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SUMMARY.

The U. S. Senate was kept busy Saturday, but did nothing of any importance. While the House had under discussion the Postoffice appropriation bill, Mr. Mason, of Illinois, wedged in a partisan speech on South Carolina elections. The President has removed Judge Edgerton from the civil service commission, and nominated Hon. Hugh S. Thompson, of South Carolina. The wages of the employees of another Pennsylvania blast furnace has been reduced 10 per cent. The British Parliament will open on the 21st. In the Dakota Legislature Friday the female suffrage bill was defeated by a vote of 26 to 22. A furious gale with bitter cold weather is now prevailing in England and Scotland, and numerous wrecks are reported. Riots and demonstrations continue in Rome among the unemployed workmen; cavalry have been called out to guard the buildings. New York harbor is to be defended by some dynamite guns. All was quiet in Goldboro Saturday, though the town was full of negroes.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

GOLDSBORO realized \$182 from fines and penalties for the month of January.

EDWIN BOOTH and Lawrence Barrett received \$20,000 cash for seven performances in Louisville.

The *German Times* and the *Farmer and Mechanic*, at Walnut Cove, the *Greensboro Workman* learns, are to be revived.

ONE gentleman in town says he is the most numerous subscriber THE PLANT has. His five dollars represents about five regular readers of the paper.

IT is five dollars fine to say anything about the "beautiful snow." It is not beautiful; we have not seen any that was since we were about ten years old.

A MEMBER of the Legislature has introduced a bill to abolish court-house rings, whereupon the *Asheville Citizen* says: "A bill to abolish the devil is next in order."

THE Pennsylvanians are becoming aroused over the question of State prohibition. A liquor prohibitory amendment to the constitution will most probably be adopted this spring.

WE HOPE the resolution of the Lexington convention to plant only about fifty per cent. of last year's crop of tobacco will be observed. It will help both the farmer and the dealer.

THE *Washington Critic* contains the following tender epistle:
"Dear Ben: I take my pen in hand
To write what gives me pain:
If New gets in your Cabinet,
There ain't room there for Blaine.
Yours, J. G. B."

THE *New Berne Journal* estimates that the veterans of the late war are dying at the rate of six thousand a year. Still the Federal pension rolls are not diminishing by any means.

THE Treasury experts say the decrease in the revenue under the Senate tariff bill will not amount to more than from \$12,000,000 to \$20,000,000. This is the great reduction of taxes the Republicans are going to give us.

THE *Wilmington Messenger* says: "More public spirit and evidences of enterprise among the people of North Carolina, have developed within the past two years than our State has known throughout her whole history."

THE *Goldsboro Argus*, of Sunday, says: "All day yesterday the streets of our city were thronged with darkies; but the "called" meeting did not take place and the day passed off as orderly—and even more orderly than the usual crowded Saturday in this city."

IT SEEMS rather a curious way to begin a newspaper article on a subject by the confession on the part of the writer that he does not know anything about the subject matter.

IF a man does not appreciate his citizenship highly enough to pay a cent toward supporting the government that guarantees his rights as a citizen, he should not be allowed to take part in filling the offices under that government.

THE *Savannah News* says: "The *Baltimore Sun* suggests that Senators Chandler and Everts take a trip to Marion, Ill., to investigate the race trouble there. Messrs. Chandler and Everts won't go. They are too busy working the Southern outrage mill."

WE ARE extremely sorry to hear of the death of Col. Charles R. Jones, which occurred in Charlotte on Saturday. Col. Jones was for some years editor of the *Charlotte Observer*, and under his editorship it was one of the best newspapers in the State.

THE *New York World*, commenting on Governor Hill's recent visit to Washington city, says: "At this distance a live Democratic Governor of the Empire State seems to be more popular in Washington city than a Democratic President with only one month's salary in sight."

THE *Columbia (S. C.) Register* says with truth: "It is plain to us, then, that should the mastery be lodged with the government at Washington the result will be to give one set of States, having the control of the central government, the mastery over other members of the Union."

THE *New Berne Journal* says: "An authentic silver dollar of the Confederate States is valued by coin collectors at \$1,000. Only a few were coined." We were under the impression that only two coins (which were half dollars) were struck off by the Confederate Government, and one of them was lost.

TOWN TALK.

—Cold and growing colder.
—Whoop up the new factories.
—Commonwealth Club to-night.
—St. Valentine's Day next Thursday.

—Meeting of the Durham Light Infantry to-night for drill.
—The Tobacco Board of Trade held a meeting this afternoon.

