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THE DURHAM TOBACCO PLANT is one of the most beautiful and elegantly printed papers in the State.

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ASSETS	\$95,042,922.96
LIABILITIES	74,248,207.81
SURPLUS (4 per cent.)	\$20,794,715.15
Outstanding Assurance	\$549,216,126
New Assurance	153,933,635
Income	26,368,977
Surplus Earned in 1888	21,824,756
Surplus Earned in 1887	5,067,124
Increase in Income	3,718,128
Increase in Surplus (4 per cent.)	2,590,490
Increase in Assets	10,664,018

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LAND FOR SALE!
On the 9th day of April next I will sell at public auction, at the courthouse in Durham, the following tract of land in Durham county, beginning at junction of Briggs Avenue with the O'Brian road which leads by F. D. Markham, and running thence with Briggs Avenue south of J. H. Briggs' line, thence east to stake on Briggs' line, thence north with Briggs' line to said road, thence west, with the same, to the beginning, fronting 3chs. and 25 links on O'Brian road and 3chs. and 56 links on Briggs Avenue, containing one acre more or less. Time of Sale 12 o'clock m. Terms Cash.
V. BALLARD, Trustee,
for C. J. & W. M. Rogers.
March 9, 1889.

The Tobacco Plant.
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1889.
WEATHER BUREAU.
The weather prognostications indicate the state of the weather for 30 hours from to-day 3 o'clock.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15, '89.
For North Carolina, rain, warmer.
GREELY.
FROM WASHINGTON.

Comment on the President's Appointments—Walker Blaine's Position More than He Can Manage—The North Carolina Pilgrims to this Mecca are Reticent—No Fight with Germany.
Special Correspondence of THE PLANT.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Most of Mr. Harrison's appointments so far have been favorably received. But the politicians are not pleased with crediting such men as Windom and Bussey, Secretary of the Treasury and Assistant Secretary of the Interior, to the States to which they are respectively credited. Especially is there criticism in the latter case by New York men, who say that Bussey is a recent importation and should more equitably be booked as a Louisianian or Iowan. He is a native of Iowa and for some years resided in New Orleans.

Walker Blaine's nomination, which the Senate in deference to his father was so eager to confirm without consideration, is the more glaringly out of place, because he is an obscure lawyer and succeeds one of the ablest lawyers and law writers the country has produced. It ought, however, in justice to be stated that in this case Dr. Wharton was greater than the position of examiner of claims in the State Department. Mr. Bayard appointed the learned Doctor because he was his personal friend, and the old man was rather tired of practice and needed the salary. There is another element of criticism in the case of young Blaine. The claims he will be called on to adjudicate, may make the relations between some of the countries and the United States pretty touchy and may require some of daddy Blaine's most brilliant strategy to settle. By the way, isn't it queer that Blaine's son should have been given just this position—Blaine who has such a reputation "consarmin' of claims?"

There are many new arrivals from North Carolina of gentlemen who have just dropped in, you know, to shake hands with the President and see how he looks. Among them is ex-Congressman Joseph J. Martin, of the First District. My experience and that of friends of mine who have "circulated" among these pilgrims is that almost without exception they are close as oysters about what they are after. Even if a visitor admits that he would not refuse a place he will give you no clue as to what particular place he would prefer.

Advices from Samoa show that there is no foundation for the war like rumors. The Nipsic still rides the seas, and the stars and stripes have not been insulted.

Ex-Secretary Bayard left the city this afternoon. He goes to New York where he will join Mr. Cleveland's party and go with them to Cuba.

This afternoon the President nominated W. W. Phelps, John A. Kasson and Geo. A. Bates to be U. S. Commissioners to the Samoan Conference at Berlin.

Col. James E. Boyd came in today. Col. W. P. Cannady, who held the umbrella over Harrison while he delivered the inaugural address, has been quite ill. He was threatened with pneumonia and is not yet entirely well.

News from the State Capital.
Special Correspondence to THE PLANT.
RALEIGH, N. C., March 15, '89.

The first Jewish marriage ever celebrated in this State happened in the town of Asheville, this week, the contracting parties being Mr. Louis Berman and Miss Rachael Snyder. Judge John A. Campbell, formerly of the United States Supreme Court, who died in Baltimore on the 12th inst., was the son of a former North Carolinian, Col. Duncan G. Campbell, who removed to Georgia some years ago.

The Raleigh Casino, an organization for pleasure and profit, has been organized, officers appointed, and is now in working order. The officers are among the best ladies and gentlemen in this city.

Raleigh is to have another tobacco warehouse. The enterprise will consist of stockholders from the tobacco belt and will be known as Farmers' Alliance warehouse. The final arrangements are about perfected, and it will be ready for operations by the time the next crop is ready for the market.

Governor D. G. Fowle and his brilliant buttoned staff are taking Wilmington by storm, while en route to Wrightsville to receive a

plot of ground in the name of the State for a permanent encampment for the State Guard.
Rev. Louis L. Williams, of the Episcopal church, now at work in Stokes county, was ordained to the priesthood at Christ Episcopal Church, in this city, yesterday. The Rt. Rev. T. B. Lyman, D. D., officiating.
The Prescott & McLean Dramatic Company played "The Merchant of Venice" here last night at Metropolitan Hall to a fair audience.
A fine soapstone quarry has lately been discovered four and a half miles southwest of Greensboro, on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad. Slabs of any required length and breadth can be obtained.

There is a movement on foot to organize an Inter-Collegiate Baseball Association. The parties who have the matter in charge are working hard to have the matter perfected as early as they can, in order to play the present season.

