LOCAL AND GENERAL

—The question of a vote on Local Option in St. Louis is being agitated in that city.

—The State Prohibition Convention of Michigan will meet at Grand Rapids May 16th.

—The losses by fire in this State last year are said to be less than in any previous year since 1882.

—A savings bank has been organized at Wilmington. Capital stock $50,000.

—The Indiana State Prohibition Convention will be held March 14th and 15th.

—Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, of London, says there are 600,000 practical drunkards in that city.

—We had a pleasant call from Rev. Mr. Highfill, of Liberty, last Monday.

—Our Mayor, Mr. R. R. King, and Mrs. Nannie McAdoo, of this city, were married in the city of Philadelphia on the 3d inst. The PROHIBITIONIST extends congratulations.

—Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., writing from Boston, Mass., to the *State Chronicle* says; "DEMOCRACY HERE TOO MEANS THE SALOON."

It is in order for some one to give the above the lie. X.

—Our readers will be gratified to know that Rev. Sam W. Small, after this month, will devote his entire time to Prohibition party work until after the election in November next. Mr. Small will visit North Carolina again in February.

—The editor of the PROHIBITIONIST will fill appointments in Moore county as follows: Shallow Well Monday Jan 16th 7 p. m.; Forkade Tuesday the 17th 11 a. m. and at Jonesboro at 7 p. m. same day; Poplar Branch Wednesday at 11 a. m. and at Grace's Chapel at 7 p. m.; Winder at 11 a. m. Thursday, and at Kyser at 7 p. m.; Friday at Carthage at 11 a. m. It is earnestly desired that every citizen of Moore who desires the prohibition of the liquor traffic shall be at Carthage on Friday the 20th inst., as business of great importance will claim their attention.

—The painful announcement is made of the death of Reuben H. Crawford, who expired on Friday, January 6th, at Lansing Michigan, where, with his wife, he had gone to visit his mother and his sister Mrs. Cahill.

Mr. Crawford, for several years had been a resident of North Carolina, where he had made many friends and acquaintances. While living in Greensboro he was a chief of inspectors in the revenue service, having charge of the bureau in North Carolina. East Tennessee and Northern Georgia, but had lately been transferred to Cincinatti He was a brother of T. C. Crawford, the able London correspondent of the N. Y. *World*. He was a young man, being at the time of his decease about thirty-three years of age.

—The Farmers Association of North Carolina met in this city on the 11th inst, and was called to order by the President, Mr. Elias Carr

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Wood.

The Committee on credentials reported 139 delegates present.

In the absense of the Standing Secretary, the Chair appointed Mr. Payne, of Randolph, to act as Secretary pro tem.

Interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by the President, Gen. Barringer and Mr. Primrose.

At 7:30 o'clock a Farmers Institute was held. Interesting addresses by Hon. K. P. Battle and others.

We can say truly that the Association was a fine looking body of men.

Success to the Farmers of North Corolina. More next week.

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The second quarterly meeting of the Trustees was held on Jan. 4.

Following are interesting items from the business of the first six months.

Capitol stock	None.
Net Deposits	$11,128.97
Present Depositors	342
Average Deposit	$32.54
Least Deposit	.50
Loans	10,225.90
Earnings	556.56
Current Expenses	330.61

Investigation showed that were it a time for declaring interest, the earnings would allow a dividend on money on deposit for the three months past, at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, while a still larger sum would be reserved for the extra dividend to be declared on money remaining in 1890.

The Savings Bank is daily winning its way.

