BERNARD AND BUTLER LOSE

The Republicans of Wake Endorse the War Secretary But Will Not Have an Office-Holder as Chairman—Resolutions Endorsing Roosevelt Sidetracked Immediately—President of Agricultural & Mechanical College to Go Abroad to Study Agricultural Educational Mediods—Directors of Asheville & Henderson-ville Railway—Raleigh Druggists to Pay \$125 a Year to Sell Liquor—Other Raleigh News.

Observer Bureau, Raleigh, March 7.

The Republican convention, of Wake county met here to-day. The office-holders were quite conspicu-ous and took part in everything which went on. Alams, the county chair-man, called United States Marshal Claude Dockery to the chair tempora-rily and V. C. Terrell, deputy reve-nue collector, to be secretary. Thir-ty-four out of the thirty-six precincts vere represented. "It was stated that there was only one contest, announce-ment of this being made by Lester Butler, a brother of ex-Senator Marion Butler, who contested the seat of a delegate from a Raisign precinct in which W. J. Andrews lived. The committee on credentials took up the committee on credentials took up the matter and also took up another, the latter being the case of Claude Bernard, who, though turned down by the primary in his ward last night, came up to-day with credentials from a township adjoining the Granville county line, the question arising whether a man could be appointed for a place other than that in which he lived Postmester Briggs, who was he lived. Postmaster Briggs, who was here, there and everyfhere, moved that Bernard's credentials go to the ommittee.

The convention declined to send Claude Bernard and Lester Butler as delegates. It eliminated all opposi-tion to Tart and endorsed him and Roosevelt and State Chairman Alams unanimously, refusing to entertain a motion by Bernard to endorse Roosevelt for nomination and ruled him off the floor. It had been expected that J. P. H. Adams would be elected county chairman, but since county

pleasure that there is to be an early hearing of the passenger rate matter, 26th being the date set. Judson C. Clements, of the inter-State and Mr. McNeill thinks the hearing will last at least two days.

CHARLOTTE TO WIN EASILY? Charlotte, it seems to be the general impression here, will win in a walk as far as getting the next Democratic convention is concerned. Raleigh is not in the race and the contest is between Greensboro and Charlotte, though it was remarked to-day that Greens-boro was entirely willing to stand up for Charlotte, having enjoyed the con-

Rev. Dr. White, who is invited to be

chanical College on the subject of agricultural education.

WINSTON TO GO ABROAD. President Winston will soon leave studying agricultural education in the higher schools and colleges of Great Britain, France, Belgium and Germany, where great progress has been The results of his studies will be emhodled in the work to be done at the Agricultural and Mechanical College here next term and also be used as a basis for the proposed system of agricultural high schools, of which it is

intended to have one at least in each congressional district in this State. A bill is now pending in Congress appropriating to North Carolina \$200,000 annually for the support of such agricultural high schools. Professor Stevens, of the A. & M. College, County Superintendent Judd

and City Superintendent Harper followed President Winston to-day in talks to the county teachers' association on agricultural education, esdens. These features will be developed more fully than ever before in this State at a May institute for teachers at this college under the joint

The postmaster here is notified of the appointment of John T. Turner, of Watson, as a rural free delivery

Commissioner of Insurance Young very much concerned because of the lack of fire escapes on a num-ber of buildings, and says that at the three sessions of the Legislature last held he has tried to get a bill passed requiring fire escapes to be provided but that a Representative has held up the bills every time for some unknown cause. Commission-Young has urged the city echool authorities to act in the mat-ter and a number have done so. Under his direction fire escapes have en provided at all the State build-

that the following named have been Hendersonville Railway: J. D. Mur-phy, William T. Thompson, Gay Green, F. R. Grant, and J. H. Tucker, of Asheville; C. F. White, of Sky-

.d to tax druggists who sell whiskey upon prescription \$125 annually. Some wanted to charge as much as \$500 and the figure named is a sort of

Superintendent Brooks, of the Soldiers' Home, says that three of the inmates are yet dangerously i'l. Comrade Pool, the oldest of them all, has been critically sick, is recovering. He has almost reached the century mark in point of years, but has had remarkably good health until his last attack.

