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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1909.

#### THE NEW CHARTER SUBMITTED

Not the proposed new charter, but a full abstract of its provisions, was submitted last night to the committee of one hundred by the sub-committee of ten to which had been entrusted the work of framing a new organic law for the City of Charlotte. It may be said that in the main the skeleton, read and interpreted by Mr. T. C. Guthrie appeared to meet the approval of the larger committee. Expression was given to disapproba tion of certain of its features, but in a general way the paper seemed to have been well received. The writer having been a member of the com mittee of ten conceives that it would not he very delicate for him to employ the columns of the paper to defend the proposed new charter or to ad-Vance arguments in behalf of its ac ceptance, however much he may feel that its enactment would be part of wisdom. It is allowable however, to say that it is the result of the best thought and of many hours of patient deliberation of ten men who in the framing of it had nothing in mind except the good of

the. It is not perfect: no work of muman hands is and no member of the sub-committee got in it all he wanted. It is a compromise measure. the product of the spirit of give and take, harmony being the dominant note of the committee. It presents a unanimous report in favor of what it thinks a fine charter, one adapted to the needs of Charlotte and the operation of which, it helieves, would be productive of good government non-

COLONEL BAILEY COMING. | compositor on The Raleigh News, It is matter of rejoicing in The Ob- when conducted by George Jordan, server household that Col. George under whom the present editor of The Marcellus Bailey, editorial writer on Observer served a year as city editor. The Houston Post, one of the ablest Col. Bailey went to Texas in 1883 and editors in the South and undoubtedly has resided in that State ever since, the finest paragrapher in the United excepting when he spent six years in States, is headed this way. We have Washington as the correspondent of special pride and pleasure in saying The Galveston-Dallas News. His peothis because he was born in North ple in North Carolina who are pretty Carolina. His early coming comes well known: The Southgates, of Durm about in this way: When the Texas ham; Robert M. Furman, long editor electoral college met at Austin on the and politician, a first cousin; the 11th Mr. Shields, of Coleman, was ab-Beckwiths, of Hyde county. The sent and Col. Bailey was elected as his Wynne family, of which the colonel In the progress of the meet- is a descendant, has about disappearing Mr. Berry, of Madisonville, arose ed, the only one living who bears the

name being Albert Wynne, of Atand said, among other things: "Sir, I wish it were the law that we lanta, a son of Thomas K. Wynne night all go to Washington in a body, to formerly of Louisburg, who was for the eternal glors of the nation and at the expense of the State. Indeed, I am reliably informed that at least two gen-titmen present had supposed that this body would meet at the capital of the Ga., Times. His uncle, Richard

nation rather than at the capital of the State and so firm were they in this opin-ion that. I am told, they actually left home with sufficient provisions to last who married his only sister, and them to Washington and return Although an inexorable law disappoints them in their lofty ambition, still I am pleased to

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alley, of Houston" The election was unanimous

A cordial welcome to Charlotte in the lofty patriotism, unsulited charac-ter and matchess statesmanship of William Jennings Bryan. "Mr Chairman, I summit that the man

know how many of the older people whom we select to carry this message know how many of the older people regnt to be a main of character, culture remember the school he attended and learning He ought is the a man whose Demorrary is as firm and stable here, conducted by Revs. B. S. Bronas the rockeribed hills Above all he ought to be a man of experience, be-cause we all agree that Washington is no place for the innocent and the unso biblicited

> THE DOUBLE NEGATIVE. In the current issue of Harper's

In looking for a man who has all of these qualifications in full and rounded measure it was but natural that all eyes congressional district Dwelling in the city of mesoultorial anthema we find a man that knows the City of Washington from sipha to omega, and he has also been down the pike. He served his country long and Magazine Prof. Thomas R. Louns bury, of Yale University, discusses among other archaisms much used by uneducated people, the once universal from sights to only as and he has also been down the pike. He served his country long and well as a Washington correspondent for a metripolitan news-raper and now after an absence of sev-eral years he again longs for the tasts of a Washington cocktail and sighs for the voice of the capitals killy. There on the source of sev-the voice of the capitals killy. ditorial writer on one of the greatest native to the Saxon tongue; Chaucer religious datiles that ever carried a meysake of Domociacy within its folds. It is the one Texas newspaper that has al-ways wielded the sword of the Lord and century writers as Swift and Gay use Hideon in behalf of the unterrified in the

Sincerity is the only claim that I or two, or four negatives in all, within single negation.

he is mare to ADD D Tably informed that this was a circum-tance over which he had no control. At my rate as soon as he reached the agountability he straightway repent left the Old North State and became The centleman whom I shall name has

