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NORTH CAROLINA IN CONGRESS

Editor Josephus Daniels, of the News and Observer, has recently spent some time in Washington, and in his editorial correspondence to his paper he said nice things for North Carolina's representatives in Congress. He regards Senator Simmons as among the wisest of the new Senators. He has appointment on important committees, and has well sustained himself in every respect since he has been in the Senate.

Senator Overman is also fast becoming acquainted with the members of the body and starts out with pleasing popularity. He is a man of fine attractions and will soon fill an important place there.

In the House Mr. Daniels thinks North Carolina has seldom, if ever, been better represented. He speaks of all the members from this State as working members, and this will always tell in the nation's councils as well as anywhere else.

Altogether, North Carolina ought to feel proud of its representatives in the Congress.

LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL EDITION.

Last Sunday's issue of the News and Observer was a "Legislative Special Edition." It contained forty pages and gave a picture and sketch of the members of the last General Assembly of North Carolina, together with pictures and sketches of many of the officers of that body. It gave also pictures of Governor Aycock, Senators Simmons and Overman, State Librarian, M. O. Sherrill, and pictures and sketches of the Code Commissioners, Prof. N. Y. Gulley, Hon. Thos. B. Womack and Hon. W. B. Rodman. A most interesting and helpful resume of the work of the Legislature is given, and this one edition of the paper is worth the subscription price of the paper to one who wishes to post himself on the work of the Legislature.

The News and Observer is always enterprising and it has never done its readers better service in any single issue than in its "Legislative Edition" of last Sunday.

It ought to be filed by every subscriber as a reference sheet.

ABOUT WORKING ROADS.

Almost every man you meet will tell you of the very bad condition of the roads, but few are willing to comply with the present law to put them in good condition and keep them so.

If we mistake not, the present law allows overseers to call out road hands six days during the year. We do not hesitate to say that if every road hand in Halifax county were required to do six days work on the roads every year the roads would be in much better condition than they are. The truth is, there is a little too much consideration for the feelings of others in this matter. The board of supervisors in each township should see to it that overseers attend to their roads and give them the proper working; and in turn the overseers ought to see to it that the road hands do proper work on the roads and as much as the law requires.

Some one may say that it takes too much time from the field or other places of labor, and that six days in the year is too much; but if strictly adhered to, in the end it would prove to be an economical expenditure of labor. Good roads make it possible for farmers to save time by hauling better loads and without so much wear and tear of team, carts and wagons. Six days on the roads by every road hand—good honest work, such as they would have to do on a farm—will put the roads in much better condition than they are now in, and would keep them so.

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HALIFAX REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

In the special Legislative Edition of the News and Observer last Sunday the following interesting sketches of Senator E. L. Travis and Representatives W. F. Parker and W. P. White appeared:

SENATOR E. L. TRAVIS.

Halifax county realized at the last few elections that it had swept away the negro problem and that the time had come to select its brainiest men and its best leaders to represent its Democracy in the State Legislature. The selection of E. L. Travis was therefore a natural one. Mr. Travis is an excellent leader of men, a born politician and a man who keeps a close watch on the trend of public affairs. When quite a young man he became a leader in Halifax and has since his elevation to leadership shown a superior wisdom that has redounded to the credit of his county and himself.

Down east in Halifax he is chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. For years he has been a director of the penitentiary and for four years he was chairman of the board—from 1899 to 1903. He also served Halifax county as its clerk of court. At the present session he was chairman of the Committee on Corporations and a member of the Committee on Judiciary, Insurance, Education and Election Laws.

Senator Travis read law under the late Hon. R. O. Burton and in 1890, when he secured his license, he became a partner with Mr. Burton. He is a prominent Mason and a consistent Methodist. He was prominent in shaping and passing the Constitutional Amendments. In return for his faithful services and as a token of appreciation of such services he was presented with the pen with which the ratified amendments were signed.

Senator Travis was born in Brunswick county, Va., in 1866 and came to this State while a small boy. In 1894 he was married to Miss Jennie Grady. He is the father of two boys, both of whom are staunch Halifax Democrats. Mr. Travis is a strong man.

REPRESENTATIVE W. F. PARKER.

When W. F. Parker attended Horner School, as a young boy, he did not expect his military training to prepare him for war, but it did. After leaving Horner he went to the State University and left that institution to take part in the fight between the States and battle for his Southland. He became a member of Company F, 75th North Carolina, and a fighting member of the Deering Regiment and the 16th North Carolina Cavalry. During the last year of the war he was in General W. P. Roberts' brigade and commanded his own company at Gettysburg. He did not surrender, but managed with his men to escape. He had many narrow escapes, and at one time had a horse shot from under him, but never suffered a flesh wound. He says that he has the only saber in North Carolina that has the trace of a bullet along the entire length of the scabbard.

