

AFFAIRS AT ASHEVILLE

MIL CRAIG ON EXTENDED TOUR.

He Has Many Engagements to Speak at High School Commencements and Will Not Be at Home Any More This Month—A Swannanoa Station Killed by Passenger Train as He is Crossing Track—Employee of Southern Railway Poisoned in Mysterious Manner—Mountain Scene to Adorn a Physical Geography—Newspaper Editor Shot His Wife and Then Escaped—Cotton Mill Shuts Down.

Asheville, April 13.—Mr. Locke Craig, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, who is now in the central portion of the State, will not return to Asheville until about May 1st. Mr. Craig has a large number of appointments to fill during the remainder of this month, almost every small village in the State has been requested to deliver addresses—educational, prohibition and political. Many invitations have been received recently from towns in the extreme eastern portion of the State, evidencing Mr. Craig's popularity not only in his home section, but all over North Carolina. It is said that Mr. Craig has this year received more than 100 invitations to deliver commencement addresses. His managers here to-day said that every day there came more and more encouragement from central and eastern Carolina Democrats, and that the situation was now all that his friends could wish.

John Goodlett, a negro porter at the local passenger station of the Southern Railway, who shot and fatally wounded his wife at a house on Eagle street here Saturday afternoon, is still at large. After the negro had fired two shots into the woman's brain and two into her left lung, she walked out of the place and escaped. The woman lingered in an unconscious condition until 1 o'clock this morning, when death ensued. The shooting occurred while Goodlett's wife was sitting beside the bedside of a sick friend, Goodlett, who had previously declared he had bought with the purpose of killing his wife, shot the woman without warning. Previous quarrels and jealousy are said to have caused the tragedy. The wife in the kitchen of the Swannanoa Hotel last night about 11 o'clock did considerable damage and gave the fireman an hour's hard work. The kitchen was practically gutted, although the fire was quickly extinguished and prevented the spread of the flames to other portions of the house. There was no excitement among the guests, in fact no few guests of the hotel not being aware until this morning that there had been any fire.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

J. H. Hemphill, a resident of the Swannanoa section of the county, was run down and killed by passenger train No. 11 yesterday afternoon ten miles from Asheville. Mr. Hemphill was attempting to cross the tracks when the engine of the passenger train struck him, driving a milk can attached to a buggy at the time, and while the occupant of the buggy received fatal injuries the mule escaped without a scratch. Mr. Hemphill when picked up was still conscious and was able to make an approach of the train, but thought that he could get across the track in safety. He declared that had he had a whip he could have made the mule get out of a slow walk in crossing and thus have escaped in safety. The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Stokely, mother of County Auditor R. J. Stokely, of Buncombe, whose death occurred at Del Rio, Tenn., Saturday, were conducted at Del Rio yesterday. Mrs. Stokely was 82 years of age and the mother of thirteen children, four of whom survive. She had visited Asheville often and had a large circle of friends here.

MYSTERIOUS POISONING.

Claude Jones, an employe of the Asheville division of the Southern, had a narrow escape from death by poisoning last night. Just before he went to bed he ate a meal, but did not feel ill until returning to his boarding house at 11 o'clock, when he became quite sick and fell before reaching his room. His roommate heard him coming up the steps and also heard him fall, and going out found the victim in a serious condition. Dr. Arthur T. Pritchard was summoned and found that the man in some manner had been poisoned. A stomach pump was used and the poison removed. The contents of the stomach will be analyzed. Mr. Jones' recovery is assured, but Dr. Pritchard said that had he arrived 20 minutes later there would have been no hope for the man's recovery.

Among prominent visitors to Asheville to-day were Mr. Fred Rustis and Mr. Colby. Mr. Rustis is a cousin of United States Minister to France, Eugene D. White. Mr. Colby is a traveler of note. Mr. Colby is delighted with Asheville. He declared to-day that he had traveled in many countries, but that he had never seen anything to equal the scenery in and around Asheville.

Secretary George S. Powell has received information from Mr. R. S. Tarr, of the physical geography department of Cornell University, to the effect that a mountain view taken near Chimney Rock and showing part of the rock and the beautiful falls there had been accepted for a place in a new physical geography of the United States which will shortly be published. The picture, taken by an Asheville photographer, and which has attracted great admiration from visitors since it was placed in the city ticket office of the Southern Railway is entitled the "Moonshiner's Country."

The Elk Mountain Cotton Mills of this city has suspended operation temporarily on account of lack of orders. The mills shut down Saturday and a number of operatives are out of employment.

