

The Tobacco Plant.

ISSUED EVERY WEDNESDAY.
W. G. BURKHEAD, - Editor.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17, 1886.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Richmond Pearson will act with the Democrats this winter and not follow after strange gods any farther. He is a man of facts, and we would sincerely regret to lose him.

The election is entirely over now, and it is not half as bad as we thought. Democratic judges are all elected. The Legislature is safely Democratic. The work done in Raleigh this winter will be carefully considered, and we don't apprehend any revolutionary measures. Upon the whole, we feel pretty well.

We have received "The care of the Eyes and Ears," a pamphlet by Dr. Richard H. Lewis, of Raleigh. A cursory reading shows it to be a dissertation worthy closer attention. It is carefully prepared and destined, we hope, to prove beneficial to the many parents and teachers and others who have charge of children.

The *Morning Herald*, of Rochester, New York, don't speak as well of our States as our vanity would desire. It says the Fair and the Northern Settlers' Convention were not such successes as was anticipated. It gives in the course of his letter a piece of news. He says Raleigh is twelve or fifteen miles from the Neuse.

Doctor Morrison meant what he said when he advised the Republicans to let the nominees of the "Rump Convention" alone. He went to the polls in Statesville and worked against them so effectively that but few votes were cast for them in Iredell county. Whether his motive was just or not makes no special difference, as he rendered his State lasting good.

DURHAM RAILROADS.

Here follows some interesting reading. Railroads always helps. Get as many as we can, we will only improve our condition. Durhamites will please assist in any undertaking that have for its object the good of Durham and they will therefore be glad to know that there is some movement on foot in Richmond to push the Durham and Clarksville road to meet the Richmond and Mecklenburg road. The Richmond State last Saturday has this to say on the subject:

"The Board of Public Interests, composed of representative citizens of Richmond, will meet on Monday next to consider the question of giving municipal aid to the Durham, Blowing and Clarksville railroad. This question has been referred to the Board by the City Council, and the Council will in a probability be governed by such recommendation as that body makes.

Richmond's railroad facilities are by no means as satisfactory as they should be, and every business man sees the importance of extending her rail connection into that section of North Carolina whose trade could easily be made tributary to this city. Baltimore reaches out for more business every year. Southern points that were formerly in easy communication with Richmond only now have railroad connection with our big rivals. Baltimore drummers are found in almost every county in Virginia and North Carolina. If Richmond then would hold her own, she must improve her opportunities. The Richmond and Mecklenburg railroad, running from Keesville to the Richmond and Danville road to Clarksville does more for this city than any line of equal length hereabouts. The Durham, Blowing and Clarksville Company proposes to extend the Mecklenburg road to Durham—a distance of sixty miles. New territory tributary entirely to Richmond would be thus developed, and our Richmond merchants and manufacturers would be benefited in a wonderful degree.

A subscription of \$100,000 is asked for from this city. Durham is ready to follow this city with a subscription of \$50,000, and \$50,000 will be subscribed if it is understood by intermediate townships.

THE CHRISTIAN SUN AND TRINITY COLLEGE.

Bro. Barrett, in last week's *Christian Sun*, has some deserved slaps for the Methodist regarding Trinity College. Hit 'em again, Bro. Barrett, we are Methodists and enjoy it. The condition of Trinity is a burning shame to the whole Methodist communion. Other denominations, less pretentious and of less ability, support their institutions creditably, while Trinity is allowed to languish.

Not satisfied with having immolated one of the greatest men North Carolina ever produced upon the altars at Trinity College, the Methodist denomination in this State shows little or no disposition to come to the assistance of the three-laymen who, for the past two years, have assumed the burdens and responsibilities attendant upon running of the institution. While we are staunch friends to the University, we claim first to be Methodist, and fail to see how the Methodists in the State support the University in preference to Trinity, where their sons are being taught by Presbyterian, Baptist and Episcopalians, and where the offices are always parcelled out to others than Methodists. The way in which the Methodists in the

State have managed their educational institutions of late years, and the want of skill in handling the situation, has done much to break their influence in a State where they were once all powerful; and matters have only to go on as they have done for the past few years, and they will be the laughing stock, and justly so, of the entire State.

