DR. THOMPSON, THE MAN.

s, of This City, is of the n That Dr. Cyrus Thomp-ie Clever Debater of Onslow, Make a Fine Run For Gov-He Says So in an Inter-

is evident now that the Repub t a man to run for Governor. It speen known on the inside for me days that Mr. J. Elwood Cox sould not have the nomination if it to the party.

Richmond, assistant commissioner, spent yesterday inspecting the roads which have made this county famous. Mr. W. M. Long, chairman of county commissioners, personally conducted the party. He said in a the party. tendered him. speech at Guilford College, during the Yearly Meeting, that he would n does not run toward Raman yesterday, Mr. J. A. Sims, a Re-publican leader in the county, said: be separated and moved.

"The people of North Carolina are expecting a strenuous campaign this

"The Democratic racers for the State having been selected, it remains to be seen who the Republicans will put out. The people of the State want the Republicans to put a strong ticket in the field.

encouraged, as is evidenced by the fact that so many good men have been mentioned in connection with the governorship, among these being J. J. Eritt, of Asheville; Z. V. Wal-ser, of Lexington; W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro; J. Elwood Cox. of High Point, and Cyrus Thompson, of Jack-sonville. The race narrows down probably to two of the above, to-wit, Mr. Cox and Dr. Thompson.

"That Mr. Cox would be a very strong opponent of Mr. Kitchin, cspecially among the business men of the State, goes without saying. But it seems that the major portion of the electors of the State, as we be-Heve, want a hot campaign, which can best be made by able opponents joint debate. If this contention be true, then it appears to me, that of all the good men brought forward by the Republicans, that Dr. Thompson would come as nearly filling the bill as any man in the State. He has been tried by the State of North Carolina and not found wanting in any particular. As Secretary of State has never had a superior. As a debater, let every man who ever heard him take the stand, friend and foe, and we say without fear of succeasful contradiction, that there are perhaps few men in the State his equal and none his superior. There are many in Cabarrus and

surrounding counties who will never forget the debate between Hon. C. B. Aycock and Dr. Thompson in Concord during the campaign of 1898. Dr. Thompson on the Monday following the debate, in reciting various incidents in connection therewith, the advantage that each one seemed to have over the other, as claimed by the friends of either, said in my presence: 'The facts were these. Charley and I had known each other from our schoolboy days, and each was. afraid of the other.

"Now, every man in North Carolina has probably heard Mr. Aycock, and certain it is that the Democratic party has no greater debater, and equally certain it is that no man not prejudiced, who has ever heard Dr. Thompson in joint debate, but what will say that he would like to hear Dr. Thompson debate with Hon. W. Kitchin, or any other man in North Carolina.

"I, for one, do not believe in joint debates on political questions, but all the same. I do believe in having son one prepared in the event the necessity arises. Dr. Thompson would, I believe, poll every Republican vote in the State, every Populist vote and thousands of independent Democratic votes. He would please the professional man, the business man and the laboring man. The affairs of the State would be safe in his hands."

A MASONIC PICNIC.

Excursion From Gastonia to High Shouls Being Run To-Day on the

The C. & N. W. Railway is to-day running a special excursion train from Gastonia to High Shoals for the accommodation of those who wil attend the Masonic picnic. Half a dozen or more lodges along the line of the C. & N. W. and at other points are having a union picnic at this

Mr. L. T. Nichols, of the C. & N W., was in the city yesterday and says that the passenger traffic on the road has become almost normal, but the freight business is yet low.

Work on the Mountain Home Club, which will be built near Edgement. is now in progress. The road from the station to the club house site is mear completion and the lumber for the building has been sawed. The club house will be approximately 80 or 100 feet, exclusive of porches and front entrance plazzas. This will be ready for occupancy next summer by members of the club. The mountain country is growing rapidly.

AN INDISCREET BURGLAR.

Negro Came Back to Get His Hat Which Had Dropped From His Head While Ransacking House. His own indiscretion was partially responsible for the arrest of Joe Mc-Neely, brother of the deceased "Chicken Jim" McNeely, on the charge of burglary, which was made against him by a colored woman, Joe is alleged to have dropped his hat when he was ransack-ing the woman's house Thursday night and went back to get it when he was identified. When the officer went for him, he did not have his hat and this evidence counts for the State in its effort to identify him. The recorder held him without bond.

which brought Mamie Baker and Lucy Gates to court yesterday morning, on the charge of keeping a disorderly house. Bud Thomas was one of the puglists and he was fined for the of-Both women were also made to undergo the punishment of their

Mr. J. Ed. Carson has closed a contract for re-building his brick plant on the Catawba, which was sently partially destroyed by fire. contract calls for an expenditure of \$7,500 on the repairing work. It was first thought that the loss in the burning would run up to about \$25,000, but Mr. Carson finds that \$7,500 put the plant in practically the e condition as it was befroe.

Two Real Estate Deals. Mr. J. K. Wolfe yesterday purchased from Mr. C. M. Creswell fourteen cres of land lying just beyond the air grounds. The price paid was early \$200 an acre.

