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SUMMARY.

Another case of felonious assault upon a white girl by a negro comes from King George county, Virginia.—The conference of the anti-Mahone Republicans of Virginia held in Washington yesterday, was attended by about seven hundred and fifty of that party. Senator Riddleberger was one of the speakers.—Mrs. Florence Atkinson, who created a stir in South Carolina last year by marrying two men within ten days, was arrested yesterday and bound over to court on a charge of bigamy.—The President and party left Washington for New York last evening.—Mrs. Randolph Brandt, of Brenham, Texas, became suddenly insane Tuesday and seizing a pistol, killed two of her children, aged four and six years. She then took her youngest, a babe, and escaped to the woods where she still is in hiding.—J. S. Spencer, president of the Commercial National Bank, of Charlotte, N. C., was removed Tuesday as the disbursing officer of the fund for the Federal building in that city. J. R. Holland (another Democrat), cashier of the Merchants Bank, was put in his place. The Superintendent says the reason for deposing Mr. Spencer was that he is a stockholder of the Charlotte Chronicle.—Nearly one thousand names have been signed to the petition asking for a local option election in Danville. Four hundred and seventy-two are all that the law requires.—The panel out of which will draw the jury to try Editor Dawson's murderer, was drawn yesterday. Out of thirty-six in the panel, fourteen are negroes. This is an unusually large proportion. Dawson's friends claim the jury list has been tampered with in McDow's favor. The negroes of Charleston were hostile to Dawson. The jury examiner is a mulatto. Excitement there is intense.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

THE once famous Kentucky racer, Proctor Knott, seems to be playing out. He was beaten again the other day. Although pushed to his utmost he came out last in the race.

MR. SIMS, the English novelist and journalist, has caused a sensation by preferring a charge of assault and battery against his Grace the Royal Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief of the British army.

ANDREW CARNEGIE'S skilled laborers are about to experience another blessing of high tariff. Their boss has just made another cut of twenty-five per cent. in their wages. They have to submit to this or starve. Such is the protection high tariff gives the laborer.

A HIGH-TARIFF paper announces the fact that ten leading Pittsburg firms will buy out all the little operators in bituminous coal by the expenditure of about \$12,000,000, and so dictate terms to consumers in all large cities from Pittsburg to New Orleans.

THREE men have already been indicted for the murder of Dr. Cronin and his said warrants have been issued against eight others high up in Irish circles, who will be arrested at the proper time. All kind of rumors are in circulation as to the discoveries made by the police.

LORD SALISBURY made the statement in the House of Lords the other night "that there never was more uncertainty that the present rulers would continue in power for five years." This statement, made in reference to the crowned heads of Europe, was a remarkable one to come from a member of the nobility and the Premier of England.

THE first information that there was foul play in the death of Mr. Maybrick, of Liverpool, was gained by a child of the parents dropping a letter in the mud. Her niece opened the letter to place it in another envelope and discovered that it was from the wife to her lover. This led to an investigation which resulted in Mrs. Maybrick being charged with the poisoning of her husband.

THE Visitor, of Raleigh, with good reason, hopes the cotton factory, soon to be established there, will prove to be the entering wedge to a series of manufactories in that city.

As it seems that Peabody street in front of the hotel has got to come down, would it not improve the looks both of the street and the hotel to grade the sidewalk down to the street level, and instead of having a wall where the fence now is, have a sloping terrace well sodded?

THE Tarboro Southerner says: "M. H. Weathersbee tried this remedy for a balky horse. His horse hitched to the buggy refused to go and lay down. He placed gun powder under its nose and applied a fuse, the horse balked no longer and Mr. Weathersbee has bought a new buggy."

It is said nothing has caused so much excitement at Washington since the dismissal of the British Minister as the withdrawal by the President of the names of General Lew Wallace and Hon. Burley Tucker as Commissioners to settle the Haytian troubles. This is considered as a snub direct to Mr. Blaine. These appointments were made at his earnest solicitation, especially that of Mr. Tucker, these two being the closest of friends. The appointments were withdrawn without consulting Mr. Blaine and were without his knowledge. This said Mr. Blaine did not hesitate to tell the President he had made a blunder.

TOWN TALK.

—Federal memorial day.  
—Graded School concert to-night.  
—Our new postmaster, Col. W. A. Albright, received his commission to-day.

—At the concert to-night the doors will be open at 7:30 o'clock, and the performance will begin at 8:30.

—The present session of the Durham Male Academy, Prof. L. T. Buchanan, principal, will close tomorrow.

—Commencement exercises of the Graded School to-morrow morning, at Stokes Hall, at 10 o'clock. The public is invited.

