

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

D. N. H. Wilson, well known throughout the State, died at Franklin, N. C. Tuesday. His funeral took place in this city yesterday.

Rev. J. W. Blosser, M. D., of Greensboro, N. C., who is a Methodist preacher, prepares a remedy which, by smoking in a pipe, cures catarrh, colds, bronchitis, &c. He will mail a trial sample for a 2cent stamp.

"The Ballot Box."

The Rev. Dr. Deems was the first publisher of a political temperance paper in the world. It advocated prohibition in 1853, thirty five years ago. Has the Dr. always been before his age? He tells us that the paper was called the "Ballot Box," and he need not have told us that at that time not many numbers were issued. Some copies may yet be in existence. He is very anxious to secure at least one copy, if any survive. He will give ten times the original price. Send, if you wish, to Rev. Dr. Deems, 4 Winthrop Place, New York. —Daily Worker.

The Church and the Saloon

I have never been so disgusted with party politics as I am to-day. I am one who takes everything for good until convinced to the contrary. A Methodist myself, I take every Methodist to be true and to come into our church with his eyes open and according to law.

We take certain obligations that to a Christian should be as binding as the matrimonial vow. We promise to renounce the devil and all his works. Now the devil is most certainly entrenched behind whisky and beer.

One question on the admission of members is this: Will you cheerfully be governed by the rules of the M. E. Church, hold sacred the ordinances of God, and endeavor as much as in you lies to promote the welfare of your brethren and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom? Answer "I will." Does any church doctrine oppose tax or license?

Now, brother, let us be honest. You knew these things before you came into church fellowship. But in the face of these facts you help place men in office who are pledged to tax or license, and by so doing you are a partner in the crime of drunkard-making.

Any Bible reader if asked who built the temple at Jerusalem would say Solomon. But the multiplied thousands of men who prepared the material were surely partners in that grand work. So when you vote for those men who are pledged to the old parties you are partners in the crime of drunkard-making, you are helping to establish these sink holes of iniquity all over the land, and you protect them by law. The church is blamable to-day for the sin of the liquor traffic, which is sending nearly 100,000 souls to perdition every year.

M. W. BARBER. —in New Era.

—Rev. W. T. Walker, editor of the NORTH CAROLINA PROHIBITIONIST, published at Greensboro, delivered a lecture at the Opera House Friday night on prohibition. He was greeted by a small audience on account of the inclemency of the weather. He presented startling statistics in regard to the evils of intemperance, saying that the consumption of intoxicating drinks in this country costs nearly the enormous sum of a billion dollars a year. He said that it was impossible to form a just conception of this immense amount only in a relative sense. If a boy just old enough to count were to begin counting a dollar at a time, he would be at the task when the snows of age were covering his head. If the much-talked-of surplus in the national treasury were appropriated for that purpose it would not pay Uncle Sam's bar bill for two months. If every farm in this great nation had a gold mine upon it we could not stand this expense. He said that the whiskey ring was the most thoroughly organized combination on this continent. This clique employed a man at Washington to watch the proceedings of Congress and see that no legislation was indulged in which militated against the vast whisky interests. Eleven thousand saloon keepers in New York city, of which the majority are foreigners, practically controlled American politics, and if radical measures were not adopted as a preventive this vicious element would eventually secure supreme control. Mr. Walker does not deal in floridities of rhetoric but presents facts in a singularly logical and practical manner, giving his arguments in favor of the prohibition method with an earnest force which commands respect where it does not win consent. We are glad to learn that he secured a number of subscribers for his paper.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 11th, 1888. Tuesday was apologist day in the United States Senate. Soon after the Senate met Mr. Ingalls, the President pro tem left the chair and went to his place on the floor, it being understood that Mr. Voorhees had decided to make an apology for the use of unparliamentary language in his debate with Mr. Ingalls a week ago.