Mr. T. B. Hoover purchased from fr. R. N. Basinger a tract of land lying on the Statesville road, containing thirty-four acres. The price was

LOOKING OVER COUNTY'S ROADS

state Highway Commissioner Wilson and His Assistant, of Richmond, Look Over Mecklenburg's Fine Capt. P. St. J. Wilson, State high vay commissioner of Virginia together with Mr. George P. Coleman, of

The morning was spent on the Pineville road and in looking over the new see King's Hall rebuilt than repair force camp which has been re-Governor of the State. His cently installed. Both gentlemen expressed surprise and appreciation at the neatness and facility with which

After lunch and having been introduced to the county officials around the court house a touring car was called and a trip to the Gaston county line, then a cut across the Dixie read to Mr. Long's country place, where they were joined by another party of Charlotte gentlemen, afternoon's itinerary. During the stay at Mr. Long's refreshments in the "The Republicans are very much shape of ice cold home grown melons

were served. Mr. Coleman left last night for Richmond, Captain Wilson goes today to Asheville, where his family is spending the summer, Captain Wilson's office of highway

commissioner was created by the State Virginia, and under the provisions of the law he has supervision of all the road improvement to which the State contributes aid.

"Virginia has outstepped North Carolina." said one of the party, "in that the State assists either in convict labor or money to build the highways of the Commonwealth.

"So beneficial has been the inauguration of this movement that in the two years in which it has been tried 30 per cent of the counties have either availed themselves of its provisions or have officially expressed a determination to do so. It has proven the greatest incentive toward permanent improvement and is insuring a wise expenditure of all road funds, because all highways so constructed are done under expert supervision.

"If this State ever expects to gain ground in road-making outside of the wealthy counties it is necessary that the construction of them be made a State burden to a greater or less extent This movement is having considerable agitation and as the recent Democratic convention held here endorsed it, there is every reasonable probability that the coming North Carolina Legislature will take some action toward following in the footsteps of all her sisters to the northward.

MR. WEDDINGTON ON BRYAN.

Since Reading His Letter of Acceptance He Has Come to the Conclusion That the Nebraskan is Absolutely Safe.

"While I did not think before the national convention that Bryan was the right man to nead the ticket, since reading his letter of acceptance, I am convinced the Democratic convention at Denver made no mistake in nominating him," declared Mr. J. H. Weddington to an Observer man yesterday afternoon, when asked for a political expression. It is recalled that Mr. Weddington was one of the the Sunday school of the First Bapleading Democrats of North Carolina tist church will be 4 o'clock in the who opposed instruction for the Nebraskan, thinking then that victory which the change of hour is effective for the party could come in the election through some other prominent will be carried out: Democrat.

'His utterances on the platform continued Mr. Weddington, "as well as upon things not in the platform, are so clear and distinct that I cannot see how any Democrat could refuse to support him. In fact, it looks to me like a majority of the Republicans support him. should support him.

"He draws so clearly the line as to what the Republican convention failed to do and how Mr. Taft apol-ogizes for its failure that it appears that Mr. Bryan has by long odds the hest of the argument. I feared be-fore I read his speech of acceptance that he would be too radical, but his ositive assertions that he will stand by the platform—and that will give him all he can do for the next four years without taking in things not in the platform—that I fail to see now why he is not an absolutely safe can-It will give me pleasure to support him. His letter of accept-ance was simply a masterly paper."

Mr. Wood Coming Here. The following from The Greens-

poro Record will be of Interest. "Mr. N. O. Wood, formerly of Greensbore, but now manager of the Asheville and Hendersonville exchanges of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, will shortly be transferred to Charlotte as superintendent of construction and plant. The territory will comprise both North and South Carolina and his offices will probably be located in the Trust building. "Mr. Wood has been connected with

the Southern Bell Telephone Company, in various capacities, for a num-ber of years. He left Charlotte five years ago for Greensboro to become manager of the exchange in this city and was shortly afterwards promoted to the Asheville exchange. He will be given a cordial welcome on his return to Charlotte."

FARMERS MEET TO-DAY.

Warehouse Business Will Be Before the Body Which Gathers at the Court House,

A popular meeting of the farmers will be held to-day in the county court ouse for the purpose of discussing the warehouse proposition and coming o some definite understanding as to what will be done toward erecting such a building. The matter is in the hands of a committee from the Mecklenburg branch of the Farmers' Over in the redlight section of the Union and subscriptions have been socouraging to note that sufficient subscriptions have been received to insure the erection of a central ware-house in this city at a cost of between \$8.000 and \$10,000.

The discussion which will be held to-day will be in regard to the plans and specifications of the building, its cost, location, etc. A large crowd of farmers is expected to be present, as many of them are distinctly interested in the proposition.

Bishop Rondthaler Here. Bishop Edward Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem, was here Thursday to as-

sist at the funeral of Mr. Earnest L.

Thies. He returned home that night.

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