MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1908.

ASSETS; NOT IMPEDIMENTS. It is only three weeks from next Wednesday until the Democratic State convention, and really if the American Tobacco Company and the Southern Railway Company, both of which, as is learned from Candidate Kitchin, are so violently opposed to him, are going to do anything to him, it is time they were getting busy. Durham is the North Caroling headquarters of the former. The Durham county primaries and convention have been held and the county's vote on the governorship will be divided in the State convention in this proportion: Craig .91, Kitchin 7.21, Horne 2.88. According to a recent statement of Mr. J. S. Manning, Mr. Kitchin's manager, the vote for Mr. Horne was gotten in two wards of the city of Durham by a supporter in each. It thus appears that but for the exertions of these gentlemen, neither of whom has any relations with the tobacco trust, the vote of that city would have been practically unanimous for Mr. Kitchin.

The voting strength of the Southern Railway Company in North Carolina is massed at Spencer. The vote on the governorship in the recent primary at Spencer was cast almost unanimously for Mr. Kitchin. Why was not the baleful influence of the railroad company present and at work among its employes?

Where was the American Tobacco

Company when the Durham prima-

ries were being held and what was it

It sometimes looks as if neither of these giant corporations is aware of the existence of Mr. Kitchin. Nobody can find a reason why either

Railway Company! American Tobacco Company!

#### 1908 COTTON, AND A MORAL.

leading business newspaper's estimate from reports gathered with some care that cotton acreage had been slightly decreased. Now comes The New York Journal of Commerce, whose crop estimates enjoy the highest reputation of any unofficially made, and declares the acreage 1.9 per cent greater than last year's. Upon the basis of reports from 1.600 special correspondents The Journal of Commerce comes to this conclusion and also finds that the condition on an average date of May 22d was 79, or ten points better than at the same time last year. Slight acreage decreases in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana are more than offset by gains in Texas and Oklahoma. Condition, also, is fairly even. As compared with fast year, North Carolina increased screage nine-tenths of one per cent. and condition rose from \$0.2 to \$7.6; South Carolina decreased acreage 2.8 per cent, and condition rose from 77 to 80.2. But for interfering rains ever a large part of the belt the general acreage increase would have been much larger. Heavy storms and downpours in Texas and Oklahoma subsequent to the date of these reports will unquestionably reduce both acreage and condition figures somewhat below those given. The outlook is much better than a year age, this crop being early where its predecessor was a full month late. Since complaints of grass are not serious, and tabor is plentiful, normal weather from now on would ensure a good-

These data are in all likelihood not far wrong. They strongly go to show the extreme difficulty attending concerted efforts for acreage reduction, especially when prices are at attractive levels. Concerted holding can be fairly well managed-it has even been overdone at least once without and fairly well-organized campaigns for acreage reduction during a succession of years ever produced the alightest actual result, the fact does not appear. Of course this extreme difference in feasibility rests upon certain traits of human nature which the farmer shares with all mankind; and it thus presents a permanent

This is Charlotte's real convention onth: The Retail Merchants' Assoation, the Teachers' Assembly, the Mecklenburg primaries and county convention, with the Democratic State convention to close with. There will hardly be time enough for the two vandaville shows, for the Electric Park attractions and the moving pic-

At hearings in anti-trust suits reently brought by the government the an Tobacco Company indigently denies that it controls the enire tobacco output of the country.

AN IMPOSSIBLE COMMISSION. The bane of all legislative bodies is that in creating new offices or supplying vacancies in old and permanent ones or in raising new commis sions for special purposes they select the officers or members from of making prohibition really effecamong themselves. The statement is tive in North Carolina: of general application. The propriety is more than questionable though wrong to the public does not always The General Assembly of North Carolina result. Sometimes the wrong is

result. Sometimes the wrong is great and palpable; again, when not immediately resultant, the evil consequences may with certainty be foreseen. So in the case of the currency commission provided for by the Vreeland-Aldrich emergency currency bill just enacted—constituted for the avowed purpose of taking into consideration the whole question of finance, banking, currency, and refinance, banking, currency, and reporting to Congress a measure which will establish a scientific system of finance, permanent in its character but with provisions which will safeguard the country from will safeguard the country from shall be conclusively presumed and held the conclusion of the liquors mentioned in the proceeding section upon the breath of any person shall be prima facile a violation of this section 2. That the smell or odor of any of the liquors mentioned in the proceeding section upon the breath of any person shall be prima facile a violation of this control to the control to such convulsions as that of last fall. What do we see? A provision that

the members of this commission, eighteen in all, shall be appointed from the two houses of Congress, nine from each branch. This renders the whole scheme hopeless. Congress has shown itself totally incompetent to deal with the great problem of finance. Just now, at a period of great stress, when depression is general and the stringency severe, it has been hesitant, incoherent, bewildered, and after six months of supposed deliberation, from the first Monday in December to the last Saturday in May, has brought forth, at the moment of adjournment, an abor-

