RALEIGH'S NEW YEAR

Bright Prospects and Great Prosperity Predicted.

Every Indication That 1903 Will be the Best Year in the History of the Capital City.

"What about the prospects and outlook for Raleigh in this New Year?" was a question which fixed itself in the mind of a News and Observer reporter yesterday as he was seeking the news of the day.

He asked the next man he met what was his opinion on the subject. He was delighted to hear bright, cheery, happy words, and predictions of a splendid year for the city. This was so good that he stopped another man. Then came more rosy expressions. The reporter found a note book was needed and got it out, jotting down the expressions he heard.

In his rounds here and there about the city he met many men, and casually talked with them. It was not a matter of hunting up people to talk, neither was it a selection of people who would see only the bright side of things, but whenever he had the opportunity he asked the man to whom he was talking: "What do you think of Raleigh's prospects for 1903?"

In every case there was a reply that no year had ever had in it more of possibilities for the city. He did not find one croaker, or one knocker. It was a symphonic chorus of bright prospects that he heard, and here is what some of the gentlemen said:

Mayor A. M. Powell: "The outlook for the city in the coming year is very bright. Our city will be the best lighted in the State, we will go ahead on improvements and when 1904 comes we will be able to look back with pride on what has been accomplished.

Mr. R. B. Raney, general agent of the Penn Mutual: "A year full of progress is to be confidently expected. Raleigh will take on a renewed life, and our prosperity will be more marked than in any previous year."

the only evidence of alleged peculations

Mr. E. B. Barbee, of Barbee & Co.: "The outlook for Raleigh is brighter than it has ever been, business will be good in all lines. During 1903 many thousands of dollars will be invested here in different kinds of factories."

Mr. W. J. Crews, manager of the Postal Telegraph Company: "The Postal Telegraph Company has grown in Raleigh, that meant that the city did more business. We are going to grow some more this year, and that means a greater business for Raleigh."

Mr. R. N. Simms, of the firm of Douglass & Simms, attorneys: "Prospects the brightest I have ever known. Business activity and outlook seem to be especially good. The development of our tobacco industry has accomplished much and promises very much more in the future. What we need, though, is more city pride."

Mr. John T. Pullen, president of Raleigh Savings Bank: "The prospects for this new year are bright. You may expect development along many lines of business. The deposits of the banks indicate that people have been saving money and that the times are good."

Mr. W. H. Hughes, dealer in china ware: "Things are looking up. Raleigh will make greater strides this year than ever before. This year will be one full of material progress."

Mr. T. W. Dobbin, of Dobbin & Ferrall, dry goods merchants: "The outlook is the best that ever has been for our city. People seem to have money and that is going to give us a great year."

Mr. J. F. Ferrall, of Dobbin & Ferrall, dry goods merchants: "The coming year means the best future that Raleigh has ever known. In twenty-five years I have never seen prospects so promising. We are going ahead."

Rev. M. M. Marshall, rector of Christ Church: "The outlook in all directions was never more encouraging. The material condition of the people is better than for years, trade promises to continue large. From a religious standpoint the outlook is especially encouraging. The growth of a healthy public sentiment in the matter of temperance is especially encouraging."

Mr. G. N. Walters, merchant tailor: "The prospects as I see them are the brightest of the past eighteen years. The people are satisfied, busines is good, and Raleigh is on the upward move."

Mr. Baxter Durham, of the Baptist Book Store: "When we look back over 1903 we will see that there has been permanent advancement in all lines looking to the city's best welfare."

Mr. Henry Smith, manager of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company: "The Bell Company has more subscribers than ever and the increase is steady. This is an index of the coming year for Raleigh. It is going to be a great year for the city. We are in long distance communication with all the leading cities in the State."

Mr. James F. Jordan, Assistant Sanitary Officer: "The year just beginning is full of good cheer and bright prospects. Raleigh is certain to go forward to a great future."

Mr. Charles Root, secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company: "Raleigh is going to grow and improve as never before. The year 1903 is full of the brightest prospects."