—We learn that the Blackwell Baptist Sunday School will give an excursion to Goldsboro in June. The exact date has not yet been fixed.

—We were sorry to hear just before closing our columns of the death, at Oxford, of Mrs. Eugene Crews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lunsford, of our town.

—Regular meeting of Alma Lodge No. 5, Daughters of Rebekah, tomorrow (Friday) night, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance. Every member requested to be present.

—Go with Trinity Sunday School to Oxford on Saturday and spend a day of pleasant recreation. Tickets, \$1.00 for persons over 12 years of age, 50 cents for persons under 12 years.

—A horse and cart tumbled off the embankment this morning, in front of the Hotel Claiborn, where they are digging out for the moonshine road. The horse bumped his head on the cross-ties, but was not seriously injured, we understand.

Special Train.

The following is the schedule for the special train to the University Commencement, on Wednesday and Thursday of next week: Leave Henderson, 5 a. m.; arrive at Durham, 8:07. Leave Raleigh, 7; Carey, 7:20; Morrisville, 7:30; Durham, 8:35; University, 8:55; arrive at Chapel Hill, 9:55. Returning, Leave Chapel Hill at 8 p. m.; arrive at Durham, 9:25; Oxford, 11:30; Henderson, 12:35 a. m.; Raleigh, 11:45 p. m. Passengers on the going train get breakfast at Durham. The fare for the round trip from Durham is only 75 cents.

To-Day's Sale.

The property advertised by Messrs. Ballard & Halliburton, trustees of Col. W. T. Blackwell, to be sold to-day, was offered, but the sale of only two pieces was confirmed, viz: The Blount place, corner Liberty and Dillard streets, for \$1,750, to Mr. J. S. Carr, and the Hanks place, on Liberty street, adjoining the first named, for \$1,250, to Mrs. T. W. Harris. Nine thousand six hundred dollars was bid for the Bank building and permanent fixtures, but it was declared "no sale."

Death of Mrs. J. C. Younger.

After a lingering illness of several months with consumption, Mrs. J. C. Younger died this afternoon, about 1:30 o'clock. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from Trinity Church, Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates officiating. Mrs. Younger leaves a husband and six children to mourn their loss. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones in their deep sorrow and commend them for light in their gloom, for comfort in their grief, to Him whom the dear wife and fond mother trusted and who so graciously ministered unto her in her last days.

The Way to Settle the Whiskey Question.

Let every man take this question to God in his closet and there, with himself and his God, where no human eye can see or ear hear, ask God, who knows all things, to direct us what to do, and if we are honest in our desire he will direct us. We take it for granted that every man when he prays to God intends to be honest, for he well knows there is no chance to deceive the Almighty. We may deceive ourselves, but God is not mocked. Let us all cease to discuss this question with men, but take it to God in prayer.

ALEX. WALKER.

Ellis' Dry Goods Emporium.

We take pleasure in directing attention to the attractive advertisement of Ellis' Dry Goods Emporium, which appears in to-day's issue of THE PLANT. The doors of this popular establishment were thrown open to the public yesterday and it is a source of gratification to his many friends that the clever proprietor is again prepared to serve his customers. We dropped in the Emporium yesterday and, while we don't profess to be a judge in the dry goods line, we believe the ladies will sustain us in the opinion that the new stock of summer goods now being offered there is one of the noblest ever opened in Durham. Another desirable feature is the very moderate prices at which the goods are marked. Go and see.

Why Is It?

Isn't it strange that the revenue officials fail to take cognizance of the continual violation of the internal revenue laws in Durham? It strikes us there is something crooked somewhere. Here contraband whiskey, whiskey upon which no tax has been paid, is bought and sold in bulk and is retailed by men who have no revenue license. It would not be very difficult for a revenue officer to establish these facts. These things are contrary to the revenue laws and it is the duty of revenue officers to enforce these laws and yet every effort to induce them to ferret out these flagrant violations have proved futile. If it is because the present officers are careless and indifferent on account of expected removal, the sooner the removals are made the better, provided men shall be appointed who will perform their duty.

Town officers are not to be excused for lack of vigilance in this matter, but at the same time, we believe the revenue officers could more speedily and more effectually put a stop to these unlawful proceedings. Why do they not do it? Will the Collector and his deputies, or the District Attorney, give us some light upon this subject? If there be a reason for it the people would like to know what it is, for as they see it now, it appears as nothing short of a wanton disregard of duty and they do not wish to have this idea of men who are charged with the execution of the law. Turn on the lights, please, if you can.

DEATH DEALING WIND.

Tobacco Factory Demolished and Twelve Persons Fatally Injured.

