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THE STATE HOSPITAL COMMIS-SION AND ITS FAILURE.

well acquainted with the facts which were set forth in an article from The produced in vesterday's Observer with regard to the operation of the State Hospital Commission authorized by act of the last Legislature and to which an appropriation of a half million dollars was made by the same General Assembly. The idea was to take care of the epileptic and insane persons of the State, and the un pleasant truth ought to be made known that though that appropriation was made more than a year and a half ago not a single insane or epileptic person has benefited by that act. This Hospital Commission, ow ing to differences among its own members with regard to the establishment of a colony for epilepticssome of its members wishing it to be established on grounds adjacent to the State Hospital at Raleigh, and at least one of its members desiring it to be located in Cumberland county -has done nothing with reference to this particular class of unfortunates. and has done nothing to relieve the propriated approximately \$80,000 for a building for one hundred men at Raleigh, while refusing an appropriation of \$30,000 for buildings which would accommodate a hundred men understood that this commission has given \$33,000 of its fund to the negro insane asylum at Goldsboro.

To build at Morganton is cheaper than to build at Raleigh; patients are supported at less cost at Morganton than they are at Raleigh; the State line establishing to which institution shall go gives the great preponderance of the State population to the Morganton Hospital, and yet for the tak ing care of the insane the foolish proposition is made by this State Hospital Commission that Morganton shall have no further appropriation until the accommodations at Raieigh are made equal to it.

We want the people of the western part of the State whose insane subjects are confined in jalls, in their homes, or are roaming at large, to know that the two western members of the Hospital Commission, Mr. C. A. Webb, of Asheville, and Mr. J. H. Weddington, of Charlotte, protest against this condition, but are the minority of a body composed of five members, the other members being Mr. W. A. Erwin, of Durham; Mr. E. F. Avdlett, of Pasquotank, and Dr J. W. McNelll, of Cumberland, We reprobate and despise any sentiment of rivalry between the castern and western sections of North Carolina. What is here said is not said in the slightest spirit of hostility toward and for the cause of common justice.

Mr. William J. Bryan has been i has not been fully established. He truth is bad. may or may not be gullty. At all to it is to be said in justice to ment, nor believe that any other fair-

The Yorkville, S. C., Enquirer subits that with lard selling at 12 cents plesale, ribs 11 3-4 cents, fat back at 10 cents and flour at \$5.40 a baral, how the cotton producer is going make both ands meet with 9-cent cotton is a puzzling proposition. It is, indeed, for the cotton producer who has allowed himself to become a fool on the subject of cutton, but he who has heeded the ofttimes weariome but always sound advice con-cerning "hog and hominy" and such

1904 AND 1908. Mr. Bryan's rejoinder upon President in the campaign controversy still pending is characteristicthe original Haskell charges. Nowhere is he so nearly unanswerable as when he asks whether the President is "willing to say that any public interest was served in 1994 by con-4.00 cealing until after the election tha contributions made to the Republiand those collected by him from

paign Mr. Roosevelt had written E. Wall Street associates. That the lic a very real service. President did not deliver the goods is well from the public standpointhis thirst for fame as the greatest of reformers protected the country here; but his moral obliquity was on this account more rather than less. The life insurance scandals and resulting avestigation showed that the lawbreaking financiers in charge of the big companies had embezzled from the widow and the orphan to swell the enormous Roosevelt campaign sands. In these matters, as in many thers, Mr. Roosevelt personally emnterests practices at which he would be the first to roar condemnation others. Mr. Roosevelt will hardly attempt any answer to Mr. Bryan's query about the 1904 campaign consequent revelations. The bearing of those revelations upon the present titudes of the two parties toward ampaign contribution publicity is well shown by Mr. Bryan. "Mr. "aft." he observes, "has repudiated the action of the convention and reby declaring himself in favor of a publicity law, but he favors publicdo you regard as the better plan: to

ed nor denied. Light did not penetrate the dark places of 1904 in time to benefit Judge Parker, but the things revealed should go a long way four years later to ward assuring the triumph of the Democratic party through Mr. Bryan.

recent past, can neither be overlook-

GOV. HASKELL'S SUCCESSOR.