[illegible] AT HOME

At the House of Roderick Gambrell—Public Sentiment Turning Against His Murderer—The Bereaved Father's Bearing and its Effect—Political Corruption and its Fruits—Ripe for Revolution.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 28, 1887

Once more I am at the home of our young martyr, Roderick Gambrell I have sat again at his father's table, beside the vacant place which was his own. I have stood again now on the bridge where he was shot—the same bridge on which we stood together less than a year ago, on one of God's mornings, and talked of the perils incident to this great contest. The whole town is full of Roderick to me; he prevades it like a familiar presence. And it can be said that both town and State have known this constant presence since Roderick's life went out, the 5th of last May. No youth ever so stirred a whole common-wealth, as has Roderick stirred Mississippi while silent in his youthful grave. Everywhere there are evidences of this fact. Men talk about him and about his murderers, as if the crime were but seven days instead of seven months old. The partisan feeling for and against his assassin runs yet as high as at the first. There yet is daily danger of further bloodshed because of it.

From many sources I gather the impression, nay, the testimony, that Col. Hamilton has lost in public sentiment, steadily, since Roderick's burial, while the Gambrell side has gained. For two or three days after the crime Hamilton's political power told much against the Gambrells. All sorts of lies were spread abroad, discrediting father and sons. Some of these were doubtless believed. So extensive was the conspiracy that it controlled every avenue of public information, and could disseminate untruth widely at will. With the State administration at his back, with a corrupt city government his creature. with the liquor traffic and all its allies his ready instruments, Col. Hamilton might well have defied justice and laughed at every effort to punish him and those in his employ. I marvel, knowing so much of the facts, that he was arrested and jailed. For no man could have been more complete master of the conditions. He had been in Jackson twenty years, fattening at the public crib. His family relationships were large and influential. He had been systematically liberal with official and other residents. By shrewd management he had placed scores of leading men under obligations to him. Other scores were his creditors in large amounts, and interested in seeing him succeed. Through his penitentiary leasing contracts many were involved with him in schemes that were better not published. Hamilton's fall meant loss, misery, perhaps ruin, to a multitude besides. So he had adherants in large numbers, who stood up for him because of family pride, or personal concern, or political fellowship.

But they have seen every device fail that was meant to shield him. Week by week, month after month, the toils of the law have enfolded him more surely. No legal trick possible has been omitted by his counsel, in his behalf, yet at every turn right and justice have won. To-day he is in jail—comfortably quartered to be sure, but a prisoner; while his trial, set now for February, appears morally certain to result in conviction and execution. The trial may be deferred, but continuance of the case does not make for clearance of the prisoner. He is losing grip on his followers. Political sentiment throughout the State is changing in favor of ridical administrative reform. Prohibition grows in strength continually. The liquor power weakens, Penitentiary leases will be done away with by the Legislature to assemble next week. A State prohibitory law will be pressed to possible adoption. And through all this Hamilton must sink steadily down the longer he remains untried.

The admirable bearing of Dr. Gambrell has greatly influenced for these favorable conditions. At a time when order trembled in the balance, and bloody riot impended, he kept the serene poise of a Christian gentleman, and saved the city from it all. I hear his praises on every hand In peril himself every hour, he went up and down as calmly as if each day were a psalm of peace. Thugs were imported from Texas and New Orleans, and remained here under the City Marshal's patronage; they menaced Dr. Grumbrell, upon the street and in in the court room days at a time; but he never wavered from his cool steadiness. Plots were laid to take his life; it was planned by the Hamilton gang to surround him somewhere, provoke him to some word of accusation, and then "fill him with lead;" but he calmly shunned every such opportunity; and, all way, [illegible] sued his courageous [illegible] mistook his course for timorousness, or chose to think him non-combative; and an editorial appeared in one of the city dailies, saying the time had come to clean the Gambrells out unless they should at once flee the town. (It is said, on fair authority that Hamilton wrote said editorial.) Then Bro. Gambrell published an editorial, saying he neither invited nor shunned the alternative presented but should remain and rest all responsibility on those who might assume it.

