

REAL OPENING IN STANLY

FIRST COUNTY CONVENTION. April 4th the date for the boom of the first gun, which is expected to be a Craig noise—Will the Anti-Prohibitionists Put Up a Good Bernier Candidate Being Asked—Headquarters of the Bancombe Man Opened, and There is Rumor That Kitchin's Will Be at Raleigh Also—Mr. John Kerr Speaks of the Campaign—Insurance Department of Fire-Bugs—Raleigh News of a Day.

What may be termed the opening gun of the political campaign will be fired in Stanly county April 4th, when the convention will be held, that county being the first to hold. Craig expects to carry that convention. On the other hand Kitchin expects to carry Lee county, so it seems that there will be a set-off. In fact Kitchin expects to carry Lee almost unanimously, his friends saying that they had a great deal to do with the formation of this new county which has made so handsome a start. April will, therefore, bring plenty of news and conventions will be held every Saturday, here and there. Craven will hold one of the early ones, but nobody seems to be claiming that. The strength of the balance of power so that if there is a deadlock either side can go to him easily. This is Horne's real strength. A QUESTION FREQUENTLY ASKED.

One of the questions which is being asked here is that whether the anti-prohibitionists will put up a candidate for Governor. Two men have been talked of, one east of Raleigh and the other west of it.

To-day Locke Craig's headquarters were established here at the Yarrowborough House, like those of Ashley Horne. Mr. John Kerr, of Asheville, long an intimate friend and a devoted one of Mr. Craig is in charge. Mr. Kitchin, who has his headquarters here or not, though it was rumored here to-day that he would. Most persons have said that he would have his headquarters at Greensboro. As a matter of fact Raleigh is the natural center of all these activities. Manager Kerr said to-day:

"I think I have a right to say that I am as familiar with the sentiment of the State as almost any other man in it. For months I have been assisting in the preliminary work of Mr. Craig's campaign, and while I am not prepared to say from information that his nomination is assured on the first ballot, I do believe that at the present time he has a decided lead over either of his opponents. It shall be my aim to preserve and increase this advantage.

"It shall not be my policy to undertake to promote Mr. Craig's interests by making extravagant and unfounded claims, but when I do make statements, as I shall from time to time as the campaign progresses, I desire to assure the public that what is said will be at all times based upon accurate information. Up to the present time only those who have made it their business to get in touch with the people could be expected to have anything approaching accurate ideas of the situation. But the county conventions will soon begin the naming of the delegates who are to nominate a Governor. When these begin to speak the general public will have a right to make a judgment which to predicate an intelligent opinion for themselves.

"All of the gentlemen aspiring to this nomination are well known. Mr. Craig's life, both public and private, has been as an open book before the past 20 years. He has always stood for and with the common people. They know what kind of a Democrat he is and they believe in him. He has helped to fight every battle that the Democracy of this State has waged during all these years. He lives in a section of the State that has not furnished a Governor for 50 years and in this section is also to be found the strongest Republican party. The Democrats in the mountains know what it means to look the white Republican in the eye and fight and these Democrats feel that they are justly entitled to the governorship this year.

"Like every thoughtful man Mr. Craig realizes that there are at present great public questions pressing for solution, and he believes that these questions should be met with a determined spirit and settled with absolute fairness to all men and all interests.

"Under uninterrupted Republican rule, extending over more than a decade, the whole country finds itself in the grip of a panic that is without precedent, either as to its extent or its severity. Business is prostrated, many laborers are idle and our commercial and industrial interests are in a state of profound depression and uncertainty. As in other crises of the State's history, Mr. Craig believes that the people of North Carolina have the right to look to the Democratic party for help at the present time, in so far as relief is possible through the administration of State affairs. He believes that everything just and right should be done to revive our business industries and renew the hope and restore the spirit and confidence of our people. We have a wonderful State. Our industries are vast and varied and I know our people can with perfect confidence rely upon Mr. Craig to do all things in his power if chosen Governor, towards the starting of every boom, every spindle and every wheel of every industry in this State to work out full time, shall not consider it part of my duty as Mr. Craig's manager to criticize his opponent. When this contest is over I want no one to be able to say truthfully that anything done or said by his management was marked Democratic harmony or had the least tendency to lessen the great victory we are sure to achieve at the election which is to follow this nomination."