The selection and acceptance of Hermann Ridder, publisher of The New Yorker Staats-Zeltung, as Democratic campaign treasurer is bound to please very greatly all who desire Democratic success in this election. Mr. Ridder, since Carl Schurz's death, might be termed the most influential man among Americans of German nativity. For this reason, but still more because he stands for the best in American life and commands universal esteem, his official connection with the campaign will be a source of great strength. Here is a man of solid character, ability and achievechosen at first and whom he succeeds. If without the Haskell episode forefront, the party may well be said to have received more good than treasurer known, moreover, as a leading conservative Democrat, his appointment and acceptance will place the final seal of assurance upon effective party re-union. We congratulate the party and view the outlook with increased hopefulness and cheer.

In the Hotel Lobby column of The mirably conducted institution-but in Marshall McCormick, who is menwith regard to the matter of argument of God in order to teach It. pending between the President and leng time before the public. His Mr. Bryan: "The people will naturally whole life has been under the closest believe the President before they beecrutiny, and we cannot conceive that lieve Mr. Bryan." That is not, the any one regards him other than as a case. The whole public, without refperfectly honest man. If it were not erence to party differences, recognizes for the asperity of party no one would Mr. Bryan as a truthful man. It is a ever accuse him of contracting or serious thing to say about the Presimaintaining an unworthy personal or dent of the United States, but all the party association. Concerning the world knows that he is not a truthman Haskell the case against him ful person—that his character for

We are publishing elsewhere in this that he has resigned. As to Mr. paper an article from The New York Bryan we do not believe for a mo- Herald which tells of a contribution of \$100,000 to the Republican camminded person believes, that he ever paign fund in the last election, and had a doubt about Haskell's perfect of the President's great indignation when he heard of this and of his demand that the contribution be returned. It was not returned, as appears by this publication, and it is a pertinent inquiry why this virtuous President of ours should retain Mr. Cortelyou, who got this money, in his Cabinet, when he, the President, knew of this contribution, or might have

We have fallen to a rather low plane of politics when a cheap pollplane of politics when a cheap politician of a new State may call the President of the United States a liar and the public be left in doubt as to which is telling the truth.

A. Crossiand, formerly build states and negro political leader, was arrested to-day on a charge of grand larceny. Dr. Crossiand is accused of the whole-sale theft of drugs, cigars and other articles from a drug stree a can view the cituation with and the public be left in doubt as to

known of it.

PELLAGRA IN THE SOUTH. That the disease now named pellagra and first successfully studied in Italy is among us will hardly be deally strong and goes far toward mak- nied by any one since Dr. J. W. Babing up for his temporary defeat in cock, superintendent of the South the Roosevelt ambuscade baited with Carolina State Hospital for the Insane, has made a case found right here in Charlotte the subject of a clinic. Pellegra, old in its known presence but new in being singled out and traced to its cause, arises from the eating of maize or Indian corn whose kernels have developed cercan campaign fund by Mr. Harriman tain poison products. Distressing effects, described by Dr. Babcock, are gradually produced upon both body It will be recalled that all too and mind. Among the most salient late after Mr. Roosevelt's vehe- points made by the South Carolina ment and politically effective denial alienist, who is fresh from study of of Judge Parker's utterance alleging the disease in Italy, are that the cases an understanding between his ad- in the South now number probably ministration and the special inter- not more than two hundred and that ests undeniably financing his cam- the disease is not communicable from paign certain published letters told one person to another-neither infecthe true story. Earlier in the cam- tious nor contagious. Most of the corn responsible for Southern pella-H. Harriman an invitation to visit gra he believes to have come from the the White House and consult over West, and he suggests strict pure food what the President's next message to regulations against all sources of Congress should say upon railroad danger. This infrequent but grievous problems, and the magnate thus pro- disease has remained a mystery quite pitiated had raised \$260,000 for the long enough, and in throwing light Roosevelt campaign fund among his upon it, Dr. Babcock renders the pub-

Spartanburg expects great things from the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohlo Railroad, which will not only connect up by the allied Seaboard Air Line at Bostic with Charlotte and Wilmington but build on toward Charleston. "In addition to the general spoke in the hub of Spartanburg's railroads," enthusiastically says The Spartanburg Journal, "this line will open up to Spartanburg trade a section of country that has heretofore railroad facilities. The business of Rutherford county and the surround-Charlotte on account of there being a rode from Kernersville to Salisbury railroad to Charlotte, although that one night?" city is about 60 miles distant. Spartanburg is only half as far and with come here."

The Journal's enthusiasm bubbles just a little too high. Rutherford county business will hardly come by low. way of Spartanburg when it can continue coming direct.

