

The Charlotte Observer.

J. F. CALDWELL, Publisher. D. A. TOMPKINS, Editor.

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.

The voting strength of the Southern Railway Company in North Carolina is assessed at Spencer. The vote on the governorship in the recent primary at Spencer was cast almost unanimously for Mr. Kitchin.

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 should worry about him. He has never done either of them any harm; there is nothing in his record to show it.

1908 COTTON, AND A MORAL.

The other day we took note of a 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.

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.

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.

This is Charlotte's real convention month: The Retail Merchants' Association, 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 vaudeville shows, for the Electric Park attractions and the moving pictures.

At hearings in anti-trust suits recently brought by the government the American Tobacco Company indignantly denies that it controls the entire tobacco output of the country.

AN IMPOSSIBLE COMMISSION.

The hope of all legislative bodies is that in creating new offices or supplying vacancies in old and permanent ones or in raising new commissions for special purposes they select the officers or members from among themselves. The statement is of general application. The propriety is more than questionable though wrong to the public does not always result.

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.

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 Winston on the night of May 27th, in criticizing Senator Simmons for his letter in behalf of Mr. Craig, said that when he is Governor he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he had done all in his power to keep the Democratic party "free from the bossism which ever threatens its usefulness."

The basketball inter-collegiate association has voted to suspend and the game is regarded as approaching extinction in the Eastern college world. Swarthmore definitely relinquishes the sport, and several other institutions, including Harvard, are expected to do so.

Governor Glenn declared himself to 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."

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.

Mr. LaFollette seen his duty and done it and that the senatorial filibuster failed was not his fault. We suppose that Mrs. Guinness, too, was born in South Carolina.

TO MAKE THE LAW EFFECTIVE.

The following bill, supplemental to the one ratified by the people last week, has been drafted by a citizen of Charlotte, to be submitted to the Legislature next winter, to the end of making prohibition really effective in North Carolina.

A Bill to be Entitled An Act to Prohibit the Drinking or Use of Intoxicating Liquors Except for Medical Purposes. The General Assembly of North Carolina enact:

Section 1. That any person who shall drink, imbibe by suction, hyperdermally inject, or otherwise introduce into his system any quantity whatsoever of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or intoxicating bitters, or any fluid which contains a sufficient quantity of alcohol to produce intoxication, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 2. That the smell or odor of any of the liquors mentioned in the preceding section upon the breath of any person shall be prima facie a violation of this act, and the breath of any person shall be conclusively presumed and held to be the place where the said liquors were drunk, and the venue of any indictment under this act may be laid accordingly.

Section 3. 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, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any regularly licensed dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 4. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 5. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 6. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 7. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 8. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 9. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

Section 10. That this act shall not apply to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist, or to any person who is bona fide patient of any dentist, who uses such liquor upon the prescription of such dentist.

CRAIG LEADS BY 30 VOTES

COLUMBUS NOT ALL KITCHIN'S. Related Returns From Two Counties Which Did Not Report Saturday Night. Act to the Gallery 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.

Related 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 3 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 Pamlico, 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 unopposed 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 among the three counties which are unopposed. 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 23.29; Kitchin 54.41; Horne 16.30. The grand totals of the 71 counties which have voted is: Craig 259.17; Kitchin 229.86; Horne 14.30.

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 *.

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 declares: "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 primaries to be held this week and will overcome this lead of Craig. I stand by my statement that Kitchin will lead Craig by 50 votes at Charlotte."

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—23.29 instead of 10.85; Mr. Horne received several more than Mr. Manning allowed him, and Mr. Kitchin got a fraction less than his manager claims for him. Instead of leading Mr. Craig by 44 votes in the voting Saturday, 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 fraction less than 30 votes. Mr. Manning either has slept during the historic-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 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 position to know as intimately as do Mr. Craig and Mr. Horne's supporters."

Mr. Craig's friends, of course, know that the claim for Mr. Kitchin in the convention with a 50-vote lead, is hot 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 beat the extravagant claims of his manager.

Table with columns: Counties, Vote Craig, Kitchin, Horne. Lists counties like Alexander, Buncombe, Burke, etc., with their respective vote counts.

YOUNG MAN IS DROWNED.

Will Lyon, of Greensboro, Taken With Cramps While Swimming in Lake at Guilford Battle Ground Yesterday and Lost His Life—Col. John S. Cunningham, Chief Marshal For Centennial Celebration.

