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**SUMMARY.**

A Democrat has been elected Mayor of Patterson, N. J., over a Republican candidate by a majority of seventy-two.—A horse-car and locomotive collided in Jersey City yesterday. Several persons were injured.—Two confidence men yesterday fooled a wealthy Pennsylvania farmer living near Shamokin out of \$4,500.—The watchman at the passenger depot in Paris, Ky., night before last shot and killed a drunken negro. The shooting was in self defense.—A large batch of fourth-class postmasters were appointed yesterday.—Presidential appointments are coming in pretty rapidly.—The report that the President has tendered the Lexington postoffice to Mrs. T. J. Jackson is entirely discredited.—The Saxon ballot reform bill passed the New York Assembly by a vote of 74 to 44.—The Catholic church at Mansfield, Ohio, was destroyed by fire yesterday.—The Monongahela coal works have all resumed work.—The Democrats carry the Bordentown municipal election.—People are fleeing from the town of Nanticoke to escape the small pox.—Three months ago a house in Wilkesbarre was robbed of \$800. The other day the thief repented and returned the money through his priest.—Dr. Van Lauer, the late German Emperor's physician, is dead.

**EDITORIAL BRIEFS.**

RAILROADS seem to own the entire country; when they want anything, all they have to do is to say so and they have it.

GEN. NOBLE, Secretary of the Interior, says that all Democrats in the pension office must go. The Republicans must have the favors.

It is said that Secretary Tracy, of the Navy, has very popular manners, and is fast becoming a great favorite with his subordinates. He will soon be as popular with them as was the affable Secretary Whitney.

BLAINE, FORAKER & Co. pretend to have no use for the South but they jump at every opportunity to invest in Southern lands. They have just purchased seven thousand five hundred acres in Tennessee.

How low we have fallen! A Chinese diplomat refers with contempt to our navy and says it would be powerless in an aggressive movement. When the Chinese get to laughing at us it is time we were bestirring ourselves.

NEW YORK Republicans are jubilant over the appointment of Van Cott as postmaster of that city. They say he is a "practical politician" and will run the office in a way to aid the party. This is civil service reform with a vengeance.

EX-SENATOR RIDDLEBERGER called on the President the other day and informed him that he wanted the position of consul to Dublin, Ireland. The President told him he had better go to see Mr. Blaine. This is what we suppose he did not care to do.

The Goldsboro Argus yesterday celebrated its fourth anniversary by coming out with a daisy edition—colored paper, beautiful illustrations &c., &c. We congratulate the Argus upon its success and the city of Goldsboro upon having such a wide-awake, well edited paper to boast of.

The Legislature of Arkansas had passed an act declaring null and void all contracts for labor made outside of the State. The negroes who have gone there from this State under contract are constantly breaking their agreements, so their employers say, and under this statute they cannot be enforced at law. The negroes should bear in mind that their employers can break the contracts, too, when they choose and they can have no redress.

A DRY-DOCK has just been completed at Newport News, which is the largest in the country. It will be formally and officially opened next week. The Secretary of the Navy and many prominent persons from Washington will be present.

It is said that the fact that Perry Belmont resigned his position as Minister to Spain before he could be dismissed, has riled Mr. Blaine more than anything that has happened since the meeting of the Republican National Convention last fall.

WE ARE glad to see that there is one official in the nation who has the backbone to stand up against the encroachments of railroad corporations. Mayor Grant, of New York, has said the rights of the people shall be respected so long as he is mayor.

"OH FOR a lodge in some vast wilderness." What a sensible man it was who said that. Those words must have been uttered on just such a day as this. We know how the person longed to get away from the bustle and noise and dust of city life and spend a while in the quiet retreat of the country.

MR. A. B. LYNCH, of Columbia, S. C., has brought a suit for libel against the Charleston News & Courier laying his damages at \$25,000. The matter upon which he chiefly bases his suit is the statement by the editor that he does not believe the complainant in the whole course of his professional life has ever pleaded a cause in court.

INSPECTOR BYRNE's men of New York have hunted down and captured the members of a gang of incendiaries who, during the last few months, have made repeated attempts to burn the Catholic Protector, at Fordham, where two thousand children are cared for. A successful attempt would have destroyed the lives of many of these children. Hanging is too good for such men.

