

DEFENSE OF COMMISSION

WHAT IT IS DOING FOR INSANE

Member of the Hickett Commission Thinks The Observer Did The Body an Injustice in a Recent Editorial—Outlines Plans and Purposes of the Commission. Without Going Into Details, He Says The Allegations of Sectional Rivalry and Trusts That the Work of the Body Will Improve This Change.

To the Editor of The Observer: "The people of the State should be well acquainted with the facts" pertaining to the success or failure of the State Hospital Commission. But we were greatly surprised to find an article in your recent issue, referring to an article you had the previous day copied from a paper known as his home as The Statesville Landmark, which did not well acquaint the people with facts, but on the contrary both articles were inaccurate, misleading and did great injustice to Hospital Commission and every member of the same. As one member of the commission, you will pardon me for expressing surprise that without informing yourself, you either copied the article referred to or used the editorial column of your excellent paper in this manner.

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One member of the commission living in your town, Mr. J. H. Waddington, could, and we are sure would gladly have given you the facts pertaining to this matter, which had you called on him for, certainly, you are confident your editorial and the copied article would never have appeared in your paper.

To go into this matter in detail would take more time than I have to write, or you to read. In the first place, it should be known that the \$500,000 appropriated by the Legislature in the Hickett bill can only be paid out by the State Treasurer, \$125,000 each year for four years. The first year's need that is applied to the commission were some necessary repairs, and much needed small buildings at Raleigh and Goldsboro and Morganton.

Next, looking to the present needs and future use of the institution, and upon the requests of the superintendents and directors, lands, valuable to them, were bought at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro. After this, as promptly as plans could be prepared and due and proper consideration be given to the most important work by the commission, contract was upon due advertisement, let for an addition to Dix Hill Hospital, Raleigh, to hold 100 men at a cost of about \$25,000 (not \$30,000, as you state).

And a nurses' home, Morganton, which, with some changes and additions, will make room for 100 women patients. Now a building like this addition at Dix Hill, brick walls and reinforced concrete floors, and practically fireproof construction, cannot be built in a few months, but we are glad to inform you, it is now completed and ready to accommodate 100 men patients, and the building at Morganton which will make room for 100 women will be finished in December.

The commission has also provided for enlargement of buildings at Morganton, to take care of all the white tuberculosis insane in the State. These buildings will meet the pressing needs for care of the white insane.

Plans have been approved and bills advertised for, and contracts are expected to be let on the 7th inst. for buildings to hold 100 additional men and 100 women at Raleigh and Goldsboro. Buildings to hold about 80 negroes at Goldsboro.

Now, Mr. Editor, can it be justly said and is it kind and good of you to publish in your paper the misleading article concerning the commission, "The State Hospital Commission and Its Failure." In this article, besides putting down the cost of the building at \$50,000, you state that the bill at Morganton was cheaper than the bill at Raleigh, which we challenge as incorrect. You criticize the commission making provisions for the negro insane at Goldsboro. Do you really mean it?

You state that the two western members of the Hospital Commission, Mr. Webb and Mr. Waddington, protest against putting up of buildings for the insane at Raleigh, and accuse the commission of wrangling over the matter. These charges are both incorrect and unjust. Every member of the commission has seen the buildings already built, and ordered to be built at Raleigh, except Mr. Webb, and we are thankful to be able to advise that while the members of the commission have had, at times, different views on questions arising and expressed same in our meetings, there has been no wrangling, but on the contrary, these meetings have been harmonious and their voting almost wholly unanimous. Just here, will you kindly allow the writer to remain in western North Carolina man? I was brought up there, many of my people live there, and if there is a spot on earth that I love it is Burke county.

It is indeed to be regretted that you charge your friends, members of the commission, with indulging the spirit of "sectional rivalry," which could but unfit and incapacitate them in the proper performance of their duties. I had hoped that, instead, that credit would be given each man in the commission of accepting the appointment only and solely with the hope of doing what they could, and some good for the afflicted of our State. As for myself, the appointment came to me unasked and I then requested the Governor to relieve me and appoint another, but he insisted and I yielded.

