At a big Democratic barbecue at Statesville last Friday Governor Craig delivered the following address on the Constitutional Amendments:

Only One Contest.

"There seems to be no contest about any of the amendments except the amendment relating to revenue and taxation. The opposition to this seeems to be disappearing as it is more thoroughly understood.

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"Our present system of taxation is seriously defective. Under this system we have not been able to raise enough money to meet the expenses of the state government, although taxes are high—too high. We have been forced to issue bonds to cover dencits that have arisen from year to year.

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"The fault is not in the officials who have administered the law, but in the system. It has failed to raise sufficient revenue and in its operation it is grievously unjust. The average man, the ordinary citizen, pays his just proportion of taxes; some of the wealthier classes do not. Industry as a general rule pays its part, but a great amount of intangible property is concented and escapes. Injustices and inequity everywhere prevail. Every thoughtful man knows that these are facts, and can cite illustrations of outrageous wrongs and discriminations and evasion of civic obligations.

The demand for reform in taxation

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'The demand for reform in taxation is, and has been universal and imperative. In my inaugural address I made the following statement:

The Wealthy Escape

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"The personal property of the average man cannot be concealed. The securities of the wealthy can be concealed. The peop pay this tax. The wealthy escapes. If we could segregate property and provide that the property in each community should bear the governmental expense of that community and that property of a general character should meet the requirements of the state, the temptation to depreciation would be greatly lessened, and the effort to conceal less successful. This is the essence and the strength of local self-government, the taxation of each community by its own people, for its own purposes and benefits. The unit should be no larger than is necessary to secure the advantages of co-operation. The application of this principle has enabled our cities and towns and many of our raral communities to enjoy the advantages of improvement and progress. We must eventually resort to this principle of local self-government for the highest development of local institutions. We must resort to this principle of local self-government for the highest development of local institutions. We must resort to this toobtain the best roads, and the best obtain the best roads, and the best and the opportunities of modificance in the life of the state. I believe that it could be framed to result in her enduring welfare."

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"Thering the session of the General Assembly of 1913, it seemed to be the unmimous opinion of the members that the Constitution should be membed, especially the section providing for revenue, I taked with most of the legislators, those was no dissent. The present corporation commission, and the furniar recreation commission were emphatic in the constitution that an ampelment of the revenue section of the Constitution was imperatively demanded.

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"Bills were intraffused in the General Assembly of Bills enabodying the precosed amendment. A commission composed of twenty of the ablest men in the state was created to consider these bills and report to the adjourned session of the General Assembly. It was generally recognized that the tax amendment was the mest important. This arrendment pending before the General Assembly, before the constitutional commission, before the people of North Carolina from March until September, 1913. The Constitutional commission held metings in antil September, 1913. The Constitutional commission held metings in
various parts of the state. The commission was favored in the discussion
of this question by the very ablest
men from this and other states. The
amendment was discussed in the press
of the state. During all this time not
a single objection, so far as I know,
was made to the commission against
any essential feature of this tax
amendment. In its present form it
was adopted unanimously by the commission after patient and thorough
consideration, and recommended to
the General Assembly. With but one
or two dissenting votes, the General or two dissenting votes, the General Assembly approved it and submitted it to the people for ratification.

Should Have Spoken Before.

SCORE ONE MORE FOR WILSON

Colorado with all its state officers and militia failed to control the coal strike in that state.

Pillage, rebellion and bloody butcheries of women and children disgraced the state. Capital defied organized labor with a resort to arms, and labor defended its contention in the same way.

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The state appealed to the United States War Department and regular army soldiers prevented further bloodshed and held both sides in a

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Finally, the President, in his wonderfully wise way, proposed a plan of peace and work.

The plan provided that union and mon-union men should go to work in the mines on equal terms, to work side by side. That none should be blacklisted and that all future differences should be submitted for settlement to President Wilson.

All agreed to this plan proposed by the peace-maker of the world, and the beneficient noise of industry will soon resound through the mountains and valleys of Southern Colorado.

Wilson has earned the enviable title of the "President of Peace," and the "Friend of the People."—Cheyenne (Wyo.) State Leader.

Paint the poultry house outside and whitewash it often inside.

he should have waited until no error could be corrected, until after the amendment had been submitted to the people to be accepted or rejected in its present form, to make his objections known. I fear that there are certain large interests in the state that have become nervous as to the effect upon them of the proposed measures, but I do not believe that their fears are justified.

The State Would Suffer.

"If this amendment should be voted "If this amendment should be voted down, the state must suffer for years to come on account of an unjust and vicious system of taxation. The prosperity and the development of the state must not be impeded for lack of necessary legislation. Many of us are firm in the conviction that the proposed amendment would be of immense advantage to all the people, and to our industrial and moral development.

Power Back to People.

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The amendment does not formulate a system of taxation. It removes from the constitution the restriction apon the power of the General Assembly placed there by reconstruction. It restores to the General Assembly—to the representatives of the people—the power that should never have been taken from them—the power to formulate a just system of taxation responsive to the demands of progress. This amendment does not write a revenue act. It removes from the constitution the restrictions placed there half a century ago by a constitutional convention that did not understand the genius of our people, that declared our country in a state of rebellion, that was not willing to trust the representatives of our people. The amendment would restore to make for the people of the state a just and efficient revenue law. It should have been adopted long ago.