The Edgefield (S. C.) News warns The Observer not to claim as a native of North Carolina J. W. Collier, of Mississippi, who has just been nominated for John Sharp Williams' seat in the House. It makes a poor bluff of a claim that this person was born in South Carolina. In the same connection The Fort Mill (S. C.) Temple Graves was born in Abbeville county, S. C., and seems to be afraid that The Observer is going to claim Roosevelt's and the Republican party's him. Never fear. We put up no claim. as to South Carolinians except those who have had sense enough to come to Charlotte and are properly ashamed of the State of their nativity and object to being known as having any association or kinship with the tight wads on the other side of the State

The return of the old favorite! It joys our heart to see in The Philadelphia Record that General E. Burd Grubb, some time Federal veteran and Republican idol, is seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in the second (N. J.) district. Much power to the elbow of General E.

TRAINING TEACHERS.

Sunday School Teachers Being Taught by Christian Church of Winston-Salem—Five Graduates Given Diplomas.

the Editor of The Observer:

During the past year the Sunday school the Christian Church of Winston-Salem ment-the extreme anti-type of the has conducted a successful teachers' shady promoter who was unhappily training class, taught by Dr. R. H. Jones, The text-book used was "Training For Service," the book of the first year in the standard course approved by the commithe would not have been found in the tee of the International Sunday School Association, and prepared by Herbert harm thereby. The new campaign Thursday night in the church. There The graduating exercises were held last were five graduates, J. L. Lashmit, J. M. Powell. R. C. Moore, J. C. Walker and Mrs. W. T. Hunt. Rev. H. A. McCullough, of Albemarle, teachers' training secretary for this State, made the principal address on "Better Teachers and How to Get Them." It was a thoughtful appropriate discourse, emphasizing the inefficiency of many Sunday school teachers, who should be prepared as thoroughthe State Hospital at Raleigh—an ad- Washington Post, of Saturday, Mr. would not discourage what the teachers have done. They are the best workers in the interest of a good understanding tioned as "a well-known lawyer of batter ones is by training the ones we Berryville, Va.," is quoted as saying have. The teacher must know the Word After the address Dr. R. H. Jones, in a

brief, appropriate talk after referring to the comprehensive study of the Bible the course had given, then conferred the diplomas granted by the International Sunday School Association through the association of the State. This event marks an important step in

the Sunday school work of this State, being the first class graduated under the teachers' training secretary. The training of teachers is being emphasized as never before all over the country. About sixty thousand among the Disciples of Christ lone have been studying this course during the past year. New classes will be enrolled at this church on next Sunday

J. A. HOPKINS. Winston-Salem, September 36th. Why Separate Headquarters Were Opened.

Durham Recorder. Rather a peculiar coincidence is afforded in Durham county politics. The chairman of the Democratic exequtive committee is a law partner of the Republican candidate for the Legislature and the chairman of the Republican executive committee is a law partner of the president of the Democratic club. No wonder the chairman of the two parties decided opening up separate headquarters.

Negro Political Leader Charged With Theft.
At. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 27.—Dr. J. S.
A. Crossland, formerly United States

Tales of the Town and the Times BY RED BUCK

"She's up there!" said aix men a

"Yes, the girl with the gun." Everybody looked at me.

woman appeared. I sat down

pondered, wondering whether she was

"I would like to know what color

"By Gravy, I'm scared." Cicero passed by the door, trotting

I heard the fall of dainty feet and

I buttoned my coat and smoothed

Two seconds later a meek looking

"The porter-the porter-tells me

"That is what I wanted to see you

I said, emiling, on seeing

worried she looked. "Could you help

"Please don't write about me!

many cruel things have been written.

I am sorry that anything ever got in

A BROKEN PROMISE.

promised that I would not do any-

thing she asked me not to. But as

the days have gone by I concluded

The young lady and her mother

that a story would not hurt, therefore,

live at Kernersville. They came to

North Carolina from Massachusetts

place. During the summer months,

isbury she went to Asheville, where

she is at present. I saw her at Mor-

ganton Sunday atweek ago and intro-

duced her to a number of ladies. She

She carries her pistol for protection

and in going from the stables, where

she leaves her horse, to the hotel, she

carries it in her hand to keep within

She will, some day, write the story

No one need fear her weapons. She

is gentle and harmless and diverting.

This is the story in a nutshell.

the requirements of the law.

when it was hot, she traveled at night and rested in the daytime. From Sal

I saw that she was in earnest and

that you are going to write about

ike a horse getting ready for a race.

of hair she has?" I said to myself.