Senator Harris, of Tennessee, had been called, (as he very frequently is) to preside, and after the discharge of some morning business Mr. Voorhees rose and said if it would not interfere with other matters he would like to make a statement which he considered due to the Senate. He had been absent from the Capitol since the day of his famous encounter with the Kansas Senator on account of a carbuncle affliction.

He said: "It is known that I have been confined to my room during the past week, seriously indisposed. I visited the Senate yesterday with the intention of making the statement which I shall now make, but the opportunity did not present itself, and suffering so much, I withdrew and went home. In reference to the discussion in which I participated last week, I desire to say to the Senate that, however severe the provocation given, I at that time made use of language contrary to the rules, usage and decorum of the Senate. I regret having used such language and tender a proper apology to the United States Senate for doing so. My high respect for the dignity of this body, as well as my self respect induce me to make this statement."

After this handsome apology, and without any comment on his part, Mr. Ingalls resumed his seat as presiding officer.

Then Senator Hoar, of Mass., presented a memorial of the new England conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, protesting against the ratification of the Chinese treaty, or any treaty that precludes Chinese ministers of the gospel, or Chinese delegates to religious conventions, coming into the country, characterizing it as utterly un-American and un-Christian.

They were a little too late with this protest, the treaty having been ratified by the Senate on Monday. The Massachusetts Senator remarked that "until there could be an appeal from the American people drunk to the American people sober, the matter might be considered settled. He, therefore, asked that the memorial might be laid on the table and it was so ordered.

Next Senator Palmer, of Michigan, wanted to make an apology. In his speech in reference to the irregularities of certain land-grants, he found in the Record, that he was quoted as saying that all these grants were "covered with the trail of the serpent." This sentence had occurred in his manuscript, but he had omitted it in his speech. Although he thought there had been a good deal of the trail of the serpent about these grants, he thought the remark was too general in its character and he wanted to have it stricken out.

Both Senators having "owned up" like "little men," business was resumed and the Senate moved on serenely.

On next Tuesday the largest gathering of members of the Baptist denomination ever held in this city will begin an eight days meeting at Calvary Church. The occasion will be the anniversary meetings of the three great societies of the Baptist Church, the American Baptists Home Missionary society, the American Baptists' Union, having charge of foreign missions, and the American Baptists' Publication Society. The societies will not be in session at the same time, but as fast as one adjourns another will take its place, each holding a session every day. They are distinct, and yet are held together by the similarity of the work they have in charge, and the members of one are entitled to a voice in the proceedings of the others. Between two and three thousand delegates are expected to be in attendance, including many prominent pastors and laymen in the Church, besides a number of foreign missionaries.

At a convention held by the Pastors' Alliance of the District of Columbia in this city during the week, the question "Shall we admit a Mormon state" was discussed. Mr. Joseph Nimmo, Jr., made a notable speech in opposition to the attempt of the Mormons to induce Congress to grant them the immunities of statehood, and in favor of placing the territory of Utah under a legislative commission, the form of territorial government that was approved by Presidents Jefferson and Madison and Monroe. The speaker urged that it is especially the duty of the clergy to oppose the domination of Utah by an

ecclesiastical organization, and also to protect the missionaries thus engaged in the great work of advancing our Christian civilization against the political power of the Mormon Church.

BURLINGTON ITEMS.

Mr. Andrew McCauly, one of our most valued and influential citizens died at the residence of Mr. Jas. A. Turrentine Sunday night, the 18th inst., after a short illness. Mr. McCauly was one of Burlington's best men, and his death has cast a gloom over our town.

A child of Mr. Coleman Hundley died Sunday night also.

The section of county between Saxapahaw in this county and Chapel Hill was visited by the severest rain fall last Friday night that has fallen for, perhaps, twenty years. Much damage was done to fresh plowed corn lands, bridges, roads, etc.

Our town election passed off quietly. Mr. E. S. Hunter of Graham is said to be dangerously sick.

Work on the new Methodist church has commenced. It is to be 40 ft by 70 ft.

The closing exercises of Holt's School takes place on the evening of the 31st. inst.

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DOTTER.

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