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**SUMMARY.**

A freight train in California is wrecked and among the goods destroyed was a valuable blooded horse, which was so badly hurt that it had to be shot.—A little girl on yesterday fell from a third-story window, falling on her head.—Four steamers landed 1,321 immigrants at Castle Garden yesterday.—Alphonse Rothchild lost \$15,000,000 by the collapse of the copper syndicate.—In the machine shops of the Pennsylvania railroad nine hours will hereafter be considered a day's work, so the employes have been informed by the authorities.—A farmer in Indiana had four daughters bitten by a mad dog a few days ago. Their ages are from three to ten years.—The Dismal Swamp canal has been sold to a syndicate of Northern capitalists.—H. M. Falkner, who was once a wealthy New York lawyer, was yesterday arrested for obtaining \$30 under false pretense.—On Saturday, while serving warrants on saloon-keepers in Granville, Iowa, a constable was badly beaten and an attempt to lynch him was made.—The Illinois Central Railroad Company has given notice that it will no longer ship liquor into Iowa from Dubuque.

**EDITORIAL BRIEFS.**

It is most time now for light overcoats and heavy colds.  
 CAN anybody tell us why it always rains court week?  
 DURHAM'S new courthouse is a thing of beauty. May it be a joy forever.  
 MANY of the trees are budding in spite of the disagreeable weather and backward spring.  
 PARNELL'S attorneys have Pigott's diary. It very probably contains some very interesting reading.  
 JUDGE BYNUM says our courthouse is the best arranged and handsomest one he has been in in the State.  
 THE ceremonies at the opening of the court in our new courthouse were very interesting and very appropriate.  
 WE have only one fault to find with the plan of our courthouse, there should have been two stair cases to the second floor.  
 MR. BLAINE keeps up his enmity to Gen. Logan by visiting it upon his friends who apply at headquarters for recognition in the party.  
 JOHN WANAMAKER has two daughters who are studying in Paris. One of them will make her *debut* in Washington society next winter.  
 IT is hard to realize that a man can be as imprudent as our Washington letter shows Col. Shéppard, of the New York *Mail and Express*, to have been.  
 WHAT is the matter? We have not received the *Wilmington Star* or *Messenger* of last Saturday. These papers right frequently come to us by way of Greensboro the afternoon after publication.  
 OFFICES are worth something in England. The Duke of St. Albans is hereditary grand Falconer of Great Britain and receives a salary of one thousand pounds, sterling, for holding the office.  
 THE *Wilmington Star*, of Sunday, says: "Upon entering the First Baptist Church yesterday morning, the first and most prominent sight that met one's gaze was the legend, 'to Durham in 1890,' which was printed in large letters and striking letters, and was attached to nearly every pew, besides being scattered the entire length of the main aisles and suspended from the front of the gallery. It was evident that the delegation from Durham were determined that the next Annual Convention of the Y. M. C. A. should be held in that go-ahead city."

SOME one has unearthed an old speech of Secretary Tracy's in which he argued in favor of high wages to workmen as essential to national prosperity. What have the Fall River Republican mill owners to say to this?

THERE are several members of the Federal Supreme Court who are entitled to retirement. Now that we have Republican appointing power we look for them to take advantage of their age and cause several vacancies on the bench.

THE *New York World* and the Federal Court of Baltimore, combined, are about to work a revolution in the treatment of sailors on Chesapeake Bay oyster vessels. The *World* has done good work in bringing to light the cruelties practiced on these vessels.

THE *Wilmington Stars* says: "Here is the way the Republican administration is distributing the good things: New York 4, Massachusetts 1, Michigan 1, California 1, Minnesota 1, Indiana 2, Illinois 2, Maine 2, Iowa 2, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 1, Wisconsin 1, West Virginia 1, Connecticut 1, New Jersey 1, Delaware 1. Total 23. A pretty fair distribution as far as it goes. New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Nebraska, Missouri, Oregon, Nevada and the Solid South are yet to be heard from."

