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MR. CRAIG FOR GOVERNOR.

The Observer and Mr. Locke Craig have not always been in agreement about public men and measures—far from it. The differences between them have been radical and neither has failed to give voice to them.

He is the candidate of the extreme west, which has not had one of its citizens in the executive office for forty years. He is the idol of his section—how enthusiastic and earnest it is in his support is demonstrated by the fact that in the State convention he will have every vote save one from his congressional district; certainly ample proof of the affection in which he is held by the people among whom he lives and who know him best.

This appeal is addressed to the centre and east upon the ground of long years of devoted, effective and unrewarded party service. In every campaign throughout these years he has traversed the State from sea-coast to mountain top, able, earnest and unremitting in his labors for the party he represents. Can a man establish a claim upon his party? He can, and surely Mr. Craig has done this, though he utters no such suggestion in his own behalf.

It appears to be the general programme of the New England cotton mills, with the acquiescence of the operatives, to cut wages and resume full time. The number of operatives whose wages have been reduced is now estimated at 170,000, the reduction being 17.94 per cent. in Fall River and generally less elsewhere.

William Randolph Hearst announces that the Independence League will nominate whoever it chooses to for the presidency and that as for himself he is going to Europe for a short rest, after which he will return and throw himself into the campaign for the nominee.

CHARLOTTE AND LYNCHBURG.

Each falling to show a brawling or contented spirit, The Lynchburg News and The Observer find themselves without any squabble in progress between them over the size of their respective cities. We would only say in reply to the citation of a \$1,050 city directory estimate that Charlotte's equivalent estimate is considerably over 40,000—not that we accord directory censuses any weight or regard The News as doing so.

"We noted the Landmark's error when it first appeared, but passed it up, because not wishing in any way to disturb the splendid campaign now being prosecuted through its columns in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. Whatever Norfolk's population be, it is large enough to justify all that our contemporary says. The 'City by the Sea,' its growth and increasing importance, constitute a source of proud interest throughout the entire State.

A LESSON FROM OTHER STATES.

Of late Kentucky night riders while burning the barns of their neighbors and sometimes lashing those neighbors' backs with raw-hide whips have made it a practice to accompany the proceedings with prayer and other devotional exercises. Not many nights ago onlookers heard a band fervently singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee" as a barn blazed and crackled.

The reading world had been gladdened by the essays of Krehbiel and the volumes of Elizabeth Eliland Wetmore, telling of Hearst's life and his house. Letters revealed a life as poignant as any in literary history. And better than that—they told of the character that grew definite and fine through so much agony.

THOSE FLIGHTS ON OUR COAST.

In the current issue of Collier's Weekly there is a graphic article by Arthur W. Ruhl, special correspondent, describing, with the aid of photographs, experiences in pursuit of the elusive Wright brothers off the North Carolina coast. In one of the photographs the strange, bat-like machine is shown whirling through the air with its operator above the sand hills. Some of both the longer and shorter flights were witnessed by the newspaper men, who saw the flyer melt into the blue distance more than once.

High Point Happenings.

High Point, May 27.—A deal of importance took place here yesterday when Mr. J. W. Harris, secretary and treasurer of the Welch Furniture Company, bought Mr. R. B. Strickland's stock in that factory, the consideration being \$5,000.

The almost in every case necessary fall-folices beyond the Blue Ridge, voting to cut off the tails of foxes hundreds of miles away, appear from the election returns to have been the real medicine.

THE SOUTH AND SECOND PLACE.

"On the face of it," says our esteemed contemporary, The Richmond News Leader, "there is sound sense in the proposition, coming from an association of Southern born Democratic voters in New York City, that the Democrats of the South unite in a demand for a Southern man as the nominee for the vice-presidency on the national ticket. If the South intends ever to take an important and dignified position in Federal affairs she must make a beginning, and this year seems as good a time to begin as we are likely to have.

Collier's Weekly, writing in biting criticism of a book about this strange person by Dr. Geo. M. Gould, says these among other things: "The reading world had been gladdened by the essays of Krehbiel and the volumes of Elizabeth Eliland Wetmore, telling of Hearst's life and his house. Letters revealed a life as poignant as any in literary history."