Fire Destroys Lumber Plant,

Lumber Company at Clarks, Ls., yes-tarday, burned six million feet of lumber and several buildings. The is \$100,000, covered by in-

Nashville, Tenn., March 7.—The down of the Japanese flag on the upreme Court to-day upheld the Tatsu Maru, and she will not accept ashville segregation law. This law onfines the saloons of the city to a error and that the facts are incon-

Republican State Committee of New York Unanimously Adopts a Reso-lution Naming the Present Governor as the Choice of the Party in the State For the Presidency.

New York, March 7 .- The Republican State committee of New York today put its seal of approval on the candidacy of Governor Charles E. Hughes for the presidential nomination by unanimously adopting a resolution naming him as the choice of his party in the State before the Republi-can national convention at Chicago. The same resolution, offered by former Congressman W. H. Douglass extended the hearty thanks of the comrugged determination to oppose

and in demanding justice for all." The committee called the State con-April 11th and by unanimous vote agreed to recommend former Lieuten-All the 28 members of the committee and the meeting lasted less than half fund be turned over to the receivers

an hour, The call provides that the conven-tion shall elect the four delegates and alternates at large to the national convention, elect a new State committee and nominate the 39 presidential electors from the State.

The introduction of the resolution came as a surprise to many of the Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff called the committee to order. Near the close of the brief session Com-

mitteeman Douglass introduced resolution and after a second by J. F. H. Kracke, of Brooklyn, made a brief speech eulogisitic of President Roosevelt and Governor Hughes. "We are approaching another great political campaign," said Mr. Doug-lass, "and the people of the Republi-can party do not anticipate the same walkover they had eight years ago

and four years ago.
"New York is the greatest State in the Union, and it has often been said the Union." delegates declared no revenue officer ought to hold this position Barrow, of Raleigh, was elected.

Chairman McNelli, of the corporation commission, came back to-day from Washington and expressed his has come when we should unfold our has come when the soften seed said the soften s banner and write upon it in letters of gold the name of our candidate. Let us ask Chicago to rally around it and let us say, if you will nominate him we will elect him. The hand of fate has often pointed to one man in a critical hour. This is the criti-cal hour. We have had presidential cal hour. timber in New York State in the past and we have presidential tim-ber in this State now. "We have in our White House to-

day a great man, a man who has blazed the way, a man who by his efforts and accomplishments has electrified the world and shed lustre upon us. He has dug deep into tre upon us. He has dug deep into the morass of things that have sap-ped at the vitality of the nation. Let ped at the witality of the nation. We have among us another man fully Rev. Dr. White, who is invited to be capable of carrying out the great pastor of the Presbyterian church policies of President Roosevelt—a here, arrived last evening.

To-day the county teachers met in the hall of the House of Representatives and were addressed by President Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College on the subject of agricultural and Mechanical College on the subject of agricultural and the pathmaker, let use to obey the orders of the last orders again.

WILL THE ORDERS BE OBEYED?

There is some speculation as to this masters to take testimony and report the findings to him, so that he may confirm, modify or reverse the dispensary commission and the banks and trust companies will refuse to obey the orders of the last of t name him the peacemaker. The name I want to write on that banner is the name of the Governor of the State of New York, Charles E. Hughes."

April 10th, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Bill to Create Department of Trans-portation and Public Works Intro-duced by Louisiana Representative —Authorizes Secretary at a Salary of \$12,000—Would Take Many Projects From Control of War De-

FOR A NEW DEPARTMENT

Washington, March 7 .- A bill create a new executive department of transportation and public works was introduced in the House to-Jay by Mr. Ransdell, of Louisiana. The bill provides that the new department shall have entire control of all national affairs relating to transporta-tion and the construction and maintenance of all public buildings, works and improvements, which shall be authorized by Congress and for which provision is not otherwise made by law; also all works "to foster, pro-mote and develop the conservation and efficient utilization of the natural resources of the United States."

The bill authorizes the appointment by the President of a Secretary of Transportation and Public Works whose salary shall be \$12,000 a year and an Assistant Secretary at a salary of \$6,600. Among the bureaus provided for is one to be called the bureau of waterways, headed by a commissioner to be appointed by the President, whose powers shall include authority. thority to examine and investigate the physical character and general utility of the waters of the United States for the purpose of irrigation, power production and agricultural and for domestic uses.

