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JOURNALISTIC.

The Durham Recorder celebrated its 70th anniversary recently by issuing a handsome 12-page illustrated edition.

The illustrated trade edition of the Oxford Public Ledger was a very handsome and creditable publication.

The Oxford Public Ledger will hereafter be published semi-weekly, four instead of eight pages in size as heretofore.

The Wilmington Messenger is five years old. It is one of the best papers in the South, ably edited and newsy, enterprising and progressive.

The Wilmington Star comes to us in an entire new dress of type, from the title head to the last line in the advertising columns, and looks as bright and bewitching as a seventeen-year-old girl in a new muslin dress.

The Charlotte Chronicle is not as large as some other dailies in North Carolina but it is one of the newest papers in the State all the same.

The Tarboro Banner has closed its first year. The editor and proprietor, Mr. Henry T. King, says:

This paper has worked faithfully and has the consciousness of knowing that it has accomplished some good—more for others than for itself.

The editor is a wiser man if not a sadder one, and the different phases of human nature with which he has had to contend have taught him a life-long lesson—that merit and true worth are not the qualities most appreciated, but that designing flattery and empty praise too often outweigh business principles and honest intentions.

This is about the way it looks to the average country editor, and Brother King must not think his observations and experience are confined to himself alone. We wish the Banner still greater success in the future.

The Messenger will shortly establish Messenger bureaus, similar to our Raleigh Bureau at Goldsboro, Fayetteville and Charlotte.—Wilmington Messenger.

The Messenger is nothing if not progressive. Continued success to this able and excellent newspaper.

One of the biggest and most successful things in the way of special newspaper enterprise was the illustrated trade edition of the Washington Gazette, recently issued. It contained 30 pages, was embellished with a number of illustrations of prominent buildings and picturesque landscapes and water views of its town and immediate surroundings, together with a large amount of choice reading matter descriptive of the charming and fertile region embraced by Beaufort and adjoining counties, the whole enclosed in a handsome colored cover. All together it is the most complete and creditable performance of the kind we have yet seen coming from a town of its size, and Editor Latham has cause to feel proud of his work.

It is one thing to be in possession of such a country, it is another to have the ability to tell of it so as to fascinate the lovers of the beautiful and attract the capital which is the great and essential need of the South. The industrial issue of the Gazette is filled with choice literature, descriptive and historical, and a charming and accurate account of a heaven blessed country that in natural advantages and progressive development has scarcely an equal even in this highly favored clime.

There is one editor who "struck luck" Christmas. Editor Mahone, of the Fort Worth Gazette, was presented with a purse of \$600 in gold by admiring friends by way of showing their appreciation of his services in behalf of the town and community.

EDITOR ROSCOWER, of the Goldsboro Headlight, dips his pen in gall and proceeds to express his opinion of our Chief Magistrate whom he styles the "Junketing Governor."

Gov. FOWLE has appointed Mr. Thos. B. Womac, of Chatham county, Superior Court Judge to succeed Hon. John A. Gilmer. We had hoped to see Mr. Rob't. W. Winston, of Oxford, thus honored.

NEURO ORATORS, white orators, and female orators addressing a mixed audience from the same platform, being a necessary part of a prohibition contest (vide Lynchburg), settles the question so far as Danville is concerned. There will be no prohibition campaign here.—Danville Register.

The spectacle is sometimes observed on our streets of women of refinement riding in single-seated vehicles beside negro drivers, from whom it would be supposed that they would shrink instinctively.

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FROM A SOCIAL STAND-POINT.

Reply to the Omaha Bee's Strictures upon the Atlanta Constitution for Criticizing George W. Cable's Negro Social Equality Ideas and Teachings.

In a recent issue of the Omaha, Nebraska, Bee, we find the following article, written by Mrs. Al Fairbrother, of Lincoln, Neb. The writer will be remembered as Miss Mamie L. Hatchett, formerly. The article speaks for itself. Read it.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—To the Editor of The Bee: In the Sunday Bee I notice an editorial headed "Southern Prejudice," in which the writer criticizes the Atlanta Constitution for predicting the social ostracism of Mr. Cable on account of his intimate association with the negro, and characterizes the people of the South, en masse, as ignorant, narrow-minded and "obscure."