**TOWN TALK.**

—This has been a busy day at the new courthouse.  
 —Peach trees in this section are nearly in full bloom.  
 —One case before the Mayor this morning—a Sunday drunk; \$10 and cost.  
 —A marriage license was issued Saturday to C. H. Ellis and Miss Norvella H. Davis.  
 —Durham County Medical Society holds a special meeting at Dr. A. G. Carr's office, to-night, at 7:30 o'clock.  
 —Regular meeting of Golden Link Lodge No. 114, I. O. O. F., to-night at 7:30 o'clock. Street cars pass the door. Work in degrees. Come.  
 —Durham receives honors at Oak Ridge Institute. W. P. Whitaker has been elected a Society representative at the Commencement in June, and Willie Guthrie a marshal for that occasion.  
 —Odd Fellows' seventieth anniversary will be celebrated by Golden Link Lodge No. 114, and Alma Lodge No. 5, Daughters of Rebekah, at Stokes Hall, April 26th. The anniversary address will be delivered by Rev. J. H. Cordan, G. M.  
**The Morehead Banking Co.**  
 The Stockholders of the Morehead Banking Co. elected the following directors: G. S. Watts, W. H. Willard, B. Cameron, J. T. Pinnix, R. H. Rigsbee, T. B. Fuller, Q. E. Rawls, J. H. Southgate and T. H. Martin. The directors elected the following officers: President, G. S. Watts; Vice-President, W. H. Willard; Cashier, W. M. Morgan; Teller, E. C. Murray; E. G. Lineberry, Book-keeper, and T. E. Check; Assistant. It is said the Bank will be put in proper shape and begin operation the 1st of April.  
**The Fire Alarm.**  
 The fire alarm Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock, was caused by the burning out of a chimney in the O'Briant building on Main street. A big crowd gathered, the fire department turned out and the bells rang. It was a most exciting time for a few moments. We make special mention of the fire department. It is claimed that from the time the first alarm was given until the reel cart drawn by the two powerful iron-grey horses had reached the spot and "unhindered," scarcely two minutes had elapsed. We saw the horses going down the street at full tilt. They work splendidly. A description of them and the manner of hitching was mentioned in THE PLANT a few days ago.



GOVERNOR LEE.

Governor Lee is a grandson of the famous "Light Horse Harry" Lee of the Revolution, and a nephew of the late Robert E. Lee, the Southern military chieftain. He graduated at West Point in the class of 1856 and entered the regular army as a lieutenant in the second cavalry. For three years preceding the rebellion he was on duty on the frontier, and once in an encounter with the Indians was desperately wounded in the chest. At the outbreak of the war he resigned from the army and followed his State into secession. He fought in the Confederate army throughout the rebellion, acquiring distinction as a cavalry leader. After the war he settled in Virginia as a farmer and miller. In 1875 he entered political life and in 1876 attended the National Democratic Convention, as a delegate; the next year he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, but was unsuccessful. The same year General Lee attracted general attention by an address which he delivered at the Bunker Hill celebration. In 1879 he became a candidate for the State Senate on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated by the Readjuster candidate. On July 29th, 1885, General Lee was nominated for Governor of Virginia by the Democratic Convention, which met at Richmond. He had for his opponents some of the most prominent men of the State and the struggle was fierce, it being remarked on all sides that the personnel of the convention was superior to that of any of late years and reminded old politicians of the great gatherings of anti-bellum days.

**Whiskey Seized.**

A white man named Crabtree and a negro, Smith Cameron, were tried before Esquire Angier this morning, and bound over to court in a bond of \$100, to answer the charge of violating the local option law. We learned from the testimony presented in open court, that Saturday night, about 12 o'clock, Waylon Rollins was approached by the fellow Crabtree, and asked if he did not want to buy some whiskey. At first Rollins refused, but afterwards went with him to Crabtree's wagon, in which was the liquor, and after "sampling," bought a pint, paying 25 cents for it.

Rollins gave the whiskey, which is said to have been a good article of corn, to Ed. Smith, and coming up town notified officer Brown that a man was violating the local option law and agreed to guide him to the place. Policeman Brown notifying officers Faucett and Tyson the three went to the place designated, and surrounded the wagon. Several dusky customers seeing the officers, fled. Policeman Brown seized Crabtree, who was standing against the wagon body, unawares, and the negro, Smith Cameron, who was in the act of drawing the whiskey from a ten gallon runlet, jumped from the wagon and started to run, but was caught by officer Tyson and Waylon Rollins and borne to the ground. The men were brought to town and confined in jail. The wagon, horse and whiskey were held by the officers. The whiskey was "blockade" and thus becomes a case for the revenue officers, when the State, by whom the prisoners were first taken, has been satisfied. Revenueur Black-nall, of Raleigh, was notified. He came to Durham on the Oxford train this morning and took charge of the liquor and team.

**COURTHOUSE DEDICATED!**

**A BIG DAY IN THE HISTORY OF DURHAM.**

Many Ladies Graced the Court Room With Their Presence—The Speech Making Excellent.