Mr. Alex. Webb, vice-president of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company: "It is going to be the most prosperous year in the history of the city and State. We intend to make it so for the North Carolina Home, and if we feel this way there must be prosperity in every line of business."

Mr. J. S. Wynne, secretary and treas- of the Raleigh Cotton Mills: "Ral- at the turning of the ways. Its ts are bright and if our people ether then we are going to see ar in our history."

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Mr. Herman Heller, shoe merchant: "Things look bright. The indications are for a most prosperous year."

Mr. W. L. Dorsett, of Hotel Dorsett: "Yes, Raleigh is going to do business this year as never before. It's in the air, and there's a feeling among all the people that the year 1903 is to be marked by a great degree of progress and prosperity."

Mr. L. T. Brown, manager of the Yarborough House: "Every indication points to a prosperous year and my opinion is that 1903 will be marked by a greater advance for Raleigh than is ever realized. The skies are bright and Raleigh is in the full sunshine."

Mr. C. B. Barbee, of Barbee & Co.: "The prospects for material progress and growth in Raleigh have never been as bright. The new tobacco market has done much and will do more for the city. Other industries are on foot which will mean as much as the tobacco market, and I am sure that the year will be a record breaker."

Mr. James H. Pou: "Raleigh has her future in her own hands. She can make a great city of herself if she tries, and I hope that this year we will all get together and show that we realize our possibilities and will develop them. The outlook is bright for our best interests."

Mr. Will Wynne, manager Raleigh Telepone Company "We expect the coming year to be a record breaker for Raleigh. We have the only enterprise of its kind in Raleigh and we fully appreciate our large patronage. Our growth means that the city is growing, for the two necessarily go together."

Mr. Geo. Allen, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce: "There is certainly every prospect of financial success. The affairs of our merchants, banks and farmers are all in fine condition, and the outlook is rosy for 1903."

Prof. D. H. Hill, of the A. and M. College: "There are three things to be done by Raleigh this year (1.) Get more smaller industries. (2.) A mill to weave fine goods. (3.) To continue the street improvements and make this the most attractive reidence city in the State."

Mr. G. Rosenthal, secretary and treasurer of the Juanita Mills: "I think the prospects for business are good. Cotton and tobacco have brought good prices, and there is a general condition of prosperity, in which Raleigh will fully share."

Mr. William Boylan, local superintendent Inter-State Telephone Company: 'Everything points to the most prosperous year of the past ten, Raleigh is on a steady rise, and real estate is increasing in value. The Inter-State is doing a big business and it keeps increasing, this being a good index to the city's growth."

Editor J. W. Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder: "The State is going to grow rapidly in the next twenty years, and our city will grow with it, and many fortunes will be made. My desire is that Raleigh shall be a city of residences and schools, not factories, and that it shall aspire to social and intellectual and political and religious leadership, rather than commercial."

Mr. C. J. Parker, secretary of the Summer School: "With the establishments of a great Summer School for teachers this year, in addition to our other educational enterprises worth more than a million dollars, all of which are unusually progressive and prosperous, Raleigh must stand out pre-eminently as an educational city, exerting greater efforts and exercising a wider influence than ever before throughout the entire State."

Mr. W. P. Rose, architect: "The outlook for buildings for the present year is exceedingly bright. A number of applications have already been made for plans of various buildings for Raleigh which will come up in the early spring and the outlook throughout the State, is good, in fact better than of any previous year since I have lived in Raleigh."

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A GENERAL PROSPERITY.

Attorney General Gilmer on the Progress of the State in the Past Year.

Attorney General Gilmer, being asked his views concerning the condition of the State during the past year, and the future prospects, said:

"It is gratifying to note the general prosperity that has come to the people of our State during the year which has just closed. We have accomplished much along all the lines of enterprise, particularly in matters industrial and educational. We should enter upon the new year with thankful hearts for the peace and weal vouchsafed to our people during nineteen hundred and two. Our past achievements should lead us to higher endeavors in the mission of working out for our State a grander and nobler destiny.

