

**LOCAL AND GENERAL**

The Hook and Ladder Lawn Party was a great success.

The Waterworks were finally tested as to efficiency on Monday and met the test.

Prof. H. H. Williams has been elected to a Professorship at Trinity College.

The Lexington Band stopped over some time Tuesday on its way to Mt. Airy.

A big colored excursion was in town Tuesday. Some stabbings were done and we learn arrests were made.

The State Colored Teachers Association are holding a full and successful session at Raleigh.

Friends J. W. Woody, F. S. Blair, J. M. Weatherly and other good Prohibitionists are in attendance at Morehead City.

Many of our distinguished citizens went up to Mt. Airy at the Railroad celebration. Mt. Airy is about as jubilant as was Greensboro four years ago.

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 2-cent stamp.

A very destructive fire occurred in this city on Sunday morning. The whole Buchanan corner was destroyed. Being of wooden buildings, and thoroughly ignited before the alarm was given, the Fire Department could do nothing but save adjoining property, which it did most effectively. Mr. Buchanan's loss was \$4500. Mr. Bailey's \$2500. A fine brick building will occupy the site.

ATTENTION—Readers of the PROHIBITIONIST. J. L. Stone of Raleigh N. C. is selling the best and cheapest organ in the country. He has just received \$10,000.00 worth of the celebrated Emerson Pianos. Send him your orders.

RATIFICATION MEETING.—The Prohibitionist of Guilford expect to have a Fisk and Brooks Flag raising at 7.30 p. m. and speaking in the Court House this Friday.

Ladies and everybody invited to hear speakers who were at the late National Convention.

Committee: D. W. C. Benbow, W. S. Moore, W. Green.

Before the city fathers on Friday night last were two sets of petitioners to wit—five for license to sell liquor, and one to hang a Fisk campaign flag, across a street at a suitable height above the road.

VOTED to give permission to sell liquor, and fill our streets with drunken men to insult and endanger our wives and children and to murder at our doors.

REFUSED to allow the flag, for fear it might frighten a horse, and lay the city liable for damages. Very likely how much better is a horse than our wives and children.

We learn that Messrs Odell, Price, and Scott voted for the flag, and that Judge Schenk most reluctantly, opposed it solely on legal grounds.

All right gentleman. Out of respect for the nerves of some backwoods horse or jackass, we submit we waive our wish to wave the flag. But when you say that the law compels you to authorize saloons to endanger, for every hour of every day in the year, the every interest of the whole public, our blood boils to get at that unholy, unconstitutional law. The United States Supreme Court, 101 U. S. Reports, page 816, has decided that "no Legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals. The people themselves cannot do it, much less their servants. Government is organized with a view to their preservation and cannot divest itself of the power to provide for them."

Government was established to prohibit evils and crime—breeding, not to authorize them. How long, Oh Lord!

—Here comes a quaint suggestion, through an Exchange: The Indians will not be quieted: they continue to go out upon the war path and massacre indiscriminately, regardless of the efforts to prohibit them. Now, the suggestion is this:—As "Prohibition don't prohibit," why not license? Charge Sitting Bull a reasonable price, and give the sanction of government to his killing the women and children and destroying the property. The money might be used to educate the Indian children. Prohibition only prevents in part—why not license.—North Carolina Presbyterian.

**Democratic Approval.**

There is much to admire in these Berserkers of reform. They are heroic in their determination and grand when this determination is to sacrifice the Republican party to its principles. This process they graphically describe as "smashing it." Let it smash!—St. Louis Republic (Dem). And still the News and Observer "hides its face from us."

**Could Not Eat Up in Georgia.**

The party Prohibitionists Club in Atlanta is growing and indicates a vote of 1000 anyway. At the last meeting the local option men offered them a ticket made up of men most violently opposed to party prohibition. The Prohibs. saw through the game, and authorized the following statement, which is calculated for the latitude of North Carolina as well as the whole South.

That the president of this club be authorized and instructed to say to all propositions, looking to the support of the candidates of other parties, that we stand upon our platform of principles and at the proper time, in our judgment, we will declare our candidates for such offices as we purpose to contest in any election.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, June 15th 1888.

Since I last wrote you Congress has been discussing such questions as Government bond buying; the tariff, the Fisheries treaty, silver, and matters of local interest, such as relate to the District of Columbia, the latter having been much neglected or late on account of the pending tariff bill. The President has been quietly pursuing his daily routine business. He has been enjoying his renomination of course, and has had his sympathies excited by the cases of criminals in different parts of the country, number of whom are to be released through his pardon.

The Democratic Congressmen who attended the St. Louis National Convention had scarcely settled themselves in their seats again when the Republican members left for their Convention in Chicago. All is not well with Congress during Presidential campaigns. Legislation suffers because of the absence of members and those who remain cannot debate any question without interlarding it with campaign talk, entirely irrelevant to the subject.

On Monday, while the District Police bill was under consideration, Representative Struble, of Iowa, arraigned the majority in Congress for giving no attention to the demands for temperance legislation, declaring that it was prohibition or substantial restriction of the sale of liquor in the District of Columbia that was needed more than increased police or police facilities.

The Committee to which the temperance bills had been referred was attacked by Mr. Dingley for its remissness in not having reported back these measures. He said the arrests for drunkenness in the State of Maine were not more than one tenth the number of such arrests in the District.

The District Committee was defended by Mr. Rowel, one of its members, who said it had had all the work it could do, and that it had been deprived by the tariff bill of five days to which it was justly entitled for the disposal of its business. Mr. Campbell, the chairman of the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic Committee, said his bills won't have been acted upon but for the failure to get a quorum of his committee. In the question of prohibition, he said his committee was awaiting the action of the Senate committee.

Secretary Whitney, of the Navy, will neither affirm nor deny the rumored report of his retirement from the Cabinet if Mr. Cleveland is re-elected in November. He does deny however, that he is in ill health, and states that had he any intention of leaving the Cabinet he would consider it his duty to inform the President before any one else.

That the Secretary has been somewhat dissatisfied of late is an open secret, it having been caused partly by the quarrel between the line and staff which shattered the unity of the Navy to an extent. Several other minor matters, such as the slowness with which the manufacture of the guns for the new Navy has been carried on, have tended to increase his annoyance, and in conversation he has not hesitated to express his opinion on the subject with great freedom.

One of the newest sights of the Capital is the Gospel Wagon. It is a church on wheels, and is one of the agencies used by the workers of the Union Mission. Every Sunday it passes from one point to another where preaching services are held, and nearly every evening it carries Christian workers on their evangelistic trips. Different churches in the city are interested in the work of the Mission, and their representatives take part in the meetings and assist in the missionary efforts that are being made. Representatives of a number of the Churches have some

one evening in the week when they take charge of the Gospel Wagon and conduct the services at the several localities in the city where the services are held.

The purpose is to reach the class of people who do not go to church and have no church connections. The Church is thus way brought to them. The chief field of operation for the wagon is the outskirts of the city. It is 20 feet long by 7 feet wide and 6 and a half feet high. The wheels are low and of the same size so that the box can turn on them, and all of the running gear is unusually large and strong, having been made to order just for the purpose. When on the way to meeting, the wagon, drawn by four horses, looks like a new kind of excursion vehicle. When it stops for a meeting it is quickly transformed into a comfortable little pulpit and choir platform, with the organist ready to play, and the leaders and singers standing in front.

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