Candidate Kitchin is being persecuted some—now by Senator Simmons for having a preference for Governor and announcing it, and that preference not Mr. Kitchin. If it were, O, what a different song he would sing, and how he would champion the right of the Senator to have an opinion in the matter as a North Carolinian and the right to express it. It all depends upon whose ox is gored.

The newspaper boys, or some of them, have sharp eyes and keen wits. A few days ago The Observer, nodding, as even newspaper people sometimes do, relished Connecticut of the odorous Lilly she has in Congress and had scarcely gotten the words out of its mouth before two of the brethren, those of The Raleigh Evening Times and Roanoke, Va., World, nudged it and told it to awaken to the facts in the case.

Norfolk's campaign for a \$150,000 Y. M. C. A. building fund ends with a margin of \$17,000, the final day bringing subscriptions of \$22,869. Congratulations.

Dr. Walter W. Moore, Central Presbyterian. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, at Greensboro, N. C., made a fine election of a moderator. Dr. Walter W. Moore, president of Union Theological Seminary, is himself eminently worthy of whatever honor there is in the office to which he is called.

So It Proved. Norfolk Landmark, 26th. This will probably be North Carolina's motto to-day: If at first you don't succeed, try dry again.

THE FINALS AT GUILFORD

DEGREES CONFERRED ON TEN

Dr. Harry L. Wilson, of the Faculty of Johns Hopkins University, Delivers the Baccalaureate Address, His Subject: "The Spirit of Conquest."

Guilford College, May 27.—To-day was commencement day proper at Guilford College, and the graduating exercises attracted a splendid audience of the best citizenship of Guilford county. The programme opened with a chorus, "Hail, Smiling Morn," after which three orations were delivered as follows:

"The Spirit of Conquest," by Alva Edwin Lindley; "Francis of Assisi," Elsie Everett White; "Patriotism," Henry Andrew Doak. The orators acquitted themselves handsomely, each being the recipient of much applause.

Following the orations, President Hobbs conferred degrees upon the members of the graduating class as follows: A. B. degree—Alva Edwin Lindley, Henry Andrew Doak, Ovid Winfield Jones and Balle Thomasen; Bachelor of Science—Elsie Everett White, George Washington Bradshaw, Annie Elizabeth Gordon, Kittie McNeill John, Mabelle Vira Raiford and William Ernest Younts. A diploma in literature was awarded to Miss Marguerite Carland.

For practical purposes, Dr. Wilson said, we may accept such a definition of archaeology as has been given by Hogarth—that it is the "science of the treatment of the material remains of the human past. But even so, the definition assigns to the subject a wide domain, and it is seen at once that it must be broken up into innumerable specialties. There is all the difference in the world between the tribes of central Africa and the archaeology of a highly civilized and cultured people such as the Greeks and the Romans.

Continuing, Dr. Wilson said: "To add clearness and sharpness of outline to a student's conception of life in Italy, nothing has contributed so much as the excavation of Pompeii, which differs from all other cities excavated in a day, and its houses, temples and its streets were buried and preserved for the study and admiration of the modern world. Ruins of ancient cities exist in Italy, but no modern brick or stone distracts our attention or interferes with our view of a first century city. Then followed a beautiful description of a tour through the ruins of Pompeii.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT HOBBS In giving a report of the last year's work at Guilford, President Hobbs mentioned the completion of the elegant and well appointed New Graden Hall, which is now being occupied for the accommodation of young women students. The destruction by fire of King Hall, which contained the college library, one of the best in the South, was a blow, but the ready plans are under way for building greater and better than before.

Scholarships and prizes were awarded as follows: The Bryn Mawr scholarship of \$400, to Miss Alice Everett; the Harvard College scholarship of \$300, to Henry Andrew Doak; the Websterian orator's prize, to Hugh Dixon White; the Websterian Improvement medal, to Earl Sherrill; Tom Rogers, the Black Face Comedian at the Bijou, is great.

CRAIG AND KITCHIN SPEAK

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and not The Charlotte Observer will ever respond." The remainder of his address was met with the wondrous of Mr. William W. Kitchin's acting and government career running back many years. He told of the battles he had won and roared the Southern Railway and declared for railway regulation, saying that the Southern was against his candidacy.