One of the most sweeping effects of the measure, if it becomes a law, would be to transfer to the direction of the new department practically all of the projects, aside from army and navy undertakings, now controlled by the War Department.

JAPAN PRESENTS ULTIMATUM.

emands Restoration of Steamer Tatsu Maru, Payment of Full In-demnity and an Apology, and That

steamship Tatsu Maru was presented said: to the head of the Chinese foreign board yesterday, and to-day the has the matter under sideration. Maru by Chinese customs cruisers on the charge that her cargo of arms ammunition was intended for nese revolutionists, although signed to a merchant of that place. The steamer is now being held at

Whampoa, on the Canton river. The irreducable minimum of the Japanese claims is the of the steamer as well as her cargo and the payment of a full indemnity. Action is demanded within a "reas-onable time"

In case of default or postponement Japan, according to the terms of her ultimatum, will "take immediate

action."

Japan expects a reply by to-morrow. She will not tolerate China's
offer to investigate the case; she insists upon an apology for the hauling
down of the Japanese flag on the
Tatsu Maru, and she will not accept
mediation, affirming that China is in

Judge Pritchard Yesterday at Asheville Appointed Three Permanent Receivers For the \$800,000 Sonth Carolina Dispensary Fund and Or-dered It Turned Over to These Men—The Commission May Refuse to Do This, Thereby Bringing on a War Between the State and the War Between the State and the Federal Judge—The Receivers Are Judge Joseph McCullough, of Greenville, and Messrs. C. K. Hen-derson and B. F. Arthur.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, March 7 .- After hearing lengthy argument to-day on the momittee to President Roosevelt for his tion of the Wilson Distilling Compa great service to his country by a ny and the Fleischmann Company wrong for the appointment of a receiver in the South Carolina dispensary mat-The committee called the State conter Federal Judge J., C. Pritonard ention to meet in New York City on this afternoon decided to make perperil 11th and by unanimous vote manent the appointment last night of agreed to recommend former Lieuten-ant Governor M. Lynn Bruce as tem-judge Joseph A. McCullough, C. K. porary chairman of the convention. Henderson and B. F. Arthur as pormanent receivers for the trust fund claimant moving before any other of \$800,000 and directing that the tribunal than the State dispensary were present or represented by proxy of \$800,000 and directing that the

In a memoranda Judge Prit hard

upon demand.

referred to the fact that two of the dispensary commissioners, W. J. Murray and John McSween, appointed last night as temporary receivers had refused to accept and that Coidmissioner Avery Patton had made reply to the noice of appointment, while Commissioners Hendersor and Arthur had accepted; said that these gentlemen were apcourt was anxious to adopt the instruments provided by the State in this instance for the administration of the trust fund in their hands, but that inasmuch as a majority of the commission had either declined or refused to indicate a purpose to serve the court had decided to appoint Messrs McCullough, Henderson and Arthur permanent receivers for all the funds and property in the by Judge Pritchard, the brief fell un-hands of the defendants constituting der the eyes of but few members. the State commission. The court said There were only a few typewritten that it regretted exceedingly that any copies of it available. This morning of these defendants should have declined to accept the appointments, regular form, to be used by the Leg-feeling as it does that their accept-islature in case an extra session is ance would have been in harmony called, or in the Federal Court when with the State under which they its use is called for there. were appointed.

In the order appointing permanent receivers, creditors of the dispensary are restrained from prosecuting attempting to prosecute suits in courts other than the court that has taken jurisdiction without first having had its sanction.

The regularly constituted dispensary commission, which is practically put out of commission by the appointment of receivers, is restrained from interfering in any way with the receivers or the property or funds of the dispensary. Notices will be promptly served on the banks and receivers or the property or funds of the dispensary. Notices will be promptly served on the banks and trust companies having this trust fund on deposit, commanding them to turn the fund over to the receivers upon demand. upon demand.

fuse to obey the orders of the court. It was indicated by Mr. Rountcee, of counsel for the commission, that it When the committee adjourned it went he meant no disrespect to the this dispensary within the next few was to meet at State headquarters, court, saying that the commission days. It would not be proper at this contempt proceedings.

contempt had actually been commit-Mr. Rountree will advise the majority of the commission to refuse to obey the court's orders and that tribunal if necessary. when the commissioners are held in contempt to apply for a writ of habeas corpus. It is not believed by stay and pass the needed legislation, several of the attorneys that the banks and trust companies will put the Senate is greatly to be fear-themselves in contempt of court by ed its action last night.

