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### THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The New Year's sun had risen upon a party of hunters crossing the Pee Dee. The placid stream was emblematic of peace. In recounting the feats of the field and the trophies of the preceding day's jaunt among the hills, the pleasure-genuine withal—was nevertheless chastened by the reflection that the old year was dead;—gone, and with it many a glorious throng of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow, its shadow in each heart. In its swift course it waved its sceptre o'er the beautiful. And they were not. It laid its pallid hand upon the strong man, and the haughty form

is fallen, and the flashing eyes is dim. It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged the bright and joyous, and the tearful wail of stricken ones is heard where erst the song and reckless shout resounded. — and, in the moment of wafting a kindly farewell to the old, a rainbow was plainly marked through the morning fog, as if "throned in celestial sheen," and betokening renewed promises for the new year.

### A BRIEF SKETCH OF VIRGINIA'S FAVORITE SON.

On the 15th of last month the Hon. John Warwick Daniel of Lynchburg was elected by the General Assembly of Virginia to the U. S. Senate, as successor to Gen. William Mahone, whose term expires March 4, 1887. Born in Campbell county, Va., on the 5th of September 1842, Major Daniel is comparatively a young man; the youngest in the United States Senate, except Senator Kenna of West Virginia, who was born in 1848.

His father for a long time, as a Judge, adorned the Virginia Court of Appeals; and his mother was the daughter of Mr. John M. Warwick who in ante-bellum days was one of the staunchest and most reliable business men of Lynchburg, Va. In consequence of the war Major Daniel inherited from his fathers only their honored names and those high characteristics of mind and heart which are the sure basis of substantial eminence. For several years he was a student of Lynchburg College where he stood high in his class and was noted for his manly bearing, gentle disposition, and strict attention to duty.

He was a student under Prof. Wm. Carroll, of our town, who remembers him as a brilliant, high-souled and intrepid boy possessed of the very qualities that fit him for leadership and his responsibilities. When Virginia called upon her sons to defend her honor on the field of battle, we find Young Daniel, though a mere school boy, a private in the ranks. At the battle of First Manassas he sealed with his blood his devotion to the old Commonwealth. His cool courage and conspicuous gallantry soon won for him promotion and, while yet so young, he was honored with the star of a major. While gallantly leading a charge of the 33rd Regiment of the old Stonewall Brigade in the battle of the Wilderness he fell like a hero from a wound that well nigh proved fatal and which has rendered him a cripple and a sufferer for life.

After the close of the war he entered as a student of law at the University of Va., and during his stay at the University had the honor of being elected Orator of the Jefferson Society. His oration on that occasion was a masterly effort and gave earnest of his future career. Since 1869, his voice has been heard in council and on the hustings against the machinations of the mercenary horde, which, after the

hostilities, came down upon Virginia like an avalanche to consume what little had been left from the desolation of war; and against the designs of some of her own sons who could not resist the temptation To "bow the pregnant hinges of the knee That thrift might follow fawning."

To him Virginia is indebted for many of her most salutary laws. As a member of the General Assembly he was either the originator or advocate. As a lawyer he ranks among the first in a profession where a high order of intellect, solid attainments and untiring industry are requisite to secure any great success and permanent reputation. His work on "Negotiable Interests" is recognized with others as authority in the courts both of England and the United States.

As an orator his orations on Lee and Washington, as well as his many utterances before the people, attest his claim. Now that he has been transferred to a broader arena of action, we may expect from him a high order of statesmanship such as will restore Virginia to her former position and influence, and even add new lustre to the Old Dominion. A man of high and pure character, of unsullied integrity, of broad culture and ripe experience, ready in speech and cogent in argument, and in sympathy with the spirit of the age, he will stand the peer of any of his colleagues. The whole country has reason to rejoice at his election.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 1886. As usual the New Year was ushered in here with a grand reception at the Executive Mansion. The official world of Washington rolled out in its carriages en masse and shook the President's hand. Just before a Presidential inauguration or New Year's reception, the weather, that always interesting subject, becomes an absorbing question of speculation here. The Signal Service Bureau was frequently interviewed yesterday to learn whether the old year would leave us with sunshine or storm. Blue skies favored the event of to-day however, and there was nothing to mar the success of Mr. Cleveland's first New Year's reception.

