

The Charlotte Observer.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

MR. ALDRICH AND HIS FAD CURRENCY BILL.

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These arguments do not appear to us very well founded. The financial panics with which this country is familiar have always followed a collapse from an over-wrought boom...

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STILL GROPING.

We are unconvinced by the interview given by a Charlotte gentleman Wednesday and published in yesterday's paper, advancing the theory that Mr. W. W. Kitchin's letter to an executive committee...

With even more indignation do we in behalf of this good and modest man—he never talks about himself—repeat the base suggestion that he realizes that the ship that was freighted with his hopes of a gubernatorial nomination has sunk...

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REMOVED FOR SAFE-KEEPING.

John Randall Taken From Marshall Jail to Asheville to Prevent a Lynching by Madison Citizens—Charge Against Him Brutal Murder of His Wife, and Feeling Against Him is Intense.

Asheville, Feb. 13.—Sheriff Cole and Deputy Sheriff Springs, of Madison county, arrived here this evening on train No. 12, bringing with them John Randall, charged with the cruel murder of his wife several days ago. Randall was brought here for safe-keeping. He is, however, apparently indifferent to the crime charged against him and seems to have no fear.

Sheriff Cole brought his prisoner to Asheville to prevent a lynching. The sheriff stated to-night that he had been reliably informed that as quick as the excitement died down in Madison a band of one hundred men had been selected to storm the jail and take Randall out and lynch him. It was for the purpose of frustrating this plan that Sheriff Cole this evening hurried his prisoner off to Asheville. It is rumored to-night that even the Asheville jail is not considered safe and that in all probability Randall will be taken away to-night or tomorrow and removed to Waynesville or some other safe jail.

The feeling in Madison county against Randall is growing more intense every day and much excitement, it is said, now prevails all over the county as a result of the brutal murder of Mrs. Randall by her husband. On the way to Asheville Randall talked about business affairs but admitted that he was in great trouble, that "the loss of his old woman" (meaning his wife), whom he killed, was causing him uneasiness. It is almost certain that if Randall remained in Marshall jail he would be lynched.

MILITIA ORDERED OUT.

Grave Danger of Lynching of Negro in Washington County For Shooting Town Constable, and Governor Orders Sheriff to Use Militia.

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Governor Glenn to-night received an urgent telegram from the sheriff of Washington county asking permission to call out the militia to protect a negro from lynching. The telegram to the Governor from Sheriff W. J. Jackson, dated Plymouth, reads as follows: "Grave danger of lynching caused by negro shooting town constable. Please put National Guard marine corps here at my disposal. Wire at once."

THE CLOSING CONCERTS.

The Afternoon and Night Performances of the Metropolitan Grand Concert Company Two Delightful Occasions—All the Singers Acquired Themselves Handsomely to the Pleasure of Their Audiences.

Thoroughly enjoyed entertainments yesterday afternoon and last night by the Metropolitan Grand Concert Company brought the series of performances which that company offered the city to a close. While the enterprise was not a financial success, owing partly to the great disadvantage at which the weather put the affair with the consequently reduced attendance, yet a most useful purpose was served, in affording to the people of Charlotte a musical treat which cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the musical taste of the people.

Mr. Edward Strong, the tenor, did not sing the numbers mentioned on the programme, but substituted for them, "Oh Sing These Songs of Araby," and "Over the Desert Plain" for the first and second numbers. He again demonstrated to the full his great power and ease of tone formation in the upper register. He was enthusiastically applauded.

Help," as interpreted by Miss Hussey, made a deep impression, and the Mr. Strong and Martin also netted a full round of applause. Miss Hussey and Mr. Martin gracefully responded with an encore number. The song cycle, Arthur Whiting's most in the audience. It is a humor—"Florians" was something new to our compound somewhat lengthy and too often interspersed with Wagnerian harmonies. The three by four movement, shouts of joy and hurrah cries, was the most enjoyable part of Mr. Whiting's fantasy. The singers made the most of this modern utterance and their efforts were rewarded by enthusiastic, nay, rapturous, applause.