As a result of to-day's hearing and The receivers' bonds are fixed at \$25,000 each.

Judge Pritchard will leave to-mor-row for Washington for a brief visit to his wife, and from there he will go to Richmond to attend the ses-

Mr. Lyon Regards Judge Pritchard's Action as Outrageous, and Declares That Federal Judge's Order Will Be Disregarded if it Attempts to Restrain Him—Proceedings Found-ed Upon No Proper Authority.

Augusta, Ga., March 7 .- When Attorney General Lyon, of South Carollna, who is here to-night, was shown The Associated Fress dispatch from Asheville, N. C., announcing Joseph A. McCullough's acceptance of a receivership of the dispensary at natum in the case of the Japanese the hands of Judge Pritchard, he

the is a person in the State of South Car-con-olina who would accept the appoint-was ment of receiver at the hands of 7th, Judge Pritchard."

Then taking up the general situa-tion, Mr. Lyon said:
"So far as Judge Pritchard's undertaking to enjoin any one bringing suits to in any way interfere with the fund involved is concerned. I will state that I nave instituted a proceeding in the Supreme Court of South Carolina for the purpose of compelling the commission to disregard Judge Pritchard's injunction and to pay into the State treasury for the use of the Attorney General's office the sum of \$15,000 which was appropriated for the purpose of certain criminal proceedings and prosecution of persons connected with the late State dispensary.

"Judge Pritchard's order will most certainly be disregarded by me if it undertakes to in any wise restrain or direct me in this or any other proceedings I may deem it advisable to institute. I will state that I have instituted a

TAFT CARRIES WAKE, TOO HUGHES CANDIDACY APPROVED. RECEIVERS ARE APPOINTED NO EXTRA SESSION CALLED GUILFORD MEETING QUIET instead by a crowd of men whose only

The Administration Hopes to Flud Another Way Out of the Dispen-sary Dilemma Without Calling of Legislature Together to Enact a Law, Believing It Can Win if Case is Properly Presented—A Brief Prepared Setting Forth Reasons For the Necessity of Legislation—Pritchard's Opinion Not Safely Grounded—Something Lively in This Matter Expected in the Pale

Observer Bureau. 1422 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., March 7. Governor Ansel and Attorney Gen-

eral Lyon were in conference this norning as to the advisability of calling an extra session of the Legislature with a view to enacting the bill drafted by Mr. Lyon and his associate, Attorney B. L. Abney, which takes the \$800,000 of dispensary funds out of the hands of Judge Pritchard and places them in the hands of the State Treasurer, any other winding-up commission to be forever barred from getting anything. But no proclamation was issued calling the extra session. The administration hopes to find some other method of getting the case out of Mr. Prit-chard's hands. It feels that it will win even in the Federal court finally if it can get the matter properly presented. The next few days will tell what steps are to be taken.

REASONS FOR LEGISLATION. Messrs. Lyon and Abney last night got up a "brief," going fully into the legal reasons for the necessity of the proposed legislation, citing and discussing numerous authorities. but on account of the lateness of the hour and the general excitement prevail-ing in the lobbies as well as in both legislative halls last night over the question of adjourning and the news that members of the commission had been appointed temporary receivers Mr. Lyon had the brief printed in

legislation," says the brief, "is that by it all doubt is removed and the Federal Court must surrender jurisdiction. It will obviate litigation and the dissipation of a fund belonging under the constitution to the public schools. It will assert removable doubt as to the intention of the Legislature's maintaining the rights of the State and to preserve its sovereignty.