If Congress cannot, after six months, produce through the finance committees of its two branches, an adequate financial measure, there can be no hope that a commission constituted from the membership of these committees will ever do so.

Candidate Kitchin, in his speech at should worry about him. He has Winston on the night of May 27th. never done either of them any harm; in criticising Senator Simmons for there is nothing in his record to his letter in behalf of Mr. Craig, said show it. He has talked about them, that when he is Governor he will it is true, but talk is cheap and his have the satisfaction of knowing talk was not to hurt them but to help that he had done all in his power to himself. It is true, also, that he keep the Democratic party "free spoke and voted against the Southern from the bossism which ever threat-Railway mail subsidy but he did not ens its usefulness." In the same defeat it; nothing that he supports plaint in regard to himself he says prevails and nothing that he opposes "this Senator never did it before, fails: Congress voted the subsidy and either two, four or six years ago, in the railroad voluntarily took off the behalf of any of the dozens of canditrain before the appropriation was dates who have been before the peoexhausted. If the Southern Railway ple, and even now he does not, in Company is fighting him on account his open letter, give his weight to of his opposition to the mail subsidy any candidate for corporation comwhy is it not also fighting Represen- missioner or Lieutenant Governor, for tatives Page and Webb, who also Commissioner of Agriculture or other inter-State commerce. Under the law voted against it? Or is it? If so position." These two quotations do recently voted on liquor may still be they are not going around whining not square. Mr. Kitchin refutes his shipped into the State from beyond own charge. Reflecting people will its borders, but if it is made a crime conclude from his statement that a to drink liquor, it matters not where boss who "never did it before, either the liquor comes from, Inter-State two, four or six years ago," and has commerce is no defence to an indictnothing to say this year (making ment against the fellow who "introeight) except as to one office, is not duces it into his system." very much of a boss after all; at opportunities.

> The basketball inter-collegiate astermed "the spirit of the game," of his friends. meaning thereby that roughness and foul playing are almost inseparable from it. Furthermore, there seems sults to the country from the Standto be general agreement that it pos- and Oil currency bill, the finishing sesses few or no permanent attrac- touches to which were given by the tions as a sport and has just about Senate and the President Saturday played out in any event. All of night, will think again when they which we find interesting, but espe- realize that they are indebted for it cially the fact that roughness fig- to the same source from which they ures as principal objection from the have the present steel trust tariff faculty standpoint. In this part of law. Senator Aldrich is responsible the country basketball is regarded as for both. rather a mollycoddle or pink-tea sort

Governor Glenn declared himself to time. our Raleigh correspondent Saturday as in favor of instructing the North Carolina delegation to the national Democratic convention, and "said in conclusion that he did not wish in any way to be understood as trying to interfere with the action of the State convention save and except that as a private citizen he felt he had a right to express his belief that Bryan was the best and most available candidate." The Governor hasn't any such right. If he had read the papers last week he would have found out that it is none of his business what party policies are adopted and that he should keep his mouth shut about who, in his opinion, is "the best and most available candidate" half trying; but, if all the earnest for anything. Notice has been served upon the public men and ex-public men of North Carolina that as regards their preferences-excepting for themselves-the people "want nothing from them ixcipt silence and domned little iv that."

> Judge Pritchard's address on "The Judiciary," before the literary societies of the University of North Carolina Saturday, published in full in yesterday's Observer, was a most interesting and instructive production and deserves to be generally read. His tribute to the Supreme Court of the United Sintes and in particular to John Marshall, its greatest Chief Justice, was very fine. It is of interest that Judge Pritchard ranks the present Chief Justice, Melville W. Fuller, along with his illustrious pro-

Mr. LaFollette seen his duty and done it and that the senatorial fillbuster failed was not his fault.