"She's comin'." he whispered.

he rustle of a skirt.

my hair once more.

snapping eyes, came in.

me?" she stammered.

"A little of both."

I break my promise.

for."

Night riders have become very common in some sections of the country but North Carolina can boast of the prettiest one. Some time ago the papers in this section of the State car-ried a story concerning a young wo-man who rode from Kernersville to Salisbury between suns. The report said that she wore tremendous revolvers and assumed a threatening at-titude toward mankind in general. One night not long ago, while tarrying at the Empire Hotel, at the capital of Rowan, I met the fair night rider and had a pleasant chat with her. It came about in this way: Cicero, that good valet de chambre of Dr. Oliver Wendall Spencer, came to me, half out of breath, and whispered: "She's here!"

"Yes, sir, de lady wid de gun!" "The lady with the gun?"
"Yes, sir. De night rider."

"What's the matter with you, Cicero? Has Mr. Spencer drugged "No, sir. Ain't you never hearn tell of her?"

"Yes, sir. De one wid de horse and de gun?" "Cicero, be more explicit.

in the world are you talking about? Why, so excited?" "She des now come an' laid her gun on de counter while she registered." "What are you trying to pump into me, nigger?"

"She's gone up."
"Like Elijah?"

"Sir? "Like Elijah, the prophet of old when he dropped his mantle?" "No, sir. I means dat she's gone

her room-No. 64." "Well, what have I to do with all primping or loading her pistol with buckshot. I got up and walked around, afraid to go out lest she would wing me on the retreat. I sat this business? Why are you telling me about your guests and their pistols and their rooms? What do you take

me for, a burglar?" "Ain't you still wid De Disturber?" down again. "The Observer?" "Yes, sir. I des thot you might git er story out uv her. She's de lady what rides horseback fum place to place, an' carries guns in her hans," I see. She's the woman who

"Dat's her." "Is she here to-night?"

"Yes, sir. I des now took her up railroad connection that business will an' she had de gun. You orter seed young lady, clad in linen riding skirt and wearing a jaunty straw hat, with de folks lookin' at her when stepped in de office an' thowed gun on de counter. 'I want er room fur de night,' she

> "'You kin have two ef you want 'em,' said Mr. Spencer, lookin' at de

"'An' des let me say dat de quickes' out a poor scribe who has no news? signin' uv er room dat ever wuz in dis hotel wuz right den. It didn't take no time to put down de number. an' I wuz right dere to grab de little the papers. I mean no harm to any hand bag dat she toted an' got up de steps. Soon es she put her name "Do you ride for health or pleasan' I wuz right dere to grab de little steps. Soon es she put her name down an' see de number uv de room ure?" she pick up her whup an' pistol an' look at me, I say, 'Right up de steps, Miss, an' I follow.' In showin' folks deyer room it's de custom to go fust an' let dem foller, but I 'lowed it'd be best to let her an' de 'volver ge

"I showed her up all right an' tuck her ice water quick. By de time I gut back down she begin 'quirin' bout her grip, de one she sent by de Mr. Spencer, he say, right and will make this their home. The quick lak. it's on de way up here rider has a beautiful horse named now!' I knowed dat it wuzn't on de Dan, and she rides him from place to way up but it soon would be.

'Sam, run lak de devil to de 'spress office an' git er grip wid dis name on it,' said Mr. Spencer, handin' one of de longes' legged porters a ship uv AN INTERVIEW ARRANGED.

"Yes, she's up dere an' evybudy else is cultured, educated and interesting. is down stairs." "I want to interview the young lady, How will I go about it?" "I kin tell her dat Mr. Red Buck uv De Disturber wants to see her, an' ef she's er mind to, she kin come to de parlor" said the negro.

"That would please me, if you can of her rambles in North Carolina.

SHOT AT RECKLESS AUTOIST.

Farmer Who Had Been Run Into Takes Shot at Driver of Automobile But Fails to Hit-Another Team Run Into by Same Rascal-Politics Centre of Interest Just Now in Rowan-Short News Items. Observer Bureau,

421 North Main Street, Salisbury, Sept. 27

Last night while State Senator Whitehead Kluttz and Register of Deeds E. H. Miller were on their way to Owen's school house to fill a political appointment their team was run into two miles from this city, on the China Grove road, by an automobile and the buggy partially wrecked. The driver of the auto did not even hesitate to enquire as to the extent of the damage done. Messrs. Miller and Kluttz with some little difficulty proceeded on to the school house and there learned that the same reckless fellow had ran into a countryman's before meeting Messrs. Kluttz and Miller. He paid no attention to the farmer but sped on in haste and the countryman took a shot at the fleeing autoist but missed him.