"With great respect and deference am compelled to say that Judge performance of their duties. They will

SENATE TO BE FEARED. At all events it may be safely predictwould refuse to obey. Mr. Rountrie ed that there will be some interesting said that in making such a state- happenings in South Carolina about would refuse to obey and that the time to state the exact nature of the matter could be taken up He said various possible courses the affair that presumably the court would may take. The administration has hold the commissioners in contempt several courses in view, but is walt-and made some suggestions as to the ing upon certain things before demost convenient place to hear the ciding on which course. It may be contempt proceedings. Mr. Carter, of counsel for the Wilson company, suggested that a made apparent that that is the
might be better not to cross bridges
before they were reached, saying that
counsel could not place the commission in contempt before the act of
contempt had actually been commitcounter that covernor
ansel will call an extra session if it
is made apparent that that is the
best course to pursue, regardless of
the strong possibility that the Senste
will block the game. If the extra
session is not called some interesting
events will transpire in the Federal It was evident, however, that fully determined to stand up for

themselves in contempt of court by themselves in contempt of court by refusing to obey the orders to turn rendered a decision which finally over the fund. It is thought that rendered a decision which finally sends to the penitentiary for a term sends to the penitentiary for a term three years aged Daniel Zimmerof three years aged Daniel Zimmer-man, a member of one of the oldest by the court, the South Caro-ber of the vestry of one of the leadlina dispensary matter grows more ing Episcopal churches of this city interesting and it is possible that the members of whose family have stood high for generations past. have stood high for generations past. Over a year ago Mr. Zimmerman was indicted for embezzling State bonds sions of the Circuit Court of Appeals appealing to the Suppreme when this motion was refused. ATTORNEY GENERAL ANGRY. | Supreme Court to-day dismissed the appeal on all of the exceptions.

without precedent and as a most out-rageous disregard of the rights of the State of South Carolina. It is founded upon no sound authority. His on the day before the motion for the appointment of receivers was to heard in accordance with the formal order which he passed, was a most wilful disregard of the rights of the State, and we were thereby denied our day in court.

"As to his criticism, in his former decree, of my bringing the mands-vote in Guilford was for Cannon and mus proceeding in the Supreme is for Cannon, and the damnable Court of South Carolina, to compel methods used in to-day's convention Court of South Carolina, to compel the commission to disregard his injunction and pay into the State treasury the appropriation made for the proceeding in the Supreme Court was in accordance with the practice and the law in South Carolina, and if this had not been so to court would have refused to assemble and hear the same. The result of this proceeding cannot be foretold.

The second was in to-day's convention and who were able to get enough men whose names have never appeared on the registration books in this county would have refused to assemble and hear the same. The result of this proceeding cannot be foretold.

law and the facts in the case I which he has assumed jurisdiction. case in am not careful as to the opinion the learned judge may entertain with regard to this proceeding. It is not sur-priging that he regards any move on the part of the State to protect her rights against those who would

her rights against those who would despoil her, as unwarranted.

"His conduct has been most unseemly and the State of South Carolina must look to the United States Supreme Court for the preservation

A BIG CLASH MAY FOLLOW GOV. ANSEL AND LYON CONFER TAFT MEN ARE AT THE HELM

Lion of the Hour, Receiving an Ovation—Cannon's Lieutenant Says the Speaker is Not Done For—Mr. Blackburn Denounces in Caustic Terms the Methods of His Party.

Observer Bureau, The Bevill Building,

Greensboro, March 7. Contrary to expectations, the Republican county convention to-day refused to resolve itself into a turbulent mob, though there were times when the body was on the verge of a beautiful row. The Taft men, who were at a decided disadvantage at beginning, on account of having control of the machinery, followed up their victory in yesterday's primaries by finally taking complete control of the convention and carrying everything their way by a vote that was practically unanimous.

into the convention with a clear majority of the delegation, but early in the game it was apparent the Cannon men were prepared to resort to extreme measures in order to carry the day. The chairman of the convention, himself a Cannon man, appointed Cannon men on the credentials committee, and the Cannon supporters filed contests from six precincts. The committee was unable to find cause to unseat a sufficient number of Taft delegates to change the result, and after the report had been accepted, the real tug-of-war came in the election of a permanent chairman. The Cannon men named County Chairman Hoskins and the Taft forces put up Judge R. M. Douglas, the latter being elected by a majority of eight When the ballot votes. nounced the Cannon men took their medicine gracefully and retired from

Mr. John Crouch, a member the staff of The Industrial News and formerly editor of ex-Congressman Blackburn's 'Semi-Weekly Tar, Heel, permanent secretary of was made the convention.