The Marine band was there as usual and discoursed fine music from the main ante-room, while the callers passed in and out. The newspaper correspondents were promptly on hand also and some few drivers of the fair sex were disatisfied with their accommodations, and wanted vantage ground in the Blue Room where they could more accurately note the dresses and laces and diamonds.

A few minutes before 11 a. m., the band commenced playing "Hail to the Chief," and the President with Miss Cleveland and the ladies of the Cabinet took their positions in the Blue Room. Only the Cabinet ladies, neither the Speaker's wife, Mrs. Carlisle, nor Mrs. Sherman, the wife of the President of the Senate, were of the receiving party. Mr. Cleveland wore a Prince Albert coat, dark necktie and white kid gloves. The Cabinet officers came first on the programme to greet the Executive and his assistant receivers. Next came the representatives of foreign countries in their showy attire of velvet, gold lace sashes, stars, crosses and other insignia of rank. England, France, Germany, Spain, Russia, Japan and China were conspicuously represented, by bedizened Diplomats, while some of the South American Republics came in Democratic attire, wearing the customary evening dress of American gentlemen.

The reception of the Supreme Court, and the various courts of the District of Columbia, Senators and Members of the lower House, military and naval officers followed close. Each division of the procession defiled into the East Room as it passed the President. The Diplomatic corps remained there until it was reinforced by the gilt epauletted officers of the Army and Navy, and the scene became exceedingly gay, animated, variegated, brilliant, picturesque, statuesque, etc. etc. For once the gentlemen outshone the ladies in splendor of attire, and that is saying much, for the ladies of the foreign Legations reflected every tint of the rainbow.

When all the dignitaries and officials in Washington had grasped the President's hand and passed on into the East Room and gradually to their carriages again, the people's reception began. For an hour an

other varied scene was presented, of gray haired men and women, young people, children, and middle aged, black and white, rich and poor.

The President bore his fatiguing task patiently and cheerfully, and remarked in reply to some expression of sympathy from a friend that this was one of his easiest duties. He looked each caller in the eye, and to each greeting gave a "Thank you," or "I am pleased to see you." Secretary Bayard gave the usual diplomatic breakfast to the Diplomatic Corps after leaving the President's reception, and his rather small house on Highland Place was taxed to its utmost to accommodate these foreign gentlemen as there is quite a number of them now in Washington. The Diplomats continued in full court dress at this breakfast given in their honor, and after that assumed frock coats for general calls.

The Cabinet ladies repaired to their homes after the White House ceremonies and held their own New Year's receptions assisted by lady friends. For some years the leaders of society here have discouraged the use of liquor as a feature of New Year's hospitality. The ladies of the new Administration also agreed not to begin the New Year by keeping an open bar for their gentlemen callers.

### FALCON.

### OUR DECEMBER LETTER FROM MISSISSIPPI.

Stock Show at Holly Springs—Diversity in Farming—The Sort of Immigrants Wanted by Zeb Vance and the Rest of Us, Etc.

From our Special Correspondent. DEAR ROCKET:—The first annual fine stock exhibition of the North Mississippi Stock Breeders' Association was held at Holly Springs, our neighboring town, last week, and has been very generally pronounced a grand success. The list of entries, in every class, was a full one, and the character of the exhibits so superior as to attract the admiration of the crowds gathered by a display so unusual in Southern districts. — "Blood-horse" colts, young mules, Holstein and Jersey cattle equal in high grade qualities to the bluegrass stock of Kentucky, were there in astonishingly large numbers, considering the very short time the Association has been organized—only three or four months. Desoto colts trotted off with many ribbons flaunting victory to the breeze, and bore handsome premiums to their fortunate owners as rewards for the care and attention they have bestowed in making them worth showing. All of which goes to show that the "diversity system" of farming, so long urged in-talk with our people, is in actual practice here to a very considerable extent, and the demonstration having been clearly made that we can easily take on the stock-raising industry, so profitable in the North and West, and make more cotton than the world wants at any price; besides, the notion that we occupy the rich corner in "the garden of the world" begins to settle serenely in our "public mind." Now, I've a sort of notion that this "diversity" system is, after a manner, somewhat like the civil service system—full of benefit to the country at large but actually a "stuffed boot" to a limited few; and to become one of the favored few one must, in this or in that, train up for and confine his efforts to some particular department of the greatly diversified business comprehended in the common term, farming. In other words, let the diversifying spread out in the hands of the public, but, as individuals, let each take up such a crop as he has a fancy for and concentrate all his energies in its continued production, to the entire exclusion of all thought or care about any others. Make a specialty of something; it is hardly probable that all will select the same kind of crops. Specialties alone give big harvests to commerce, manufacturing and the professions, and I verily believe a like success would attend the same kind of division in farming. It is highly probable that there is no crop or particular kind of stock that will not prove profitable if it be followed with concentrated energy year after year, and it is highly probable that he who undertakes a diversity of crops will become poorer year after year. Farming, as understood in the South, is altogether too big a business—too diversified—for any one man to look after with profit. No one crop is.

