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SUMMARY.

A fire in Jacksonville consumed all the buildings on five blocks yesterday morning. Loss \$200,000.—Maj. Isaac Arnold, of the U. S. Army has been ordered to Wrightsville on business connected with the erection of the sea coast battery for the State Guard.—Three fourth-class postmasters were appointed for this State yesterday.—The President was overrun with visitors yesterday; many of them were from this State, among them were Messrs. Dockery, Ewart, Cheatham and Russel.—John R. Smith was yesterday appointed postmaster at Goldsboro and Charles Price was appointed Attorney for the Western district of North Carolina.—Fifty bodies were taken from the debris in front of the Catholic church at Johnston yesterday, forty of them were women.—Six days have passed since the Johnston disaster, and all of them have been good and overcast, much to the aid of the workers.

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

The report now is that very rich iron mines have been discovered near Guthrie, Oklahoma.

ON JUNE 1st quite a distinct earthquake shock was experienced in some portions of Texas.

The many sudden changes of weather of late have caused quite a run on our druggists' stock of paregoric and such like.

'Tis feared that Jack the Ripper has again been at work in London. The mutilated body of a woman has been found floating on the Thames.

The Ohio Democrats say they are going to elect both the Governor and Legislature this year. It's to be hoped they are correct in their calculations.

MR. BLAINE says: "I took my present place to continue the work I began in 1881." That is, trying to get this country into a rumpus with some foreign nation.

The colored people of Wilmington are making a move toward forming a building and loan association. This is a move in the right direction. We hope they will make a success of it.

The law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors went into effect in the State of New York on June 1st. It is now a misdemeanor to sell them to any one under age in that State.

Large subscriptions have been made in England for the Pennsylvania sufferers. Can't Durham give something? She should not let Englishmen surpass her in charity for our own people.

The Cincinnati Enquirer consoles Hon. Beverly Tucker, on the withdrawal of his name as a commissioner to Hayti, with the suggestion that he is relieved of all anxiety about catching yellow fever.

A HEAVY wind storm with cyclonic tendencies swept New York city from the Battery to Madison Square last Friday just a few hours before the rain storm that caused such havoc in Southern Pennsylvania.

ANOTHER American fishing vessel has been seized by a Canadian cruiser near Cape Breton Island, charged with fishing within the three miles limit. We seem to be in hot water with Canada at both ends of the line.

The moonshine railroad is about to get there. The track will soon be ready for the train up as far as Duke's factory. Before very long we expect to see this track extended much further—even into the town of Monroe and on to the city of Atlanta.

The local option elections seem to have gotten into a muddle in some towns of the State. Lumberton held hers too soon by a week, and we understand only twenty-six persons in Goldsboro registered under the new election law.

THE Philadelphia Record says: "George W. Boyd, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Passenger Department, has been dining with President Harrison. It is rumored that he is to be made superintendent of Baby McKee's toy engines."

MR. W. J. CROSSWELL, Superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the Southern Express Company, has sent instructions to the officers in his district directing agents to forward free of charge all money and supplies for the relief of the sufferers.—Wilmington Star.

The Wilmington Star says: "Aside from getting out of the clutches of the late Bagging Trust it was a good move of the planters of the South to decide to use cotton bagging. The 6,000,000 of yards which they will use this year adds just that much to the demand for cotton."

TOWN TALK.

—Help the sufferers!
—Whortleberries on the market to-day.

—The tax listers are now ready to serve you.

—Are you going with Main Street Sunday School to Oxford to-morrow?
—The train from the West w over two and a half hours late to-day.

—Do what you can to save the boys of Durham from the evil of bar-rooms.

—The street sprinkler was needed this afternoon, but it failed to come forth. Why?

—Let not Durham turn a deaf ear to the appeals from the desolate Cone-maugh valley.

—The R. & D. road will sell return tickets from Durham to Morehead City, to members of the Teachers' Assembly, at the low price of \$5.10. Tickets on sale from June 15th to June 30th, good returning until July 31st.

—Mr. W. H. Hester shows heads of wheat, taken from his field in Orange county, with six grains to the "mash." This is an unusually prolific yield. Mr. Hester says the wheat crops generally are good in his neighborhood.

