

THE OLD YEAR.

Another year is rapidly drawing to a close, and in a few days the year 1888 will be numbered with its predecessors among the things of the past.

Before another issue of the Record reaches its readers the new year will have begun, and to each and all of them we extend the greetings of the season and our best wishes that it may indeed and in truth be a most happy New Year!

A Railroad Commission will probably be established for this State at the approaching session of the General Assembly. If this is done, we would urge upon the members elect the great importance of exercising the utmost care in establishing this commission.

We are aware that it is very popular to abuse railroads and all connected with their management, and that juries frequently render verdicts against railroad companies in defiance of both the law and the facts, but we do not believe that our legislators will allow any popular clamor or unjust prejudice to influence them in enacting an unjust or oppressive law against a railroad corporation any more than against an individual citizen.

North Carolina has been and is fortunate in having such patriotic and public-spirited citizens in charge of the railroads that are operated in this State. Maj John C. Winder, Hon. R. B. Bridgers, Col. A. B. Andrews and Col. Julius A. Gray have done more than any other four men, since the war, to build up and improve our State, and in doing this they have improved their railroads.

Why then should there be any war between the railroads and the people? We heartily favor the Legislature's passing a law to protect the people against railroad or other corporations, whenever or wherever such protection is needed, but in doing so we would raise a note of warning against going to an opposite extreme.

NORTH CAROLINA has more cause than ever to be proud of her favorite and most distinguished son, Zebulon B. Vance. He is now one of the leaders of the democratic party in the United States Senate, and is the chief champion of the people in their struggle with the advocates of a protective tariff.

against the moneyed power of the manufacturers. Yes, our State ought to feel proud of Senator Vance and our people ought to feel grateful to him for his efforts in their behalf. We do not think that North Carolina has ever had an abler or more faithful and patriotic citizen than our beloved Z. B. V.

The value of newspapers is more appreciated this week than usual, and it is because so few are published during the Christmas holidays. A subscriber, who receives his paper every week, does not fully appreciate the pleasure it gives him until he is deprived of it. When, for any cause, a subscriber fails to receive the weekly visit of his paper, he misses it very much—much more than he had ever thought that he could.

Editors of newspapers are more frequently and unjustly criticized and censured than any other class of people. There are some persons who will find fault with some editorial or item in every paper. No editor or newspaper can please every body in every issue. An article that is not liked by some readers will give great pleasure to others.

The New Judges.

Judges A. C. Avery and J. J. Shepard of the north and first districts respectively have been elected Associate Justices of the Supreme court, and having tendered their resignations as Superior court judges, Gov. Sevier yesterday appointed to succeed them Hon. John G. Bryan to succeed Judge Avery in the eastern district and Hon. George H. Brown to succeed Judge Shepard in the first district.

The resignation of Judge Shepard and the appointment of Judge Brown take effect December 20th and the resignation of Judge Avery and the appointment of Judge Bryan take effect January 1st.

Judge Brown is a son of Sylvester Brown, Esq. of Washington, and is well known about 10 years of age. He is educated at Hunter's Seminary during the war, and after the impetuosity, when occupying post at the lowest ebb of prosperity the Sem became a telegraph operator and true to his character, a very expert one. So much so that he may make a fortune in the principal office of the Western Union company in New York.

Returning to his home in Washington he took at once a prominent place at the bar of that town and has always enjoyed a large and lucrative practice there.

A pleasing coincidence in the fact that both he and Judge Shepard, whom he succeeds, and who, by the way, is a brother-in-law of his, long life as telegraph operators. Possibly, this as much as anything else may account for the warm personal friendship that now exists between the two distinguished gentlemen.

Judge Brown is about 47 years old and is a son of John Gray Bryan, Sr. of Burke, a nephew of Wm. P. Bryan, a grandson of Captain Charles McDowell of Burke, and great grandson of Gen. Charles McDowell of the Revolution. He was for a short time in the 7th regiment during the war, afterwards in the sub-treasury and later was pursuer of the famous Advance. He was captured and taken to Fort Warren. After the war he studied law with Judge Pearson in this city, and by the way—and has practiced law since 1848 in Burke county with conspicuous success.

A Young Murderer.

Greensboro, Dec. 19.—In the trial of Robert Smith for the murder of Willie Marley, at Pentecost school house, on the 15th of October last, began here yesterday, the jury first rendered a verdict of "man slaughter."

Our Washington Letter.

(From our regular correspondents.)

Washington, Dec. 21, 1888.

Mr. Cleveland, it seems, is about to have another fight with the republican majority in the Senate. He has nominated Mr. Lovett Bailey, of Indianapolis, to be U. S. attorney for the district of Columbia, and the republican Senators say they intend to reject him.

The late Hon. John C. Winder of the Washington Post is to be placed as a trustee of a fund of \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the late President Grant.

There is a rumor that a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives for the purpose of providing for the construction of a canal from the Potomac to the Chesapeake Bay.

The Red-Ribbon Boys.

At a meeting of the Red-Ribbon Boys held at the residence of Mr. J. W. Markham, on the 20th inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

A Candidate Rejected.

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The Wabash Tragedy.

Washington, Miss. Dec. 20.—Three of the leading actors in the recent tragedy are in the hands of the avengers, and six more are lodged in jail on charges of complicity.

The names of the three captured are Frank Hamilton, Anthony Walker and Zack Manly. Walker was caught at a store in St. Louis. A search of his premises revealed two guns concealed in the barn, one belonging to himself and the other to Walt Martin, one of the guns was loaded with shells and the other was loaded with buckshot.

Frank Hamilton has a confession to make, stating that six of the fugitives had breakfast at his house, among them George Moore, the ringleader. Three of them were in hiding, and Hamilton and the two fugitives were waiting for them to lead a party of men to the residence of the fugitives.

The prisoners were at a dilapidated house in St. Louis, where they were held for several days. They were then taken to the St. Louis Penitentiary, where they are now being held.

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