**TOWN TALK.**

—Spring-like again.

—Extreme sensitiveness is a great misfortune.

—Have you joined the Chamber of Commerce and Industry?

—See new advertisement of French's shoe store in this issue of THE PLANT.

—Preaching by Elder J. S. Dameron at the Primitive Baptist church to-night. The public is invited.

—Mr. Tobe Hunnicutt and Miss Nannie Belvin were married last night, Esquire C. B. Green officiating.

—The Richmond & Danville construction corps is at work enlarging the platform on the south side of the freight depot.

—Hand in your name for membership in the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and help in the work of pushing Durham forward.

—Have you registered for the approaching town election? It is an entirely new registration and the books will close on the 26th.

—Members of the A. O. U. W., are earnestly requested to attend the special meeting, to-morrow (Thursday) night, at 8 o'clock, at Masonic hall.

—The inspectors of election give official notice in to-day's PLANT of the municipal election to be held on Monday, May 6th, when a Mayor and seven Commissioners will be elected for the town of Durham.

—The residence of Mrs. M. F. Green was entered yesterday afternoon by a colored girl, about 15 years of age, who stole some valuable articles, but was caught and made to give them up. Keep a look out for sneak thieves and be sure to lock your doors when you leave your homes.

—Blackwell's Durham Co-Operative Tobacco Factory was closed this afternoon out of respect to the memory of the late William Halliburton.

—One of the Board of Commissioners remarked this morning that there was one consolation: When THE PLANT was on one side of a question and the Commissioners on the other, he knew they were right. How is this for logic? My! My!

—We learn that Col. E. J. Parrish has tendered his resignation as Colonel of the Third regiment of the N. C. State Guard, on account of lack of time to give attention to the duties of the position. It is a pity to lose the services of such an efficient and fine looking officer.

—Now it is Esquire Busbee. Mr. Walton M. Busbee, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Durham township, by the last Legislature, took the oath of office to-day and is now prepared to try cases, tie the matrimonial knot, and perform the other functions of a J. P.

—May we be permitted to suggest that the electric light poles, west of the postoffice, are entirely too far out in the street and are obstructions to travel? Or will the suggestion be taken as a fling at the town authorities? Or is it right to let the poles stay there because THE PLANT says they ought to be moved?

—The D. & N. force went to work again last night upon the moonshine railroad and covered the balance of the right of way with cross ties and rails. We learn that the R. & D. force tore up a part of the track, but the D. & N. force secured the protection of the authorities and proceeded to repair the damage.

—The case of the State against the Durham & Northern Railroad Company, for trespass, attracted a large crowd at the courthouse yesterday afternoon. The opposing counsel earnestly presented their respective sides. At the conclusion, the Justices decided that the State had failed to sustain the charges, whereupon the defendants were released from custody.

**The Plant, the Railroad and the Town Council.**

THE PLANT's position is, that Peabody street ought to be kept for the convenience of the town, free from railroad tracks.

The town, we hope to see grow to much larger proportions, and if it should, these streets, blocked with railroad tracks, will be found not only inconvenient, but dangerous. The life blood of some citizen or some child may cry out to plague the consciences of those who voted the destructive railroad along one of our principal streets.

THE PLANT is opposed to either the Richmond & Danville or the Durham & Northern occupying Peabody street, and we oppose the one as vigorously as the other. One position is, the town needs the streets, and we are for Durham against all comers.

Running railroads through towns is a step backwards. The thing to do is to build belt lines or tunnels. Surface roads are things of the past.

We can't blame the railroads for anything they have done, for similarly situated, we suppose we would have done no less. Everything is fair in war, it's said, and especially so in war between railroads. So far, matters have transpired between the railroads pretty much as we might expect. It was natural and legitimate for the Durham & Northern to try and get through town, and no one ought to blame them for this, and it was to the interest of the North Carolina railroad to try to keep them off their right of way. All of this was legitimate, but THE PLANT holds that BOTH should be kept out of and off of Peabody street. The mistake was in the Board of Commissioners taking such hasty action in granting the right of way. There is where the trouble sprang. If these gentlemen had practiced the golden rule, "Do unto others as ye would have others do unto you," (and this rule, THE PLANT holds, ought to govern us as much so in the council chamber as around the communion table), there would have been no trouble, THE PLANT thinks. BUT HASTILY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ARE TAKEN AWAY FROM THE TOWN, AND THE PROPERTY OF CITIZENS DAMAGED WITHOUT NOTICE. HENCE ALL THE TROUBLE.