Politics has the right of way Rowan now. The county Democratic candidates are covering every precinct in the county, organizing clubs, making speeches and giving everybody the glad hand. Dr. J. W. Carlton, one of the nominees for the Legislature, made his maiden political speech at Lingle's school house in Locke town-ship Saturday night, and his first effort was fine and brought forth much applause. The bigger guns will soon open up, for the Republicans are looking for Shaw, Settle and Henry, while the Democrats will fire Congressman Ollie James, Kitchin, Glenn and others. A monster rally is being arranged for this city by the Democrats. Democratic Chairman Boyden is e busy man. He knows everybody and every nook and corner in Rowan and is personally directing the fight. Tomorrow a week Editor John M. Julias, of The Post, will be relieved of the greater part of his newspaper work and will put in full time at Democratic hearquarters and throughout the county. It can be said that the Republicans are counting on polling a greatly increased vote in Rowan this year and the Democrats are awake to the fact and are exerting themselves

accordingly.
Dr. William Tankersley, resident Dr. William Tankersley, resident physician of St. Leo's Hospital at Greensboro, spent the day here with his parents. Engineer and Mrs. Tankersley.—Mr. Linn Bernhardt, one of this city's fine young men, is spending Sunday in Greensboro.—Mr. Owen G. Dunn, business manager of The Newbern Daily Sun, is in the city.

The little daughter of Mr. D. W. Talbert is dangerously ill at his home on North Main street. Mr. Talbert is brother of Mr. Thomas Talbert, who

was injured by falling from a school building in Charlotte several days ago. M. F. Hatcher, Esq., has been added to the attorneys for the defense in the George Murphy case. It is stated that bond will be arranged for Murphy this week. No further arrests have been made in the affected conspiracy case.

Three negroes were sent up to court yesterday in connection with the shop-lifting case mentioned in Saturday's correspondence. This five colored defendants so far in jail. No more stolen goods has been recovered.

The Summersetts, who recently expanded their undertaking establish-ment and now occupy a three-story building on Dennis street, have fitted up beautiful show rooms and parlor. They have over thirty caskets on display in handsome cases made by their own cabinet workmen and their parlor for funeral services seats fifty peos ple. It is said to be one of the best equipped undertaking establishments in the State.

The firm of Adams & Bell, real estate dealers, has been changed to Charles C. Adams & Co., Mr. C. M. Bell having sold his interest.

Mr. E. L. McAlister has purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. T. C. Hodges, and will continue the Salls bury Electroplating Works at the present place of business.

DIES IN TENNESSEE.

David Froneberger, a Native of Gaston County and Formerly Resident of Charlotte, Passed Away in Knoxville Last Night.

Special to The Observer.

Knoxville, Tenn. Sept. 27 .- David Froneberger, formerly of Charlotte, N. C., died at his home in this city at 6:40 o'clock to-night, following several days' serious illness. For more than three years he had been confined to his home as the result of a fall. Deceased was in his 84th year. He was born in Gaston county, N. C., in 1824 and had lived here since 1821. He leaves five children—three sons. Cheves, Louis B. and R. Brevare, and two daughters, Misses Fannie and Augusta. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the residence and interment will follow in this city.

North, S. C., Town Marshal Killed. Observer Bureau,



"I don't quite understand?" "Come here," said Spencer, pointing to a name on the book. "You see that?" I felt just as I used to feel when my brother Badger would point out a faint track when we were prospecting for signs of foxes. "She's got a gun." said Harrison. THE TIME AND She's got a gun," said Harrison, "Not yit, but she will be." ON THE WAY TO SEE HER. I buttoned up my coat, took off my hat and ran my hands over my auburn Marcel wave and began to climb the stairs. When I got whre I could peep in the parlor I tarried on the steps to reconnoiter, but neither seeing nor hearing anythis. The parlor ware It was at this juncture that Cicero FALL SUIT in. The parlor was empty save for the chairs and sofas and tables. I took off my hat, brushed my hair again and then unbuttoned my coat. Somehow I was afraid to sit down. I don't know why but I was. However, I knew that was the proper thing to do so that I could rise when the young

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