We write plainly because we are Methodist, born and bred, and claim the privilege of speaking out in meeting. Trinity College, under the present management, are as satisfied with their management, and is worthy of the Methodist patronage. Good and true men are at the helm, and an able, devoted, self-sacrificing faculty are in charge at Trinity, and yet with scarcely no representation at the University in the faculty. We are informed that the largest percentage of the "boys" in attendance at the University are Methodists. What is to be the future of Trinity, no one knows, as it is thought the present management will surrender at the approaching conference. Then what next? A denomination commits a great blunder when she permits other communications to educate her "boys," and this the Methodists will learn to their sorrow when they abandon Trinity. A church with a membership in the State of upwards of seventy thousand, should have two hundred "boys" at Trinity rather than one hundred and fifteen.

THE COUNTRY HAS LOST NOTHING.

We mean to say in the defeat of Morrison for Congress. It is true that a portion of the press is bewailing and bemoaning his defeat as a public calamity, but THE PLANT can't see it that way. On the other hand, we rejoice that he has been defeated. We say this in connection with this statement, that THE PLANT is most heartily in favor of the adjustment of the inequalities of the tariff. The whole of this iniquitous war measure ought to be revised and reduced, and certainly with Morrison, of Illinois, in charge of the measure, no relief was possible. Governed by wild vagaries, and ill logical notions, he was one of those who would risk a party or wreck it. We have been struck with one newspaper comment in connection with the defeat of Morrison, that tells the tale:

"It is stated by persons, who should know, in his district, that his defeat was due to personal and private reasons."

Alas! at last his own constituency has had enough of Morrison's vulgarity and profanity. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they do so they grind exceedingly small.

There is in North Carolina a statesman who, at the late Chicago convention was flying a Morrison kite, who has habits somewhat akin to the Illinois blackguard, that the gods are after with their nails, if we mistake not, and THE PLANT don't care how soon they grind the grist. Do you understand.

THE GREAT FIRE.

Tuesday morning between 3 and 4 o'clock, when all nature was hushed in nature's sweet repose—sleep—the cry of fire! awakened a slumbering community to look upon the destruction of the handsome business block in the town, including the Parrish warehouses, the largest and finest brick warehouses for the sale of leaf tobacco in the South, the Bank of Durham, the postoffice, and THE TOBACCO PLANT office, besides 43 other business houses, and the residence of Mr. J. Ed. Lyon, recently purchased by Mr. E. J. Parrish.

How hearts bleed, and prayers ascended, when the tall spire of Trinity church smoked from base to top, and eyes overflowing with tears, expected every moment to see the fire envelop the structure. Strong men and brave women wept in silent thankfulness, when an overruling Providence, by a timely change of the wind, averted the danger and saved the building. The president and cashier of the Bank of Durham during the raging of the flames, visited the bank, saw that all their valuables were properly secured in their four large iron safes and vaults, which were too large and heavy to think of moving, retired to allow the flames time to do their work, and await further developments.

Many were the acts of daring and labors of endurance that need special mention, but we refrain, but THE PLANT cries, shame! shame! on those who lounged around and failed to lend a helping hand when so much was at stake and so many dollars of their neighbors' property were being burned up. *Slink away and hide yourselves with the bats owls.

The fire burned all the street front from Levy's, on the corner of Main and Mangum, to Mesley & Meany's on the corner of Main and Church streets. It crossed Parrish street and burned the Bank of Durham and the two large four-story prize rooms of E. J. Parrish and the four story prize room of A. K. Umstead, then it crossed Church street and consumed the dwelling of J. Ed. Lyon. Brave and determined men stayed the flames at the residence of Mrs. Smith, we might say by the very skin of their teeth. Had the flames passed the residence of Mrs.

Smith there is no telling where or what the end would have been.

THE PLANT takes this opportunity to offer a word of encouragement to the unfortunate losers by Tuesday morning's fire. Only a few years ago the town of Durham was unknown to the mapmaker; by the dint of your energy you have made the name of your town known around the world. Today, salesmen traveling direct from Durham are at home in South Africa, the Straits of Malacca, Hong Kong, the deserts of Arabia, or anywhere else where grass grows or water runs. If with no beginning we can compel the business man from Hong Kong, London, San Francisco, New York or New Orleans to take his grip sack and travel direct to Durham, what may we be able to accomplish with a Durham sign already painted upon the Pyramids of Egypt; what may we expect when we have made a reputation that allows our Minister to the Court of St. James to entertain his distinguished Lords and Dukes, discoursing about the merits of Durham tobacco? What may we expect when the standard in the United States Army and Navy is Durham tobacco? What may we expect when we begin with nothing, have compassed land and sea, and today the globe upon which we live, compiled by geographers to be 25,000 miles, is held with signs telling of Durham? There is every reason for us to be encouraged and inspired to begin life anew and afresh. The office of THE PLANT smolders in ruins, but by the glance of the light that tells where our headquarters once was, and sitting among the ashes, we try to pen a few lines of encouragement to our stricken community. If it has been the pleasure and purpose of THE PLANT in the past, to serve the best interest of Durham, we come to this labor of love with purposes doubly renewed, and purified, as it were, by fire, determined that when in the past we have put forth one effort, in the future we will put forth two, determined that, if in the past we have failed in doing our whole duty in building up the waste places, in the future we promise to make amends, and this morning, standing in the very shadow of our mighty ruins, while the smoke yet ascends, we recommit THE PLANT to a greater effort in behalf of every interest in the community.

