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THE NEXT GOVERNOR.

We take off our hats to Mr. W. W. Kitchin.

It doesn't make any difference whether we were for him or against him before; we are all for him now, for we must not forget that we are all North Carolinians. We have taken our chances in a council of our peers and whether we are gainers or losers we must abide the result.

This means that all of us should enlist under the banner of Mr. Kitchin. To do this is only to follow the path of duty which, while sometimes hard, is always plain. To none is this so difficult as it is to The Observer.

If, therefore, this paper can support Mr. Kitchin any body else can, and it asks its friends, if it has any, to stand by him until the stars go down in November.

Gentlemen of North Carolina, we present to you our nominee for Governor, the Hon. William W. Kitchin—our next Executive, the man who will stand in the nation's eye for four years next as the representative of our State.

WON'T NEED TO REDUCE WAGES.

From Washington comes the gratifying announcement that the Southern Railway will have no occasion to reduce the wages of its employees on July 1st, when expires the test period agreed upon last March after many conferences between the company's officials and representatives of the employees through the mediation of Commissioner of Labor Neill and Interstate Commerce Commission Chairman Knapp.

This morning at about 9:40 the moon butts in between the earth and the sun and does not get completely out of the way until about 12 o'clock. Except along "the curve of centrality," which in this case runs across Florida in the vicinity of Tampa, the sun will be totally eclipsed. A great ring of fire will encircle the moon as seen from this section of the United States—hence the name "annular eclipse," from the Latin word for ring. The event will come off strictly on time and it will provide a glorious sight. Let the smoked glasses be made ready.

Yale authorities have never yet found out why an Englishman who had not the remotest known cause for interest in their university should have bequeathed it \$450,000. Yale's proverbial luck is evidently not confined to athletic contests or the problem would not be so difficult.

HEALTH AND HOT WEATHER.

It has been lately averred by Dr. H. H. Riddle, a leading English physician, that high temperature is beneficial rather than harmful to human life. Coming at a time when New York City, though sweltering under a heat wave, shows the lowest general death rate it has yet recorded, this expression of medical opinion possesses not a little interest.

And while, as I have just said, it has been one of the most striking illustrations of strikingly unexpected keynotes of public thought, it has been no less surprising than gratifying. What does it mean? It means that public opinion in North Carolina is ready, waiting and keenly longing for a great and powerful school of industrial education that will send a thrill of new life into every branch of industrial endeavor in our Commonwealth.

Let the board of trustees go forward and the article and public sentiment of our people will applaud them most vigorously. In the selection of a new president at this time the college may almost be said to be facing a crisis, to have come to the parting of the ways as to whether its industrial trend shall be intensified, or whether it shall go the weedy and ineffectual way that many such institutions have gone as second rate literary institutions.

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If the mental anguish now being suffered and yet to be suffered in consequence of the State Democratic convention were blamable upon telegraph companies we can better imagine than tell what total the damages recovered at law would reach.

FOR AN INDUSTRIAL MAN

SUGGESTED AS A. A. M. PRESIDENT

This Greater Industrial Institution Needs a Man of Head Who is the Vital Embodiment of the Industrial or Scientific Idea, and the People of the State Believe That the Time Has Come For Such a Man—Mr. Clarence H. Poe, Outline of Some of the Special Work the New President Will Have to Do—Too Much Confusion at the Present For a Wise Decision.

To the Editor of The Observer: The most striking illustration in my experience of volition unexpectedly the unuttered thought of the great body of our people came in the matter of my published card in regard to the A. & M. College two or three weeks ago.

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When we go to select a president for a theological school, who is chosen? No one is thought of but a preacher. When a president is needed for a medical college, who is considered? No one but a doctor.

And so in selecting a head for an institution of industrial education the need is for a man who represents and typifies the industrial ideal. And we ought to have a man of this character, whatever the cost. As I have already pointed out, industrial education is a matter of such recent growth and development that it is absolutely out for us to get strong men as leaders here as cheaply as men of the same ability can be had in classical and literary lines.

In search for such a man and because the time since Dr. Weston's resignation has not been sufficient for a thorough survey of the field, I believe that the industrial interests of the State welcome the suggestion for a postponement of the whole matter until January, 1909.

At present there is too much confusion for a wise decision. Representing the literary side of education the names of one or two men have been suggested whose splendid personal character, high literary attainments and charming personality would tempt me into enthusiastic approval. I do not remember my larger duty in urging the all-over-shadowing importance of intensifying and accentuating at all hazards the industrial and not the literary phase of the college.

It is not surprising that while in one respect he is doubtless an entirely independent man, in another he is simply the most important cog in what is familiarly known as the Manning machine.

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AT GUILFORD BATTLE GROUND.

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TOO LATE NEVER CAME TILL SATURDAY

We had a beautiful lot of Voile Skirts bought specially for the last week of the Mill-End Sale. They were just the styles and quality and price that we knew would interest every woman of taste. But they never came till Saturday, too late for the sale.

BUT TO-MORROW

we shall offer choice of the entire lot for \$7.29

There are still left some of those Lingerie Dresses that were placed on sale Friday at \$6.00 to \$15.00

WASH SUITS

Beautiful new lot of these Wash Suits that make hot days pleasant, and they cost only around \$5.00

Suit Cases and Trunks

We have anything from a Telescope or a Grip up to a \$15.00 Suit Case. Special strong line Suit Cases and Grips in solid leather, linen lined, at \$5.00 to \$8.50

Trunks of any kind and size, Steamer Trunks and Roller Tray or Automatic. If you are going to seashore or mountains, we have what you need.