We suppose that Mrs. Gunness, to was born in South Carolina.

TO MAKE THE LAW EFFECTIVE. The following bill, supple the one ratified by the people last COLUMBUS NOT ALL RITCHIN'S week, has been drafted by a citizen of Charlotte, to be submitted to the Legislature next winter, to the end

A Bill to be Entitled an Act to Prohibit the Drinking or Use of Intoxicating Liquors Except for Medical Purposes.

shall be conclusively presumed and held to be the place where the said liquors were drunk, and the venue of any indict-ment under this act may be laid accord-

Section 4. That this act shall not apply section 4. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide sick, and uses such liquor upon the prescription of a regularly licensed physician, whose patient such person is at the time; nor to the bona fide patient of any regularly licensed dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, the patient being in the dental chair under treatment at the time; nor to the pastor, officers or communicants of any church or religious society while engaged in the celebration of any recrament or ceremony in which such liquors may be used. Section 5. That this act shall be in

force from and after its ratification This bill, if enacted into a law, will make it compulsory upon those guardians of Old Jones and the niggers, who voted against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, at the recent election, to drink as they vote, and at the same time they will have the satisfacion of knowing they are observing the law of the land. This law will distinctly meet the argument that "prohibition does not prohibit." It will go to the root of the matter. The real evil to be legislated against is not the manufacgallons of it may be made and sold and no harm would result if it were used to rub with, or in paints, or in the arts and sciences. It is the drinking of the stuff that makes wives widows and children orphans, and fills up the asylums, poor-houses and jails. If the manufacture and sale of the poison is to continue there must be somebody to buy it. The real thing to prohibit is the purchase and drinking of it. If there were no people to drink it its manufacture and sale would die a natural death.

Another important matter about

All who are in favor of this most least is not one who sives up to his excellent measure will please hold up their hands.

The best news that this morning's lotte." sociation has voted to suspend and paper carries is that Mr. Cleveland the game is regarded as approaching was able vesterday to leave the Lakeextinction in the Eastern college wood, N. J., Hotel, where he has been world. Swarthmore definitely relin- confined for two months with rheuexpected to do so; while Yale, Prince- three-hours trip in an automobile;

Those who hope for some good re-

All the same, we are glad Jeffries Davis didn't get to Washington in

REV. MR. MARTIN PREACHES.

Missionary to Africa Tells of His Work to Second Church Congrega-tion-Missionary Interest Stimu-

Rev. Motte Martin, a missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church with his field of labor in Central Africa, filled the pulpit of the Second Alexander .. .. church last night and told at some length of his experiences as a work-er in the Dark Continent. Mr. Martin talked to a good-sized audience which seemed interested in the narratives he related. He centred his remarks around three lines of thoughts. He spoke first of the apparent needs which confront the missionary as he enters the field. The people are unhappy and their religion brings no comfort or happiness. "Their very religion itself constitutes a need," said he. "Polygamy is fos-tered by the law. Children die at the rate of 50 to 60 per cent. on ac-count of no regard for the laws of health. They feel that the great Creator is indifferent to their needs." The realization of their needs was the second thought developed. The

speaker told of the eagerness with which a missionary of the Gospel was greeted and the sacrifices the people would make in order to hear the tidings of salvation preached. He emphasized the point that the Gospel was not being thrust upon them by

the home church.

The last feature of his general subject was along the line of meeting the needs which presented them-selves by sending the Gospel to them. Mr. Martin spoke of the success which has attended his labors and the labors of other missionaries who

the labors of other missionaries who have consecrated their lives to this humble service. His address in the main was narrative, containing numerous accounts of his own experiences among the people of Africa.

Rev. Mr. Martin speke to a crowded house at the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning. As a result of his visit it is believed the missionary interest of the several Presbyterian churches of the city has been greatly strengthened.

CRAIG LEADS BY 30 VOTES

clated Returns From Two Counties Which Did Not Report Saturday Which Did Not Report Saturday Night Add to the Gaicty of Nations—The Humorous Feature of Yesterday Was the Misleading and Erroneous Report of Mr. J. S. Manning, Who Has Slept Through the Battle, or is Juggling With Figures—The Facts and Figures Upset the Claims of Mr. Kitchin's Manager—The Corrected Returns Up to Date.

