

DAILY REFLECTOR.

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The *Observer*, a bright exchange that comes to us from Orange, Va., has just celebrated its fourteenth birthday. For several years we have been reading weekly with much pleasure Robinson's "original observations" and other interesting features of the *Observer*.

Mr. Butler has sent word to Washington to have his seat placed on the Republican side of the Senate. It was reported some time ago that he preferred sitting on that side but he denied it. Later developments show that this is true and North Carolina may expect him to act with the Republicans. We predict, however, that this will make no enemies to him among his followers, as some are already saying that there are but two parties.

It is found since the Legislature adjourned that it failed in the effort to turn over the A. & M. College and the Agricultural Department to the Fusionists. The record shows that there were only eighty-three votes cast for the men they thought they had elected to positions. It takes eighty-six votes to elect therefore these men were not elected and cannot serve and the Democrats will still control in these departments. Would that all the legislation they did could turn the same way.

During the last campaign the Fusionists were passing as reformers and whining about what unnecessary expense the Democrats incurred. It was reasonable to suppose that there would be retrenchment in expenses

when they got control. Instead of that we have this spectacle: The appropriations are about \$125,000 more than the previous Legislature and the cost of this session of the Legislature was \$6,627.88 more than the Democratic body which met two years ago cost. This is reform with a vengeance.

THE NATIONAL CAPITOL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 18th 1895
Minister Ransom and Collector Simmons are here. General Ransom came on to see about some more places for his friends. Collector Simmons to attend to certain routine matters pertaining to his office, with acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Commissioner Miller is too sick to be at his desk.

I hear that Senator Marion Butler has a seat on the Republican side of the Chamber. Someone asked Ex-Senator Ransom about Senator Butler's predilections in this matter and he replied that he thought Mr. Butler's policy would be antagonistic to the Democratic party.

There is quite a breeze in diplomatic and State Department circles over Secretary Gresham's ultimatum to Spain to apologize or fight. Baron Fava has rendered himself *persona non grata* by communicating directly with the Governor of Colorado instead of through the State Department. England is trying to claim more than her share of Venezuela, and Uncle Sam may be called on to arbitrate.

Quite a number of gentlemen whose political existence came to a temporary end, at least, with the fifty-third Congress, are to be seen in the various lobbies. A number are staying to look after odds and ends of department business, but at least a baker's dozen are waiting for the President to return in the hope of getting a job that will put them on Uncle Sam's pay roll. There are not many fat places left, but for those remaining, including some new positions, mostly judicial, there is keen competition, and the aspirants are more numerous than the offices.

Roanoke Union.

The next Union will be held with Bethel Church, Mar. 29th, 30th and 31st, 1895.

PROGRAMME:

Friday, 11 A. M., Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. A. McKaughn. 2 P. M., Organization. Reports of Pastors concerning their Work. 3:30 P. M., Literature in Our Homes., Revs. J. R. Pace, D. McLeod and J. K. Howell. 7:30 P. M., Sermon by Rev. D. McLeod.

Saturday, 9:30 A. M., Devotional Exercises., Rev. J. R. Pace. 10 A. M., Our Orphanage, Revs. J. H. Edwards, J. A. McKaughn and J. K. Howell. 11 A. M., The Scriptural Idea of a Church, Revs. J. W. Powell and J. A. Munday. 2 P. M., How Shall a Believer Decide What Church to Join? Revs. J. A. McKaughn, J. K. Howell and R. T. Vann. 3:30 P. M., Mission Work in the Bounds of Our Union, Revs. J. R. Pace, J. W. Howell and D. McLeod.

Sunday, 10 A. M., Sunday School Mass Meeting. 11 A. M., Sermon by Rev. J. A. Munday. 7:30 P. M., Sermon by Rev. C. M. Billings.

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