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MAJOR HUGER GETS THE APPOINTMENT

General Superintendent of Seaboard Air Line.

HE SUCCEEDS N. D. MAHER

A. W. Towsley, Assistant to Vice-President Barr, Comes to Raleigh as Superintendent of the Second Division, Succeeding Major Huger.

(By the Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—Major F. K. Huger was today appointed General Superintendent of the S. A. L. to succeed Mr. N. D. Maher, resigned, the appointment to take effect Monday, January 5.

Mr. A. W. Towsley, assistant to the vice-president and general manager, goes to Raleigh as superintendent of the second division, the position made vacant by the promotion of Major Huger, and Mr. C. A. Carpenter follows Mr. Towsley as assistant to the vice-president and general manager.

Mr. Towsley has been associated with Mr Barr for ten years, his first position being that of chief dispatcher when Mr. Barr was superintendent of the Chicago, Milwaugee and St. Paul.

Mr. Carpenter now occupies the position of secretary to Mr. Barr.

ABINGTON BANK ROBBED.

Five Masked Men Dynamite the Safe---Two are Captured.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Five masked men dynamited the safe of the First National Bank at Abingdon early this morning and stole $4,800. Two of the robbers were arrested at Quincy on the arrival of the fast mail on the Burlington from Galesburg.

The five men held up the night watchman in the main street of Abingdon shortly after midnight, bound and gagged him and placed him in the office of the bank while they wrecked the vault and safe with dynamite. Having secured their booty, they gave the watchman $40 and fled. Their escape was made in a buggy stolen from a barn in the outskirts. Their horse proved a slow traveler and they exchanged at a farm house near town.

The thieves, it is thought, drove to Galesburg, where they boarded a Burlington express bound for Chicago. Information was wired ahead and detectives were in waiting at Quincy when the train drew into the depot. Only two of the safe blowers arrived at Quincy. They were recognized instantly and both drew pistols when the officers rushed in upon them, but they were quickly overpowered and disarmed. The men gave the names of Edward Raymond and J. A. Haines. Raymond had a card bearing the words "R. A. Vance" with the government service. He said he formerly had been a United States Secret Service detective. Haines had the name "Quinn" on his shirt and also a matchbox with "Q" on it. Each man had a grip filled with loose money, burglars' tools and explosives. Money found on them amounted to $1,752.

BOTH ENGINES SPLINTERED.

Two People Killed in a Collision on the Grand Trunk.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Catherines, Ont., Jan. 3.—A serious collision occurred on the Grand Trunk railway today at the West end of Merritton Tunnel between the Chicago Express, east bound and a light engine going West. As a result Fireman T. C. Waring, of London, and Abraham Desault are dead and Engineers David Duke and Thos. Buckpitt, of London, are in the hospital but not seriously injured. The passenger train was in charge of Conductor Wm. Neill, of Niagara Falls, with Duke as engineeer and Desault as fireman. The light engine was in charge of Engineer Buckpitt. As the passenger train, which was late, left Merritton station the light engine was in the tunnel. Both sped on their way and about forty yards west of the tunnel they came together with a crash that demolished both engines and wrecked the express car. The passengers escaped with a bad shaking up and some bruises.

According to an official statement made by Superintendent Jones, the accident was caused by Engineer Buckpitt failing to carry out running orders delivered to him at Niagara Falls.

HOWELL'S COUNTER CHARGES.

Corrupt Use of Money by Republicans in Order to Defeat Him

(By the Associated Press.)

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 3.—Congressman-elect George Howell, Democrat, tonight served upon Congressman Wm. Connell, his answer, demurrer and counter charges in the contest instituted by the latter.

Mr. Howell avers that his own majority of 461 would have been larger if it had not been for the corrupt use of $125,000 in an effort to defeat him. He specifically alleges that money was offered Democratic Congressman John J. Faher to have the Democrats endorse Connell; that $2,500 was placed in the hands of Sheriff C. H. Schade, treasurer of the Democratic Committee, to induce election officers to make false returns in favor of the contestant and that agents of the contestant were freely supplied with money to be used to corrupt election officers.