REFERS TO SIMMONS' LETTER. In the course of his speech, in reference to the letter of Senator Simmons, Mr. Kitchin said: "In February, last year Senator Simmons assured me he would be impartial and hold hands off in the gubernatorial contest. I was guilty of the folly of believing it. Within three weeks before the Legislature adjourned, he encouraged Mr. Craig to run and told him he would support him if he ran. He did not tell me of his change of mind until the following December, when he encouraged our Senators elected by friends of all candidates, occupying a special position and having a special prestige and influence, have not seen fit to throw the great weight of such influence and prestige in favor of either candidate, and this Senator never did it before either two, four or six years ago, in behalf of any of the Democratic candidates who have been before the people, and even now he does not, in his open letter, give his weight to any candidate for corporation commissioner or Lieutenant Governor, for Commissioner of Agriculture or other position. It is remarkable also that in this instance he throws his weight against Colonel Horns and myself. From his season of the Legislature by custom of a generation the nomination should come east, and he gives no reason for seeking to break this custom. He does not say there is any political exigency of the moment that justifies it. He does not say that no man in the east has the character, experience and ability to fill the office. He does not say that above all eastern men as to justify it. But the Senator studiously tries to make the public think this is a contest involving himself and Governor Aycock. He does this for the purpose of arousing their friends against Colonel Horns and myself. He knows that he and the beloved ex-Governor are not involved in this contest except in so far as the Governor is sought to involve themselves in it. He even speaks 'Of the right to defend' himself. Will Mr. Craig's defeat be any assault upon him? Has he guaranteed Mr. Craig's nomination? Will it be his defeat? If so, why did not the Senator let the public into the secret reasons that support his position, instead of in his letter, carefully leaving the public in the guesses? The public will think, as I think, his reasons are personal rather than patriotic, hostile to me as well as friendly to Mr. Craig for he advances nothing in Mr. Craig's favor that has not been claimed by his friends all over the State for him. He merely adds the public use of his name to conjure upon, when his favorite has had the private use of it for four months. I regret exceedingly the position of the Senator and the ex-Governor. I realize the heavy burden they put upon the people in this campaign. It is unfortunate for our candidates that they did not get their approval before announcing their purpose of running for the high office of Governor. When they and the Charlotte Observer line up for my western competitor, it is more serious to me than the opposition of the Southern Railway and the American Tobacco Company. It may be serious to the people. If the Senator and the ex-Governor can name the Governor now, cannot they and the one they name heretofore constitute a triumvirate, who will operate a more powerful machine in naming candidates than the one I am now up against. The Democratic party shall not, with my consent, fall under such a ring rule. Never before in the history of this State has such a bold attempt been made against the time-honored custom of letting the people choose their nominees free from the undue influence and hypnotic suggestions of the mighty ones whom the friends of all candidates have raised on high. After I am nominated I shall have the consolation of knowing that I made a bold and open fight with charity to all and malice towards none, and did all in my power to keep the Democracy near to the people and free from the bossism which ever threatens its usefulness, as well as free from the wrongful influence of foreign corporations that ever seek unjust advantage of the public."

Following the speaking, Mr. Kitchin walked down toward Hotel Zinsendorf and, in front of the entrance, met with a party of his staunch supporters, it is claimed that he roundly roared the paper which has refused to support his candidacy and which is in consequence, in his opinion, an unworthy publication.

LIGHTNING'S STRANGE FRANKS. Huris Young Woman From Her Bed in Cleveland County. One of the severest electrical storms this section has witnessed in many a day visited Waco Monday night of last week. The display was a spectacular one and before it was over considerable damage was done. The house of Mr. P. D. Putnam was struck and badly damaged. One of his little daughters, Eunice, was terribly shocked, her face being badly burned. She was knocked senseless and was picked up by the terrified father as dead, but subsequently revived. Barring a badly burned face, her injuries were not serious. Another daughter, who had retired, was hurt out of the bed by the force of the bolt, which ran down under the bed, played around on the bed springs and hurled brings, mattress and occupant of the bed out into the middle of the floor. This young lady was not injured in the least.

the Philagorean orator's medal, to Miss Luok O'B. White; the Philagorean Improvement prize, to Miss Mary Mendenhall; the Henry Clay orator's medal, to Thomas Fletcher Bull; the Henry Clay Improvement medal, to Elmer Braxton; the freshman class orator's medal, to Elizabeth J. Eudson; the sophomore's partial scholarship, to Miss Alice Louise Dixon.

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