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"Its purpose is not to raise the rate of taxation, but to lower the rate of taxation, but to lower the rate of taxation, but to lower the rate of a taxation. Its purpose and effect would be not to compel the average citizen to pay more taxes, but to compel property now concealed to pay its just propertion of taxes. Its larger purpose is to emble each comunity to minimister its own affairs, to levy its own taxes, to make its own immovements, and to realize the full benefit of local self-government. This, we believe would result in a prosperity and a progress that is now denied. "The only objection to this amendment is the fear that the General Assembly refail be maked and unjust. There are provents in the state that fear to trust the representatives of the people. Such fears cannot be fastified. Never yet has a Legislature in this ante enacted a law unjust to our larger financial or indiastion in the state that the considerate of the larger interests of organised wealth, but no man can could be a large standard by considerate of the larger interests of organised wealth, but no man can could be a large standard in a spirit of injustice or class hatros to the rich. The reconstant cannot be made with tooks among a constant in a spirit of injustice or class hatros to the rich. The reconstant cannot he made with tooks among a large and reason to fear the fixture.

"It was the last General Assembly."

"It was the last General Assembly that fixed intrastate freight rates and appropriated ten thousand dollars of the people's money to have these rates thoroughly considered to guard against the comprission of any wrongs to the railroads. This is now, and has been, the spirit of North Carolina Legislatures.

Fairness is Demanded.

"The people demand fairness and only fairness for all the rich and poor alike. They will tolerate nothing else. Some would prefer that the honest people of the state should continue to suffer, that the development of the state should be hampered by a system proven by experience to be wrong and inefficient, for fear that the General Assembly of North Carolina might be controlled by unjust and vicious motives.

Should Have Spoken Before.

"This amendment is of supreme importance to the people of the state. If any man in North Carolina had any objection to this measure he should have spoken to the commission and to the General Assembly that they and the people of the state might have had the benefit of his views. That was the time to speak.

"If any citizen of North Carolina now believes that this amendment would not be for the welfare of the state, it is certaintuchis privilege and his duty to oppose it, but it is unfortunate if there be such an one, that The constitutional commission that

"BUY-A-BALE" CLUBS FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS, PUPILS.

Mr. Joyner Sets Forth Plans and Urges that Teachers, Pupils and County Superintendents Adopt Them.

To Superintendents of Schools, teach-

school to give notice through the children to the parents of the school and to enlist the children in the campaign for raising the money to buy at least one bale of cotton, urging them to contribute, and to get their parents to come to the meeting and contribute. Let the superintendent enlist also, the active co-operation of the school committeemen, the Woman's Betterment Asociations, the Woman's Elubs, the Farmers' Union, and other organizations in the various school districts. With the funds raised let this bale of cotton be purchased through the school committee or through the school committee designated by the meeting. Wherever possible it should be a bale of cotton raised in the school district, and where it can be done, it should be purchased at ten cents a pound or half a cent above the market of the school officials co-operate with all others in their community for purchasing distress-cotton and holding it, or where a distress-bale is forced on the market pine is the committee.

SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIA-

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 13.—An aggressive movement to bring about a reduction of next year's cotton acreage through special legislation of cotton belt legislatures was started in Texas the week beginning October 5 by leading members of the Southern Cotton Asociation, which has recently been reorganized, and through the present movement intends to repeat its success of 1905.

The campaign was started in Texas

purchasing distress-contenting it, or where a distress-bale is forcing the school committee or some other reliable farmer in the district would probably be willing to store it, giving a receipt for it. When sold the funds might be placed in the hands if the

Yours very truly,
J. Y. JOYNER,
State Superintendent of
struction.

TO CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY A FEW IMPRESSIONS OF KANSAS

Governor Locke Craig has issued his proclamation setting forth the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of December as Community Service Days, and calling upon all the people of the State to observe them, in acordance with the outline set forth.

The observance of these days in this community service work is emitted.

Allean, G., Out, S.—An approximately approxi are permitted to grow up all the summer, and in the fall when the school starts some times a patron will take a scythe and snake out the yard in front of the building, and the boys will trample down the remainder. How easy it would be to keep the school grounds neat and clean. On this Neighborhood Day when all the people are together at the school house cleaning up, planting trees, and beautifying the grounds, with fathers, mothers and children present, let them perfect an organization to look after the school in the future. This might be known as the Community League, or the Civic League of — School. It would be well to elect some good woman as the president, and let every man, woman and child in the district become a member, with a small membership fee so as to have a little money to carry on the work, such as buying grass seeds, lime, or for other nurey to carry on the work, such as buy-ing grass seeds, lime, or for other pur-I think this would be a great thing or any community. Suppose the

I think this would be a great thing for any community. Suppose the people of the entire state should get together on these days and clean up the home grounds, the school grounds, the church grounds, and the cemeteries, what a difference we should see. It would have its effect upon the civic ideas of our people, and especially upon our children. Not long since I was talking with a gentleman from Pennsylvania, and he said: "This is my

I have just returned from a visit to my uncle, Mr. J. S. Steed, in Kansas, and I thought that since so many Randolph people have gone to Kansas to live, some of the Courier readers might be interested in hearing about

Many send for sample bottle to see what Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remody will do for them. Every reader of this paper, who has not already tried it, by enclosing ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., may receive sample size bottle by Parcel Post. You can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one dollar size bottles at all drug stores.

For young pigs furnish a dry bed where they can get lots of sunshine.

stores.

first trip South and the thing that strikes me most is the fact that there are no lawns. I see country homes without a sprig of grais or a flower, and even in town many of the homes are no better." Somehow the remark put me to thinking and since that time I have observed a fittle more carefully, and what he said is true. Just the other day I saw a really nice country home, and just in front of it was an old log wagon, and in the front yard was a pile of brickbuts and other rubbish. These things can be remedied without costing much money.

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The other things the Governor calls strention to are good, but I want to attention to are good, but see the things mentioned h after as suggested, and worth while.

E. S. MILLSAPS, District Agent.