The grounds for the contest are attacked and a general demurrer is entered.

Death of Mrs Laura Ann Baker.

A message has been received announcing the death, at her home in Pittsboro, of Mrs. Laura Ann Baker, widow of the late Capt. Joseph Baker, who was killed in battle near the close of the Civil War.

The deceased, who was 73 years of age, was the daughter of the late John Barber Williams, of Pittsboro, and a sister of the late Mrs. W. N. Tillinghast, of Fayetteville. As Miss Laura Williams, Mrs. Baker was a belle and beauty.

Family cares and duties do not weigh down the well woman, and the children are never in her way. But when the womanly health fails, and there is a constant struggle with weakness and pain, household duties are a burden almost past bearing, and children are a ceaseless annoyance and worry.

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"I had been ailing some time, troubled with female weakness," writes Mrs. Wm. H. Johnson, of Avondale, Chester Co., Pa. "Every month I would have to lie on my back. I tried many different medicines and nothing gave me relief until I began Dr. Pierce's medicines, using two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and two of 'Golden Medical Discovery.' These medicines have cured me. When I began your treatment I was not able to do very much, but now I do the work for my family of nine, and feel better to-day than I have for a year. I thank you, doctor, from the bottom of my heart, for well do I know that you are the one who cured me."

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MEETING OF COLONIAL DAMES.

Interesting Meeting Held on the Last Day of the Year

On Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1902, the Raleigh Circle of Colonial Dames met at their room in the Trust building.

The chairman, Mrs. Moffitt, read a letter from the State president, Mrs. Gaston Meares, Wilmington, saying the interest grows throughout the State and in the social plans in the Wilmington circle; she is pleased with our plan of literary work for the year and looks forward to visiting us when spring comes; she asks any having talent to send her designs for an inexpensive pin for general use.

Thanks were voted Mrs. Heck and Mrs. Alf. Thompson for the excellent schedule of historical readings for the year. They are:

FOR JANUARY.

First, "Lady Susanna Carolina Matilda."

Second, Incidents of Colonial Life."—by all members.

FOR FEBRUARY.

"Sketch of Flora McDonald," found in University Magazine, 1856.

FOR MARCH.

First, "James Pugh and the Regulators."

Second, "From Child Life in Colonial Days."

FOR APRIL.

First, From "A Study in Colonial History, by Mr. Geo. Davis, Wilmington.

Second. From "Life of Edward Moseley."

Third. From "Home Life of Colonial Days," by Alice Morst Earle.

Also good reading on these lines:

"A Bow of Orange Ribbon," Amelia Barr.

"To Have and to Hold," Mary Johnson.

"Hugh Winn," Weir Mitchell.

Prisoners of Hope," Mary Johnson.

"Richard Carvel," Winston Churchill.

"Hearts Courageous," Hallie Ermine Rives.

The chairman read extracts from Miss A. H. Wharton's address delivered at the last national meeting in Washington.

The Circle voted to present flowers to the "Literary and Historical Society" at its meeting, Jan. 23, 1903. Mrs. Heck read of a quaint woman of "Ye Olden Time" from "Life of Eliza Pinckney." by Harriet Holly Ravenel.

The Circle accepted Col. Fred Old's invitation to go wit him to the "Hall of History," Agricultural building and were interested seeing relics of Colonial times and some priceless souvenirs of our heroes of the Confederate and of the Spanish-American wars.

(Mrs.) G. T. WINSTON,
Secretary.

TERROR AT OLYPHANT.

The Chasm Widens, Threatening to Engulf Other Buildings.

(By the Associated Press.)

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 3.—Just before noon today another fall of earth enlarged the big cave-in at Olyphant and removed over half of the support from beneath the Evans building, which stands on the corner of the cavity made by yesterday's cave-in. The house projects far over the cave and it is feared that it will be swallowed up. Several large cracks have appeared on the surface of adjacent property and the feeling of security which prevailed at day break has given way to one of fear and alarm.