Time permits me only to add that if the five men, composing the commission, have made failures as men, and failures in their several callings in life, I think you may expect that they will prove in their work at the commission, as you have advertised their failures, but if they have proved to the contrary in their private lives, to the extent at least that they have succeeded in their own business and professions, may you and all the people of the State count on the success of the commission, for not only their principle and honor, but every instinct and sympathy in their nature stand for and demand from them their most honest and best efforts.

Kindly insert this in your next daily and allow us to continue to believe it is your desire to be fair, if not always well informed. West Durham, Oct. 5, 1908. To quickly check a cold, druggists are dispensing everywhere, a clever Candy Cane Cure called "Prescolite." Prescolite is the name of the candy cane. This Prescolite is the best candy cane. It is made of all kinds of candy cane. It is the best candy cane. It is the best candy cane. It is the best candy cane.

UNIFORM LEGISLATION

A Court Decision Upholding Federal Against State Regulation

The decision of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin in the case involving the validity of the eight-hour law for telegraph operators employed on railroads operating in the State is unquestionably significant and far-reaching. It reflects the spirit of the time and the new interpretations of the interstate commerce clause of the Federal Constitution. The case has been "marshaled" ever since the great charter was adopted, but which has of late acquired new vigor and vitality.

That the power vested in Congress to regulate interstate commerce is plenary as well as exclusive is, of course, old and settled doctrine. But how far may the States go in regulating commerce and transportation without invading the sphere of Congress and interfering with interstate commerce? The answers to this question have left a rather extensive "twilight zone."

The highest court of Wisconsin—a court which has always been highly respected for the ability and independence of its members—invalidates a State eight-hour law for railroad telegraphers on the ground that Congress, having already regulated the hours of railroad telegraphers, State law prescribing a different set of regulations, and thereby, in effect, override or change the decree of Congress.

This view logically applies to every other instance where State regulation comes into some conflict with congressional legislation within the domain of interstate commerce. It marks a great step forward, a step which will be welcomed by all advocates of uniform, consistent, and reasonable regulation of commerce and transportation. As has been said many times, nothing but confusion and obstruction results from the subtraction of common carriers to the regulation of interstate commerce. In addition to the regulation of Congress, neither fairness to the railroads nor real protection to shippers and travelers is possible without uniform, systematic, and coherent legislation.

Tobacco Bringing Good Prices and Going Fast

Reidsville, Oct. 7.—Should the growers continue to sell tobacco as they have started, the major part of the crop will have passed from their hands before the first of November. In talking about this possibility a prominent tobacco man stated that such a course would not be wise on the part of the farmers, yet while tobacco was bringing the prevailing price he could not advise them to hold back. There is always a possibility of prices going lower and yet there is a possibility of prices going higher, and the warping of the market is such that the manufacturers will get overstocked, as they are very anxious to replenish their already too diminished stocks.

It is not hard to imagine the prosperity that the sale of all this tobacco means to the farmers of this section. They have been carefully attending the crop for a long time. The hoeing, weeding, and cutting and curing of the leaves has been a hard and tedious task. When the tobacco is sold the farmer realizes the reward for his work.

Commends Observer Editorial

To the Editor of The Observer: From every home in North Carolina and sincere thanks are due the editor of The Observer for his editorial in his paper of the 6th inst. "Warring on a Greater Than War." The wholesome and opportune advice in that message should be of immense value just at this time. For what is government itself, though founded upon a rock and supported by the soundest of principles, if within its home, "pestilence is waiting at noonday" and destruction is waiting at noonday.

S. M. DAVIS, Charlotte, October 7th, 1908.

SMALLEST KING IN THE WORLD

Monarch of a Burmese State—His Palace and Curious Body Guard

London Standard. When traveling through the Shan States I had the honor of being presented to the smallest King in the world, the Sawbwa, or Mywa, of Chien-lung. He is nearly as I could judge, about 4 feet 3 inches in his curly Burmese slippers and was the quintessence of regal courtesy.