A big day in the history of Durham county. The dedication ceremonies at the opening of the new courthouse this morning were interesting. A large crowd was present, and especially noticeable were the ladies. The order of ceremonies, arranged by the Durham Bar, which met in the Clerk's office this morning, at 9:30 o'clock, Hon. John Moring, chairman, was as follows:

Procession to form in the Clerk's room at 11:15 o'clock, in the following order, and march to the courtroom at 11:30 o'clock: High Sheriff F. D. Markham, Judge John G. Bynum and the Chaplain, Rev. H. T. Darnall, and Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church; members of the Bar; county commissioners and architect, county officers, mayor and other town officials, members of the press, citizens.

The space within the bar had been reserved for the Bar, county officers, town officers, ministers of the Gospel, and members of the press. The following lawyers were present: W. W. Fuller, Jas. S. Manning, R. B. Boone, R. C. Strudwick, S. T. Ashe and W. A. Guthrie, and the chairman, John M. Moring, and Solicitor I. R. Strayhorn.

The press representatives were J. A. Robinson, *Daily Sun*; H. B. Hardy, *State Chronicle*; E. C. Hackney, *Durham Recorder*; T. E. Whitaker, *THE TOBACCO PLANT*.

On proceeding to the courthouse, Mr. J. M. Moring, as president of the Bar, called on Mr. Darnall to open the proceedings with prayer. Mr. Moring then explained the object of the meeting. Mr. Boone then was recognized by the chairman, and, as attorney for the county, tendered the courthouse to presiding Judge Jno. G. Bynum, who replied accepting it.

Among other things in his neat and well timed speech, the Judge said about as follows: "GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR:—In accepting from your representative the emblematical scales of justice, I am impressed with feelings of a grave character, and made deeply to feel the weight of responsibility imposed upon me by my office."

"I have not the words to express my feeling in accepting this temple so pleasantly dedicated. I am not much of a speech maker; I am a 'plain, blunt man,' but when I die I desire no greater epitaph written on my tombstone than: 'Here lies an honest man.'"

"The ancients personified justice as a noble and majestic woman with bandaged eyes, holding the balances in one hand and the sword in the other. In action, this was the source of law, and her predictions of truth, as she presided over distribution of justice. The principles intended to be illustrated in this personation were purity, impartiality, equality, justice, punishment. The beautiful female was emblematic of that purity and probity which should ever characterize the finite judge; the filleted eyes of that blindness to human distinctions and that rigid impartiality which should always be observed; the balances of the good and exact measure of justice which should be meted out to all; and the sword of the avenger of law who swiftly follows every infraction of it with certain and deserved punishment."

"The first clause of the Constitution of our State will ever be a monument to justice: 'All men are created equal.' The sovereign law which shall here be administered holds her axis over the rich and poor alike. When a man enters that door he is the equal of every man in this house. Doubtless, sometimes the law fails of its great end. Its principles are the same, unchanged and unchanging through the ages."

"Gentlemen of the Jury, remember this courthouse is a Temple of Justice, in which you are ministers equally with judge and lawyer; never forget that you are ministers here, and that your high mission is the ascertainment and declaration of the truth.

And crime will be greatly diminished when witnesses learn that the oath is something more than a mere form.

"You are to be congratulated. This courthouse is a credit to Durham county and one of the best in the State."

"It is evidently proper then that this magnificent edifice should be dedicated, so that it may be revered by our people and may be used as it was designated to be, as a temple in which the judges, the members of the bar, and the people may gather around the altar erected here to-day and as ministers of justice may unite their efforts to do justice."

Mr. R. B. Boone, as County Attorney, made the presentation speech. He was followed by Judge Bynum and then by Messrs. W. W. Fuller, W. A. Guthrie, Solicitor I. R. Strayhorn, P. M. Briggs and J. S. Manning. The speeches were well timed and cleverly said. We have no full report of the speeches, and fearing lest we might do an injustice by particularizing, we embody such remarks from the various speeches as found their way into our note book, and present them as one speech:

"A high regard for law marks the greatest type of civilization. We must obey law because it is law. It is the only power that binds society together—that sustains government without which society could not long exist. Justice is the standing policy of civil society. Administered by private agencies it is not of a uniform character. The pure and enlightened distribution of it is an evidence of the high degree of wisdom in the construction of the government, or of great virtue in the administration of it."

"It has been reserved for us and our civilization to establish the American system; and correct the evils in the administration of justice which existed so many centuries. The cardinal characteristics of our peculiar judicial system are purity, independence and individual responsibility of our judges, trial by jury, limited in power and numbers, and the honesty of the bar."