Tell your Bostick's Mills correspondent that Zeb Vance is always ready to extend a warm and honest hand in hearty welcome to any manly or worthy immigrant that may be attracted to the salubrious climate and generous soil of North Carolina.

but that he, no doubt, in common with many of the balance of us, has lost patience with our heretofore persistent efforts to convince those of a supposed higher civilization that we of the South do not sure enough have horns and do mortal injury to such strangers as venture among us, and is therefore no longer anxious about having Bureaus full of the scary sort tumbled into the desirable places that natives to the manor will want before many decades of years have passed away. Check up the emigration from your borders, is the thing for you North Carolinians to try to do; but I suppose it will be difficult for you to accomplish much in that way with the fame of this goodly and fair land to allure its enterprising and clever citizens away.

### Decrease in Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dun & Co's. mercantile agency reports that the total number of business failures in the United States during 1885 was 10,637, with liabilities of a little more than \$124,000,000, as compared with 10,068 failures in 1884, with liabilities of \$226,000,000. While the failures for 1885 are only 3 per cent less in number than in 1884, the liabilities have decreased nearly 50 per cent. The number of traders reported in business in 1885 was 910,990. In 1878, with 674,000 traders, one in sixty-four came to grief. The average amount of liabilities of each failure in 1885 was \$11,678, against \$20,632 in 1885 and \$22,369 in 1878. It is seen from these figures that while the business casualties have decreased but slightly in number they are far less significant in amount and importance.

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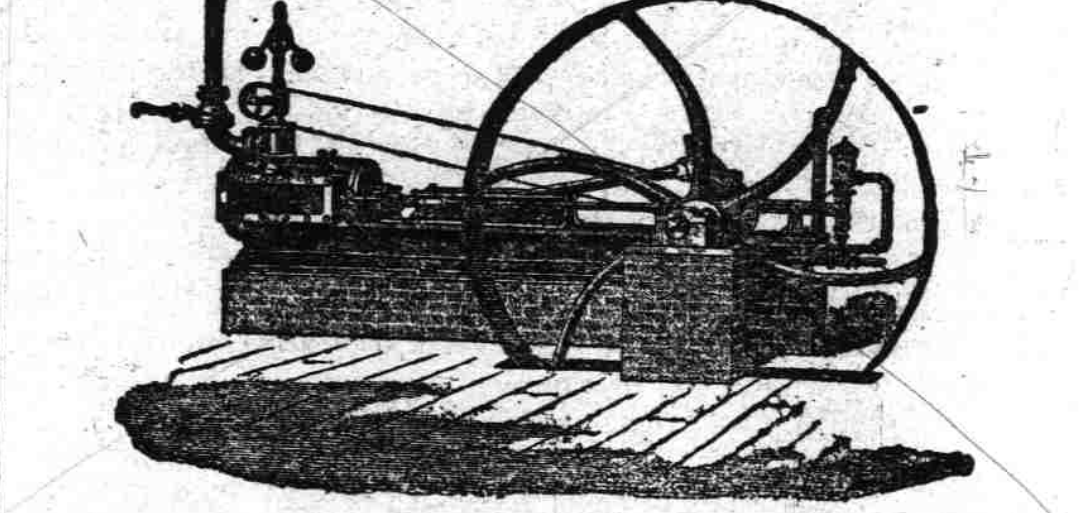
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