—Go to the public meeting to-night, at the courthouse, and give tangible expression to your sympathy for the survivors of the terrible, death-dealing flood at Johnston. Don't stay away because you are able to give only a small amount. Go and give something.

—Whose counsel is the better and who has more at heart the best interests of the community, the ladies, the ministers and a large majority of the church members, or the whiskey sellers and their friends? The former say, for the sake of everything good, don't vote to open the infamous bar rooms in our town. The latter say, vote to open them. Which will you heed, doubtful friend?

Sunday Afternoon.

We are informed that Rev. J. L. White, pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach a sermon on prohibition next Sunday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at the church. A very large congregation will doubtless attend the services.

Let the Anti Logicians Answer.

EDITORS TOBACCO PLANT:—There are quite a number of chicken thieves in and around Durham and it is impossible to prevent chicken stealing by law. Why not license some of the more respectable chicken thieves and thereby legalize the traffic and at the same time create a revenue to help support the government? If not, why not? It is not a question of stealing, but how shall stealing be done.

ECO PARSIMONY.

HELP THE NEEDY.

Meeting To-Night in the Interest of the Johnstown Sufferers.

The following circular was issued to-day:

There will be a meeting of the citizens of Durham, at the Courthouse, to-night, at 8:30 o'clock, for the purpose of giving expression to our sympathy for the sufferers of Johnstown, Pa.

Will not all our people respond to this call?

No appeal to Durham people needed.

Come to the meeting and take action.

Excursion to Wake Forest.

The Sunday School of the First Baptist church have made arrangements for an excursion to Wake Forest on Thursday of next week. The commencement exercises of Wake Forest College will be in progress at that time and this fact will probably increase the attendance upon the excursion. We have not learned the price of tickets, but presume it will be announced soon.

To-Morrow's Excursion.

Excursion of Main Street Sunday School to Oxford to-morrow. The train will leave the Richmond & Danville railroad depot at 7:30 o'clock, a. m.; returning will leave Oxford at 5:30 o'clock, p. m. The Durham Cornet Band will accompany the excursion. A pleasant time for all who may go. The school will picnic at the grounds of the Orphan Asylum. Plenty of shade and good water. Fare, round trip, to persons not members of the school, \$1.00; children under 12 years of age, 50 cents. Tickets may be procured at the bookstore of J. B. Whitaker, Jr., & Co., or at the depot.

From a Pecuniary Standpoint.

Some of our people are complaining of dull times. The stagnation is not confined to Durham, but is pretty general. Indeed, people who have traveled around say business is better here than it is in many places. We may expect matters to grow worse here if the bar-rooms are opened and a portion of the money now spent for dry goods, groceries and other comforts and necessities is turned into the coffers of these vile institutions. The whiskey sellers would not be so anxious to get into business if they did not expect to make money out of it. Durham has no money to spare to support this awful traffic. Then it is to our pecuniary interest, as well as to our moral interest, to vote against opening these dens of vice that will catch money that is now being spent to make many homes happier and more comfortable.

The "Veritas" Logic.

The rum hells of Tom, Dick and Harry were closed. The Bank of Durham failed. Therefore the closing of the rum-hells "busted" the Bank of Durham. The financial interests—especially the credit—of the Bank of Durham were so tenaciously and inseparably interwoven with the character, work and interests of "Tom's" bar-room, that when the law closed Tom's door, it necessarily, and as a logical sequence, closed "Buck's" door also! And the monetary interests of Messrs. Parrish, Ellis, Muse, J. W. Blackwell and others, who were forced into consignments on account of the failure of the Bank of Durham, received their death blow when "Dick and Harry" closed their bar-room doors. It would be really quite interesting to learn about how much stock the Bank of Durham, or any of the recent consignors, had in Tom, Dick and Harry's rum business.

There was a prodigious religious revival in Durham, after which there was also a mighty financial smash-up. Therefore, Sam Jones, being at the head of said revival, has "busted" the town. Hence, it veritas-ologically follows, that the religious interests of Durham are so inseparably twisted up in the business of rum selling and drunkard-making, that when a "frenzy" comes along and deals the rum power a whack, it also murders the highest religious interests of the people, and sends our "moral utopia" to the sombre shades, where "the whangdoodle mourneth." ZED.