"Justice should be administered through the medium of mercy. An attribute of God is justice. Here every man's wrong should be righted. This courthouse is an evidence of the right, liberty and life of our fellow citizens. North Carolina excels in a respect and regard for the law. It is voluntary, not born of fear or held by power, and will continue to be so as long as all are honest. Laws are not made only for the punishment of the guilty. It is a cheering thought and sweet consolation to know that in upholding the law in its letter and spirit is to enable the judge to sustain the cause of the weak against the strong, the aggrieved against the aggressor, the innocent against the guilty."

The ladies were kind enough to grace the occasion with their presence. THE PLANT cannot close its description of the dedication ceremonies, without a word as to the propriety and significance of their gracious approval of these ceremonies. The child's first lessons are from its mother. Few men among those who attain distinction in life can be found who do not cheerfully acknowledge that they owe success to the pious teachings of tender Christian mothers.

The scales of justice in ancient mythology were represented as being held, not in the hands of a god, but a goddess. What a striking and beautiful symbol of justice tempered with gentleness, tenderness and mercy, those cardinal virtues of woman, to personify her as a soft and gentle female, holding the scales with an even hand.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates. The court crier, Mr. J. T. Davis, at the instruction of the Judge, announced the opening of court; the Grand Jury was drawn, the oath administered, the Judge's charge delivered, and business begun.

The first case tried in the new courthouse was State vs. Anderson McDade. Charge—assault with a deadly weapon; verdict—not guilty. We will give more of the court proceedings to-morrow. Our space is exhausted.

**Plant Photographs.**

Miss Julia Crews is on the sick list. Solicitor Ike Strayhorn arrived Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Clifton spent the afternoon in Raleigh.

Mr. Charles Robbins, of Robbins & Stone, has gone North.

Mr. Benahan Cameron went down to Raleigh on the noon train.

Maj. John W. Graham, of Hillsboro, arrived on the noon train.

Mr. J. F. Slaughter, Jr., went over to Lynchburg Saturday evening.

Mr. J. B. Warren is reported critically ill at his home in Durham.

Mrs. Crawford, of Graham, is visiting her father, Col. W. A. Albright.

Brother Hardy, of the *State Chronicle*, is here in the interest of his paper.

Mr. Clyde West, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Durham visiting his parents.

Mrs. J. A. Robinson has returned from a visit to her parents in Morrisville.

Mr. T. J. Winston returned from a visit to his home in Franklin county Saturday night.

Mr. A. L. Robinson left Durham for his home in Louisville, Ky., Sunday evening.

Judge John Gray Bynum arrived in Durham Sunday and registered at Hotel Claiborn.

Willie Guthrie returned to Oak Ridge, Sunday evening, after a short visit to his parents.

Messrs. W. L. Holt, F. O. Walton and J. H. Erwin, of Burlington, spent Sunday in Durham.

Mrs. L. W. Highsmith left for Goldsboro to-day, to visit her sister, Mrs. Rogers, who is quite sick.

Mrs. J. B. Exum and Mrs. Thomas Edmondson, who have been visiting Mrs. H. N. Snow, returned home to-day.

**Elected a Delegate.**

Trinity Sunday School, Sunday morning, elected its superintendent, Col. E. J. Parrish, a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention, which convenes in London, England, in July, and voted \$200 to defray his expenses. This is a worthy compliment. We understand that Col. Parrish will go.

**Our Chief of Police Returns.**

Our Chief of Police, Mr. J. A. Woodall, returned to Durham Sunday evening on the 5:45 train, from Florida. He didn't "get his man" because his man had just been adjudged guilty of forgery and sentenced to the Florida penitentiary for five years. Mr. Woodall says that soon after entering the State of Florida, he heard at one of the stations that the Governor was going to leave Tallahassee the next day. He boarded a freight train and arrived at the capitol without delay, but the Governor had left the city an hour or two before he arrived. He went to the Secretary of State, however, and had that official to give him the proper requisition papers, lacking only the signature of the Governor. He went down to Jacksonville and met the Governor on the street. Some one introduced him and he told the Governor that he had some papers he wanted him to sign, and took them from his pocket and handed them to him.

The Governor glanced over them and said: "Well, I am sorry, but I cannot sign these. Your man Hart has just been convicted of forgery in Orange county, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, but he has taken an appeal and should something occur to cause his release in Florida you shall know it in time to get him in North Carolina." There was nothing left Mr. Woodall but to return home, which he did with all possible haste, arriving in Durham at the time above stated. Mr. Woodall says that his going and his mission had been heralded by the press dispatches, and at nearly every large city he was interviewed by reporters, and asked: "Woodall, did you get your man?" Mr. Woodall made a quick trip. He left Durham Wednesday and returned Sunday. Hart was tried at Orlando, in the county of Orange, Fla., on Wednesday, convicted of forgery, and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years, the same day Mr. Woodall left Durham.