By votes that were practically unanimous the convention elected Taft delegates to the State and congressional conventions, and adopted resolutions commending President Roosevelt, endorsing Taft for the presidential nomination and pledging the support of the convention to Judge Adams for re-election as State chairman. The resolutions read as follows:

THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED. Resolved, That we heartly endorse the administration of President Roos velt, and especially those great poli-cies inaugurated by him for the pro-tection of individual right against cor-porate aggression. Recognizing his splendid achievements in the past, we pledge to him our continued respect

policies, we deem it our duty to sup- CONTRACT LET FOR M'IVER port for President one the best pledge of the future, who in ability, patriotism and exper-ience is best fitted for the task. Such a man is William H. Taft, to whom we pledge our support as our first

and only choice.
"Resolved, That we hereby express our entire confidence in State Chair-man Spencer B. Adams. endorse his administration, and pleage him our support for re-election.

"Resolved, That the delegates elected by this convention, to both the State and direct conventions, are hereby instructed to vote for such men only as are pledged to the nomination of William H. Taft as President of the United States, and the re-election of Spencer B. Adams as

"Resolved, That the delegates from this convention to the fifth district convention be instructed to support B. S. Robertson, of Alamance county, for delegate to the national conven-

ADAMS HAS HIS DAY. The greatest enthusiasm of the convention was displayed when Judge Adams responded to calls for a speech after the adoption of the resolutions. The temper of the crowd marked contrast to that of the convention of two years ago, when Black-burn was the lion of the hour and Adams had scarcely a friend in the entire assemblage. To-day Chair-man Adams was given an ovation as he walked lown the aisle to the front of the room to make his speech of acknowledgement, while Blackburn acknowledgement, while Blackburn sat inside the bar with a sickly smile on his face, but withal game and debonair. When called upon earlier in the meeting, Mr. Blackburn had assured the crowd that he would have something to say later on, but the unexpected turn of affairs hall put him out of the running.

Mr. F. H. Wilson, of New York, who has been here for several weeks directing the Cannon forces, was in

recting the Cannon forces, was in the convention hall to-day, but left when he realized that all hope was lost of securing an endorsement of Mr. Cannon from the Republicans of his native county. Mr. Cannon's his native county. Mr. Cannon's name was not mentioned once during the proceedings of the convention. MR. BLACKBURN BITTER IN DE-

NUNCIATION. Following the Guilford Republican convention to-day, ex-Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn in an inter-

yiew to-night says: "The majority of the Republican proceeding cannot be foretold.

"It would no doubt be as useless to explain the purpose or this proceedappeared on the poll books of 1906, olina Republicans going to be domMr. Cannon in yesterday's primary, giving him a majority of two. I took the name of every voter, over the protest of the chairman and the socretary of the primary, as he deposited his ballot, and compared the mames with the poll books, which verified the figures given above. In other precincts our people were denied the privilege of taking even the names of voters, but Democrats and non-residents were allowed to participate.

"How much longer are North Car- a lamp.

object is to maintain themselves office? is the question. It seems TAFT MEN ARE AT THE HELM me the manhood of our party, if it has any, should exert itself to the point of letting the people have something to say instead of justify-Up to Expectations, Being a Very corderly Gathering—Taft Delegates Elected to Congressional and State Conventions, Cannon's Name Not Conventions, Cannon's Name Not State Conventions, Cannon's Name Not Conventions, Cannon Conventions the party with which I have always been affiliated that will, before this fight is over, exert itself to the point of declaring its freedom from the bondage of Mr. Roosevelt's office-holding crowd, who, according to Mr.

Taft's expressed opinion, should be supplanted by decent Democrats. Should Mr. Taft, by any mishap, become president of this country. I take it that he would be true to the speech he made in Greensboro two years ago and that each office-holder who to-day stultified himself by endorsing him would give our party the himself to be succeeded by a decent Democrat.

"I do not regard the result of today's convention of any more significance than the pig-tail curl portrayed by Judge Bynum two years ago."
CANNON NOT DOWN AND OUT. When interviewed to-night Mr. F. The administration people went H. Wilson, who is the accredited representative of the Cannon forces

in this State, said: "The action of the Guilford Republican convention does not mean that Mr. Cannon will not get any delegates from North Carolina, as stated by the Taft followers, and Mr. Cannon's friends will continue to be as active and diligent in his behalf as

heretofore." RECEIVER WAS EXPECTED. The announcement in this morning's Observer that a receiver is to be appointed for the Pomona Cotton Mills caused no surprise here, for the