PORTRAIT OF JUSTICE MRAE PRESENTED

The oil portrait of ex-Associate Justice James C. McTear presented for presentation to the Supreme Court was presented this morning by ex-Chief Justice Shepherd, Chief Justice Clark accepting the portrait on behalf of the court. The portrait has been placed on the wall of the court room and is a valued addition to the fine collection already there. Judge McTear has for a number of years been the dean of the law school of the State University. The Fusionists retired him from the bench in 1894 at which time Chief Justice Shepherd was retired in the same way.

A series of revival meetings are being held at the Baptist Tabernacle by Rev. Dr. William W. Hamilton, who is aided by the singers, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. George, and a chorus of 40 voices. It is now stated by students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College that a list of these was not sent upon the

faces of the band cadets in January but various.

AFTER THE FIRE-BUG. Solicitor Armistead Jones to-day received notice of the house-burning case from Dudley in which a grandfather, son and grandson are charged with setting fire to their home to get the insurance after they had removed the furniture from the house. The grandson is held in a \$500 bond and the others in \$1,000 each and they will be tried at Goldsboro on this very serious charge. Insurance Commissioner Young was notified to-day that Ed Allen, colored, at Monroe, had been convicted of burn-burning. He was also informed of the arrest here of a white man named Williams, charged with burning a dwelling at Warsaw, to which place he has been taken.

The Supreme Court in this week hearing appeals from the seventh district, which is often spoken of as the Fayetteville district. The following attorneys are present: Thomas H. Sutton, R. H. Dye, H. McD. Robinson, G. K. Niswonger and Charles G. Rose. Messrs. Cyrus R. Watson, of Winston-Salem, and Edward J. Justice, of Greensboro, are also attending this court this week.

The Raleigh Savings Bank, which is to have its new quarters in the Masonic Temple, is to have the handsomest banking room in the State. It is said. The Commercial and Farmers' Bank of which B. S. Jermon is president and Herbert W. Jackson cashier, has become the Commercial National Bank with a cash capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of the same amount. The bank is seventeen years old and has been very successful. This gives Raleigh two national banks, the other being the Citizens'.

SOUTHERN TAKES OFF TRAINS.

With Permission of Corporation Commission Two Are Discontinued On Greensboro-Goldsboro Division—To Have Through Train to Asheville From Goldsboro. Observer Bureau, Raleigh, March 17.

The corporation commission to-day allowed the Southern Railway to discontinue trains Nos. 108 and 115 between Greensboro and Goldsboro. One of these trains now passes here at 12:45 p. m. going east and at 2:50 p. m. going west. The commission also allows the Southern to discontinue trains Nos. 11 and 12 between Greensboro and Salisbury. The trains will, after April 15th, the date which is named for the discontinuance of the above trains, run as follows:

Leaving Goldsboro at 7 a. m., Raleigh at 9, Greensboro at 12:30 p. m., Salisbury at 2:30, arriving at Asheville at 8:15, this train going through Goldsboro. Leaving Salisbury at 2:30, the train will get to Charlotte at 4 or 5 o'clock p. m. Coming east this train will leave Asheville at 8:15 a. m., arrive at Salisbury 1:30 p. m., Greensboro 3:30, Raleigh 6:30 and Goldsboro 8:30.

The train now leaving Goldsboro for the west at 4:30 and which has arrived at Raleigh at 5:30 will leave Goldsboro an hour earlier, that is at 3:30, will arrive at Raleigh at 5:30 p. m. and at Greensboro at 8:30. Mail and passengers for points south of Greensboro will be served, the Southern says, by the night train or by a special train which it is proposed to inaugurate. The night train, known as Nos. 111 and 113, will continue to be operated on the present schedule.

It is understood that on each of the through trains from Asheville to Goldsboro and from Goldsboro to Asheville there will be a chair car, and there will also be postal agents and a complete service.

TO PROSECUTE C. & O.

Illegal Practices Relative to Interstate Shipments to Form Basis of Charges. Washington, March 17.—Criminal prosecutions, it is indicated officially, will be instituted against certain officials of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company and certain favored shippers by that line on account of what is asserted to have been illegal practices relative to interstate shipments. It appears from the findings of the inter-State commerce commission that the Chesapeake & Ohio favored certain shippers "at the expense of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line" in the shipment of grain and packing house products, and that the shippers thus favored gave to the Chesapeake & Ohio "all of the in-bound business of the shippers so favored by it."

A hearing on the matter of these practices was held in Richmond, Va., on the 19th, 20th and 21st of February by the inter-State commerce commission, the evidence being taken by Commissioner Lane. The commissioner has submitted his report to the full commission. It has been approved and Attorney General Bonaparte has been requested by the commission to institute, through the United States district attorney at Richmond, proceedings against all parties involved by the evidence adduced.