Commissioner John Robinson, of the Stat Department of Agriculture is preparing to go out into the several counties of the State for the purpose of organizing Farmers' Institutes, which he thinks will be of great practical benefit to farmers. In illustration of the work being done by the department of immigration, in inducing the people to go into canning fruits, vegetables, &c., is the purchase of car-load lots of tin cans, by Mr. James Lanier, of the Salisbury Canning Company, to be used by him this season. Last year he opened up business in a small way to test the market; he is evidently satisfied that it is as broad as it is long. The formation of such an enterprise is being aggregated at Raleigh and ere soon will be in active operation.

The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Industry has taken steps already, in regard to the new road law, passed by the last General Assembly. A meeting has been held and this, together with the matter of another tobacco factory, has received attention by committees being appointed to solicit stock and perfect other arrangements.

The negro exodus has assumed another shape. The last session of the General Assembly passed a law prohibiting the enticing away of servants, upon a heavy penalty and allows suits for damages. Under this enactment, warrants have been issued for the arrest of the "Agents" who are supposed to be acting in violation of law. The officers of the law are now on the look out for these offenders.

TOBACCO DEPARTMENT.

Alex. Walker, Editor.
DURHAM, N. C., March 15, 1889.
We are pleased to find good breaks at the warehouses to-day, but we can't boast of the quality.

We were pleased to see Mr. W. G. Poindexter, who represents Messrs. P. J. Sorge & Co., of Middletown, Ohio. This noted firm ranks high among the large tobacco houses of the United States.

We were pleased to meet our friend, Mr. W. T. Lipscomb, of Raleigh, a prominent leaf dealer on that market.

Demoralized.
Why is it that there is so much dissatisfaction among the tobacco men all over the land? Many reasons doubtless can be given that would appear plausible. And yet the key to the problem may not have been fully struck. We have already had many reasons assigned and many seem to be good. We all possibly may agree on one thing, and that is, that there has been too much common tobacco produced. Poor seasons and bad management have had much to do in bringing it about. All of these are very plausible and come in very well, but still there is something else that has much to do with this perplexing question, for which the tobacco men must shoulder their part of the blame, and it is nothing more than justice that they should. The introduction of the fancy colors, by means of coal curing and then flue curing, fancy prices were paid. These fancy prices were published in all the tobacco papers, and other papers caught it up, and it was sent broad east over the land. The imagination of the people was fired up to white heat, and very natural that it should be so. The inquiry was made by people that never had once thought of trying to grow tobacco, "Why can we not make tobacco?" And all over the land the people became crazed on the subject, never thinking for one moment that it was only a very small per cent. of the producers that ever succeeded in realizing these fancy prices, from the fact that there was no blowing of the low prices, and the low prices constituted much the largest portion of the crop. But as it required considerable preparation to embark into the successful growing of the weed, many went into it, and not being acquainted with the art, they failed to grow it successfully, but having gone to so much expense, they would then incur still greater expense by trying to get an expert to manage their tobacco crop, and in a majority of cases they failed to get a man that succeeded much better than they had done before. When we have good

seasons there is more common tobacco made than good, and much the larger portion of the crop sells for low prices. So you will see that a great many men have been deceived into the tobacco crop, who never can make a success of it, and all of this has been done by flaming advertisements, and publishing fancy prices that did not represent five per cent. of the crop. There are many men in the business to-day that regret that they ever went into the tobacco growing business. Newspapers do a great deal of good, but sometimes they do harm.

The Lost Atlantis.
For many centuries there has been a tradition of a long lost island called Atlantis.

The Greek geographers located it in the Atlantic ocean, west of the northwest part of Africa and the Pillars of Hercules. The sea-kings of Atlantis are said to have invaded Europe and Africa, and to have been defeated by the Athenians.

All the legends agree that it was a vast island of inexhaustible resources, and inhabited by a race of superior people. For ages this island has existed only in legendary lore. But now, when the light of modern research is turned full upon the investigation, behold the lost Atlantis is at our very doors.

So the bigoted medical fraternity goes groping about in the dark. If they would investigate they would find the lost Atlantis at their very door. They experiment and dose with their injurious drugs, and with no person or laws to hold them accountable, they continue their bigoted, unjustified practicing, staring into vacancy, imagining that they see in themselves an Esculapius.

Wrapped in ancient bigotry, they denounce any new idea advanced by a layman or an opposition school as a fraud.

Why? Because humanity will not be benefited? Not at all, but because their specialism did not make the discovery.

Yet they concede that there is no remedy known to their materia medica that will cure an advanced kidney malady and the disease arising therefrom—although many of them know from crowning proof that Warner's Safe Cure will—but unscrupulously treat symptoms and call them a disease, when in reality they know they are but symptoms.

A few of the more honest physicians admit that Warner's Safe Cure is a valuable remedy, and a great blessing to mankind, but say, in so many words, when asked why they do not prescribe it, that they cannot, according to their code.

The late eminent physician and writer, Dr. J. G. Holland, published in *Scribner's Monthly*, and showed his opinion of such bigotry, and no doubt was satisfied that Atlantis might possibly be discovered in proprietary medicine, when he wrote editorially, as follows:

"Nevertheless, it is a fact that many of the best proprietary medicines of the day were more successful than many of the physicians, and most of them, it should be remembered, were first discovered or used in actual medical practice. When, however, any shrewd person, knowing their virtue, and foreseeing their popularity, secures and advertises them, then, in the opinion of the bigoted, all virtue went out of them."

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Respectfully,
mch4-d3m J. S. MESLEY

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Trustees of W. T. Blackwell & Co.

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