Belated returns from Columbus county, which held its primaries Saturday, came in last night and, as expected, did not justify the claim of Mr. Kitchin's supporters that he would get 8 out of the 11 votes. The score from Columbus was: Craig 4; Kitchin 5 and Horne 2. A reliable estimate from Camden county, which was also missing Saturday night, gives Craig 2 and Kitchin 1. Corrected returns were also received last night from Pamileo, which amounts to a matter of infinitesimal fractions, but it is made in the tabulated statement.

Through an oversight Lincoln county was not mentioned in figuring the returns yesterday morning. The fact that Lincoln's 7 votes will come to Charlotte uninstructed is responsible for this oversight, and, of course this makes no change in the standing of the candidates. Lincoln county is added to the statement uninstructed. It does make a change in the figures relating to the number of counties voting and to vote; thus far 71 counties have held conventions or primaries, and 27 more have yet to vote.

With the figures from Columbus and Camden added, the score of the candidates last week was: Craig 22.29; Kitchin 54.41; Horne 16.30. The grand totals of the 71 counties which have voted is: Craig 259.17; Kitchin 229.80; Horne 16.30.

The sum total to date is the fact that Mr. Craig is leading Mr. Kitchin by 29.37 votes.

The figures in the accompanying table are absolutely correct and have been verified, with the exception of those counties voting Saturday which are marked with a . In these cases the estimates are from the respective county chairmen and are approximately correct. The official vote when received, will make a change only of fractions.

The humorous feature of yesterday, after the smoke of Saturday's battle had cleared, was the statement given a State paper by Mr. J. S. Manning. vice president of Mr. Duke's bank at Durham and Mr. Kitchin's manager. In this statement Mr. Manning de-

"The votes of to-day, as far as ascertained, give Kitchin 54.61; Horne 12 or 13; Craig 10.85, making Kitchin's lead over Craig in those counties acting practically 44 votes. This leaves Craig with a lead of only about 12 votes. Kitchin will lead in the inal for another who is to-day but will overcome this lead of Craig.

As a matter of simple fact Mr. Craig received more than twice as many votes as Mr. Manning is kind enough to credit him with-22.29 inquishes the sport, and several other matic gout and acute indigestion, for stead of 10.85; Mr. Horne received of all the people, I will never assent institutions, including Harvard, are his home at Princeton, making the several more than Mr. Manning allowed him, and Mr. Kitchin got a ton. Cornell and the rest will play that he descended the stairs unas- fraction less than his manager claims forego that liberty of speech without the briefest possible schedules next sisted, and looked as well as when for him, Instead of leading Mr. Craig winter, if they play at all. All the he arrived at the hotel. This will by 44 votes in the voting Saturday, faculties are opposed to what is be very pleasing information to all Mr. Kitchin led by 32.12 votes, and it was Mr. Kitchin's biggest day since the battle opened.

Instead of leading Mr. Kitchin by the paltry matter of 12 votes, as Mr. Manning says, Mr. Craig is leading Mr. Kitchin now with just a frac-tion less than 30 votes. Mr. Manning either has slept during the tory-making events of the past few weeks, or else he is juggling with figures, "and," remarked a Craig supporter last night, "when a man gets cases in which people of more to juggling deliberately with figures, you may be sure he is up a tree. Mr. Manning's claims are not borne out by the facts that he is in a posiion to know as intimately as do Mr. Craig's and Mr. Horne's supporters. Mr. Craig's friends, of course, know that the claim that Mr. Kitchin will come to the convention with a 50vote lead, is not air, and they, as well as the general public realize that Mr. Kitchin will have to pick up considerably from what he is doing now to bear out the extravagant claims of his manager.
The corrected table follows:

Vote Craig in Horne Counties 6.45 .46 1.25 12.60 Macon ...... Mitchell .. .. 3.57 8.61 Stanly .. .. .25 6.16 Wilkes .. .. 4,79 16.66 5.73 5.90 1.45 1.90 1.27 3.60 4.61 Hallfax .. .. Warren .. .79 4.20 3,46 2.77 Harnett ...

YOUNG MAN IS DROWNED.

