



SUMMARY.

The regulators hung another negro in... Thursday night. The Governor has begun active measures to put them down. A party of five Georgia Democrats... Harrison and invite him to attend the twenty-fifth annual celebration of the destruction of Atlanta. He was with the Federal army that captured that city. The wreck of the ship Merrimac, which went down off the New Jersey coast twenty-one years ago, has been found. Her cargo consisted of \$150,000 worth of bars of silver and other metals. On the last ballot in the West Virginia Legislature Kenna received 41 votes, Gaff 40, necessary to a choice. Reports from San Domingo say that a rain storm of thirty days' duration has entirely destroyed the sugar crop. The house of Mr. Henry White, first Secretary of American Legation at London, was entered by burglars Wednesday night, who carried off \$7,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables. In the Chamber of Deputies, Wednesday evening, the vote of confidence in the Government stood 300 to 240 in its favor. Dispatches from Auckland say German naval officers at Samoa have been ordered to search all vessels for contraband articles and that Germany has declared war against Samoa, also that an American steamer on reaching Samoa was boarded and searched.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

GEN. BOLLINGER HAS issued a letter of thanks to his constituents.

WE are glad to learn that Rev. Dr. Spurgeon is recovering from his recent injuries.

MRS. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, nee Miss Endicott, is said to be very popular in England.

WHAT glorious weather we are now having. Did any body ever see a prettier "first day of February" than this?

IT is now said by the knowing ones that Mr. Harrison committed himself to Mr. Blaine soon after his nomination.

READ, in another column, the letter from the disabled Confederate soldier and contribute something to the fund THE PLANT is raising for him.

ON MONDAY begins the spring term of Supreme Court, when Justices Shepherd and Avery will take their seats, making the court again consist of five members.

The newspapers throughout the State are calling attention to the fact that it is unlawful to sell fire wood in any incorporate town in the State except by the cord. See North Carolina Code of 1883, section 3,049.

It is said that William Walter Phelps has written to a friend in London requesting him to secure him a house in Grosvenor Square. The inference is that he expects to be our next Minister at the Court of St. James.

The Baltimore Sun says another attempt will be made this season to popularize knee breeches in Baltimore. The attempt was made last season, but with no success. Several gentlemen have declared their intention of making a more determined effort this time.

The Kinston Free-Press well says: How do our people expect to have people come among them to spend the winter (and also spend their money) if they are so inhospitable as to refuse to let them hunt on their lands. To say the least, we consider a short-sighted policy.

This is the way the Asheville Citizen starts an editorial on corruption. "The consensus of public opinion, based upon myriad facts, has turned into the political record of 1888, in the United States, the damning truth that Benjamin Harrison was elected by open, wholesale, shameless bribery."

The Southern Tobaccoist says: "In the matter of cigars there is something worse than the American brand known 'two for five.' In Austria there is a monstrosity which is sold at the rate of two for a cent, known as the 'International,' because when it is smoked in Austria it can be smelled in every nation in Europe."

The News and Observer says: "Senator Emry, during the consideration of the school bill, when amendments were being offered to that section naming who should not be employed as teachers, submitted an amendment that 'no member of this General Assembly shall be employed to teach school in North Carolina.'"

The Wilmington Star says: "Blaine is talking. He advises a vigorous policy in dealing with Germany. He has been giving the Republican Senators his warlike views. A Washington special to the World says: 'While no one of the gentlemen present will consent to discuss in detail the views expressed by Mr. Blaine, it is generally understood that he outlined a decidedly vigorous policy. The affair naturally assumes no little significance in view of the extreme probability that upon the accession of Gen. Harrison, Mr. Blaine will take charge of the State Department.'"

Plant Photographs. Mr. C. H. Conrad, of Danville, arrived on the noon train to-day. Capt. Benenan Cameron, of Staggsville, was in town this morning. Capt. A. Mangum, of Flat River, was on our streets this morning. Mr. Walter Brem, of Charlotte, was at the Claiborn this forenoon. Mr. John W. Carleton, went down to Raleigh on the noon train to-day. President Crowell, of Trinity College, passed down the road to-day. Mr. George R. Blackwell is on the sick list, we are sorry to hear. Mumps. Mr. J. T. Mallory went up the road yesterday evening, but is back home to-day. Miss Mary Parker, of Wake, who has been visiting Miss Phoebe Whitaker, left to-day for Raleigh. Maj. W. A. Guthrie, who has been absent from town for a few days, professionally, returned last evening. Mr. Owega Foster and Miss Ada Williamson will be married, February 12th, at the home of the bride at Graham. Col. E. J. Parrish left yesterday afternoon for Richmond. He expects to return Saturday night, via Oxford and Clarksville. Mr. Chas. S. Watkins, one of the most reliable and influential business men of Richmond, is spending a couple of days in Durham. Mr. Jacob A. Long, formerly of Durham, according to the Christian Sun, seems to have again been "caught between the lines."