DANVILLE, Va., May 30.—5 p. m.—At three o'clock this afternoon, the large tobacco factory in course of completion on Bridge street, belonging to Pemberton & Penn, was completely demolished by a terrific gale of wind. About twelve workmen were caught in the fall, six of whom up to this time are dead. The rest are fatally injured.

LYON & WILSON

Plant Photographs.

Mr. A. W. Graham, of Oxford, was in town to-day.

Mr. F. H. Busbee, of Raleigh, was on our streets to-day.

Mr. Early Whitaker is on the sick list, we are sorry to know.

Mr. John W. Fries, of Winston-Salem, was in town to-day.

Miss Annie Cain returned to-day from a visit to Chapel Hill.

Rev. Dr. Hume, of the University, passed down the road to-day.

Dr. J. H. McAden, of Charlotte, spent the afternoon in Durham.

Miss Lelia Allison left yesterday afternoon on a visit to Asheville.

Mrs. Nat. Lea is confined at home by sickness, we are sorry to hear.

Mr. Pulaski Cowper, of Raleigh, was on our streets this afternoon.

Mr. J. W. Thackston, of Raleigh, was on the east-bound train to-day.

Col. H. G. Springs, of Charlotte, was among to-day's visitors to Durham.

Mrs. R. L. Bobbitt, of Granville county, who has been visiting Mrs. J. Ed. Lyon, left to-day on a visit to Wilmington.

Miss Laura V. Brown left this morning on the Oxford train to visit her sister, Mrs. E. P. Algood, at Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Washington Bryan, President of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, was on the west bound train yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Chas. Dewey, of Goldsboro, was in town to-day. He was here as an expert to assess the value of the machinery at the burnt ice factory.

Prof. J. H. Moore, of Wayne county, was on the west-bound train yesterday afternoon, en route to the closing exercises of the New Garden School.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lunsford were summoned to Oxford to-day by a telegram announcing the critical illness of their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Crews.

Governor Fowle passed up the road yesterday afternoon to attend the commencement exercises of Greensboro Female College, where he will present the medals.

To-Night.

Graded School concert, at Stokes Hall, to-night. Admission, 25 cents for reserved seats, 15 cents for general admission. Tickets may be secured at Vaughan's drug store. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the Graded School library. We hardly think it necessary to urge a large attendance, as we presume very many of our citizens have already made up their minds to go.

The Registration.

We are unable to say whether the registration books closed this evening or whether they will remain open to-morrow. The legal fraternity is divided in opinion upon the subject, and at 5 o'clock this afternoon the registrars had not reached a conclusion. If the precedent established in the late municipal election is followed, the books will remain open until to-morrow evening. Some contend, however, that this is illegal, and that the ten days referred to in the election law means that ten days shall intervene between the time of closing the books and the day of election. In the midst of the doubt the only advice we can give, if you have not registered, is to go and see about it to-morrow.

Found!

At Trinity Church, Tuesday afternoon, part of a gentleman's cuff button, which the owner can get by calling and paying for this notice, at THE PLANT OFFICE.

Miss Kate Field.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—There is no local question of so much importance at this time to the people of Durham as prohibition of the whiskey saloons. Your contemporary, the Sun, published an article in favor of the bar-rooms over the signature of "Pro Bono Publico," and was replied to by "Prohibitionist." Immediately following the article of "Prohibitionist" the editor tries to break the force of the argument by inserting the views of "Miss Kate Field." Now, it is this Miss Kate Field that I wish to take my hat off to this evening. As a woman, making herself a public field, she is a fair subject for criticism, and must not object to the field being looked over a little so as to get the lay of the land. I believe in all my reading and study of this subject this is the first woman that, to my knowledge, has ever espoused the cause of the bar-rooms. She says, "people seem to think it strange that a woman should take my stand in this matter, but I simply wish to be what the most of my sex are not—consistent." I call the attention of the good women of Durham to this intemperate boast of superiority on the part of this paragon of feminine sweetness, and in passing wish to ask them what will become of our homes and mothers and boys and wives and sisters when they are brought under the domination of such elements, and buried beneath the filthy soil of this "potter's field?" There could be no better argument against the bar-room than its exposure by this Miss Kate Field. She is so superior to all other woman-kind, and has so much more brains than the almost universal womanhood of the United States, that it is no wonder she is singled out and selected by the great Northwest whiskey power to espouse their cause; and she, a woman, for the sake of a few dollars, welcomes an infamous notoriety. Of course she has no children. It is a pity she is not the mother of boys! and then we should be sure that her mother's heart would get the better of the maidenly Smart Aleck.