West Virginia Miners Seek Lives of Italian Murderers.

Elkins, W. Va., March 17.—Surrounded by a posse of miners thirsting for revenge for the murder of two of their members, two Italians, Joe and Lewis Farro, are in danger of being lynched to-night. Walter Fog and W. Averd, miners employed by the Davis Colliery Company, at Copen, were stabbed and shot to death last night, following a dispute over a bill. Fog and Averd denied the charge and the Italians denied a fight followed. Fog was stabbed seven times and Averd was stabbed three times and shot twice. The assassins made their escape before the associates of the victims organized.

Roosevelt Holds Another Law-Making Conference.

Washington, March 17.—Former Mayor Seth Low, of New York, president of the American Civic Federation, held another to-day with President Roosevelt and C. W. Aldrich, president of the National Federation of Labor, in regard to proposed amendments to the Sherman anti-trust act. Mr. Low has been aiding in drafting the amendments to the Sherman law which are designed to prevent injustice being done through the operation of the law to labor organizations, with special reference to injunctions. The conference to-day was similar to the conference which have been held at the White House recently.

Tramp Steamer Ashore on Florida Reefs.

Jewfish, Fla., March 17.—The English tramp steamer Verbena, Captain Mann, bound to Vera Cruz, Mex., and coal laden, ran ashore on the rocks off the Florida reefs off Rodrigues Key at 3 p. m. on March 15th and got clear to-day at 8 a. m. Captains Siskney and Sawyer, with a wrecking crew, lightened her by throwing overboard about 500 tons of coal. She immediately proceeded to her destination. Damage to the hull, if any, could not be ascertained until a survey is had.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Gotham Irishmen Make the Greatest Demonstration the Greater City Has Ever Witnessed. New York, March 17.—Irishmen of New York to the number of 35,000 marched forth to-day, making the greatest demonstration in honor of St. Patrick in the city since 1858. Of the total 25,000 paraded in Manhattan and the others in Brooklyn. The evening feature of the Brooklyn celebration was the dinner of the St. Patrick's Society at the Pouch mansion in connection with which a reception was tendered Governor Hughes. The Governor arrived at 7:30 o'clock and was given an ovation.

The turnout in the Manhattan parade brought in line 41 divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 32 organizations representing Irish country societies of New York, 18 benevolent orders and twenty-six clan and gait clubs. Added to these were the Sixty-ninth Regiment of New York and several regiments of Irish volunteers. Thousands of banners bearing the harp and shamrock fluttered in common with the Stars and Stripes.

To-night there was feasting and singing and dancing all over the city. Among the many dinners the most notable was that of the Sons of St. Patrick at Desimone's. The guests of honor were Secretary of State and Governor Hughes. Following this dinner Governor Hughes was the guest of the West Side Republican Club at the Hotel Astor. Later the Governor and his party were guests of the New York Delta Epsilon Club at the Waldorf-Astoria.

GLENN AT WASHINGTON.

Stops Over on His Way to New York—Congressman Webb May Ask the House "How Come." Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, March 17.

Gov. R. B. Glenn spent the day here on his way to New York, where he will be dropped by the coast and Mrs. J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, are at Congress Hall. They will remain here until Sunday.—Mrs. B. F. Long, of Statesville, is the guest of the other Mrs. Richard N. Hackett, of Miss Dorothy C. Allen, of green county, is at Congress Hall.

Representative Webb, of North Carolina, has been asked to urge the Postoffice Department to re-establish the office at Wayne county. Mr. Webb received a letter from a department to-day. He was told that Chairman Spencer B. Adams, of the State Republican committee, would be consulted. This seemed strange procedure to Mr. Webb and he may take the matter to the floor of the House.

Big Suits to Be Tried in Durham

Special to The Observer. Durham, March 17.—Superior Court convened this morning and several small and unimportant cases were disposed of by the court. Tomorrow the celebrated case of Mrs. M. J. Holloway against the Standard Oil Company is set for trial. Mrs. Holloway is asking for damages in the sum of \$60,000. This is on account of the killing of young Webb Holloway in the oil works a year ago last July. There is a number of other important damage suits, among these being the seven of Mrs. Octa D. Thomas who is suing as many of the local merchants for \$5,000 each on account of her furniture being seized. These suits will consume several days and will be very interesting. There is the Bowling case which is of much interest. This is a case in which the children by the first wife, or some of them, are attempting to break the will of Capt. W. S. Bowling, in which he left \$25,000 in property to the children by the second wife.

Calls For New Bids on Bonds.