TOWN TALK.

February 1st.

House for rent by Mr. A. Goldstein. See advertisement in to-day's PLANT.

Meeting of the Reading Circle to-night, at the residence of W. D. Lunsford, Esq.

Four of five of the boys "rode the goat" at the Knights of Pythias' meeting last night.

Wild Jim will give an entertainment at Stokes Hall to-night, as announced in our advertising columns yesterday.

Durham Encampment No. 24, will meet to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Patriarchs, business of importance demands your attention. Come!

The street sprinkler was at work this morning. Thank you, Mr. Street Commissioner, thank you. We score another mark to your credit.

Regular monthly meeting of the St. Cecilia Society, at the Durham School of Music, to-night. An enjoyable evening awaits the members.

The weather to-day has been quite a surprise. Rain or snow was expected, but after the shower last night the mercury fell and the clouds rolled by and we have a sharp, bright, beautiful day.

We are glad to learn that State Secretary Coulter and the Directors are meeting with success in their efforts to raise funds for the current expenses of the Young Men's Christian Association. Help the boys along in their good work.

Twenty Per Cent. Dividend to Bank of Durham Depositors.

Messrs. V. Ballard and W. S. Halliburton, trustees for the Bank of Durham, announce in to-day's issue of THE PLANT that depositors in the bank will be paid a dividend of 20 per cent. on and after to-morrow, February 2d. The work of straightening up goes on and the trustees propose to make good as soon as possible the statement made by them the day the crash came, viz: Every depositor will be paid in full.

Arrested for Robbery.

Fab Lane, colored, and another negro boy were arrested to-day and lodged in jail upon the charge of breaking into the store of Mrs. B. Davis, last Saturday night. The evidence against Lane is right positive. When caught he had on a pair of boots that were stolen at the time of the robbery, and other pieces of the stolen goods have been returned to Mrs. B. Davis by a member of Lane's family. Lane says that the other negro that has been arrested assisted him in the robbery.

It Started the Preacher.

A few days ago, while one of our most worthy divines was at the home of a family on his pastoral rounds, he was requested to lead in prayer. The Bible was handed to him and he took it, read a chapter and knelt down. But alas, only a few words in prayer had been spoken when there sounded in the room a music-box to a tune not at all in keeping with the occasion, accompanied by the squall of a cat, which, frightened by the music, sprang upon the back of a boy. The prayer was continued, but there was not the profound stillness as before. A music-box had been so attached to the clock that every day at half past three o'clock it "strikes up."

Our Sam Stirring Up Things in California.

Many of our people will be glad to learn that Rev. Sam Jones is meeting with success in his labors in California. The Los Angeles Christian Advocate, of January 26th, says: "Los Angeles has never been so much moved, religiously, as during the last two weeks. 'There ain't any doubt about that.' Ever since the opening sermon on Sunday, January 13th, the Academy of Music has been thronged with Christian people who seek a richer experience in divine things, with others who are seeking religion, and still many others who come out of idle curiosity to see and to hear the greatest of American evangelists, Rev. Sam P. Jones, of Georgia. 'Few men have the same wonderful power to attract an audience and at the same time hurl at them the sharp-pointed javelin of truth as is possessed by Sam Jones. The keenest, most caustic, burning words, clad in homely garb, but none the less incisive for that, are hurled directly at the sinner, or the straying saint and, therefore, it is not a matter of surprise that the evangelist arouses some antagonism in this city. The newspaper opposition and criticism he has met with here has only advertised his meetings more extensively and given wider publicity to the work of grace which is being done. The various Protestant denominations of the city are nearly all in sympathy with the meeting, although there are isolated exceptions. The Methodists, however, take the lead in the work, no doubt feeling that Jones is more their own property than that of any other denomination. 'The attendance at the meetings from the very first has been remarkably good. At no evening meeting to our recollection has there been less than five hundred people standing in the back of the hall and galleries. Last Sunday it was estimated that there was five thousand men and boys congregated to hear the fearless preacher denounce the popular vices of the day. In the evening the building was jammed with the largest crowd that it has probably ever held, and some three thousand people were turned away to the overflow meetings at Fort St. and Trinity Churches. From these statements some idea of the great interest that has been aroused can be obtained. At nearly every meeting scores of seekers of religion come to the front seats and many converts have been made. 'The sermons of Rev. Sam P. Jones have been powerful and awakening, reaching the conscience of men who were thought to be beyond the reach of gospel influences. It is no uncommon scene to see great strong men come up to the altar weeping like little children and at the Sunday evening service saw an aged gray haired man brought to Christ. All classes of sinners are reached and the preaching of the gospel is attended by demonstrations of the spirit and of power. Now when we see these wonderful results, is it for us to cavil and criticize because some of the methods used do not please us? God can use a diamond in the rough to accomplish his purpose while we poor worms of His making, would rather have it cut and polished and in a golden setting. John the Baptist didn't preach to please aesthetic tastes of men, he had a greater mission than that. Why, then, do we abuse His humble follower, who goes crying in this moral wilderness proclaiming 'The Kingdom of God is at hand?'"

