



SUMMARY.

Double between whites and blacks is re-ported at Bradford Mines, Alabama, 20 miles north of Birmingham; a bloody scene is reported from the Florida...

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The King of Holland is critically ill; the strike among seamen at various British ports is subsiding; the Wilmington Star thinks the "border" for the London Times...

THE Philadelphia Times says: "The only cloud that appears on the business horizon is the movement in many circles of productive industry to reduce the wages of labor."

CONGRESS passed a bill granting a pension to one Chas. E. Estey. The President returned it to Congress with a veto because precisely the same bill, granting precisely the same pension to the same person was passed in 1886 and approved on the 8th of July of that year...

THE Wilmington Star says: "The Prince of Wales's presence in the French Chamber of Deputies seems to have been ominous. It is said that whenever he has visited the Palais Bourbon the Ministry in power at the time has been overthrown."

A SPECIAL to the New York World says: "A surprise is in store for the delegates to the American Tariff Reform Conference, which will begin its session in this city to-morrow. President Cleveland has written a letter which, it is understood, makes at some length positive declarations of his views upon the tariff question and its future in American politics."

TOWN TALK.

- Talmage's sermon to-day. Slight snow fall this afternoon. Washington's birthday to-morrow. County Sunday School Convention to-morrow. And still the tobacco comes. Big breaks again to-day. They say now that the new daily will be called the Sun. The banks will be closed to-morrow—Washington's birthday. Eleven persons were baptized at Blackwell Baptist Church last night. Greely slipped up again. He said "fair and warmer." It is neither. The Reading Circle will meet to-morrow night, at the residence of Mr. J. C. Angier. See advertisement of "Active Soap" in this issue of THE PLANT. Ask your grocer for it. Let the Durham Y. M. C. A. send a large delegation to the State Convention, at Wilmington, March 21st to the 24th. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services of the Sunday School Convention, to-morrow. The stable and buggy house in the rear of Mrs. Ada M. Smith's residence is for rent. See advertisement. Dr. J. P. Munroe has fitted up an office on the second floor of the Wright building, room No. 4. See card in to-day's PLANT. THE PLANT is square out opposed to the proposition to hire out penitentiary convicts to manufacturing establishments. Don't do it. In view of the great amount of shifting now done in the railroad yard here, we would warn our people against using the track as a thoroughfare. The R. & D. railroad will sell return tickets to-morrow from Durham to Raleigh at \$1.20, to the match game of foot ball between the Trinity and Wake Forest teams.

Dangerous Practice.

The firing of pistols at random is a dangerous practice. Four shots were fired in a front yard on Main street, early last night, and one of the balls flew uncomfortably close to a gentleman who was walking on the sidewalk. You had better stop this sort of fun, boys. It is dangerous, and not very funny, after all.

Our Best Wishes.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Mr. J. D. Pridgen and Miss Lavinia Blackwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell, which will take place next Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock, at Blackwell Baptist Church. In advance of the ceremony we extend best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

One of Our M. D.'s Honored.

Dr. T. S. Vickers has received from the Governor a commission as a delegate from North Carolina to the Quarantine Conference, which will meet in Montgomery, Ala., on the 5th of March.

Kill It Stone Dead.

The idea of hiring penitentiary convicts to manufacturers and bringing the criminals in competition with the honest labor of the State should be nipped in the bud promptly and overwhelmingly by our Legislature. Such an idea is not worthy the consideration of a body of law makers of a great State and we are surprised that such a thing finds advocates among those in authority. The State had better keep the convicts in idleness than resort to this course to sustain the big elephant it has on hand in the State Penitentiary. We want to improve the condition of our laboring people and not reduce them to absolute want by forcing them to compete with convict labor. The idea is obnoxious and should receive no more attention from the Legislature than is actually necessary to kill it stone dead. Let a rousing NO be heard if a vote is called for upon this ridiculous and unjust proposition.

Sunday School Convention.

The Durham County Sunday School Convention will convene in the Presbyterian Church to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Afternoon and night sessions will also be held. We hope to see a large gathering of the Sunday School workers of the county. The following is the programme of the Convention:

- MORNING. 10 o'clock—Devotional Exercises. 10:20—Object of the Convention explained by President W. G. Burkhead. 10:35—Enrollment of Delegates. [Townships called.] 10:45—Election of Officers. 11:00—Reports from Individual Schools. 11:25—Song. 11:30—Topic: "Business Men's Relation to Sunday School Work as a Moralizing Agency." G. W. Watts. 11:50—Song and Benediction. AFTERNOON. 2 o'clock—Devotional Exercises. 2:10—Election of delegates to State Sunday School Convention. 2:20—Topic: "Home and the Sunday School," W. H. Muse. 2:40—Song. 2:45—Topic: "Church at Sunday School," Rev. R. F. Bumpass. 3:05—Song. 3:10—Topic: "True Aim of Teaching," Rev. H. T. Darnall. 3:30—"How can we Improve our Present System of County Sunday School Organization." [A general discussion.] 3:50—Question Drawer and Miscellaneous. NIGHT. 7:30—Devotional Exercises. 7:35—Topic: "Work and Study," P. M. Briggs. 7:57—Topic: "Joys and Triumphs of Sunday School Work," Rev. W. B. Oliver. 8:15—"How to have a Live Sunday School." [A general discussion.] 8:35—Questions Answered. Closing Exercise.

Plant Photographs.