The Delaware and Hudson Company has built a switch to the edge of the cavity and is dumping hundred of carloads of ashes into the big hole. It will take about a week to fill it, even if it does not become enlarged. There is imminent danger that three other buildings will disappear and the residents of the town are badly frightened.

The occupants of the residences near the bluff were warned and took rooms with their friends for the night. The Catholic church is also very close to the edge.

IF MOTHERS WOULD USE ANWAYS Croup Syrup their babies would wear a smile in place of coughing their little lungs out. It is pitiful to see the children cough so much when they could be cured by a 25 cent bottle of this medicine. Pleasant to take. At Hicks' Drug Store.

MERRY WOE BEGINS

Three of the Senatorial Candidates on the Grounds.

Hon. S. M. Gattis Arrives--Many Members Expected Here To-day---It Promises to be a Friendly Contest.

Several members elect of the Legislature arrived in Raleigh yesterday and during the afternoon and evening the lobby of the Yarborough House was fairly well filled with members of the advance guard. Early in the day Hon. Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, candidate for the United States Senate, arrived and took charge of his formerly engaged suite of rooms at the Yarborough. He was accompanied by Mr. Walter Murphy, one of the members-elect of Rowan county and in a little while the Overman men, the Craig men and the Watson men were freely mingling together, each watching out for any new arrival.

During the afternoon Messrs. Watson, Overman and Craig were all sitting together in the lobby in what seemed to be most pleasant and agreeable confab and an onlooker who did not know the fact would hardly have supposed that they were so vigorously opposing each other for the highest office in the gift of the State. They were chatting, smiling and telling jokes and relating humorous and interesting incidents of former campaigns and other successes their respective friends sat about them all in the best of humor, but each on the alert. It is a most interesting fight and will wax warmer and more interesting as the hours go by, but there is no question but what it will be a most friendly fight to the finish. Some of the friends of General Carr and Judge Hoke are expected today, which may change the situation in some respects, but it is safe to say that it can not change it so far as a good natured, friendly but spirited contest is concerned.

Hon. S. M. Gattis, one of the leading candidates for Speaker, arrived on the afternoon train and took up his headquarters at the Yarborough. He was greeted by a number of his supporters and friends and appeared to be in most excellent health and spirits. Mr. W. C. Newland, of Caldwell, another candidate for Speaker, will arrive this afternoon, so said one of his friends last evening.

Mr. Wm. M. Thompson, the member of the House from Onslow, arrived last night

Mr. Fonville, of Duplin, the former engrossing clerk of the House has arrived and is a candidate for re-election. Mr. J. A. Turner, of Guildford, a former member of the House came in yesterday and announced his candidacy for engrossing clerk of the House.

Mr. Batts, of Wilson, whose candidacy for Door-keeper of the Senate has been announced, is on the grounds.

Capt. Bennett, the former Door-keeper of the House, arrived yesterday. His candidacy has not been positively announced.

Mr. F. B. Arendell, of Raleigh, is a candidate for Reading Clerk of the House, and his friends are very confident of his election.

During today and tomorrow there will be a mighty moving towards Raleigh of the members and Senator-elect and other candidates for positions in the two Houses.

REPORT OF STATE UNIVERSITY.

Executive Committee Met Yesterday and Received Same to be Delivered to Governor.

The executive committee of the University of North Carolina met in Raleigh yesterday to receive the report of the fiscal officers of the institution which will be delivered to Governor Aycock and by him transmitted to the General Assembly.

President Venable was present and announced the death of Prof. Henry F. Linscott.

Mr. F. H. Busbee offered the following, and asked that it be spread upon the minutes The resolutions were adopted:

"The members of Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, through their executive committee, have heard with profound grief of the death of Professor Henry F. Linscott, Ph. D., head of the Department of Latin in the faculty of the University.

"By his great attainments in his chosen department, his high scholarship in general literature, his zeal for the advancement of learning, his unflagging labor in the upbuilding of the University and his charming personal character he had established for himself a reputation in educational circles of the State as rare as it was enviable.