—There are many vacant houses in Hati since the colored exodus to Mississippi.

—There were two accessions to Main Street Methodist Church yesterday morning.

—The police report considerable drinking yesterday. Where did the whisky come from?

—The street car service is a good institution and gives us a city like appearance. Patronize it.

—Special meeting of Durham Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to-night. Work in the second degree.

—They say Hickstown is in a stir over the bill introduced in the Legislature to repeal its charter.

—Remember the valentine party and festival, on Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week.

—Important meeting of Golden Link Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F., to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Be sure to come.

—We presume the withdrawal of low rates to the South, by the Richmond & Danville railroad, will put a quietus on the negro exodus.

—Alma Lodge No. 5, Daughters of Rebekah, will meet to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock, snow or blow. Every member requested to be present.

—It was quite a surprise to our people to find the ground covered with snow this morning. Nearly all of it disappeared during the day.

—To-morrow night the Ladies Aid Society of Main Street Methodist Church will give an oyster supper at the church to its honorary members.

—Four persons applied for membership at the Blackwell Baptist Church yesterday. There are indications of a revival spirit in this congregation.

—The Epworth Band has presented the Y. M. C. A. with a beautiful centre table. This gift from this band of young Christian workers is highly appreciated.

—Sheriff Sharp, of "Little Alec," passed through Durham Sunday morning in charge of a man convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary four years.

—Interest increases in the proposition to establish a shoe factory in Durham and we hope to soon be able to announce that definite action in this direction has been taken.

—Don't forget that one way to make things prosperous is to patronize home enterprises. Stick a pin right here. Don't send away for anything you can procure at home.

—New lot of valentines and a fresh supply of Triumphant Songs just received at the Durham bookstore of J. B. Whitaker, Jr., & Co. See advertisement in to-day's PLANT.

—The youngest child of Rev. and Mrs. T. M. U. George met with a painful accident yesterday by falling against a stick, which protruded the roof of the mouth. We hope nothing serious will result from the wound.

—Those who were so badly taken in by the tricky quack, on Saturday, still mourn for their lost dollars. It is estimated that the fellow cleared about two hundred dollars during his brief visit. It is strange that so many bit at his bait. But it verifies the old adage, "Truth is stranger than fiction."

—They say THE PLANT'S runner went wild Saturday when the quack passed along the street throwing away the nickles and dimes. He had been left in charge of the sanctum and while the chink was flying around in the air, Adolphus yelled, in imploring tones: "Oh, Jim! Jim! Somebody come and stay here, p-l-e-a-s-e!"

Blackwell Baptist To-Night.
There will be services at the Blackwell Baptist Church, at 7:15 o'clock, to-night. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Oliver. The public, and especially Christians, are invited to attend.

W. C. T. U.
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms to-morrow at 3:30 p. m., at which time it is proposed to perfect the organization of the Flower Mission, the object of which is to dispense charity to Durham's poor.

The New Berne Fair.
The Richmond & Danville railroad will sell to parties attending the fair at New Berne, which opens on the 19th and closes on the 22d, tickets from Durham to Goldsboro and return for \$2.70. The tickets will be on sale from the 16th to the 22d and will be good returning until the 24th. We do not know what the fare will be from Goldsboro to New Berne, but presume it will be low, probably not exceeding \$1.50 for the round trip.

Absurd Stories.
It is said that a part of our colored population is in commotion and trepidation over bare faced lies that have been circulated among them, presumably by parties who were trying to induce them to leave this section. One report is that the white people are going to drive the negroes away from here like they did the Indians. Another is that when Harrison is inaugurated the negroes are to be colonized. We suppose that other lies equally as ridiculous have gained currency among them. To intelligent persons a refutation of these things may appear absurd, but as they are believed by some of the negroes and molest their peace of mind, we would assure them that they are free from all danger right here as long as they are industrious and well-behaved.

Plant Photographs.

Mr. J. S. Manning went to Raleigh to-day.

Mr. L. G. Cole spent yesterday in Oxford.

Mr. W. J. Exum went down the road to-day.

Mr. Jas. R. Green spent Sunday at Chapel Hill.

Rev. H. T. Darnall preached at Chapel Hill yesterday.

Mr. T. E. Whitaker spent yesterday afternoon in Raleigh.

Mr. F. J. Hage has returned from a business trip to Oxford.

Mr. F. P. Burch spent Sunday with relatives near Mebane.

Mr. Geo. H. Glass, of the Raleigh Telephone Exchange, is in town to-day.