DR. HANS VON BULOW.

The great German pianist, who is now on a visit to our country, comes of one of Germany's oldest and proudest families, that has given many famous soldiers and statesmen to the fatherland. Hans von Bulow was born in Dresden on the 8th of January, 1830, and received the ordinary education of a nobleman's son. When eighteen years old he was sent to Leipzig University for the purpose of studying law. A year later he removed to Berlin, still pursuing his studies, although taking a great interest in music. It was not until 1850, that, on hearing a performance of Lohengrin at Weimar, conducted by Liszt, von Bulow found out that the study of music was more congenial to him than the study of law. He left for Zurich, in Switzerland, where Wagner was then living and commenced to study hard under him; in 1852 he returned to Weimar to perfect himself on the piano under the guidance of Liszt, whose daughter, Casima, he married in 1857. Von Bulow had in the meantime made his mark as a great pianist, having given concerts in all the principal cities of Germany, where he was received with enthusiasm. He became an ardent disciple of Wagner and the new school of music. Mr. von Bulow has been conductor of several royal opera houses in Germany, but he never remained long at any place; he is far too independent to suit the Royal Intendants and innumerable are the stories told about the rows he has had with them. He is unquestionably one of the greatest pianists and learned musicians the world has ever seen and he has no equal in the field he occupies. He has made it the mission of his life to interpret Wagner, and especially Beethoven, to this generation. His editions of this composer's works and his reading of the symphonies and sonatas are accepted by the world as final. When listening to his rendering of Beethoven one feels that one is in the presence of the greatest musical historian that ever lived. He is endowed with the most colossal memory in the annals of music, going through the most prodigious programmes without a note before him. By his wonderful intelligence he seems to read straight through the mighty brain of Beethoven and to give the music as the great composer intended it should be given, that and nothing more. Nothing is neglected, every phase, every note is given its full meaning. Dr. von Bulow's literary labors are considerable and important, and he also composed several overtures, besides a number of other writings for piano as well as for orchestra.

Of Interest to Sunday School Workers.

As several of the delegates appointed to attend the World's Sunday School Convention, to be held at London July 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th, have found it impossible for them to go, any person identified with the Sunday School work and known or properly endorsed by Col. E. J. Parrish (Durham), chairman of the State executive committee, will receive appointment by him.

The Cunard steamer carrying the delegates from the United States, will sail from New York Wednesday, June 19th, at 10 a. m.

State papers please copy.

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.

A CENTURY OLD.

Centennial Exercises at the University of North Carolina on Yesterday.

News & Observer.

Yesterday was a great day in the history of the University. It was a day preeminently of the reunion of former students. The day previous was given over to the class day exercises of the seniors and representative speaking, but yesterday, as was intended, was monopolized by those whose immediate connection with the University had ceased. Old students, alumni and matriculates, including State officers, Congressmen, representatives of the bench, the bar, the medical and clerical profession, farmers, manufacturers and every other vocation, many of whom had not revisited the scene of their college days since they left the University at the final commencement, in which they took an active part, renewed their old associations, shook hands with their classmates and engaged in the exercises intended to show in part what has been performed by the University in the past. Distinguished educators representing other colleges, and including such men as Crawford H. Toy, of Harvard University; President Venable, of the University of Virginia; Prof. Browne, of Washington and Lee University; Prof. Shepherd, of the Charleston, South Carolina, College, and Dr. J. L. M. Curry, who has taken such a prominent part in Southern education, were present and had an opportunity of seeing what the University is doing, and made speeches of congratulation and good wishes.