News of the Granite City. Correspondence of The Observer. Mount Airy, April 13.—This section was visited by a frost this morning and the fruit suffered. But the bloom is so heavy it is thought enough escaped to guarantee a fine crop.

The shipment of granite continues heavy. The revival at the Baptist Worker Mission is still in progress. Quite a number of persons has been converted since the meeting commenced and the interest is growing.

Hanging Scaffold. System. With the modern skyscraping office building has come a new form of building scaffold, instead of constructing the scaffold from below, which is impossible in the case of buildings ranging from ten to fifty stories, platforms are suspended from the steel girders above. On these swinging platforms the bricklayers work and the scaffold is raised as the work progresses.

LINNEY WORKING FOR HIMSELF.

The Bull of the Brushers' Opposition to Park Bill Seems to Have a Personal Feeling—Hog Cholera in McDowell Cattle.

Special to The Observer. Statesville, April 14.—Ex-Congressman R. Z. Linney, of Taylorville, passed through Statesville yesterday en route to Oklahoma, where he will visit a son living in that State. While at the station between trains he delivered his usual speech against the park bill. He endeavored to make a few new points yesterday, but failed in the effort. Before he finished his talk he again spoke in a manner which indicated that he is looking after No. 1 in his campaign against the bill. It has been believed by many for some time that Linney was opposing the bill in the hope of winning the favor of the mountain people by making them think he was trying to save their land from being confiscated by the government, and thus receive the support of the mountaineers in another race for the nomination for Congress by the Republicans. His talk yesterday was evidence that there is something in this belief. Mr. Linney stated that if the Republicans had a majority in the Congress he would support Congressman Hackett for re-election and would take the stump for him. He praised Hackett for taking the stand he had, but he took to himself the credit for Mr. Hackett's position, stating that he was instrumental in Hackett's and Kluttz's seeing the light.

Mr. J. A. Hartness, who recently lost a fine herd of hogs as the result of intestinal cholera, learns through Mr. W. A. Colvert, of Marion, that cholera is raging in McDowell county. One man, Mr. J. L. Morgan, of Marion, has already lost 100 hogs this spring and others in the vicinity of Marion report that their hogs are dying like flies from the effects of the deadly disease. A few days ago an agent came all the way from St. Louis to this section to sell Mr. Hartness a medicine for cholera. The disease had already done its work for Mr. Hartness and he says he is through raising hogs, but other hog-breeders procured the cure, it is understood. The gentleman who sells the medicine stated that he saw an account of the death of Mr. Hartness' hogs in a newspaper.

The farmers of Chambersburg township are much puzzled and concerned about the poisoning of cattle. The trouble is being traced to a certain plot of swampy ground. The plot covers an area of about 40 square feet on a farm near Oak Forest now occupied by Mr. Will Gallier, and the grass growing on this plot has given fatal to four fine head of cattle. A sample of the grass was brought to Statesville a day or so ago by Mr. John Webb and turned over to Dr. J. A. Bass, veterinarian, who is examining and analyzing it. He does not think the grass brought him is poisonous but is of the opinion that there are some poisonous herbs growing among the grass. Mr. Webb is sure the grass is the cause of the trouble and the ground on which it grows contains poison. The case will be further investigated.

THREW HIMSELF FROM TRAIN.

Insane Man Jumps From Car Window and Dies of His Injuries—Changes in Two Educational Institutions of Palmetto State.

Observer Bureau, 300 Skyscraper Building, Columbia, S. C., April 14. While being brought to the State Hospital for the insane, E. E. Smith, a carpenter of Hartsville, Darlington county, this morning threw himself out of the car window and received mortal injuries.

He was brought to Columbia and at once taken in an ambulance to the State Hospital, where the physicians of that institution assisted Dr. Fowle in ministering to him. It was realized, however, that he could not live. He was unconscious when picked up and died peacefully within a few minutes after reaching the hospital. The attempt at suicide occurred on the Atlantic Coast Line train No. 53, at a point about 17 miles from Columbia. It is likely that two of South Carolina's great educational institutions will have a change of administration at the beginning of the fall session. It is understood that Maj. Benjamin Sloan, of the University of South Carolina, has been placed on the Carnegie Foundation and will accordingly resign at the end of this session. The resignation of Col. Asbury Coward as superintendent of the State Normal School at Columbia has been tendered to the board of visitors, to take effect September 30th, the rules requiring "six months' notice" of such resignation.