"By his untimely death the University has suffered an irreparable loss, the faculty the deprivation of a dear personal friend and companion, the students a guide and mentor in whom they loyally trusted, and his widow and relatives a bereavement beyond language to express."

An Old Railroad Man Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 3.—Stephens T. Garland, for many years actively identified with railroad interests, died at his home here tonight after a long illness. He was sixty years of age. At the age of twenty-three years he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was traffic manager at Oil City for a number of years and later became superintendent of the Black Hills branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. He left this post to assume charge of Eastern Atlanta, Tennessee Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company at Cincinnati. He was subsequently appointed commercial agent at St. Louis of the Richmond and Danville and the Georgia Pacific Companies.

Mr. Garland retired from active business affairs in 1893. He served in the Union Army during the entire Civil War. He was a brother of the late James H. Garland, the New York banker, who was a partner of Jay Cooke.

A Week of Prayer.

The Baptist women of the city will observe the week, Jan. 5-10 as a week of prayer meetings just one hour ling being held each afternoon in the First Baptist church at 3:30 sharp. All ladies are cordially invited to unite in these services.

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STATE BOOK LIST

A Conference to Remedy the Trouble of Distribution.

Plans are Agreed Upon Which it is Thought Will Remedy all Existing Complaints and Difficulties

The matter of suitable facilities for supplying the pupils of the public schools wit the books on the State public school book list was discussed in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction yesterday.

There has been trouble in many counties of the State since the adoption of State, list, this being because books were not on hand when needed by the pupils. Reports reaching the office of the State Superintendent, have told how schools have been retarded in their work because of the failure of book dealers and depositories to ave books on ahnd when needed.

The publishers have been notified of the failure to have their books at the depositories, but the complaints had so increased that it was deemed necessary to have a conference with the representatives of the various publishing houses. This was held yesterday.

There were present at the conference State Superintendent Joyner, Major C. L. Patton, of the University Publishing company, Mr. J. W. Thackston, of the American Book Company, Mr. F. O. Spain, of D. C. Heath and Company and Mr. F. B. Arendell, of the B. F. Johnson Company.

Complains from forty counties were taken up and considered, and it was agreed that the publishers would at once take up the matter with the County Superintendents, and the managers of the book depositories in the counties where there was trouble. It was also agreed that the publishers would seek to have te cause of complaint removed by establishing additional depositories in the counties in which there is a reasonable need for these, and would, in all the depositories established, keep an ample supply of books on hand.

One provision that was agreed to will aid in having the books required promptly on hand. This is that the County Superintendents will be directed to notify the keepers of the depositories in their counties, and also the State Superintendent, of the date fixed by the county Board of Education for the opening of the schools, at least one month before these open. On receiving this notice the State Superintendent will at once notify the publishers, who are expected to have an ample supply of books on hand at their depositories before the schools open, having one month in which to do so. This, it is hoped, will do away with all complaints about the distribution of text books.

The Text Book Commission was not called in session for the reason that it was not thought that any official action on the part of the Commission was necessary to remedy existing complaints or difficulties.

United States Senator---The Election of Mr Badger in 1848.

To the Editor: On the 20th inst. a Senator to succeed Mr. Pritchard is to be elected.

Who will receive the distinguished honor at the hands of the Representatives of the people of North Carolina?

There are several candidates, and dark horses innumerable. The friends of each (as is the custom) say they have a dead sure thing. But just at this writing, no man can tell. In this "neck of the woods" Gen. Julian S. Carr is the favorite and during the past few weeks many strong letters have been published in the papers throughout the State in his advocacy, written by men of the highest character, and some of them distinguished for great learning, and love of country. We think the Legislature will make no mistake, if they confer this, their highest gift upon Gen. Julian S. Carr.

In 1848, it was Whigs and Democrats, and I used to think that all the gentlemen belonged to the Whig party. In that year, the Legislature met on the 20th November. After seven ballots Robt. B. Gilliam was elected Speaker of the House (on the 22d), defeating Jas. C. Dobbin. Calvin Graves was elected President of the Senate on the 25th, after nineteen ballots, defeating Andrew Joyner.