Observer Bureau. The Seville 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 Wilford, 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 cramps, 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 conference 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 delegates to the Western North Carolina Conference, which will convene in Asheville in November: J. A. O'Neil, C. H. Ireland and W. C. Boreas, of Greensboro, and H. A. Hays, of Reidsville, with the following alternates: Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, of High Point; F. H. Williamson, of Reidsville; I. F. Craven, of Ranssaur, and W. N. Elder, of Trinity.

AYCOCK UNAFRAID.

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 criticized 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 effectively 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 people, 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, if he have any, is due, not to the position 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 his right? What is it that makes it proper for presidents of banks and lawyers and merchants to expose the cause of Mr. Kitchin and write letters in his behalf, and makes it little short of criminal for another who is to-day but a private citizen, to support Craig? Shall a Congressman, while still holding his office, be permitted to urge the people to vote for him for Governor, and it be made an offense for one who has once been Governor, and is now a private citizen, to urge the nomination of another equally worthy and with more service? That appears to be the doctrine that is openly avowed, to which, as a man believing in the equality of all the people, I will never assent. "I claim no more rights than belong to every Democrat, and I will not, through fear of injury to myself or to the cause of liberty, without which republics cannot exist."

Criminal Court Convenes This Morning.

The June term of Mecklenburg Superior Court will convene in this city this morning, Judge 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 of 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 cases in which people of more or less prominence are involved. Solicitor Horiot Clarkson will appear for the State.

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 Tampa and dropped anchors at Man O'War row by the side of the Maine, which was accompanied by the hospital ship Relief. The Minnesota also came in later from Bremerton.

Mrs. Roosevelt on Cruise Down the Potomac.

Washington, May 31.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, left yesterday for a cruise down the Potomac river aboard the President's yacht Sybil. The yacht is expected to return to Washington to-morrow morning.

Returns From Columbus.

Special to The Observer. Wilmington, May 31.—Tan out of four counties precincts in Columbus county, the four missing ones being small and not materially altering the result, give Kitchin 5; Craig 4, and Horne 2.

These are the latest returns obtainable up to 6 o'clock to-night. Corrected Pamlico Vote. Washington, N. C., May 31.—Operator must have made the mistake yesterday in the report of Pamlico county convention. The correct result should have been: Craig 1.70; Kitchin 1.52, and Horne .78. These figures were given yesterday, but published wrong to-day.

The Little Long Co. DEPARTMENT STORES. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

TWO-PIECE SUITS A Common Sense Hot Weather Suit \$17.50 Suit For \$12.75



One lot Light Grey Check Worsted, double breasted, skeleton lined Two-Piece Suits, very cool and the very latest cut in coat and pants; nobby, swell pattern. Our price is \$17.50, and as good as you ever saw for the money, too. Price for cash only \$12.75.

Boys' Wash Pants Plain Knee Pants, 3 to 5 years, in neat Checks, Stripes and Plain Crash. 25c. Linen and Cotton Wash Knickerbockers. 50c. Blue Serge Knickerbockers, 6 to 17 years. \$1.50.

New Suit Cases and Bags What we show is good and the price is right. Nobody beats us on quantity, quality or price. We have a swell line up to \$15.00. Nobby Straw Hats New shape Yachts. \$1.00 to \$3.00. Negligee Soft Straw Hats for Men and Boys, the new styles. \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Silk Negligee Shirts "Emery" make. \$2.00 to \$3.00. Fancy or Solid Colors, with attached or detached soft collars. A dandy Solid Color soft attached collar Mercerized Negligee at \$1.00 and \$1.50. These are swell. Knox Tan Oxford, \$5.00. If a man wears this Dorsch Knox Shoe once, he'll always like it. Low or high cut, Tan, Patent, Vici or Gummetal, button or blucher. \$5.00 and \$6.00. One special lot Men's Blucher Tan Oxfords. \$3.50 and one \$4.00 lot American Gentleman Patent Oxfords. \$2.89.

Special on Sorois Pumps One lot Sorois \$4.00 Mat Kid Pumps, special now at \$3.50. Boys' and Children's Pumps New stock Rubber Pumps just in at 65c. Barefoot Sandals for Men, Women and Children. 85c. to \$1.75. The Little Long Co. DEPARTMENT STORES. CHARLOTTE, N. C.