness in its favor. At the Raleigh National Bank was received a \$10 bill, across the back of which ran the following singular and sad endorsement: "This is the last of a fifty thousand dollar fortune left a boy of Conyers, Ga. It goes for drink."

Reidsville Weekly: We suppose the largest sale of manufactured tobacco ever made in North Carolina was made by Messrs. F. R. Penn & Co., of this place, one day last week. The sale amounted to over a quarter million pounds, being even six thousand boxes, none weighing less than forty and some sixty pounds to the box.

A correspondent of the Farmer and Mechanic from Nash county says: "Mr. T. J. Braswell's daughter, Miss Lon, ran away on the night of the 26th, coming down stairs bare-footed and slipped out unknown to the old folks and joined her lover who with a lot of baggies and friends were in waiting. They hurried off to the residence of Rev. G. W. Cappelge, where she became Mrs. Nick Woods."

A correspondent of the Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic, from Kittell, says: "Dr. Landis' old goose some time last spring hatched out six goslings, and seeing that they were all males, turned them over to the old gander to raise, and went immediately to work, laid six more eggs and has now come off with six females. This is an actual fact, and is said to be unprecedented in the annals of goose history."

Winston Leader: Mr. H. S. Foy, of this place, had a setting hen which left her nest about the time the eggs, on which she was setting, were ready to hatch. Thinking them spoiled, he put the eggs on the fence to be used as nest eggs, but in the course of a day or two was surprised to find that they had all hatched out, and the little chicks were sitting on the fence chirping as lively as crickets.

News and Observer: Last night Mr. Owens Jackson, a farmer of Barr's Creek, Harnett county, fell through an open hatchway in the store of Brown & Sexton, Fayetteville street, into the cellar, a distance of about seven feet. The great shock of the unexpected fall dislocated his left knee joint, and also broke that leg midway between the ankle and knee. The physicians at once set the limb.

A correspondent of the Kinston Journal, in writing an account of Duplin county, says: "The first thing to be commended is the absence of drunkenness which is nearly always seen during Court weeks in small towns. We arrived at Keansville about 2 o'clock, found the streets packed and crowded with men, and, after spending three days, in the village came away having seen only two or three drunken men during the time. Keansville is a "dry town" and the friends of Prohibition allege, that to that fact is due this sobriety—that at previous Courts the streets were often a model of Pandemonium."

Greensboro Battle Ground: Two negro men went to the residence of Col. Irwin, who lives near Reidsville, for the purpose of committing an outrage upon Miss Irwin, a beautiful young lady, but fortunately for her, she was absent at the Reidsville school in company with her father. The negroes finding themselves foiled in their fiendish attempt upon her, they assaulted her mother, a lady about fifty years old, in a brutal manner, outraged her, and left her insensible. The negroes were arrested, and confined under strong guard, and as the citizens are known for their bravery and love of honor, Judge Lynch was so strongly hinted that it was only by strenuous efforts that the officers were able to keep the prisoners from the hands of the citizens. The indignation increased so much that on yesterday it was concluded as best to bring the prisoners here for safe keeping.

Frans Winkler a coal miner in Ohio, has received the astonishing intelligence that his brother has died in England leaving \$45,000,000, to be divided between him and five brothers and a sister. Winkler came to this country several years ago. His family was of humble parentage and born in Central Prussia, where four still reside. Forty years ago his elder brother left home to seek his fortune in some distant clime. He went to Liverpool, and from there to Cape of Good Hope, where he became a very successful diamond merchant and accumulated vast wealth. His family understood that he was prosperous, but that was all. He wrote them regularly, saying he would surprise them some day. About two years ago they ceased hearing from him. Being alarmed the family endeavored to ascertain the facts of the matter, but learned that he died on his way home to Prussia and has left them \$45,000,000.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Powell's Prepared Chemicals. Have been awarded a Gold Medal and First Prize at Agricultural Fairs wherever exhibited. Mr. Letourneau, in his report for 1879, pp. 68 & 70, to N. C. State Agr. Board, gives Powell's Chemicals an intrinsic value of \$13.85 per ton, which they are sold to the farmer at \$10.00. This is the best showing ever given a fertilizer.

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EXPRESS STEAMBOAT CO. Steamer Schedule. On and after April first and until further notice, the Steamer D. MURKINSON, Capt. Jerry H. Roberts, will leave Fayetteville every Tuesday and Friday at 7 o'clock a. m., and Wilmington every Wednesday and Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m.

PAPE & CO., DRUGGISTS & CHEMISTS, 528 Market St. PHILADELPHIA. TURBINE WATER-WHEELS, FACTORY GEARING, Grist and Saw Mill Machinery, &c.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS! The good people of Chatham and surrounding counties are respectfully informed that J. P. GULLEY, RALEIGH, N. C., has just received a tremendous and varied stock of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, HATS, NOTIONS, &c., which will be sold at BOTTOM PRICES.

THE FARRAR Turbine Water-Wheel. In practical use it is superior to all other wheels, being constructed and built on the principle of the water wheel, and is the only one of its kind that will run on any other wheel. Our Turbine wheels are so constructed that they are in no way in competition with the ordinary water wheels.