Superintendent of the University and the board of visitors of the military academy will find it difficult to select successors to Major Sloan and Colonel Coward. At a meeting of the board of education of Columbia, the academic board of Columbia, appointed Prof. A. C. Moore, of the University of South Carolina, to succeed himself as a member of the board of school commissioners of Columbia for the term expiring in 1912 and Dr. Julius Heyward Taylor to succeed Dr. T. H. Fisher, resigned, for the term expiring in 1910. It is not known whether Dr. Taylor will accept the position on the school board. Professor Moore has been a member of the city school board for some time and is now serving as chairman, giving a great deal of valuable work to this service.

Superintendent of Education Martin is sending out to county superintendents notice that by resolution of the State board of education the next regular teachers' examination has been appointed for Friday, May 15th, and instructing the county superintendents to give due notice. At the request of Gen. C. Irvine Walker, commanding the Army of Northern Virginia, U. C. V. Superintendent Martin is sending out to county superintendents a letter calling attention to the fact that the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of President Davis will occur on June 3d of this year and suggesting appropriate observance, either on that date or earlier, if the schools find it more convenient.

Farmer Commits Suicide.

Special to The Observer. Mount Airy, April 14.—Mr. Dudley Creed, a highly respected farmer, who lived near this city, committed suicide yesterday morning about 9 o'clock, shooting the top of his head off with a shotgun. He was an industrious man and proved well for his family. While it is not certain, it is thought that brooding over family troubles caused him to take his life. Mr. Creed married his second wife a year or two ago.

PLENTY OF TROUBLE.

Is caused by stagnation of the liver and bowels. To get rid of it and headache and biliousness, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, the reliable purifiers that do the work without grinding or griping. Sold at all drug stores.

TRYING TO AROUSE NEGRO

EFFORTS TO MAKE HIM REBEL

Republicans as Well as Democrats Want to See Him Distracted, But Such Republicans as Senator Foraker, Former Negro Senator, Do Not In Such States as Ohio the Black Man is a Big Political Factor, Though He is Not in the South—Taft Not Favored by the Negroes, and They Are Giving Him a Hard Time—Burton, in His Reply to Hobson, Tells an Effective Story, and Scores His Point.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.

Observer Bureau, Congress Hall Hotel, Washington, April 14.

A great effort is being made to arouse the negro and make him rebel against his treatment at the hands of Republican leaders who would eliminate him. Republicans as well as Democrats would disfranchise him, but such politicians as Senator Foraker would not see it done. In Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia and other Southern States local leaders are ignoring the colored voter. If the Republicans were in power in North Carolina, with a liberal construction on the election provisions of the constitutional amendment, adopted ten years ago, about 80,000 negroes could vote. With the Democrats in control 50,000 may register if fair-minded registrars hold the books. But the Republicans carried out the work begun by the Democrats, and the negro has been eliminated. The last two or three State conventions were lily-white. A revival is threatened. There are rumors of outbreaks in North Carolina. There was a successful rebellion in Tennessee. Negroes in Ohio are fighting Mr. Taft and the President. The war clouds are spreading. A bolt is expected in North Carolina. Recently a number of the old-time Wash. negro politicians came to Washington to get an idea of the lay of the land. Some of the visitors advise a separate convention. Mr. Taft is not having an easy time. The united forces of union labor and the negroes throughout the country keep growing apace. The skies do not seem clear to him. The negro is not a political factor in North Carolina, but in such States as Ohio he holds the balance of power. The 50,000 colored voters in the Buckeye State are being organized by a man to a State office. As a rule the negro vote is cast undivided. In the South it went to the Republicans except in municipal elections, when it generally fell to the side which had the most negro voters. Negro leaders in Ohio declare that they will urge their people to vote the Democratic ticket if Taft is nominated by the Republicans. No one in the South will give any sign of support to the ticket. In the North the situation is different. There are Democrats there who believe that the negro will quit the Republicans if Taft is nominated.

EFFECT OF GOOD STORY.

North Carolinians know the effect of a good story told at the proper time for they were taught to respect Vance and other good stump speakers. Former Governor Charles B. Aycock has a way of clinching an argument with an anecdote or a story. He carried this one argument for a beautiful, impassioned speech of Hobson and the short, convincing reply of Burton, of Ohio. The Southerner seemed more practical and more rational. The one argued for more battleships and the other for less. Both spoke for peace. Hobson declared that the world would respect us for our navy. Mr. Burton, who is a man of firmness and good judgment, carried the crowd with him. At first he was applauded by a mere handful, but as he proceeded the number of hands that clapped increased and the vigor behind the cheering grew in proportion. As a result of the one argument for more battleships and the other for less, both spoke for peace. Hobson declared that the world would respect us for our navy. 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