The weather though cloudy and slightly rainy in the morning, was all that could have been asked later in the day. The campus and village presented the scene it always presents on commencements, of peaceful, quiet and classic repose, broken only by the bustle of the more than ordinary number of visitors present. The crowd in attendance was not as large as it ought to have been on so important an occasion, but those there represented the best thought of the State and those who take the deepest interest in the University and its growth and prosperity. The morning exercises in Memorial Hall were mainly reminiscent. Senator Ransom, who was to have delivered the alumni address, broke his arm a day or two ago, it is understood, and was consequently confined to his home. The roll call of classes extending back over fifty years, however, was called and gray-haired and youthful men made pleasant speeches about the University, the work it had done, what it was hoped it would yet do, and their connection with the institution. The alumni banquet was the feature of the afternoon. The old students and their guests, to the number of several hundreds, assembled in General Hall about 2:30 o'clock, and after partaking of the college menu made speeches and listened to others until after 7 o'clock. In the early evening, girls in white dresses, accompanied by their friends and sweethearts, strolled through the shady walks and leafy bowers, for which the University is famous, and many equipages laden with fair occupants could be seen driving through the principal streets of the village. Later in the evening Memorial Hall was again lighted, and the class exercises continued in the presence of still larger audiences, the crowd in attendance continuing to increase with each incoming train.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

To Teachers.

We have just received a supply of "Page's Theory and Practice of Teaching," recently recommended by the State Board of Education. The regular price of the book is \$1.25, but all who call before the present stock is exhausted will be supplied with a copy at the reduced price of \$1.00.

J. B. WHITAKER, JR., & Co., At Durham Bookstore.

Blank Books.

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

Triumphant Songs.

Just received. Sold at publishers' prices: 35 cents each; \$3.60 per dozen. At the Durham bookstore of J. B. WHITAKER, JR., & Co.

Plant Photographs.

Judge J. A. Gilmer passed down the road to-day.

Mrs. J. A. McMannen is quite sick, we are sorry to hear.

Mrs. R. I. Rogers went over to Chapel Hill this morning.

Mr. G. H. Glass, of the Telephone Exchange, was in town this morning.

Miss Mamie Heartt got home yesterday afternoon from Peace Institute.

Miss Zoia Rigsbee returned yesterday from Peace Institute for vacation.

Capt. and Mrs. J. S. Lockhart went down to Raleigh this afternoon.

Mr. A. M. Rigsbee is confined at home by sickness, we are sorry to learn.

Miss Ida Compton is visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Brooks, on Caswell Hill.

Mrs. John B. Walker has been very sick for several days, we regret to learn.

Mr. G. C. Worth, of the University, passed through to-day, en route for his home in Wilmington.

Miss Jessie Lewellin, of our Graded School Faculty, went over to Oxford this morning to spend vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lewellin.

Prof. W. H. Hand, principal of the Fremont Institute, spent last night and this morning in Durham, returning from the University Commencement.

M. A. Angier, Esq., went up to Burlington yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee of the North Carolina Railroad Co.

Mr. W. F. Korngay, of Goldsboro, went up to Burlington yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of the Finance Committee of the North Carolina Railroad Co.

Rev. C. C. Newton expected to leave this week for his mission field in Africa, but found it impossible to secure steamer accommodations earlier than the 15th instant.

Magnetic Pole.

MESSRS EDITORS:—I have, with much pleasure, read the reasons given by Mr. D. G. McDuffie for the variations of the magnetic needle. His argument, if I understand it, is very plausible; and as I have never been satisfied with some of the phenomena necessarily resultant, if the theory of precession be true, I would like a little further light from this very able mathematician. He says:

"The earth is making a slow revolution on its axis from west to east, and in 856 years it makes a complete revolution."

I do not comprehend his meaning here: "Slow revolution on its axis from west to east." It makes a rapid revolution on its axis from west to east every twenty-four hours. Will he kindly explain this other revolution, and give the scientific cause for it? Again he says the magnetic pole is fixed, by which I understand him to mean that it does not really move. This being so, the magnetic sphere and the earth sphere are not, in form and opposition, coincident; and this being so, the probability is that one of these poles really revolves around the other, but he does not in his too brief article make this plain. Now, if the earth pole revolves around the magnetic pole, this would satisfactorily explain, without resort to the precessional theory, the apparent movement of the star-sphere. But, I do not see how the revolution of the magnetic pole, not producing any real change in the relative position of the earth, could produce any apparent change in the position of the star-sphere.

Undoubtedly the revolution of either pole around the other would account for any variation of the magnetic needle. His great discovery seems to be two-fold: 1st, the lack of coincidence between the magnetic and the earth spheres, and 2d, the "slow revolution" of which he speaks. Upon this last will he explain a little further? DURHAM.

Pencils.

Rubber head pencils, only one cent each at the Durham bookstore of

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