W. R. Burgess & Co., AGENTS, Columbia Factory, N. C. 1,000 second-hand and new engines, steam machines, rolling mills, portable mills, shunting, pulleys, lathes, saw mills, etc. cheaper than the cheapest. Large Machine, fitted with description and prices of all kinds of machinery sent free.

Mill For Sale! In pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of Chatham county, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, the following property, to-wit: The third interest of Daniel Beckwith, deceased, in the property known as "the mill," and situated three miles west of Fayetteville. TERMS—One-third cash, balance in three and six months.

Prejudice Kills. "Eleven years our daughter suffered on a bed of misery under the care of several of the best (and some of the worst) physicians, who gave her disease various names but to no relief, and now she is restored to us in good health by as simple a remedy as Hop Bitters that we had poor of for two years, before using it. We earnestly hope and pray that no one else will let their sick suffer as we did, on account of prejudice against so good a medicine as Hop Bitters."—The Parents.—Telegram.

JOYCE News for Dogs and Girls! Young and Old! A NEW INVENTION just patented for them, for House use. For Sale by Retail Dealers, Turners, Barbers, Druggists, Grocers, etc. Send 6 cents for 100 pages. Send 6 cents for 100 pages. Send 6 cents for 100 pages.

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Danbury Reporter: Mr. A. A. Dillon died Saturday last, under suspicious circumstances; so much so that the coroner of the county thought it his duty to look into the matter. He sent for the health officer of the county, Dr. L. H. Hill, who made a post mortem examination, and reported that Mr. Dillon died of cerebral hemorrhage (the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain). A number of our citizens yet believe that he was poisoned from using drugged whiskey, which produced convulsions, and caused the bursting of the blood vessels of the brain.

Wilmington Star: The sad intelligence was received yesterday of the accidental killing of Mr. E. H. Paul, a prominent and energetic citizen of Red Bank, Robeson county, on the Carolina Central Railroad. It seems that Mr. Paul was engaged with some of his mill hands in coupling some lumber cars on a side-track, and was in between two of the cars, when his head got accidentally caught between some projecting pieces of lumber and was so badly crushed as to cause his death. Deceased, who leaves a wife and children to mourn his sad fate, lived only about one hour after the accident. We understand that his life was insured for \$20,000.

Newbern Nat Shell: A singular case comes up before Esq. Stanley today. Three colored preachers were filling a pulpit in a church in this city on Sunday last—each claiming the floor. However a Rev. Shadrach Gates held his claim good in spite of all odds, and a collection was taken up. While he was addressing the congregation, the valise was removed and the money taken from it, whereupon he has had the other two ministers cited to appear this morning for arrears, while they got out a warrant against him for disturbing a religious congregation.

News and Observer: Major T. J. Brown, a brother of the late Hon. B. H. Brown, Register of Deeds for Caswell county, owned a hog several years ago that out-tanned Tanner. During one of the sessions of the old County Court, the door of an old house that was used for serving snacks and other exhibits was left open, when the above mentioned hog went into the house and the door was accidentally fastened. The Major missed his hog and failing to find him gave up the search, thinking he was either dead or stolen. Some one having to go into the old house opened the door and found to his astonishment the hog in there and still alive. The hog had been in the house, which had a plank door to it, without either food or drink for 32 days. He was water-like in his thinness. When given corn to eat, as he would press his nose to the ground he was so very light his hind legs would fly up off the ground. The hog lived for some time, but finally died, his involuntary fast no doubt being the cause."

Greensboro Battle Ground: At 5 o'clock yesterday evening the Meadows House made a narrow escape from fire. Mr. McAdoo was putting up an apparatus to use gas manufactured from gasoline. When the gas was turned on, it was discovered that there was a leak some where, but it could not be found. It was turned on again at five o'clock yesterday and the search was made with a lighted lamp—when the escaped gas, which was chiefly in between the floor and ceiling over the vacant room next the office on the North, took fire and instantly exploded with a report which was heard for one hundred yards or more. The plastering was ripped off about three feet wide clear across the room and some six feet in the office—leaving the appearance of having been struck by lightning. Fortunately there was no one in this room, hence the damage slight. One of the fine windows on the front was completely demolished—blown out as if by the explosion from gun-powder, and the other slightly damaged. The gas went out with the explosion or a destructive fire would have been the result.

Warsaw Brief Mention: The trial of Nick Hunter, Clerk of the Superior Court of Lenoir county, charged with turning the Clerk's office of that county, which had been removed to this county, began on Wednesday morning and was completed at 10 o'clock P. M. Saturday, resulting in a mistrial, the jury standing seven for conviction and five for acquittal. There were over fifty witnesses, and quite a number of others from Lenoir present, the case exciting widespread interest. The case was thoroughly contested and developed a number of circumstances so strong and convincing that seven of the jurors were fully satisfied of the defendant's guilt; five good men, however, (for all the members of the jury were good men), were not so satisfied, contending, we understand, that the motive was not sufficiently shown, and so saved the defendant. The case was removed to Carteret county, and the defendant recognized in \$1,000 for his appearance at the next Superior Court of that county.

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