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

The Legislature—The Colored Fair—Railroad Matters.

The Senate contains twenty-eight Democrats, nineteen Republicans and three Independents. The House contains fifty-eight Democrats, fifty-four Republicans and eight Independents. Two of the Independents—Long of Cabarrus, and Gatling of Gates—will certainly act with the Democrats. Both parties are doing their best to control the Independent in the House in order to release the organization. The chances are favorable to the Democrats, but there is no certainty as yet, as to the result. The Republicans would cheerfully vote for Mr. Richmond Pearson for Speaker, but it is understood that he will go into the Democratic caucus, and perhaps be nominated for Speaker by that body.

THE SWORD FAIR—BLAIR BILL.

This exhibition was very creditable and there was a goodly number of the colored race here last week. Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, delivered the principal address on Thursday last. He was the guest of Mr. John Nichols, Congressman elect. He is very enthusiastic over the bill which bears his name and hopes to see the Senate bill passed by the House during the session of this winter, notwithstanding the opposition of Messrs. Carlisle, Randall, Morrison, Reagan and other members of the House of Representatives.

TEMPERANCE—EDUCATION.

On Thursday night, the Senator delivered an address at Metropolitan Hall before a crowded and packed house, upon temperance and education. He strenuously advocated legislation requiring the teachers of all schools to teach the effects of alcohol on the human system and then talked education of the brain in a masterly manner. The distinguished speaker, as is the case with most speakers upon this subject, did not allude to the great danger menacing the country from too much education and training of the brain and no education and training for the hands. Only illustrative instance: Shaw University, of this city, during the past ten years has turned out not less than 3,000 well educated young colored men. If there is one telling the tale, or who is engaged in any pursuit that require manual labor, he is not known to the college authorities; all are engaged in teaching school, preaching, clerking, etc. The same is true of the young white men and to a greater extent. The question now perplexing the minds of many far-seeing men is, what is to become of the agricultural interests in the near future should this depletion of labor continue? Perhaps the evil might be remedied by educating the hands as well as the brain, and the capacity for trades and agriculture would doubtless cause many young men to seek these avenues for a livelihood than do under the

GLEANNINGS.

Charlotte Chronicle: Win. Carl Brown, the artist, arrived in the city November 12th. He is stopping at the Belmont.

Franklin Weekly: The spirit of rebellion never more abated in Franklin than at present, while the losses sustained by various parties is heavy, still they seem to be going into business with redoubled energy.

Wilmington Star: The Cross-tie Lumber and Construction Company, recently organized in this city, will erect works at Ferdinand, Fla., similar to the works in operation here and owned by the Carolina Oil and Cross-tie Company.

Western Sentinel: Davie county is getting stirred up over the prospects of having the Southern Atlantic and North Western Railroad to run through that county. A petition for an election has been granted, and if passed will be decided whether or not Davie will subscribe \$100,000 to the new project.

Empire and Express: Mr. Lloyd K. Bone, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Marvin neighborhood, Sandy Ridge township, departed this life on the 1st inst. He was the father of Rev. W. S. Bone, of the North Carolina conference, and Dr. J. J. Bone, and was about 70 years of age. He had been for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church.

Goldboro Argus: The shooting of a young white man named Sharp at Rocky Mount on Thursday night by Dr. Powell, of that place, who is said to have been "drunk" at the time, is doubtless a case of deliberate murder. We hear that this Dr. Powell has killed two men before, under like reckless circumstances. Perhaps "alcoholic insanity" is his trouble. The murderer is at large making good his escape.