**Plant Photographs.**

Mr. J. R. Gattis left to-day on a trip to Selma.

Mr. E. C. Hackney returned from up the road to-day.

Col. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh, is in town this afternoon.

Mr. W. B. Surles, of Johnson county, is in town to-day.

Mrs. W. L. Wall is confined at home by sickness, we regret to learn.

Mr. W. W. Fuller is back from the U. S. District Court at Greensboro.

Mrs. W. W. Fuller returned to-day from a visit to relatives in Greensboro.

Mr. W. H. Osborn, accompanied by Master Irwin Day, went down to Raleigh to-day.

Mrs. W. A. Slater, of Nelson, is on a visit to Durham and is stopping at Mrs. Gilman's.

Miss Cherry Edwards, of Goldsboro, who has been visiting Mrs. R. B. Proctor, left for home to-day.

Col. Julius A. Gray, President of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad, arrived on the noon train to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ellis have moved to the residence on Liberty street, one door west of Mr. S. R. Mangum's.

**Fire.**

The alarm of fire last night, about 10:15 o'clock, was caused by the burning of the wooden storehouse of Mr. A. A. Andrews in the west end, opposite the ice factory. The fire department responded promptly to the alarm, but could not get on a stream because their hose was not of sufficient length to reach the nearest hydrant. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the hands of Mr. Bud Andrews, who was severely burned and came near losing his life. We learn there was \$1,000 insurance on the property.

**Friday Night.**

Regular monthly business meeting of the Y. M. C. A., on Friday night, at 7:45 o'clock. After the transaction of the business of the evening, the following programme will be observed:

Quartette, by Messrs. Leo. D. Heartt, W. M. Busbee, James Gattis and John Arrington.

Short address by Dr. J. P. Munroe, upon "Sanitary Science."

To be followed by another quartette.

Other interesting features may be added if the arrangements can be perfected in time.

**Funeral of Mr. Wm. Halliburton.**

The remains of Mr. Wm. Halliburton arrived to-day, on the noon train, from Pigeon River, and were taken to the residence of Col. E. J. Parrish, from whence they were taken to Trinity church, where the funeral services, which were largely attended, were held, at 3 o'clock, this afternoon. Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates officiating. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful and the services were impressive. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. T. L. Peay, S. T. Morgan, R. C. Burton, W. H. Rowland, V. Ballard, J. H. Southgate, W. B. Davie and J. F. Freeland.

**To the Tobacco Board of Trade.**

All members of the Durham Board of Trade who intend to go upon the visit to Henderson, on next Monday, and who have not yet given their names to Mr. Lucius Tilley, Secretary, are earnestly requested to do so to-morrow. The following letter shows the importance of knowing as early as possible how many will go:

HENDERSON, N. C., April 9, 1889.  
Mr. L. W. Wise, President Tobacco Trade of Durham, N. C.:

DEAR SIR:—Please be kind enough to send me a list of the names of your Board of Trade and about how many of them will be at the dinner to be given here next Monday, the 15th inst. We hope all will come.

W. H. SMOOT,  
Chm'n Reception Com.

**Rubber Stamps.**

Orders taken for Rubber Stamps, of all kinds, Seal Presses, Ribbon and Seal Stamps, etc., at the Durham bookstore of J. B. WHITAKER, JR., & Co.

**The Mayor's Statement.**

The Mayor and some of the Commissioners are very much aggrieved at the criticisms of THE PLANT in reference to the right of way matter. We were approached last night upon the subject by Mayor Christian and Commissioner Herndon, both of whom were wrought up over the matter. The Mayor's particular grievance was that he had been told that THE PLANT had charged that the Saturday night meeting was a secret meeting.

Now, it is not our purpose to do any one an injustice and if we are ever guilty of doing such a thing we will cheerfully make reparation as far as possible. We did not charge that the meeting was secret in the sense that anybody was forbidden to go or that the session was held with locked doors, or anything of that sort. Neither did we charge that the Commissioners were prompted by any mercenary motives in what they did. We did say and still say that no public notice was given of the meeting; that the property owners along the line, whose interests were at stake, were not consulted, as we think they should have been, whether it would have changed the result or not, and that the action throughout was hasty.