County Finances.

Treasurer Rowland reports the following amounts to the credit of the different funds on February 1st: General fund, \$68,48; Road fund, \$1,684.84; School fund, \$3,562.55.

Jim Miller in Durham Jail.

Chief-of-Police Woodall returned yesterday evening from Fayetteville with Jim Miller, colored, who gave bond for his appearance to answer to the charge of violating the local option law and then dug out. Miller was lodged in jail, where he will probably remain until the next term of court.

\$37,299.98.

Although January is usually one of the dullest months in the year with our tobacco manufacturers, Deputy Collector Foster reports that the sale of revenue stamps for last month reached the snug little sum of thirty-seven thousand two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-eight cents. Pretty good for January.

Mr. Follett Accidentally Loses An Arm.

A sad accident befell our townsman, Mr. A. L. Follett, yesterday afternoon, which resulted in the loss of his left hand. Mr. Follett and Mr. Bob Poole were out turkey hunting, about four miles from town, and while going along in pursuit of the game, Mr. Poole's gun went off accidentally, by striking against some object, and emptied the load into the wrist and hand of Mr. Follett, literally tearing the flesh into shreds. Mr. Follett was brought to town and his family physician, Dr. L. W. Battle, was summoned to his aid and it was found necessary to amputate the arm between the wrist and elbow. Mr. Follett and his good wife have the sympathies of our people in this misfortune, and it is hoped that the wound will not lead to more serious consequences.

Prof. E. O. Excell.

The Los Angeles Christian Advocate pays the following deserved compliment to Prof. E. O. Excell, who is conducting the singing at Rev. Sam Jones' meeting in that city: "The singing, led by Prof. E. O. Excell, of Chicago, Sam Jones' collaborer, assisted by E. G. Northrup, of this city is most excellent. Prof. Excell is a soloist of rare ability and more than that his singing has the rare quality of Christian expression. At the men's meeting last Sunday afternoon, he sang 'The Road to Heaven,' and with his clear, ringing baritone voice he fairly lifted the song to the rafters, and was heartily applauded. The writer is not an expert in music, so asked a friend why it was that the songs used in the meeting were so easily learned. 'Because Prof. Excell is a gifted leader and teacher of music,' was the reply. It is certain that no man ever sang the gospel so sweetly in Los Angeles as Prof. Excell."

Ladies' Relief Society.

In yesterday's issue we called the attention of the ladies of the community to the urgent need of an organization for systematic work in relieving the distress among the poor and suggesting that the town be divided into wards or districts for this purpose. We are informed that an organization of this character is already being inaugurated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union under what is known as the Flower Mission Department, which was explained fully in our issue of November 30th, and which we will republish to-morrow. This organization, it is hoped, will be completed at the meeting of the Union, Tuesday, the 12th instant, at the reading room of the Y. M. C. A., and to which meeting all ladies interested are invited. We have no objection to the above named organization doing all it can in the way of dispensing charity, but we do not think that it can as fully meet the requirements of the situation as an independent organization, entirely apart from any particular church or society, such as we recommended in THE PLANT of yesterday.

A Disappointment.