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, March 17.—The board of aldermen met this afternoon and decided to call for new bids on the bonds of \$200,000 and sewerage bonds at 4 1/2 per cent, running 40 years, three proposals having been received yesterday but only one of them on the 4 1/2 per cent. This was from the Union Savings and Trust Company, of Cincinnati, O., which offered par with what was considered too large a deduction for expenses in negotiating the deal. The Nicholson National Bank, of this city, offered par and a premium of \$1,875 provided the rate of interest is increased to 5 per cent. Seagood & Mayer bid par on the same interest basis with \$250,000. The most good feelings toward all foreigners, who were pursuing their duties peacefully in Hayti.

Summary Justice Dealt Texas Negro.

Conroe, Tex., March 17.—Messages from Magnolia, a small town near here, say that last night an attempt to criminally assault a young white woman was made by a negro, whose name has not been learned. The sheriff at once left here for the scene and found that one negro had been killed and another mortally wounded by unknown persons. One of the men dealt with was the girl's assailant.

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Flora Whiston Released on Bail.

New York, March 17.—Flora Whiston, the young woman who was arrested on a charge of perjury after she had testified in the trial of Raymond Hitchcock, was released on \$5,000 bail to-day. The testimony of the Whiston girl, which was a complete refutation of a story she had told before the grand jury, which indicted Hitchcock, resulted in a verdict of acquittal for Hitchcock.

Postal Telegraph Company Embesment Arrested.

New Orleans, La., March 17.—Announcement of the arrest at Albuquerque, N. M., of J. R. Patrick, charged with embezzling \$15,000 from the Postal Telegraph Company here, was made to-night by Chief of Police O'Connor, of this city. Patrick, who was a chief clerk in the Postal Telegraph office, disappeared from here last September. Patrick has signified his willingness to return to New Orleans.

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Mr. John Adams, 94 years old, of Gardner, Me., enjoys health and vigor of both Brain and Body.

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THE SITUATION IN HAYTI.

British and German Cruisers Arrive and United States Warship is Expected to Arrive from British Cruiser Created Consternation Among Natives—No Further Trouble Expected.

Port au Prince, Hayti, March 17.—The British cruiser Indefatigable and the German cruiser Bremen have arrived here under orders from their governments to give full protection to any foreign residents in Port au Prince, in case their lives or interests are threatened. An American warship is expected. At present the city is quiet but there is an underlying current of anxiety, as evidenced by the fact that a veritable panic was caused by the booming of a heavy gun on the British cruiser when she came to anchor in the port last evening. The Indefatigable announced her arrival by three cannon shots at the destinations almost terrorized the people. Surprised by the sudden arrival, officers and soldiers alike rushed precipitately to their posts; women and children ran about hither and thither, in seeming despair, crying hysterically, and it was some little time before they could be reassured and calmed.

Under a declaration taken by the council of ministers, the government to-day authorized the sending on to the warships and out of the country the authors of the last insurrection, who have taken refuge at the French, German and Spanish consulates at Gonaves.

The government reserves for itself, however, the right to prosecute before properly appointed courts any persons who, hereafter, are implicated in uprisings. This action on the part of the government is being condoned by the representatives of the foreign nations agreeing not to give asylum in their respective consulates in case of further revolutionary movements being attempted.

General Celestin, the Minister of War, has returned to Port au Prince at the head of his troops, after having put down the revolutionists at Gonaves. He made a statement to-day in which he denied absolutely that the government entertained hostile sentiments towards foreigners. President Nord Alexis and his ministers also gave assurances of the utmost good feelings toward all foreigners, who were pursuing their duties peacefully in Hayti.

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STRIKE CLOSES BREWERIES.

Twenty-Four Soul's Delight Factories Tight and Fast in St. Louis While Brewers and Bottlers Discuss Grievances—Luckily a Beer Famine is Not Imminent. St. Louis, Mo., March 17.—Twenty-four breweries in St. Louis and East St. Louis were almost completely shut down to-day by the walkout of nearly 2,500 union brewers, masters, bottlers, freemen and freight handlers, allied with the brewing interests. The employers declared, however, that there is no possibility of a beer famine and the strike would soon be ended.

Duke of Abruzzi Arrives.

Washington, March 17.—The Duke of the Abruzzi arrived in Washington to-day from Florida. He went to the Italian embassy, where he is a guest of the Italian ambassador, Mayor des Planches. He was accompanied by his wife only. The Duke's visit here will be brief, his present plans being for a stay of two or three days only, at the conclusion of which it is expected he will return to Europe.

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