For him, and for his brave companion, these months have been big with trial and grief. They have two other sons, grown to young manhood, though both younger than Roderick One of them, Erie, has been running the "Sword and Shield," in connection with T. Dabney Marshall, since Roderick died. Both are possible victims of the same malice which murdered their brother. Both realize it and so do their parents. Next August this county will no doubt repeat its Local Option fight of two years ago, and in it the Gambrells must have part. God keep them safely till its victorious end! Percy, the younger, came near to death Saturday evening last. A big negro bully, half drunk and wholly brutal, assaulted young McWillie Mitchell on the street, and cut his throat. To save his friend Percy Gambrell sprang upon the negro caught his arm, and hung to it with desperate courage. Meanwhile Mitchell shot the negro three times, while a negro policeman sought to prevent it but not to shield the boy so horribly attacked. Percey's bravery is praised by all the whites, but it did not save young Mitchell, who died in two hours. He was a grandson of a former Governor—McWillie—and was kin to some of Hamilton's counsel and supporter's. The negro was a tool of this corrupt city government, which Hamilton created, and his awful crime has but served to rouse popular wrath and excite good citizens to wipe it out. Next Monday the municipal election takes place, and there is intense excitement over it. From his room in the jail Hamilton is trying to direct the course of events, and to secure the election of his former Private Secretary as Mayor. Results can hardly be prefigured. The corrupt white and black elements will will win if they dare, for they are in a majority. Nothing but intimidation can stop them, and this may be practiced. The best citizenship has tired of rum rule, disorder corruption. It is is said that not a murder has occured here in two years, but that the city government was somehow implicated. Human life is not safe. Property is in peril. What wonder that the city stands as over an earthquake? If next Monday passes without more bloodshed, I shall be surprised.

As I have said, Prohibition is gaining in Mississippi. Two years ago Local Option was the advance line; it is not so now. There are many aggressive Prohibitionists in the State, who have influence. They dominate the State Alliance and outvote the conservatives. A fair test of this occurred at a recent annual meeting of that body, when Bishop Galloway and Bro. Gambrell were first pitted against each other in Committee, and later in Convention, on a proposition to urge the passage of a general prohibitory law for the State. Bishop Galloway has controlled the Alliance policy hitherto, and worked hard to maintain his supremacy, but failed. He must recognize the growing power, and cease to combat it. The new State Committee will push for the new law, and proposes to organize the State thoroughly by counties. It appears probable that Bro. Gambrell will devote most of his time hereafter to Prohibition work; that he will take charge of and enlarge the "Sword and Shield" and make it a strong advocate of Prohibition; and that the saloon in Mississippi will soon be a thing of the past. What all this may mean for the Prohibition party is yet to be seen and talked about. But with the whole trend of sentiment what it now is in this State, we can well practice patience and cultivate hope. I am satisfied with the progress being made and the outlook presented. More than this, it is perhaps better at this writing not to say.

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Of other important measures before the Senate, it might be well to name the tariff agitation and the Blair Education Bill. Several speeches have been made on the former subject—Senators Sherman Voorhees, Teller and Allison participating in the discussion—the President's message being the provocation of the debate. Tariff talk sounds pertinent enough now, but before the end of the session it will be an old story and the habitues of the galleries and readers of newspapers will be heartily tired of it.

Mr. Blair declares that he will push his bill until it is finally disposed of, and he professes himself confident of its success; but there are many who do not share this opinion, one of whom may be that strict constructionist of the Constitution President Cleveland. This is a mere conjecture, for which there seems at least the propability of a reason, if one may judge by the Chief Executive's actions and expressions upon kindred subjects. That Congress will pass the Blair bill there can be but litile doubt. Still, the House Committee on Education in the Fiftieth as in the Forty-Ninth Congress is believed to be hostile to the measure

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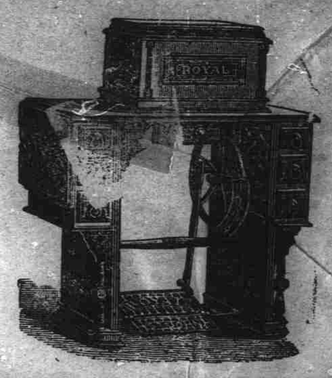

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