Miss Hussey Peculiarly Gifted. Miss Adah Campbell Hussey, who is the contralto in the Metropolitan Grand Concert Company, sings in the choir of the Western Collegiate church in New York City. She has done a great deal of concert and oratorio work. Miss Hussey made a most favorable impression at Worcester, Mass., last fall where she filled a festival engagement. Her contralto voice is very beautiful, especially her low tones, which are full and rich. High praise has been accorded her by talented musicians of Boston and other large cities. It is evident that Miss Hussey has a future before her and her career will be watched with interest and by quite a number of Charlotte people who enjoy her acquaintance.

A PROTEST FROM DILWORTH.

Citizens Give the City Fire Department and the Press Too, a Few Solar Plexus Licks About Fire Protection and a Fire Write-Up, Respectively.

The undersigned tax-payers of Dilworth hereby enter protest against the utter inefficiency of the city fire protection in this suburb. Also we enter protest against the articles which have appeared in the daily press eulogizing the Charlotte fire department for the way it handled the fire at Mr. Wheeler's residence on Wednesday.

The facts in the case as vouched for by reputable eye-witnesses and by some of the most influential and prominent citizens of Dilworth, and by some of the heaviest taxpayers of Charlotte, are as follows: (1) The fire alarm at the corner of East Boulevard was promptly turned in.

While we do not wish to cast aspersions on any worthy citizens who belong to any party, we think it should be informed that there is something wrong somewhere, with a view to demanding the prompt correction of evils which can be definitely shown to exist.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company, E. J. Thompson, D. M.; American Machine and Manufacturing Company, William H. Flint, Secretary and Treasurer; Edward L. Sargent; The Charlotte Trousers Company, R. C. Moore, Assistant Treasurer; R. C. Moore, W. T. Telford; Charlotte Cordage Company, Mr. J. L. Sexton, President and Treasurer; J. L. Sexton, J. E. Crayton, Walter Brem, J. Robin Brem, R. A. Mayer, R. M. Brannon, B. D. Springs, W. A. Reynolds, G. W. Thompson, Edwin Howard, O. Wheeler, C. B. Bryant, T. W. Crews, R. G. Brice, Edward M. Bell, T. L. Black, W. R. Cornell, W. D. Carpenter, W. M. Lyles, E. T. Stenseren, C. F. Shuman, J. W. Mobley, Robert J. Waller, Long, John P. York, T. C. Guthrie, L. W. Porter.

CONSTRUCTION OR DESTRUCTION

Let Us Adopt a Policy of Justice and Fair-Dealing to Encourage Investment and Forward the Development of the State.

In another column we are copying a leading editorial from The Charlotte Observer of a few days ago. We are copying it on account of its high merit, and we ask a careful reading of the same at the hands of our subscribers. We all know that our State is just in the making; in many important matters it is a virgin soil and the State has to be developed. In order to properly develop we must have money and lots of money. Money is timid, and rightly so. In order to get money—the very life-blood of a community—we must show by our speech and by our acts that money is to have honest treatment, the square deal if you please to call it that. No phase of our life affects financial interest more than does our political practices. This being so that vast host of men whose preachers are enraptured by existing circumstances should be frowned upon.

Improper and fraudulent dealings should be corrected, whether practiced by corporations, firms or individuals, but at the same time unjust and unwise laws which are not to be tolerated. We are now at a crucial period in our development, and we owe it to ourselves, our neighbors, and our country to see to it that no uncalculated step is taken, the result of which will probably be disastrous to our general welfare. By giving both individual and corporation square treatment and letting the world know that as a State we are for the honest thing in all our dealings and that prejudice has no place with us, we can and will contribute in an immeasurable degree toward the early development of our State. Politics we want, politics we must have, but we do not want and we cannot afford to have the kind of politics that means fright, turmoil, uneasiness and a general business depression—the cost is too great. Let's hold our heads level and march forward on a sure foundation, always inclining to the conservative and never radical unless the cause for such action actually exists, and is not the mere dream of an office-seeker.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Mr. Charles H. Ireland Places Former Speaker Justice in Nomination For the Office—State Needs a Man Well Qualified and Equipped and Mr. Ireland Believes Mr. Justice is the Man.