In the first place, the writer in The Bee appears in the new role of lexicographer, and treats us to a refreshing definition of the word "prejudice." He says that "prejudice is an index of a narrow, uneducated mind, incapable of looking at a question except from one standpoint, generally an intensely personal one."

That the people of the South are opposed to the social equality of the whites and blacks and will never recognize the claims of the latter to be admitted to private circles on such footing, no one will wish to deny. Opposition and prejudice, however, are two entirely different words, and it is possible to oppose a thing on reasonable grounds and general principles as well as through self-interest, narrow-mindedness and ignorance.

Of the negro as a slave I know nothing, and being a child of the restored union rather than of the lost confederacy, am not prejudiced in favor of antebellum systems. On the contrary, I think the principle of slavery was wrong and that the South is now suffering from the consequences of her great and grievous error.

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THE BEE refers to the Constitution's criticism of Mr. Cable as "a tyrannous social prejudice, and claims that every individual is entitled to his likes and dislikes and to exercise his own pleasure in the choice of his associates. This is exactly what the people of the South think, but The Bee is evidently not willing to allow them this privilege, since it would compel them to open their doors to an alien race, with whom they have nothing in common, and which threatens the very foundation stones of their social fabric. I fail to see how it is any more tyrannous for the

Constitution to dictate the social relations of Mr. Cable, a public man and a representative Southerner, than for the people of the North to dictate to the South in matters of a similar private and personal nature. If his madness to exclude a man because he mingles his birth and station, then the entire world in all lands and at all times, has been and is still in the straight jacket of social lunacy, since it has been the custom and practice of all civilized people from time immemorial. And if it is madness, there is method in it. In the business world we see the world, and meet the world on a worldly footing; but in our social intercourse we want congeniality, intimacy and friendship. While the man who leaves a beaten path of recognized respectability for the highways and byways of doubtful associations, may be in himself every way acceptable, his former friends who do not share his erratic predilections, and to whom such society would be neither profitable nor agreeable, naturally avoid his presence for fear of being drawn into unbecoming company.

"So we of the North," continues our generous and self-constituted guardian, "should not blame the present generation so much as we should help to enlighten it." This is cheerful indeed. In the North the colored portion of the population is only a drop in the ocean as compared with the South. In a town of 3,000 or 4,000 inhabitants here there are rarely over fifty persons who have in their veins the tint of negro blood and the majority of these having more of the Caucasian than the African, and having enjoyed superior advantages of education and association with the whites, cannot be taken as a fair specimen of the negro proper, as he reveals to-day in his original stupidity and uncleanness.

While the North may not be aware of it, it nevertheless remains a fact, that its zealous championship of this mongrel and much magnified race is due, not so much to an advanced civilization and disinterested humanity, as to their erstwhile bondage, which has thrown around them the charm of romantic heroism and placed them before the world in the light of martyrs. Supposing, for example, that a political war had lifted from a condition of slavery and servitude the Chinese, Hindus or North American Indians, all of whom are superior intellectually to the African. Would the fact of their having been once used and oppressed by a set of people with no longer any right or power over them be any reason why they should be raised to the plane of social equality with those who had been cast in a finer mould, with loftier sentiments and higher faculties, and capable of following broader paths.

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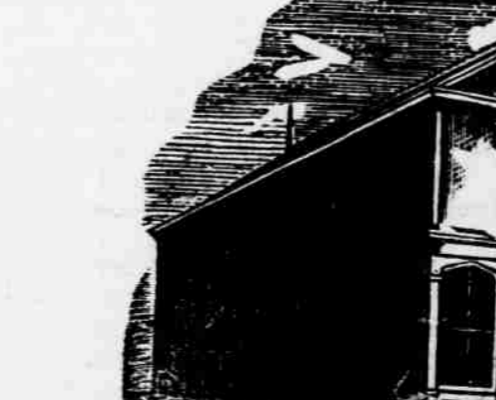
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