His "palace" was a thatched hut on a "plata" close to the Sataw river; he had several wives, who manifested great curiosity when they saw their lord in conversation with a white man, and his retinue consisted of some four-and-twenty men armed with quaint collection of old guns that ever came out of a curiosity shop. The little brown King held out a small, plump hand for me to shake. He was as soft as a woman. He bade me welcome with a smile the most genial I ever saw and begged me to accept a cocoanut. I knew that it was court etiquette to offer a gift in return, and I was embarrassed to think that, traveling "light" as I was, I had nothing worthy of his acceptance. I suddenly thought of a corkcreeper knife bearing the name of a well-known brand of bottled beer which had been given me as an advertisement in Calcutta a few months earlier.

ALPHABET OF THE PLAY HOUSE

An Intriguing Theatre-Goer Learns About Seat Lettering

New York Sun. "We keep learning things all the time," said an infrequent theatre-goer. "I stopped in front of a theatre the other day to buy a ticket of a speculator, and I asked him if he had a good seat near the front. He said, 'Here's one in O,' he said, 'thirteenth row, third seat from the aisle.' 'Now, you know I don't carry the relative positions of the letters of the alphabet in my mind all the time, I have to work for a living and I don't have time to think of it, but I struck out that O must be further down the line than thirteen, and so I just counted up the letters on my finger tips and I made O come fifteen, and I said so to the ticket man, but that didn't worry him any.' 'There's no A in this theatre,' he said, 'and no I in any orchestra.' 'I don't care for my lettering, but I don't care for your lettering, I bought the ticket and I'm going to sit there.'

LIVELY CAMPAIGN IN IREDELL

Democrats Determined to Roll Up a Large Majority—Mr. Locke Craig to Speak Next Week—Other Speakers Scheduled—County Canvass Begun

Special to The Observer. Statesville, Oct. 7.—The Democrats are determined to roll up a larger majority than ever in the county this fall and they are certainly waging an active campaign. Some of the big speakers who are coming to the county are already here in the Statesville. An announcement which was heard with unusual pleasure is that Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, who is a favorite in the county, will speak at two points in the county on Thursday, 15th. His first speech will take place at Bradford's, in which township, Thursday at noon, and the occasion will be one of the biggest events of the campaign in Iredeed, and a large number of people from the regions around and interfering with interstate commerce, are expected to be on hand. Bees has already been bought and a big barbecue will be prepared. A band will furnish music, and the women and children as well as the voters will be invited to be present. Mr. R. L. Bradford will be chief marshal of the day. Mr. Craig will speak in Statesville Thursday night.

The big event of the campaign in the county will probably take place Saturday, 24th, when Senator Simmons will address the voters. A barbecue, band music, etc., will be features of this occasion also. During the remainder of the month the county will be filled with speakers, some of them being local orators and others outsiders. Some are candidates and some are not. Mr. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, and State Senator, Whitehead Klutz of Salisbury, will speak at Statesville Thursday night, and Congressman Hackett and Mr. John L. Gwaltney, Democratic elector for this district, will all appointments in the county next week.

The local speakers are doing very effective work by speaking at the school houses of the county and organizing township clubs. Among the local speakers who are filling appointments are State Senator Zeb V. Long, Hon. W. D. Turner, Mayor H. E. Grier, Prof. L. O. White, Attorneys Dorman Thompson and George B. Nicholson, Mr. J. A. Hartness, Mr. A. D. Watts and Mr. R. V. Brawley. Mr. Brawley, who is a prominent business man of the county, has been making political speeches and is making a good impression. He is an enthusiastic Bryan man and always has been.

The tax-collecting rounds and the county have already taken place. Legislative candidates by the county and by the townships are being named. In Bryantsville, in the northern portion of the county.

DOUGHTON BESTS WELBORN

Democratic and Republican Senatorial Candidates Have Lively Debate at Boone and the Democrat Wins His Opponent and Makes Votes

Special to The Observer. Boone, Oct. 7.—Messrs. H. M. Welborn and R. L. Doughton spoke here Monday afternoon at Boone, and the first speech. He said in the beginning that he was "up against the biggest buck of the forest." It proved true as he said. He (Welborn) spoke for one hour and a half, and Doughton began to end was one solid tirade of abuse from the Democratic party, from W. J. Bryan down to the township constable. He accused the Democratic party of North Carolina of being the direct cause of the trouble brought on by the railroad legislation act.