Mr. Herndon confessed that he was sorry the property owners were not invited to be present.

The Mayor desires us to make the following statement in reference to the meeting, which we cheerfully do:

On Saturday he received a written request from three of the Commissioners to call a meeting of the Board for Saturday night, to consider the question of granting right of way on Peabody street to the Durham & Northern Railroad for the extension of their track; whereupon, on Saturday afternoon, he issued the call, as it was his duty to do, stated in the call the object of the meeting and gave the call to a police officer to be served upon the members of the Board, and that no secrecy was enjoined upon any one and that there was nothing secret about the meeting.

We remarked to the Mayor that one thing which gave color to the idea of secrecy was the report that the Clerk of the Board had no intimation of the meeting until he was sent for after dark on Saturday night. The Mayor said this report was true, but that the reason the Clerk knew nothing about it was the fact that the officer failed to notify him and that the oversight was not found out until about time for the meeting to be held.

We have endeavored to make a fair and just statement of the information derived from the Mayor. In conclusion, we will say that we do not impugn the motives of the Board of Commissioners in this matter, but we think and give expression to the thought, as we have the right to do, that a very great mistake was made in granting this right of way, which so materially damages the street and the property of private citizens. The gentlemen of the Board are reminded that it is a recognized privilege of the press to criticize the acts of public officers and that if they are too sensitive to stand THE PLANT's criticism, when they do anything which we consider to the detriment of Durham, the only way out of it is to cease to be public officers.

**A Child Killed.**

Another child killed by the use of opiates given in the form of soothing syrup. Why mothers give their children such deadly poison is surprising when they can relieve the child of its peculiar troubles by using Acker's Baby Soother. It contains no Opium or Morphine. Sold by R. Black-nall & Son.

**BUSINESS NOTICES.**

Rogers & Co. are moving to the store on Mangum street, one door south of John L. Markham. They will now sell groceries cheaper than ever.

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

Pencils. Rubber head pencils, only one cent each, at the Durham bookstore of J. B. WHITAKER, JR., & Co.

Don't hawk, blow, spit and disgust everybody with your offensive breath, but use Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy and end it. 50 cts., by druggists.

**NOTICE.**

There will be an election held in the town of Durham, at North Durham precinct and at South Durham precinct, on

**Monday, May 6th, 1889,**

for the purpose of electing a Mayor and seven Commissioners for the town of Durham.

No person will be allowed to vote in said election unless his name appears upon the registration book for the precinct in which he resides.

I. W. WISE,  
JNO. S. LONG,  
T. J. LAMBE,  
W. L. WALL,  
H. A. MARKHAM,  
J. A. McMANNEN,  
Inspectors.

Durham, N. C., April 10, 1889.

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**Children's Genuine Kid and Goat**

with spring heels, for 50 cents, sizes from 4 to 8.

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Too much cannot be said in favor of the Langshan Fowl, when bred PURE. They are large, beautiful, hardy, quiet, easily confined, stand the coldest weather well, mature nearly as early as Leghorns, make good setters and mothers, are easily broken up, make the finest table fowl, AND WILL LAY AS MANY EGGS IN ONE YEAR AS ANY OTHER BREED OF FOWLS. I am not speaking of a large per cent. of the so-called Langshans, which are nothing more or less than a cross between Langshans and Black Cochins, but the Pure Langshan, as bred by me. The chicks are hardy, grow fast and mature early. I believe the Langshan to be the best every day fowl we have in this country. Eggs for hatching, \$1.50 for 13, \$2.50 for 26. Send for free circular. Address,

C. D. WHITAKER, Durham, N. C.

**STORE ROOM**

WITH ELEVATOR

**For Rent!**

The store room at present occupied by Messrs. T. F. Cheek & Son, furniture dealers, (perhaps the best stand in town) is for rent after January 1st.

The first, second and third floors will be rented en suit, or the first and third floors.

The building is fitted with a first-class elevator connecting the 3 floors, and to parties representing a desirable business, I am prepared to offer most satisfactory arrangements.

Private rooms or rooms for offices for rent upon the second floor of this building to parties giving good references.

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**E. A. HEARTT, AGENT.**