

THE EXTRA SESSION.

As predicted by us last week the Governor has issued his proclamation (which is published in another column) calling an extra session of the Legislature to consider the question of selling the Western North Carolina Railroad.

The question of selling the Western North Carolina Railroad, the members of which are the constitutional advisers of the Governor, held a meeting on the 21st, and unanimously advised him to convene the Legislature, so that it was his duty to do so.

We think the Council acted wisely in advising this, and they will receive the thanks of the taxpayers of North Carolina for so doing.

We repeat, what we said in our last issue, that "speedy action is important, so as to relieve the State from further expenditures." It is to be sold, the sooner the better, so as to stop at once this heavy drain on our Treasury.

repeatedly been sent to him. Whenever he rides out for pleasure or exercise troops of picked and tried soldiers surround him so as to completely shield him. Now, is not this a most miserable life to lead? In comparison with the mighty Czar of Russia truly is the poorest beggar to be esteemed happy!

WESTERN N. C. R. R.

The Legislature Called in Extra Session.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR. By and with the advice of the Council of State, I, Thomas J. Jarvis, Governor of North Carolina, in the exercise of the power conferred upon me by the Constitution, do issue this my Proclamation, convening the General Assembly in extra session on Monday, the 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty, on which day at twelve o'clock, noon, the Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina, are hereby notified and requested to meet in their respective Halls in the Capitol, in the City of Raleigh, for the purpose of considering a proposition for the purchase of the State's interest in and the completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad, made by W. J. Best, J. N. Yanpan, W. R. Gray and James D. Rice, of the City of New York, of whose financial responsibility and personal integrity I have satisfactory assurance, and for considering such other propositions as may be made for the same purpose.

It is my wish, however, that our legislators will not indulge in such folly and be guilty of no such thing, as attempting to pass or repeal other laws or to do anything else than to consider the one object for which they have met.

An Unhappy Man. Of all men on earth we would think the most unhappy is the Czar of Russia, though he is the Emperor of nearly a hundred millions of people and the ruler of one of the greatest countries in the world.

These repeated attempts to assassinate the Czar must of course cause him to be on the lookout all the time, and make him suspicious of every body that approaches him.

Indirectly, the exodus is likely to be a benefit to North Carolina. The investigation by Mr. Voorhees' committee has presented that State and her people in a most favorable light.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE COMMUNICATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST, BUT WE MUST INSIST ON A RESPONSIBLE NAME ACCOMPANYING EVERY ARTICLE, AND ALSO THAT IT BE WRITTEN PLAINLY AND ONLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE PAPER. THE EDITOR IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VIEW AND OPINIONS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

FOR THE RECORD. WAKE FOREST.

Anniversary of the Ezrelian and Philomathean Societies. Wake Forest, N. C., Feb'y 16, 1889. Mr. Editor.—

Having seen something of your excellent paper, and also observing that Hon. John Manning was present at the Anniversary, I have thought to write a few lines for your paper as regards the interests of Wake Forest College.

On February 14th, the 45th Anniversary of the two Societies was celebrated by a debate by their respective representatives.

At 2 P. M. the houses were called to order by Mr. J. S. Bizzell of Lenoir County, N. C. The Secretary, Mr. W. R. Wall of Gates County read the proceedings of last Anniversary, and read the question for discussion today. Viz: "Resolved that an increase of prosperity causes a corresponding increase of morality."

The Secretary introduced as first speaker on the Affirmative, Mr. C. S. Farris of Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Farris spoke with enthusiasm, putting forth, in a scholarly way, numerous points of proof for his side of the question that seemed not able to be refuted.

The first speaker on the negative was Mr. W. H. Ragdale of Granville County, N. C. Mr. Ragdale did not fail to get the attention of the audience in the beginning, nor did the interest depreciate at any point of his speech.

The second speaker on the Affirmative was Mr. L. E. Carroll of Columbus County, N. C. This gentleman's speech showed for him that he is a profound thinker and a good speaker, and merited for him the hearty cheers of the audience, which by no means failed to receive.

The second speaker on the negative was Mr. N. R. Pitman of Robertson County, N. C. This gentleman also spoke with much enthusiasm and seemed to "know whereof he spoke."

At 5 o'clock, P. M., a special train arrived from Raleigh, bearing from the "City of Oaks" a car of charming boys, whose sparkling eyes and rosy cheeks bespoke their coming of a "heart-steady."

building to listen to speeches of a more laudatory character—private of course. The Society Halls showed the good taste of their members and also careful attention to make them pleasing. Especially did the new library afford facilities for reciprocating words of good cheer and even some more noisy, as well manifest by an occasional group of two seated here and there on some favorite sofa and conversing in quiet subdued, soft and lovely tones.

FOR THE RECORD. ASSOCIATE HOTEL, N. C. February 16th, 1889. Mr. Editor.—

Please admit in your noble paper the publication of a few words from me, a boy, whose chief anxiety is for the interest and welfare of dear old Chatham. I have ever loved this desirable county, and I am certain that I ever will.

Although, Chatham is poor in regard to manufacturing establishments and railroads, yet, she can boast of a healthy and pleasantly changeable climate, of valuable water power, of beautiful, well cultivated and very productive farms, of honest, energetic and learned men, of neat, loving and domestic wives, and of as pretty young ladies as ever trod the soil of America.

The first speaker on the negative was Mr. W. H. Ragdale of Granville County, N. C. Mr. Ragdale did not fail to get the attention of the audience in the beginning, nor did the interest depreciate at any point of his speech.

Improvements are gradually and continually being made in our county. The citizens of Chatham, believing that the ultimate of improvement has not yet been reached, are unwilling to yield to stagnation, but continue to press forward with the cheerful anticipation of a bright and prosperous future.

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phenomenon, that we did not perceive that the author had driven off with his wagon. The rain fell in such torrents, that we were compelled to take refuge in an old blacksmith-shop on the side of the road.

We adjourned to the house to talk over the affair, and upon arriving, very much much to our astonishment, found our friend seated in the parlor, talking to the landlady and playing with the children. "Look here, stranger," said my friend, "you must give an account of yourself, before you can stay with me, for you appear to be near 'kin' to the 'old fellow'—who are you?"

Robbing a Grave. (From the Wilmington Star.) About three score years ago there lived near this city a Mr. Brockert, the father of the late James Brockert, who was well known for his convivial habits, etc.

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