Mr. Doughton told the citizens that he had never tried to make a political speech in his life. He said he had a little to tell them. He spoke a few minutes that he was far superior as a speaker to his opponent. He showed up Mr. Welborn's record with a member of the Senate. Out of 490 roll calls he answered to only 24, and that he did all that was in his power against the Appalachian Training School appropriation. Although he did all he could to get glory in the western part of Watauga after it had been voted out by a local option move. Never in the history of old Watauga has a Democrat ever won a more complete victory than Doughton won over Mr. Welborn. The Republicans gave a few lusty yells in the beginning of the discussion but were silent at the close before Mr. Doughton spoke.

The Democrats were enthusiastic from the start and made the roof clatter with their cheers when Mr. Doughton concluded. Mr. Doughton told the audience that he was "just taking Mr. Welborn's temperature, and that he would diagnose his case thoroughly in a few days." Mr. Doughton's election is almost a certainty. Many of the leading Republicans say that they are ashamed of Mr. Welborn's record. Mr. Doughton says: "A number of good Republicans have said to me that they would support me."

MR. PAGE AT BISCOPE

Congressman From Seventh District Addresses a Large Crowd in the New Auditorium

Special to The Observer. Biscope, Oct. 7.—Hon. Robert N. Page, Democratic candidate for Congress in this seventh district, on Saturday night spoke to a large number of the citizens of the town and surrounding country in the new auditorium at Biscope. With this speech Mr. Page closed a several days speaking tour of Montgomery county and your correspondent learns that at every appointment there were good crowds and there is reason for believing that much good was accomplished. Congressman Page is making a plain, practical, yet forceful diagnosis of the political issues, and in some of his speeches has been accused to abuse of men, but he has not spared the Republican party for its abuse of power and its discrimination of privilege in favor of the moneyed interests of the country. He responded with his audience with they thought vote the Democratic ticket, telling them that the principles of the Democratic party are as old as the government itself. That the Democracy was built upon the principle that this is a country that the people ought to rule; that good men should be chosen by the people for the making of laws, and that there should be absolute equality and that every man should have equal rights before the law; that the Democratic party believes that the burden of government ought to be borne equally upon every class of the people.

Stomach troubles would more readily disappear if the idea of treating the cause rather than the effect, would come into practice. A guy, inside, hidden nerve, says Dr. Snoop, gives and gives strength to the stomach. A woman who goes to the heart, and sees the heart. What these "hidden nerves" tell, then, the organ must follow. Dr. Snoop's Restorative is directed specifically to these falling nerves. Within 48 hours after starting on this medicine, a great amount of the stomach troubles were advertised. Dr. Snoop's Restorative is advertised.

CITIZENSHIP OF THIS COUNTRY

Mr. Page made very plain the benefits of the Republican tariff schedule; he compared the Republican promises in their State platform with Democratic performances, showing that in the four years of Russell's administration they were absolutely none of the things they now say they would do. Mr. Page spoke for about two hours and his audience listened with attention and appreciation.

CANDIDATES AT MOCKSVILLE

Messrs. J. Elwood Cox, A. A. Whitener, Z. V. Walser and Hon. R. N. Page Discuss the Issues. Special to The Observer.

Mocksville, Oct. 7.—Davie Superior Court convened yesterday with Judge J. L. Webb presiding. On account of the presence of Speakers J. Elwood Cox, Republican candidate for Governor; A. A. Whitener, elector-at-large, court took a recess at noon until 4 o'clock for the speaking. Mr. Whitener spoke at length and made a speech which was highly complimented by all present. Short speeches were also made by Messrs. Cox and Z. V. Walser. The speakers had a good house and had their attention to-day Hon. R. N. Page made one of his usual clear and logical speeches to a well-filled house.