Charlotte Observer: Mr. E. W. Dixon, of Birmingham, Ala., superintendent of the Charlotte Street Railway Company, arrived at the Central Hotel last evening and announced to an *Observer* reporter that he has come to stay. Mr. Dixon is ready to begin the work of constructing the street railway lines at once, and says that within a few weeks our people will be enjoying the advantages of street cars.—Dr. J. C. Denston, of Bridgeport, N. J., who came South as one of the visitors to the Northern Settlers' Convention, at Raleigh, and who decided to locate permanently at Charlotte, has been prostrated by sickness at the Central Hotel in this city, for several days past. Dr. Denston is an Odd Fellow in good standing, and his brethren in Charlotte have been paying him every attention possible.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

DURHAM'S BEST BUSINESS BLOCK IN ASHES!

She Rose in 1880 and Will Rise Again!

A Town Awake to See Its Treasures Swept Away by the Flames.

God's Removal from Storehouses and Led to Burn in the Streets!

While Many to Villain Service Fighting the Flames, Many Stand by and Refuse to Lend a Hand Turn!

Trinity Church Steeples Smokes From Base to Summit, and Threatens to Burn, but is Saved by a Timely Shifting of the Wind!

Builders Mistake in Finishing Brick Buildings with Heavy Wooden Cornices.

The Postoffice and the Plant Office in Ashes.

One Million Pounds of Tobacco Burned.

THE FINEST AND LARGEST WAREHOUSE FOR THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO IN THE SOUTH A HEAP OF SMOLDERING RUINS.

In order that those not familiar with the situation of the different houses may form some idea of the cause and extent of the fire, we begin with a running pencil diagram. The stores occupied by J. Levy, R. H. Atwater, Lumber, Slater & Gorman, Goldschneider, C. C. Taylor, S. R. Perry, Q. E. Rawles, M. C. Henderson & Co., the Postoffice, E. J. Parrish, Mrs. Ada M. Smith, Mesley & Meany, all faced Main street and reached the length of one block. Back of all these stores was the wagon yard of E. J. Parrish, reaching from street to street, and from the rear of these stores to his own warehouse, and covered by a shed with a tin roof. Joining this shed was the warehouse, a brick building covered with tin, and bounded on each end by a street, and on the northeast side by Parrish street. The fire began in the back end of Atwater's store, and spread in every direction, burning into the back windows of the stores and running along the under-part of the shed roof to the warehouse where the numerous wooden doors furnished it a lodgment. The fire crossed Parrish street and burned two immense frame prize-houses, one owned by A. K. Umstead, and one by E. J. Parrish, and a brick prize-house owned by E. J. Parrish, in the front part of which was the Bank of Durham. Sparks and the fierce heat set on fire the residence of Mr. J. Ed. Lyon and destroyed it, and by almost superhuman effort, the residence of Dr. Durham on the north of Mr. Lyon's and of Mrs. Smith on the south were saved, though badly injured. But all the furniture in the three dwellings was saved.

In the basement of the warehouse, and on each floor of the prize-houses, was stored tobacco in hogsheads and bulk. There were about eighty-five hogsheads saved, all the rest, about eight hundred hogsheads and many thousand pounds outside the hogsheads, were destroyed. In all, the tobacco burned aggregates about one million pounds. Of this amount, some of the light hundred thousand pounds belonged to Capt. Parrish.

WHERE THEY ARE NOW.

Lumber, Slater & Gorman have their stock over the room to be occupied by the Bank of Durham, next door to Lehman's.

Mesley & Meany are ready to go to work in the back part of E. J. Parrish's warehouse.

The Bank of Durham, solid and safe, will be ready for business at once in the store recently occupied by J. Levy, and next door to Lehman's.

The postoffice, with no loss of furniture to speak of, owing to the promptness of Mr. Allen and his excellent assistants, is ready for the reception and delivery of the mail at Lea & Reams' prize room, next to Rogers' marble yard.

M. C. Henderson & Co. are ready to sell their furniture already, and are, in one of Mangum's new stores on Railroad street.

Mr. E. J. Parrish has the tobacco saved stored in Mr. R. E. Lyon's prize-houses—the old Planters' warehouse. He says he will start to work at once, and his friends are glad to know that the loss he has suffered has not dismayed him or quenched his spirit. He still has the nerve and the money.

C. C. Taylor is ready for work, over Summerfield's store.

THE PLANT office, for the present, is at the Blackwell tobacco factory, second floor, southwest wing, where all who want to see us can find us. We are ready for business, as this issue shows. We saved our furniture but of course lost our beautiful paper and handsome signs and elegant gilding, but we "get there all the same."

The other sufferers have not yet found places for their goods or stores to open again to their customers. Many of them are yet in the streets. They are all strong, earnest, plucky, and will soon be ready for business somewhere.