Miss Sallie Yates is confined at home by sickness, we are sorry to hear.

Mr. T. A. Noel, of Henderson, was in town yesterday, and left for Raleigh to-day.

Dr. J. P. Monroe is back from a visit in another county. He returned alone.

Rev. C. J. Curtis, of Lincoln, officiated at St. Philip's Episcopal Church yesterday.

Miss Nannie Cobb, of Caswell county, is visiting the family of her brother, Mr. J. B. Cobb.

Rev. T. M. N. George, of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, held services at Bingham School last night.

Miss Pearl Yates is suffering from the effects of a fall. Hope she will soon recover from her injuries.

Judge Walter Clark passed through Durham yesterday evening. He convened court in Union county to-day.

Miss Sallie Davies, of Chapel Hill, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. J. Kirkland, will return home this evening.

The Cotton Factory.
The town of Lenoir wants the cotton factory referred to in THE PLANT some days ago, as will be seen from the letter published below. What steps are being taken by Durham to secure the factory? What answer shall we give to the gentleman's inquiry? We refer these questions to the Commonwealth Club, which, we hope, will have a meeting to night. Here is the letter:

LENOIR, N. C., Feb. 8, '89.

Editors Durham Plant:

I have seen an extract from your paper to the effect that a Pennsylvania manufacturer wished to move a cotton and woolen mill plant to North Carolina, if the citizens would take a certain per cent. of stock. If his proposition has not been accepted, will you kindly forward me his address. Our citizens are wishing to invest in a cotton mill, and will take stock liberally with the right parties. By giving this your attention you will greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,
W. C. ERVIN,
Mayor of Lenoir.

Strike While the Iron is Hot.

Let every member of the Commonwealth Club be on hand at the meeting to-night. Matters of importance to Durham require consideration, and we hope that we will not have to report to-morrow that there was no meeting for the want of a quorum. With proper effort Durham may enter upon a new era of prosperity. Our people are awakened to the importance of new industries, and the time to strike is while the iron is hot. Organization is necessary, however, to secure the results so greatly desired and that are within our reach.

The Commonwealth Club was organized for the purpose of taking the initiative in such matters and for contributing in every possible way to the successful culmination of plans set on foot to advance the interests of the town. The people, therefore, are looking to the Club to act. Shall they be disappointed? Let every member answer no; by attending the meeting to-night with a disposition to do everything within his power to push forward plucky, progressive Durham in her march towards greater prosperity.

Blank Books.
Various sizes and qualities, at the Durham bookstore of J. B. Whitaker, Jr., & Co.

The Mutual Life of New York.

The following items culled from the annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, which appears in THE PLANT to-day, will give an idea of the immensity of the operations of this institution during the year 1888: Total assets, \$126,082,153.56; insurance in force, \$482,125,184.36; new risks assumed in 1888, \$103,214,261.32; income in 1888, \$26,215,932.52; paid policy holders, \$14,727,550.22; surplus, four per cent., \$7,940,063.63; numbers of policies in force, 158,369.

This company, of which Mr. Richard A. McCurdy is president, is represented in Durham by Mr. W. H. McCabe, who says it is a strictly first-class life insurance company, and that there is no better in existence.

Celebrated Gardens.

The celebrated "Hanging Gardens of Babylon" were within the precincts of the palace called "The Admiration of Mankind." They consisted of gardens of trees and flowers on the topmost of a series of arches 75 feet high and built in the form of a square, each side of which measured 400 Greek feet. The city of Babylon, with its famous gardens, was razed to its foundation, 690 B. C.

Two thousand, five hundred and seventy-nine years later we find the celebrated gardens of James Vick in Rochester, New York. For description, catalogue of seeds, advice how to obtain free a copy of Vick's Floral Guide and also of the famous new rose, called "Vick's Caprice," address, James Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y.

Error in the Statement of Durham's Death Rate for November.

It will be remembered that we stated several days ago that some of our authorities claimed that the death rate of Durham for the month of November, as published by the State Board of Health, was incorrect and that we promised to investigate and report. We addressed a letter to Dr. Thos. F. Wood, Secretary of the Board, in reference to the matter, and in reply we have received the appended letter, from which it will be seen there was a great error in the report, the temporary annual death rate being only about one half what it was represented.

Our statement was based upon what we considered reliable authority, the bulletin of the State Board of Health, and of course the responsibility for this injustice to Durham does not rest upon us. It had already been published throughout the State, and had not been denied by our authorities, and it was very natural for us to conclude that the report was correct.