The court docket is light and no cases of special importance. Court adjourns to tomorrow by Friday. Mr. Cowles speaks at China Grove. Special to The Observer. China Grove, Oct. 7.—Mr. Charles H. Cowles, Republican candidate for Congress, spoke to about 200 voters in the town hall Tuesday night and was given the closest attention from beginning to the end of his speech, which was free from abuse and elicited much applause. Mr. Cowles grows on those who come in touch with him, which was in evidence here, as a number of Democrats going to his support. He showed up his opponent's record, both State and national, and discussed the issues of the campaign clear and pointedly, and alleged that the policies of the Republican party were not the best interests of the country.

REPUBLICAN RALLY AT SPENCER

Special to The Observer. Spencer, Oct. 7.—The Republicans here held a large gathering at which time Charles H. Cowles, candidate for Congress in the eighth district, and J. Elwood Cox, candidate for Governor, will speak. The arrangement to have Mr. Cox appear in Spencer was made to-day. He is especially anxious to talk to the railroad men here and Mr. Cowles, who had a previous engagement to speak in Salisbury, will divide his time with him. Other leading politicians are also expected to be present. Democratic Club Organized at Hillsboro. Special to The Observer.

Hillsboro, Oct. 7.—The Hillsboro Democratic Club was organized here last night with J. H. Robertson, president; Dr. C. D. Jones, first vice president; W. C. Jones, second vice president, and E. M. Lockhart, secretary-treasurer. There were one hundred and five members enrolled which breaks the record of any previous club ever organized in Hillsboro. There will be two meetings each week from now until election. The Democracy here was never in better trim for aggressive work. Messrs. Zachary and Guder Speak at Franklin. Special to The Observer.

A 53-MILLION ACRE FARM

And a Prosperous One, Too, in Kansas—Barns Full, Banks Fuller, Crops Big

Harper's Weekly. Kansas is a farm and it is little else. The rooster is its fitting herald. It is a farm of 53,000,000 acres that in 1860 had less than 100,000 people, men, women and children, within its confines, and even as late as 1890 had barely turned the million mark. It has come through more tribulations than almost any State in the Union. It has had floods and winds and crop failures and insect plagues and other years in which its soldiers and most earnest picked up their belongings and trekked to populate other and new States—Oklahoma, for example.

Even to-day its population, down to the last negro roustabout or Chinese laundryman, numbers barely a million, and a half. But last year its farm products alone, upon conservative calculation, were worth \$42,644,607.55. Its barns are full, its banks are fuller, and its great crops are even now rumbling to market to bring in more money. Its total of recorded mortgages in 1907 was only \$47,405,967, and most of that, outside the big jump in Kansas City, is for the buying of "more land."

BIGGER CLOSETS NEEDED

To Accommodate the Hats and Clothes Now Fashionable For Women

Exchange. Do you know what has been the most frequent objection to "hats apartments?" asked the superintendent of a large new uptown apartment building. "Rent, I suppose." "Not at all. The lack of closet and wardrobe room in them. Yes, I know what you're going to say. There is a wardrobe in every bedroom and a closet in the hall, but that isn't enough this season." "The increasing size of women's hats and the demand fashion makes on her followers is putting us in a bad way. One woman told me there was a woman able to hold easily put her clothes in an ordinary wardrobe and be well dressed. To-day it is altogether different. For no woman is well dressed unless her garments match from her head to her heels." "I simply shrug my shoulders and tell them to use an extra room for their clothes, but to myself I say I wouldn't hold a great amount of the women's wardrobe. I don't know what you would do with it."

ENGLISH SPARROW CLUB

Its Mission is to Rid the County of the Peats

Forest and Stream. In Essex, England, the Essex Sparrow Club flourishes. It holds a meeting and dinner once a year, at which time the members give an account of their efforts toward keeping down the sparrow pest. Its president, Walter Gilbey, describes its work as follows: "All the farmers and most of those who have gardens in the parish, which covers 1,200 acres, and some tenants of neighboring farms belong to the club, which was established several years ago. The rules are very simple: Each member undertakes to kill one sparrow for each acre of his holding between September 1st and MAY 1st, and send the heads to the local innkeeper, who keeps a record of them. If the member's tally falls short of the total he ought to send heads 1d. for each head lacking, the money going to a fund which is spent in retirement at the annual dinner of the club held at the inn. The sum raised by fines, however, is I am informed, practically nil. "Two sparrows an acre were killed last year during the first two or three years of the club's existence, and the average number of heads now sent in is about 3,000 a year. In addition the members kill a large number of young sparrows during the breeding season, but of these no record is kept."