financial embarrassment of the corporation has been a matter of common knowledge for some time. The plant has been shut down for several weeks, and a short time ago the hope was expressed that a re-organization could be effected without going through the proceedings incident to a receivership. It is understood that a South Carolina mill man will be made

receiver. Several of the creditors will join with the holders of the common stock tion. of the company in an effort to annul prohibition speakers will put a coal the transaction whereby first mort- of fire on my back and start me off." gage bonds to the amount of \$150,000 were sold and the proceeds turned cy of this man lighe is honest in his over to the City National Bank the convictions. One would be surprised day before that institution went into at the anti-prohibition talk he hears voluntary liquidation. Another deal, here from State Visitors. whereby \$15,000 of common stock Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, held by the City National Bank was

The Pomona Mills are equipped with 20,000 Whitin spindles and a full complement of other machinery for the manufacture of sheetings. The plant is new and splendidly equipped.

The executive committee oard of directors of the State Normal and Industrial College held a meeting last night and awarded to John T. Hunt & Co., of this city, the contract for the erection of the McIver Memorial Science Building. There were eight other bidders, among the number being Mr. J. A. Gardner, of Charotte. Adams & Hunt were awarded the contract for the plumbing. The contract for the steam heating plant will be let at a future meeting of the The plans, which were committee. prepared by Hook & Rogers, of Char-lotte, provide for a building 70 by 135 feet, to be so constructed that two wings can be added later. The entire building, when completed, will represent an investment of \$100,000, but only half of this amount will be ex-

12th, when an organization for the prised. William Love, A. M. Scales and

Cannon Leads at High Point. Special to The Observer.

High Point, March 7 .- In the Re

Bills Looking to Their Establishment Chicago. Considered by Senate Sub-Committee-Probability of Successful Pas-

Washington, March 7 .- Bills tablish postal savings banks that have dent. Representatives Sereno Payne, been introduced by Senators Carter, of New York, and John Daizell, of Knox and Burkett were to-day con- Pennsylvania, shoulder to shoulder, sidered by a sub-committee of the Senate committee on postoffice post roads consisting of Senators Carter, Burrows, Bankhead and Clay. Postmaster General Meyer was before the sub-committee and outlined his views on the subject.

Postmaster General Meyer stated to the committee while the Knox bill was drawn in his department he was not wedded to that measure and was very ready to approve amendments of pro-visions to be taken from both the Burkett and Carter bills. The com-mittee and the Postmaster General were agreed upon the plan for placing the funds to be secured by the postal savings bank in the various national banks of the country at a rate of interest sufficiently large to pay depositors 2 per cent, and to defray all at-

tendant expenses. Speaking to-day of the chances securing action on this bill Senator se Carter, chairman of the sub-com- les mittee, said: "I have no doubt nate will pass a bill embodying the postal savings principle."

There will be further meetings to discuss the measures.

Many Tenants Imperified by Fire in Chicago Apartment House. Chicago, March 7 .- The residents Chicago, March 7.—The residents of 30 apartments in the Buena Vista apartment building at Buena Terrace and Clarendon avenue were panic-stricken to-day when a fire which broke out in the basement spread with great rapidity through the building. Although many of the tenants were compelled to fise hastlip, none of them was injured. The fire, which resulted from the explosion of a lamp, was extinguished with a

was extinguished with

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL MORTON ON PROHIBITION LAW

The Wilmington Representative in the State Legislature, While in Washington, Has a Few Words to Say Relative to the Anti-Prohibition Movement in This State—Statement Will Be Ready in a Few Days—Many Regular Democrats With Morton—The Organization of Taft Very Strong, But the Secre-tary is Having Trouble in Massa-chusetts—One of the Interesting Washington Sites.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, Maron 7.