One consolation, the Bank of Durham comes out unimpaired in her cash, her credit and her spirit, and if you have any money in there you can get it. Nobody is broke. No body is ruined. It might be many times worse than it is.

THE DOOR BE BROKEN open and the fire reached in that way, but others counseled otherwise saying that would give air to the fire and fan the flames, and Mr. Wilkerson did not unlock the door, and no one present seemed willing to assume command and take the responsibility so all stood and waited, and the delay wrought the disaster.

THE CHEMICAL ENGINE was promptly on hand, and a stream was soon put on the back of Atwater's store, and on Parrish's shed which covered his wagon yard and joined his warehouse, but the hose kept bursting, the supply of water gave out and all that could be done was to carry out of the fire's reach whatever we could handle. Some of Levy's stock was saved, Lamb, Slater & Gorman's, Shelburn's, Postoffice's, Rawles', Henderson's, all the postoffice fixtures and furniture. THE PLANT office furniture, some of Mrs. Smith's, and most of Mesley & Meany's. Several young men had sleeping apartments up stairs in several of these buildings and most of their effects were saved. Mr. Frank Burch lost a valuable library worth \$8,000 or \$10,000 which he prized very highly, as he had been carefully collecting it since he was eight years

PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

What They Are Doing.

Dr. John Ellington, of Wentworth, is dead.

Simmons beat O'Hara at O'Hara's own precinct.

Capt. C. M. Cooke, of Louisville, does not improve in health as rapidly as his friends wish.

Mr. W. H. Clarke, formerly of Watauga county, now of Nebraska, will move back to his North Carolina home about January 1st.

Col. James W. Long, of Cabarrus, will ride to Raleigh this winter on a special train. It will be given to him by the Superintendent of the Richmond & Danville Railroad.

Col. Rowland's majority over "Charles R." amounted to something over 6,000 votes, and McClammy's majority over Koonce in the Third district was 5,800. No so awful much "immense districts" in those districts.

Dr. R. H. Stancil, one of the clearest gentlemen we know, was elected to the Legislature in Northampton county. At his own precinct he received every vote that was cast. A compliment rarely received in these days.—*Blonde News*.

Mag. S. M. Finzer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is always looking out for the interests of the people of the State. He is a true North Carolinian, always lending a helping hand to the upbuilding of the State. He lent aid and encouragement to the colored fair last week.

We regret to learn of the defeat of Mr. Twitty for Senatorship in Rutherford. That county and Polk were under special obligations to Dr. Twitty for his services in the last Senate, results of which are now being urged in that county. That he was only beaten in his district by six votes only makes the matter worse.—*Asheville Citizen*.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr, D. D. who has been stricken with paralysis, near his home in Mallard creek township last Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, was restored in yesterday's stroke at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, though news of the fatal termination of his illness did not reach this city until yesterday morning. Dr. Pharr was aged about 73 years, and was one of the best known divines in this section. He was a native of Mecklenburg county, and in the year 1842, he graduated at the University of North Carolina.—*Charlotte Observer*.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Baptist State Convention meets in Wilmington today.

Beaufort Record: The fourth quarterly meeting of Ann street M. E. church, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 13th and 14th. Rev. J. T. Harris, Presiding Elder of this district, has served the district faithfully, and we hope that he will be returned.

Nashville Advocate: All reports from the Western Virginia Conference concur in the statement that Bishop Duncan won the heads and hearts of the brave, true men on that border. The new panel have started well; the church is feeling the impulse of a strengthened Episcopacy.

Clinton Courier: Rev. J. T. Kendall accepted his pulpit at the Methodist church last Sunday morning and evening for the first time, unless he is returned to Clinton circuit another year. When Mr. Kendall came here there were less than 600 members on the circuit. Now there are nearly 1,400. Now there are 11 churches and 4 other preaching places. A remarkable record.

St. Louis Advocate: Bishop McTear has finished his work and has returned to Nashville. He has not been with us before in ten years. The Conference were well pleased with his visit; he leaves the impress of a strong hand and kindly heart. Some children of our city—very lively, hot weather, tired horses and off the track. The trip costs time, sympathy, labor, is neither restful nor rapid. The cable cars are in the pressure of strength, commits himself to it, is relieved, refreshed and hastened. Bishop McTear pulls up through on a cable line.

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Buy at lowest prices and will be satisfied to suit you. Come and see the before you buy. Change to show goods. I am thankful for past favors and hope to have a continuance of the same. Very truly, G. C. FARTHING, 107 N. W. Main St., Durham, N. C.

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