Exceeding care should be exercised in the report of mortality statistics, for their value must depend entirely upon their correctness. We are glad to learn from the Secretary that greater vigilance in this matter will be exercised hereafter.

Now, because there was error in the report, the temporary annual death rate being much less than represented, let there be no relaxation in sanitary efforts. Durham has the reputation for striving to reach the top in whatever she undertakes. Let not the matter of health, the most important of all material things, prove an exception. Let us utilize all our means for securing cleanliness and consequent healthfulness, and let us endeavor to secure for Durham the lowest mortality report of any town in the State.

Here is Dr. Wood's letter:

N. C. BOARD OF HEALTH,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 8, '89.

J. B. Whitaker, Jr., Esq., Editor Plant,
Durham, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—I reply to your favor of the 6th inst., I beg to reply as follows:

Our rule for finding the temporary annual death rate is to divide the population into the number of deaths per thousand and multiply this by twelve.

The death rate for Durham is not given correctly for November, though whose mistake I am unable to say; but in my annual report, which will be extensively circulated, it shall be

corrected. I note that proof of that issue was not read at this office. The total number of deaths for November, 1888, in Durham, was 7, and not 6. The death rates are as follows: Whites, 13.2; colored, 6.0; total, 9.6. In the future I shall insist upon proof of bulletin being carefully revised. Very truly,
THOMAS F. WOOD, M. D.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Pure Harvey Lard.
20 pound pails, W. J. WYATT & Co.

Triumphant Songs
Just received. Sold at publishers' prices: 35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen. At the Durham bookstore of
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Valentines.
Sentimental and comic. Various qualities and prices, at the Durham bookstore of
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Go to the Bookstore of J. B. Whitaker, Jr., & Co. and get for me one of those exquisite Valentines. Go at once before some other fellows get the pick of the lovely stock.

Seed Oats and Grass Seeds.
All kind Seed Oats and Grass seeds at
W. J. WYATT & Co.

For Stationery
Of all kinds, go to headquarters—the Durham bookstore of
J. B. Whitaker, Jr., & Co.

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

STATEMENT

OF

The Mutual Life Insurance Co.

OF NEW YORK.

RICHARD A. McCURDY, President.
For the year ending Dec. 31st, 1888.

Total Assets, -	\$126,082,153.56.
Increase in Assets,	\$7,275,301.68
Surplus at four per cent.,	\$7,940,063.63
Increase in Surplus,	\$1,645,622.11
Policies in force,	158,369
Increase during year,	17,426
Policies written,	32,659
Increase during year,	10,901
Risks assumed,	\$103,214,261.32
Increase during year,	\$35,756,792.55
Risks in force,	\$482,125,184.36
Increase during year,	\$54,496,251.85
Receipts from all sources,	\$26,215,932.52
Increase during year,	\$3,096,010.06
Paid Policy-Holders,	\$14,727,550.22

THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:			
Bonds and Mortgages,	\$49,917,874.02		
United States and other securities,	\$48,616,704.14		
Real Estate and Loans on collateral,	\$21,786,125.34		
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest,	\$2,813,277.60		
Interest accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit, etc.,	\$3,248,172.46		
	\$126,082,153.56		

Year.	Risks Assumed.	Risks Outstanding.	Surplus.
1884	\$ 34,681,429	\$351,789,285	\$4,743,771
1885	45,507,139	369,361,441	5,012,634
1886	56,822,719	393,809,293	5,683,564
1887	69,457,468	427,628,593	6,294,442
1888	103,214,261	482,125,184	7,940,063

ROBERT A. GRANNIS, Vice-President.
ISAAC F. LLOYD, 2d Vice-President.
WILLIAM L. EASTON, Secretary.
O. F. BRESEE & SONS, General Agents,
Baltimore, Md.

A GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

STOCKHOLDERS

OF THE

Lynchburg & Durham R. R. Co.

By virtue of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the LYNCHBURG & DURHAM RAILROAD COMPANY, passed at a meeting said Board held in the city of Lynchburg on Thursday, February 7th, 1889, a general meeting of the Stockholders of the Lynchburg & Durham Railroad Co. is hereby called to be held at the SOUTH BOSTON HOTEL, in the town of South Boston, in the county of Halifax, Virginia, at 1 o'clock p. m., on THURSDAY, the 14th day of MARCH, 1889. And all Stockholders are hereby notified to attend said meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,
PETER J. OTEY, President

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