The Legislature has adjourned and I believe the consensus of opinion is that it was a wise and patriotic body and even those who reviled it last year as being radical and fanatical have concluded that after all has been said and done that possibly the Legislature of 1906 was perhaps the most representative body that has assembled in Raleigh since the war, and that the consequences of its actions has been more far reaching and beneficial in building up the interests of the State. It is true the agitation of passenger rates caused some uneasiness as to the outcome, but as that has been amicably adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned that happily need not bother in the future adjustment of what has always been the matter of chief concern to the business interests of the State, namely the equalization and corrections of the inequalities of freight rates and the discriminations against North Carolina in the transportation of her great material interest both intra and inter-State. That this should be done I believe every one concedes but a part of the railroad new awakening, but this is the first step towards correcting this inequality and it behooves the business interests of the State to see that this matter is continued until proper relief is granted. The State has appropriated a sum to aid in pressing this claim but it is necessary that the State be further fortified by furnishing it with the ablest talent to be had in pressing its claims. No novice can do this; time, effort, labor, talent, patience and persistence are necessary to fit one for this duty and in addition to this, ability to know and the determination to persist until the State is fairly treated in its freight haulage.

This brings to the front this inquiry: Who is to do it and where is the man qualified to fill this position? The answer is, the Attorney General of the State is the proper and only man who should do it, and in my humble judgment is far more important to the business interests of North Carolina as to who will be our next Attorney General than it is as to who will be Governor. The answer to the second is, Hon. Edward J. Justice, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives, of 1906. He, in my judgment, is by far better qualified and equipped for this work than any man in the State; honest, wise, conservative, able and true. His absolute consistency in all the delicate and difficult legislation of the last year marks him as pre-eminently fitted to stand up for the people's interest in any cause that may arise. I have never spoken to him about the matter nor do I know that he would be willing to make the pecuniary sacrifice which he would have to make to serve in this capacity, but he is patriotic and I believe the business interest of the State ought to insist upon his taking the office as the man for the hour.

A FRIGHTFUL EXAMPLE.

Showing Wherein One Who Essays a Quotation Should Be Sure of His Ground.

The Observer is usually so correct in its literary references, that a "little slip-up" attracted all the more attention. In the editorial this morning in regard to the Kitchin letter Mr. Barkis is credited with saying "Brooks of Sheffield is smart." This remark was made by Mr. Murdstone on the occasion when he carried little David Copperfield to a seaside resort, and there met Mr. Quinion and several other friends. Quinion was twitting Mr. Murdstone about his attentions to David's mother, the "bewitching little widow."

WASHINGTON DUKE'S RECIPE.

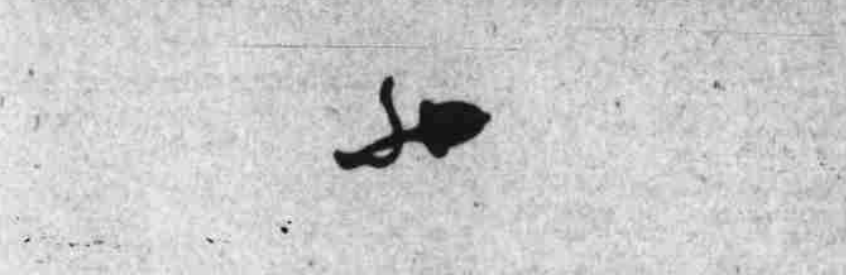
Pioneer Durham Tobacco Manufacturer's Pithy Business Maxim.

The late Washington Duke, pioneer of the industry which later developed into the American Tobacco Company, was once asked for a recipe for being successful in business. He replied: "Find out what the people want, and then give it to them good and plenty."

Andrew Carnegie at the Genesee Society dinner in this city recently told the people that the way to get on in the world was to get to work earlier and stay a little later than the other fellow. There is much wisdom in this, although the unionist's view differs somewhat from Mr. Carnegie's. Many a boy, as well as many a man, has missed the critical moment of his life by being altogether too careful to get away five minutes before the end of his day's work, rather than to stay five minutes later.

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