With Cramp While in Swimming in Lake at Guilford Battle Ground Yesterday and Loses His Life-Col. John S. Caningham Chief Marshal For Centennial Celebra-

Observer Bureau, The Bevill Building, Greensboro, May 31. Will Lyon, the 17-year-old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Lyon, of this city, was drowned while swimming in Lake Wilfong, at Guilford Battle Ground, this afternoon. The body was recovered after a search of about two hours. Young Lyon was accompanied by two boy companions, the three riding out to the battle ground on their bicycles early in the afternoon. Soon after going into the water Lyon was attacked by cramp, sinking before his companions could reach him. The dead boy was a manly young fellow, of spotless character and pure life, and had the confidence and

esteem of all who knew him. He held a position in the Commercial National Bank. The Greensboro district con-ference of the Methodist Church, which has been in session at Muir's Chapel, six miles from town, closed to-day with a love feast and sermon The following were elected delegate to the Western North Carolina Conference, which will convene in Ashe ville in November: J. A. Odell, C. H. Ireland and W. C. Boren, of Greensboro, and H. A. Hays, of Reidsville, with the following alteramong the three counties which are High Point; P. H. Williamson, of and W. N. Elder, of Trinity. Col. John S. Cuningham, of Person county, has been chosen as chief marshal of the Central Carolina Fair

> thusiastic over the prospects of the AYCOCK UNAFRAID.

> and the centennial celebration to be held in this city next October. He has accepted the position and is en-

He Claims His Rights as a Citizen to His Opinions and Their Expression
—Has Neither More Rights Nor Fewer Than Others.

Governor Aycock has been criticised for his advocacy of the candidacy of Mr. Locke Craig. In introducing Mr. Craig to an audience at Goldsboro, Governor Aycock's home, he very ef-fectively answered his critics.

"Have we come to the time," he asked, "when, because a man has once held high office he should be regarded as a thing apart-too high and mighty to take pot luck with the peo ple; who has so many honors that it is dishonorable in him to serve his State further in a private capacity, and so many friends that he cannot serve any one of them without offending the rest? Surely this is a theory of government which does not belong to genuine Democracy. A man gains no rights by having held high station. nor does he lose any. He is neither the better nor the worse for having held the position, and his influence, it he have any, is due, not to the pos tion which he has held, but to the service which he has done and the character to which he has attained Shall any man be denied this right? What is it that makes it proper for presidents of banks and lawvers and merchants to espouse the cause of Mr. Kitchin and write letters in his behalf, and makes it little short of crimprimaries to be held this week and private citizen, to support Craig? Shall stand by my statement that Kitchin to vote for him for Governor, and it will lead Craig by 50 votes at Char- be made an offense for one who has once been Governor, and is now a private citizen, to urge the nomination of service? That appears to be the doctrine that is openly avowed; to which, "I claim no more rights than belong to every Democrat, and I will not, through fear of injury to myself which republics cannot exist."

Criminal Court Convenes This Morn-

The June term of Mecklenburg Superior Court will convene in this city this morning, Judge Fred Moore, of Asheville, presiding. The term will last two weeks, the first being devoted to the trial of criminal cases and the second to civil work. Nothing o particular interest is on the docket except the case against S. Q. Barnes. who is charged with the murder of George Gifford, and several whiskey less prominence are involved. Solicitor Heriot Clarkson will appear for

First Division of Fleet Returns to San Francisco. San Francisco, May 31.—The first division of the Atlantic fleet, under Rear Admiral Sperry, consisting of the Connecticut, Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana, returned to-day from Tacome and dropped anchors in Man O'War row by the side of the Maine.

The ships were accompanied by the hospital ship Relief. The Minnesota also came in later from Bremerton. Mrs. Roosevelt on Cruise Down the Washington, May 31.—Mrs. Theo-dore Roosevelt, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, left yesterday for a cruise down the Po-tomac river aboard the President's yacht Sylph. The Sylph is expected

to return to Washington to-morrow Countles 4.05 8 2.22 Onslow .. .. Onslow
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Scotland 8 2.23 11 3 7 2.50 13 3 11.50 1.62 2.50 4 .80 1.50 1 1.34 12.50 Forsyth Totals .. .. 94 22.29 | 54,41 | 16.20 Grand totals..| 578 |259.17 |229.80 | 16.30

Wilmington, May 31.—Ten out of fourteen precincts in Columbus county, the four missing ones being small and not materially attering the result, give Kitchin 5; Craig 4, and Horne 2.

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