This young woman "wishes to be what the most of her sex is not—consistent!" Indeed! is it consistent for women to espouse the cause of the whiskey saloon? Then we are thankful that our women are inconsistent. Is it consistent for women to be in favor of enticing boys to strong drink—the future husbands and fathers of this land—to have them reeling home to heart-broken mothers and crying wives; to be in favor of the brawling, cursing, fighting, stabbing, shooting and horrid blasphemy that belongs to the business of bar-room keeping; in favor of making widows and orphans by law; of filling the jails and furnishing the gallows with victims? Is this womanly consistency? If so, heaven keep our women inconsistent!

But why should those who favor bar-rooms in our midst single out what this poor unfortunate female should say against prohibition, and say nothing of what the tens of thousands of other women are saying in opposition to bar-rooms! How tremendously the argument from the woman side of this question must press upon the advocates of the saloon, when they seize upon the silly utterances of this poor, unfortunate and disappointed female, as against the testimony of the hundreds of thousands of mothers, wives and sisters all over this land!

Now, let us see how much sense this Miss Kate Field has, judging from her logic. She says first "I am opposed to prohibition because it does not prohibit." Then, why in the name of common sense do you make so much fuss about it, and why are the whiskey men pouring out their money to prevent prohibition? Perhaps this Miss Kate will tell us that they only oppose prohibition in the interest of virtue—that if we have the open bar-room men will be saved from sneaking around and getting it slyly. In other words, in order to keep men from committing the sin of murdering their fellow-men, just license them to kill under certain restrictions and in the interest of virtue, with the addition of a little revenue to the town treasury, and to help business. But hear Miss Kate again. She

says, "secondly, it is undemocratic to try to coerce any one to do what they do not wish to do, and it does not concern the State to interfere with a man's private habits."

Now, let us see how much Miss Katie knows about the things she assumes to discuss. Men have "private habits" of keeping gambling dens and enticing the boys into such places and pushing them along towards hell. Miss Katie is opposed to such laws as have been enacted against these "private habits." Men have private habits—very private—of stealing, of robbing and burning. Miss Katie, to be "consistent," would have all laws against these repealed! Men have some other private habits, the mention of which I will spare Miss Katie—though she does not deserve such consideration—and against which "private habits" severe laws have been enacted. To be "consistent" she must throw her influence against these laws. She must either do it, or not. If she does, she is inconsistent. If she does not, she is either a fool or a knave! Listen, all ye ends of the earth, at the statement of this young Miss Kate Field: "It does not concern the State to interfere with a man's private habits!" And yet, I dare say, that she would be the first to arraign the gallantry of men if it did not interfere to deliver her from some men's "private habits" if she should happen to be the object of their infringement!

Hear her once more. She says, "It is undemocratic to try to coerce any one to do what they do not wish to do." So, so—lack-a-day! Well, Miss Katie, suppose when you get married, (for I presume you are not so old as to have been disappointed in this matter,) your husband should get tired of supporting you and your children, but not tired of supporting the bar-keeper's wife and children, and leaves you to suffer for food, medicine and clothing, and you apply to that good, neighborly christian woman for help, and she suggests that the law will "coerce" your husband to support you, what then? Why your consistency will cause you to oppose the law to coerce anyone to do that which he does not desire to do! Oh, Miss Katie, Miss Katie, would you do that? Did you ever think far enough into this subject to enable you to glimpse the fact that you know nothing about it?

But hear her once more. She says, "the evil charges against it," (I suppose she means the bar-room,) "results more from the quality than the quantity drunk!" And pray, who is to improve the quality! A law against the man who adulterates the whiskey? But he does not desire to improve the quality of the whiskey, and you know it is undemocratic to try to coerce any one to do what he does not wish to do." My dear young friend, do you see how you have tangled your little feet in it. It is the quality, is it, that does the damage? Then when the Bible says that "strong drink is raging, and he that is deceived thereby is not wise," it only means that there ought to be some law to "coerce" these men who adulterate good whiskey to do that which they do not wish to do." But the trouble is, Miss Kate Field is opposed to such undemocratic laws.

But, "prohibition does not prohibit." Now, Miss Katie, did you know you were repeating a polly-wants-a-cracker falsehood? It does prohibit as much as any other law prohibits wrong doing. But when you say it does not prohibit, do you not see that you are only impugning the faithfulness of officers sworn to execute the laws. It is just such as you that are trying to prevent the prohibiting. The up-hill work that virtue has in opposing vice was never so apparent. Money in the whiskey seller, sensual appetite in the whiskey drinker, and foolery in such as you, constitute the triple power thrown

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

That Frenchman. An intensely interesting novel, by Archibald Clavering Gunter, author of the famous "Mr. Barnes, of New York." Price, 50 cents. At the Durham bookstore of J. B. WHITAKER, Jr., & Co. Leave your orders for piano tuning at WHITAKER, the Inimitable's.