The first ballot for United States Senator was had on the 12th December with the following result:

George E. Badger, 82; Weldon H. Edwards, 13; J. B. Shepard, 18; Jas. J. McKay, 18; T. L. Clingman, 6; W. F. Leake, 8; Charles Fisher, 6; Kenneth Raynor, 1; Jas. C. Dobbin, 7; David S. Reid, 4; Abram Venable, 2; Asa Biggs, 2; Wm. Eaton, Jr., 1.

On the 16th another ballot was had, as follows:

Badger, 82; J. B. Shepard, 18; Edwards, 6; McKay, 10; Leake, 8; W. B. Shepard, 16; Raynor, 3; Clingman, 14; Reid, 1; Fisher, 4; Venable, 1; D. L. Swain, 2; W. L. Steele, 1; J. R. J. Daniels, 1.

On the 20th another ballot was had, resulting as follows:

Badger, 82; Clingman, 50 Leake, 12; Edwards, 8; McKay, 2; Fisher, 5; Raynor, 1; Dobbin, 1; Baskerville, 1; Brogden, 1.

A second ballot was had with the following result:

Badger, 75; Clingman, 59; Leake, 9; Swain, 9; Edwards, 6; McKay, 3; Raynor, 1; Fisher, 1; W. B. Shepard, 1.

A third and final ballot was held in the House, which resulted in Mr. Badger's election by 1 majority. The following was the result:

Badger, 83; Clingman, 67; Edwards, 4; Leake, 4; Fisher, 2; Swain, 2; McKay, 1; Dobbin, 1; Raynor, 1.

On the last ballot Henry T. Farmer, Republican from Henderson county, changed his vote from Clingman to Badger, thus honoring one of the greatest men that this State ever has, or ever will produce. There are strong hopes for a man giving such a vote as this. If he has crossed over the river, surely he must be resting under the shade of the trees.

Old Orange had in this Legislature four Representatives, to-wit: Cadwallader Jones, Jr., P. H. McDade, John Stockard and iles Mebane, and a Senator, John Berry. Mr. Hugh Waddell contested Berry's seat. A vote was had on 25th January, 1849, three days before the adjournment. Each received 21 votes, the President of the Senate, Mr. Graves, casting vote for Mr. Berry.

On the day before, the North Carolina Railroad was incorporated by the casting vote of Mr. Graves. This road is 223 miles long, stretching from Goldsboro to Charlotte and the sorriest depot on the entire line is at Durham.

It's a daisy.

Surely they had Senatorial timber in 1848, as is evidenced by the subsequent election of three of Mr. Badger's competitors to the high office of United States Senator, to-wit: Asa Biggs, David S. Reid, Thomas L. Clingman. Will history repeat itself in the approaching election? We will see.

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Durham, N. C., Jan. 3, 1903.

BLOCKED BY SLIDES.

Trains on the Northern Pacific are Brought to a Standstand.

(By the Associated Press.)

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 3.—Shortly before midnight last night slides were reported from various points along the main line of the Northern Pacific and since that time slides have been occurring at intervals to noon today. The wires were down and railroad officials were unable to get information except from nearby points. As near as can be learned none of the slides were serious and it is thought the track will be cleared within twenty-four hours.

The worst slides are reported from points east of Tacoma, but there is also trouble between Tacoma and Portland and the track is blocked on all the branches.

Trouble had occurred on the Great Northern earlier in the day and that road was sending its passenger trains over the Northern Pacific. The Great Northern train that left Seattle last evening and the Northern Pacific that left Tacoma last evening are both tied up at Kanasket, one mile from Palmer Junction.

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 3.—The building occupied by the Capital Brewing Company as bottling works was almost completely demolished last night by a slide of sand from the bluff back of the building. The bluff is about fifty feet high and was almost perpendicular with the side of the building. The office building is in immediate danger and the officials of the company are expecting it will be crushed at any moment, as small slides are constantly coming down.