Under this caption, commenting upon the disposition made of the liquor cases at the late term of our court, the North Carolina Presbyterian says: "In all candor we must say that we think there is just cause for dissatisfaction by the people of not only Durham, but by the people of North Carolina in general. Judge Bynum is a Christian gentleman and no man may impeach his conscientiousness, but we seriously think that the course he has pursued will, at least in very large measure, fail as a deterrent to others, whatever effect it may have upon those just now arraigned. And what will be the effect upon them? If the good people of Durham do not flag in interest these base characters may be kept in check, for the people will see that the condition of exemption are complied with; but we submit that the people ought not to be required to continue under this tension. The law ought to be so executed as to render this unnecessary. Again, while Judge Bynum, we feel sure, is determined that liquor selling in Durham shall be stopped, and has done what he considers best to that end, and would be unsparing if these people should come up before him again as violators of the liquor laws, it must not be overlooked that they may not again come up before him. He will not hold court again in Durham after March term probably in several years. 'And now on the general subject. We do not design or intend in our criticisms to do or say aught that would be unjust or disrespectful to our courts. In the Durham cases there may have been extenuating circumstances, not given to the public and not conceivable by us, and in general, the conduct which we shall proceed to criticize may be the best for the cause of justice. But it does not so appear, and if there is aught to be said in vindication the public ought to have it. The press will gladly allow itself to be used for that side of the question. 'It must be conceded, we think,

that our courts, in general, are disposed to regard violations of the liquor laws with much less abhorrence than our good people generally.

"In the Durham court there were twenty-six cases, in which four men admitted their guilt and were dismissed without punishment, other than payment of costs. In these cases judgment was craved; ordinarily, certainly very frequently, judgment is not asked for. The solicitor appears as prosecutor until he secures the costs, and then the State virtually abandons the case. Not exactly abandons it either; worse than that, the solicitor appears as an apologist for the law breakers—an extraordinary position certainly; the representative of the majesty of the State and official vindicator of its laws, defending the transgressors. 'In a case in one of our cities, if memory is not at fault, six cases in one court, against the same man, were abandoned on his confessing the violations of law and paying the costs. And such things are common all over the State. What is this but the merest travesty of justice! Courts, we do not forget, must have the costs or they cannot be sustained; true enough, but are courts that do not adequately punish infractions of the law worth sustaining? 'We regard it as exceedingly unfortunate that summary and condign punishment was not meted out to the Durham violators; for what the cause of temperance needs in North Carolina over and above all else, at this time, is such speedy and exemplary punishment for infraction of the liquor-laws, as will silence the exultant clamor that the liquor-laws cannot be enforced. It is difficult to spot the violators of law, to prove the offence and secure conviction or to compel to confession, still all these can be overcome; but what is to be done when our courts utterly fail to punish? Here is the insuperable difficulty—right here! Insuperable! no not insuperable, for it must be overcome and it will. We dwell upon this, because it is precisely the point upon which the gaze of the public needs to be concentrated. 'What is the remedy? Why, just this: Outspoken, frank and fair criticism of our courts. If the liquor-laws are to be effective, the people must be kept advised on all such matters, and the secular and the religious press can hardly do better service than to discuss them. Offense may be given to some in high quarters, doubtless will be given, but the press that holds back on that account is not worthy of its high prerogative as watchman over the interests of the people. 'We repeat, the courts are under prescribed rules and limitations the servants of the people. Their acts ought to be candidly and justly criticized; only thus can the ends and design for which they are constituted be fully reached and accomplished. 'It is high time that the people were awaking to a full sense of the importance of this matter.'"

BUSINESS NOTICES.

For Rent!

A house with four or five large rooms. Apply to A. Goldstein.

Letter Copying Books.

A new lot, various thicknesses, just received at the Durham bookstore of J. B. WHITAKER, Jr., & Co.

Information Wanted.

Strayed away from my house a fine large-malt cat. Any information as to its whereabouts will be thankfully received. J. S. CARR

Boarders Wanted.

I can accommodate a few gentlemen boarders at my boarding house on Cleveland street. Good location. Terms reasonable. Breakfast guaranteed at 6:30 o'clock when desired. Apply at residence. MRS. NANNIE BRADSHAW.

School Books

For Public Schools, for Graded Schools, for Private Schools, at the Durham bookstore of J. B. Whitaker, Jr., & Co.

DIVIDEND.

On and after February 2, 1889, The Bank of Durham will pay a dividend of 20 per cent. to depositors. Parties holding certificates or cashed checks will please present same when they call for dividend. V. BALLARD, W. S. HALLIBURTON, Trustees of W. T. Blackwell.

Feb 1st