Mrs. H. T. Darnall is on a visit to Hillsboro. Mr. S. T. Ashe spent the afternoon in Raleigh. Mr. Allen Ruffin was on the east-bound train to-day. Mr. J. W. Dowd took a trip down the Oxford road to-day. Mr. J. F. Slaughter, Jr., went down to Raleigh to-day. Mr. C. W. Hunt, editor of the Burlington News, was in town to-day. Miss Sellars, of Alamance, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. G. Lea. Mr. Daniel Osborn, of Oxford, is on a visit to his son, Mr. W. H. Osborn. Maj. Rider, of the Richmond & Danville railroad, was in town this afternoon. Senator Hughes was in town this morning and left on the noon train for Raleigh. Mr. J. M. Blackwood is quite sick at his home, on East Main street, we are sorry to hear. Mr. Ed. Smith left yesterday afternoon on a trip in the interest of the Pride of Durham smoking tobacco. Mrs. S. F. Gardner returned from Charlotte to-day. Her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Crowl, died on Tuesday. Mr. T. E. Cheek and bride arrived on the 6 o'clock train yesterday evening, and Mr. C. A. W. Barham, Jr. and bride arrived on the Oxford train last night. Mr. A. D. Smith, of the firm of A. D. Smith & Co., publishers, is in town in the interest of the forthcoming History of Western North Carolina. If sufficient encouragement is received, Mr. Smith proposes to include Durham in this history.

Y. M. C. A. State Convention.

The State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North Carolina has issued the following circular: CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Feb. 10, '89. To the Young Men's Christian Associations, and the Christian People, Generally, of North Carolina: The Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of North Carolina send greeting, and announce that the Thirteenth General Convention of delegates from the Associations of our State will be held in the city of Wilmington, March 21st to 24th, 1889.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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Ladies' Aid Society.

In order to afford the members an opportunity to attend the afternoon session of the County Sunday School Convention, the regular weekly meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Church will not be held to-morrow afternoon.

Almost a Fire.

This morning, about half past nine, Mr. J. S. Manning noticed considerable smoke in the hall way of the second floor of the Wright building, and upon investigation found that the smoke was issuing from vacant room No. 14, where he found a lot of paper and sticks in one corner in a blaze. No general alarm was given but the flames were extinguished by means of buckets of water. It is very fortunate that the fire was discovered before it had gained headway and that it occurred in the day time. It is possible that some boy went into the room to smoke a cigarette and threw the match or the lighted cigarette into the pile of trash.

Little Runaways.

About ten days ago, two little boys, aged 11 and 13 years, ran away from the Thomasville Orphanage and walked to East Durham, where they stopped at the home of Mr. J. L. Bridgers and asked permission to stay there until they could hear from their mother, Mrs. Lassiter, who lives in Bertie county and who would send them money to pay their fare home. The names of the boys are Lewter and Owen Rea. Mr. Bridgers very kindly assented to their request and took care of the boys until the money was sent to them from home, through Rev. G. P. Bostick. It seems that it was home-sickness that induced the boys to leave the Orphanage. Mr. Bridgers has received from the anxious mother of the little fellows a most grateful letter, which, he says, amply repays him for everything he did for the boys. The mother, however, offered to reimburse him for any expense he had incurred. Mr. Bridgers' gratification at having ministered unto these little strangers exemplifies the Christian doctrine that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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We beg to announce to the public that we are now ready for business, and can be found in the "Farrish Building." Persons desiring papers discounted will please present them to the Board of Directors through our Cashier every Tuesday and Friday. Persons depositing monies and receiving certificates of deposit therefor, running six or twelve months, will receive interest thereon at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. We are Prepared to do Banking in All its Departments. Collections, Loan, Discount and Deposit. Knowing the wants of the community as thoroughly as we do, we will endeavor to serve the public as liberally as circumstances will admit. S. R. Carrington. John J. Thaxton.

Carrington & Thaxton, At Carrington's corner, near the Railroad, DURHAM, N. C. A WORD TO THE PUBLIC! We have just opened and will keep constantly on hand and for sale, a full and complete stock of Heavy and Fancy Groceries, Feed Stuffs, &c., &c. Pure home packed meat; pure hog lard; pure hog sausage; best snow flake flour and other brands; Hazall meal, Hazall bran, ship stuff, hay, corn, oats, and everything in the GROCERY AND FEED LINE. Agents for the best brands fertilizers. We will say to all that we are amply able, and do buy our goods in large quantities, paying cash and sell for the same, therefore we are able to compete with any house in the State. Call and examine our stock. Respectfully, CARRINGTON & THAXTON. jan10-3m

SCHOOL OF MUSIC! MISS L. M. SOUTHGATE, DIRECTOR. The Fall Term will open SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1888. Terms Per Quarter of Twenty Lessons: Vocal Culture, half hour lessons, \$10.00; Vocal Culture, hour lessons, 15.00; Piano, hour lessons, \$10.00 and 15.00; Organ, hour lessons, 15.00. Free Classes in Harmony and Sight Reading. Private lessons also given in Elocution and Physical Culture, per quarter. MISS MARION S. FULLER, sec'y.

NOTICE! NORTH CAROLINA, DURHAM COUNTY, Superior Court, January Term, 1889. E. B. Teasley in behalf of himself and other creditors against A. J. Roberts, Adm'r of Nelson Rhew and others. Notice of Summons. To Jesse Rhew and William Rhew: You are hereby notified to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Durham county, to be held in Durham on the 3d Monday after the 1st Monday of March, 1889, and answer the complaint filed in this action, which is to sell the land described in said complaint, to pay the debts of said Nelson Rhew due E. B. Teasley, or judgment will be taken against you. Witness my hand, this 28th day of January, 1889. fe21-wv D. C. MANGUM, C. S. C.

NOTICE! All persons indebted to W. T. Blackwell of the Bank of Durham, must call at once and pay the same. As further indulgence cannot be given, we are anxious to close up the business as speedily as possible. To those of our friends who have paid us, we return our thanks for their promptness, and to those who are still indebted, we must request that they pay without further delay. W. S. HALLIBURTON, Trustee of W. T. Blackwell.

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