Mr. Parker was born November 26, 1842, and was married in 1865 to Miss Eliza Herring, of Duplin county. He has one child. Mr. Parker is a farmer and also manufactures lumber. For twelve years he was treasurer of his county, and has been an able member of the last two Legislatures. He was a member of the following committees at this last session: Pensions and Soldiers' Home (chairman), Agriculture, Public Roads, Corporation, Education and Trustee of the University. In 1901 he delivered an address on the old soldiers' bill, and was given an ovation at the close of his great speech. As a member of the House, when any legislation relating to the care and maintenance of the old Confederate soldiers was before that body, W. F. Parker eloquently, eloquently, gave such his support.

REPRESENTATIVE W. P. WHITE.

Mr. W. P. White, Representative from Halifax county, was born October 5, 1860. He attended the common schools, and Wake Forest College. He is a farmer, a lumber manufacturer, a merchant, and has taught school in Halifax county. He was mayor of Eobgood for three years, and has just served his third consecutive term as a member of the Legislature. His legislative career has been distinguished. He made a magnificent fight for just taxation of railroads during a previous session of the Legislature, and is especially interested in temperance legislation and good roads. It is said that to him more than to any other is due the

credit for the excellent roads in some sections of the country.

Mr. White is one of our most popular members of the Legislature. He is noted for his big heart and his jovial disposition. His home is the center of the rich hospitality of that section; and his entertaining includes the serving of the finest barbecue, and Brunswick stew to be had. He is noted for that rare hospitality which wins friends in a moment and holds them for an age.

Mr. White was twice married—his first wife being Miss Moriah Minton, of Norfolk, whose death occurred in 1899. His second wife was Miss Eya J. Humber, of Greenville.

REPRESENTATIVE S. G. DANIEL.

Hon. S. G. Daniel, who represented Warren county in the House, lives in Littleton and is largely identified with the interests of Halifax county. The following sketch of him in the Sunday News and Observer will interest our readers hereabout:

"Warren county has the knack of appreciating splendid energies, abilities and character as is evidenced in her historical past. And not only as relates to her historical past, but the application is, yet an apt one. Her wisdom was manifest in the selection of S. G. Daniel to represent her interest again in the House. As a member of that branch of the General Assembly both in 1901 and 1903, he proved himself loyal to his constituency, and devoted to his State by earnestly seeking to promote their every interest, by voting to check indiscriminate and bad legislation and giving his support to those measures that tended to uplift and build. He served as chairman of the Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts and as a member of the Committee on Judiciary, Banks and Banking and the special committee to prepare and present a bill to codify the law. He fathered a bill to prevent manufacture, sale and carrying of fire arms in the State. Mr. Daniel is a native of Halifax county, was born in 1861, attended Trinity College, read law under R. O. Burton, and Dick & Dillard, was licensed in 1890, and began practice at Littleton, his home. He was Mayor of Littleton in 1902. Warren could not have been better represented.

RABBIT-SNAKE STORY.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

Otter Creek, Fla., March 14, 1903
 EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH:—Several days ago an old negro brought to town a live rattlesnake four feet long and offered it for sale. It was a very venomous looking customer, and how the negro had the backbone to attempt to capture him is beyond my knowledge. But he did, and our clever townsman and efficient doctor, R. D. McLeod, purchased him and placed him in a wire cage for exhibition and to experiment with.

A few days ago the doctor, supposing that his snakeship might be hungry, placed some frogs in the cage, and of course the frogs were considerable of the rattler's feelings and gave him all the room that they could spare. The rattler seemed to appreciate it very much or he wasn't hungry, for he never attempted to make a breakfast of either of the frogs. On Saturday the doctor placed a rabbit in the cage, and the rabbit also gave the snake all the room possible under the circumstances. The snake must have had a taste for rabbit, for he attempted to bite this one, but succeeded only in getting a quantity of fur in his mouth, so he gave up in disgust. But not so with the rabbit. He fasted until Sunday night and then becoming very hungry, and having nothing better at hand, he proceeded to eat Mr. Snake—or at least that is the conclusion arrived at, for on Monday Mr. Rabbit was in the cage peacefully licking his chops, and Mr. Snake was there, but minus a head and a portion of his neck. The rabbit seems to be none the worse for his impromptu breakfast.

The above is hard to believe, but it is nevertheless true. Scores of people saw the snake after his head had been eaten. The rabbit is still on exhibition at the office of Dr. McLeod.

W. D. F.

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