George L. Morton, a well-known Democrat, of Wilmington, was ut the New Willard to-day. He is preparing to do what he can to defeat the ratification at the polls on the 26th of May of the State prohibition law. In talking with me this afternoon ho declared that he considered it the very best of Democracy to fight the bill. Local self-government, he said, was dear to the Democratic party and that he believed in holding on to that principle. Mr. Morton attended the meeting held at Salisbury early this week and was surprised to see so many people there. About next Tuesday or Wednesday a statement will be made to the public giving the reason for the campaign against the law. The preamble has been drawn, but the argument is still in the hands of a committee appointed, to

Many men who vote regularly the Democratic ticket will vote against State prohibition. I had a letter yes-terday from a leading North Carolina Democrat of the young set. Among other things he said: "Yes, I will other things he said: "Yes, I will vote against prohibition, believing in local self-government. I see no reason why my town should vote liquor out of Salisbury or Wilmington. But I do not now expect to make a campaign against it. This is not because I have any serious objection to a campaign, but it is my purpose not to make a campaign for or against anything. I need all my spare time for my family, rest and recrea-tion. It may be that some of the No man can question the Democra-

Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sherman, exchanged for an equal amount of of North Wilkeshore, are in the city. preferred stock, may be resisted also. -Mrs. Godwin, wire of Representative H. L. Godwin, joined her hus-band at Congress Hall to-night. TAFT ORGANIZATION STRONG.

The Taft organization is very fine. For weeks now the Bryant Boon, a 11-year-old boy East" has been trying to puncture from Stokesdale, died at St. Leo's the boom of the War Secretary and Hospital last night, after undergoing has succeeded at times, for a mo-an operation for a fractured skull, ment, but each and every time the boy was thrown from a horse holes have been stopped and and confidence in the future, wherever his path of life may lie.

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The boy was thrown from a horse holes have been stopped and the boom sent forward with more force and speed than it had before. The force of a blow received in falling on a stone, for dissentions and all sorts of mislistening and planning but the Taft men are still in the lead. North Carolina has been watched closely efforts are making to give trouble there but so far the local organization, headed by Chairman with Carl Duncan to do most of the scheming, has won every significant fight. There will be opposition to Adams and to Taft, but the Greensboro convention will re-elect the one and endorse the candidacy of the other. A Republican machine, with Federal offices to distribute, powerful thing, especially when the country is in the throes of a panic,

Eastern and Northern leaders have made a mistake in trying to work the South through others tives of the various Southern States. For instance, a New Torker was dispatched to North Carolina to take care of a little anti-Taft sentiment. pended at the present.

A meeting of prohibitionists has and, knowing the Tar Heels, even if been called for next Thursday, March they be Republicans, I am not sur-

approaching campaign will be effect- Taft is having trouble in New Eng-ed. The call for the meeting is signed land. Massachusetts is counted a Taft State but Senator Crane, the Mark Hanna of the party there, is not for the big Secretary. Senator Lodge, a warm personal friend of President Roosevelt and a loyal, enthusiastic supporter of Taft, is not considered publican primaries here Taff received as powerful as Crane when it comes to having the Republicans act. Howards was endorsed.

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Supporter of Taff, is not considered as powerful as Crane when it comes to having the Republicans act. Howards will be right when the lime comes. Both Senators are op-

posed to instructing the delegation to A STRIKING CONTRAST. Yesterday as I crossed over from the Capitol to the House Office Build-ing I witnessed an interesting inciwere walking toward the Two people more unlike in general appearance and temperament formed a friendship for one another. Payne is white-haired and fat and Laizell has dark iron-gray locks and is as lithe as a panther; the New York man wore a slouch hat and the Pennsylvanian a tile; the one of ried himself straight up and waddled like a duck, while the other leaned to the left, stooped a little and racked like a coon, As these two Republican leaders hobnobbed in the open
air on their way to the House, John
Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee, met
them on his way to his office.

"What are you two boys up to?" asked the Southerner, a Democrat. "It's such a fine day," said Mr. Payne, sniffing the air. "We are just enjoying it on the way to the Capi-

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tol."

The three men—Payne and Da
zell, quiet, hold, daring Republica
leaders on the Republican side of
the House, and John Weeley Gaine
hot-headed, testy Democrat, stepped
shook hands and passed the time of
day pleasantly. Two hours later the
were warring at each other acros
the sisie of the House.

One day last week I saw Bourk
Cockran, of Now York, talking I
Representative Crawford, of Nore
Carolina, and he was so in carne
that I imagined that he was trying
get the Tar Reel to go to New Yor
join Tammany and make politic
speeches for him. He talked direct
into Mr. Crawford's ear, deliverin
about 250 words a minhie, and ge
ticulated with both hands. Mr. Craw
ford sat far up on his backboo
with legs and hands crossed, such is
tened intently but without change
attitude or color.