NOAH WEBSTER CELEBRATION

Yale to Mark the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Dictionary Maker's Birth

New Haven Dispatch. Yale University and New Haven will celebrate this month the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Noah Webster, author of the spelling book and the dictionary. The Webster homestead is still standing at New Haven, and the window where Noah Webster sat for upward of forty years while he compiled and rewrote his dictionary overlooks part of the Yale College. Diagonally across the street from the window is the old Grove street cemetery, where he was buried. He was born October 16, 1758.

In his youth he had money troubles like many another author. He brought up a family of eight on the proceeds of his spelling book. In later years he never tired of telling how his father started him out in the world to make his fortune with \$1 of Continental money in his pocket, amounting in reality to barely 4 in currency. During his career at Yale, from which he was graduated in 1778, Webster failed to distinguish himself from his other classmates. After graduating he taught school and studied law. In 1783 he met in Washington the Rev. Dr. S. Smith, afterward president of Princeton College, and mentioned to him his plan of bringing out a spelling book, which he had already partly prepared for publication. Dr. Smith encouraged him in his plan and the following winter was spent by Mr. Webster in Hartford to publish "The First Part of a Grammatical Institute of the English Language."

It was the first book of the kind ever published in this country and the sales from it at one time were 1,000,000 copies a year. From this book he received one cent a copy. Up to 1847 over 24,000,000 copies had been sold. In 1807 he began his life work, the compiling of the dictionary. In the first part of the century Mr. Webster, for economical reasons, removed to Amherst, where, it is said, it was largely through his influence that the college was finally founded. He returned to New Haven to receive the degree of LL.D. from Yale in 1823. The following year he went to Europe to study for the final preparation of his dictionary. On his return from abroad he settled permanently in New Haven. The first edition of his dictionary appeared in 1828. In 1842 he finished the appendix and settled down to enjoy a long and contemplative rest. That same year he died. He held various offices in the town government of New Haven, served as councilman, alderman, legislator and judge. Personally he was dignified and quiet, possessing a fund of humor, appreciated best by those who were closest to him. He was unusually sensitive in disposition and particularly abhorred the contraction of debt. It was said of him that during his lifetime he never owed a man a dollar.

FARMERS MUTUAL LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY AT GAINESVILLE

Special to The Observer.

Gainesville, S. C., Oct. 7.—The Farmers' Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company was formed in this city yesterday by gentlemen from Cherokee and Union counties. The officers of the company are: T. M. Littlejohn, of Jonesville, president; D. C. Ross, of Gainesville, secretary and treasurer; D. E. Boney, of Yorkville, general manager. The directors are: W. G. Fowler, J. G. Kendrick, John D. Jeffers, Jr., D. C. Ross, Richmond Stacy, E. W. Harris, L. J. Browning, of Union; T. M. Littlejohn, of Jonesville, and W. H. Jeter, of Carolina.

Important Real Estate Deal at Gainesville

Special to The Observer.

Gainesville, S. C., Oct. 7.—An important real estate deal has just been made in this city when B. F. Jamison purchased a 500-acre farm from Thomas Hester. The farm is located on Broad river and is a most desirable piece of property. Mr. Jamison will move to his new home in the near future. He sold his excellent farm several days ago to J. M. Elson, of Jonesville.

New Phone Line From Gainesville to Statesville

Special to The Observer.

Gainesville, S. C., Oct. 7.—A corps of telephone men commenced work to-day installing a telephone line from this city to Paoclet, a distance of about eighteen miles. The line will install about twenty telephones. The work is already up and the line will be completed in a few days.

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