The centleman whom I shall name has any other qualifications, about which I wuld be giad to tell you, but in the ords of Joe Balley I haven't the time of you haven't the patience to her me ence, without further speech I nonduate r messenger to carry the electors! you Washington one of the best Demo ats one of the ablest editors, one of a knichilizet centiment that ever made

wherever possible, fought steadly for the single negative absolute. They

Mashington and made a triumphal quibbling and pettifogging sense-the Special to The Observer. our, not unattended, however, by great discovery that two negatives

# THE DEATH RECORD. CAPT. JOHN A. RAMSAY PASSES

One of Salisbury's Most Influential Citizens Died Yesterday Afternoon —Was a Heroic Confederate Sol dier—Had Held Number of Office of Trust of Trust.

> 421 North Main Street, Salisbury, Jan. 27.

Capt. John A. Ramsay died at his this afternoon at 4:20 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. Captain Ramsay was born in Iredell county April 29th, 1836, and was therefore near 78 years old. He served through out the civil war and was one of the South's bravest defenders, and a

friend of his remarked this after-noon that he was the only man he ever knew who absolutely knew no While in the war he was member of Riley's battery, of which he was later made commander, and his herolam on the battlefield was

shown in many encounters. He was one of Salisbury's most prominent men. In politics he was always a Republican, and had served his town as mayor and his county in the Legislature. Captain Ramsay was married to Miss Margaret Beall, tell them that it is their privilege to have a voice in naming the man that shall carry to Washington the glad tid-inge that Grand Old Texas has once more expressed her unbounded confidence A cordial welcome to Charlotte ife and two sons, Dr. Robert L. Ramsay, a leading dentist of this city, and Mr. John E. Ramsay, an archi-Captain tect and civil engineer. Ramsay was himself a civil engineer and was one of the best. He stood high in the councils of the Royal Arcanum of the State.

physique he was a giant; In gentleness was that of a child; he was sympathetic and kind to all and he city was shocked, though not surprised, when his death was an-nounced this afternoon. Captain Captain Ramsay was a devoted member and faithful worker of the First Presbyterian church, from which the funeral will be held, conducted by Rev. Dr. Byron Clarke Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the burial will be in

hestnut Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Margaret J. Pringle, of High Point.

Special to The Observer. High Point, Jan. 27 .- At the home her son last evening Mrs. Margaret Pringle, aged 60 years, passed peace-The interment took place lly away. o-day at Springfield, being conduct-d by Rev. J. E. Thompson, of Washington Street M. E. church. Mrs. Pringle came here from Ohio several years ago. 4

County. Special to The Observer.

The "Near Bard of Cross Creek," cries Reidsville, Jan. 27 .- Mr. Thomas mpkins, a well-known citizen of the Mciver meetion, died yesterday after-Mr. Simpkins was 84 years of much of Fayetteville with his exultation: He was reared in Caswell coun-

but had resided near McIver for the past twenty years. The remains buried at Camp Springs church in Gaswell county, to-day

Mr. W. H. Boggs, of Rowan County. Correspondence of The Observer. Salisbury, Jan. 26 .- The funeral of Elder Caldwell's favorite Burna, of whose Mr. W. H. Boggs, who died at his works he is preparing a dry edition home in Providence township yester-calculated for Southern latitudes. And day from tuberculosis, was held from this piece of moonlight genrs is due to St. Matthews Lutheran church in Elder Caldwell himself. The use of the the county this aftermoon. Mr. Boggs word "Promethean" is sufficient proof. was 63 years old and served in the Elder Caldwell sympathy for Prome onfederate army. He was a most theus, a victim of the oil and lighting excellent Christian gentleman and trust, being notorious. Add "on the was a splendid citizen and neighbor Two sons and one-daughter survive ance is doubly sure. Everything from him. Mrs. James A. McKeithan, of Aber-

deen.

misadventures, for at Nachville, for make an affirmative. Denying a McKeithan dled yesterday morning at pen. a little inside of the present North o'clock at her home here. She was Carolina State line. ent twice in the same breath Miss Mary Fowler, of Wake Forest, ing the electoral vote of Texas. While does not constitute an affirmation; it before her marriage. She was thus reviewed by only makes the denial stronger. The man of fine character, and her friends included all who knew her. She was retiring and modest in her life. But A Few Minor Happenings in and About the City hair-splitters and technicality-mong The Hanner, of that city: "While my mission is estensibly to crively to the capital the electoral vote of Texas, therefore the difference of the differen -Mr. W. N. Niebet has sold to Mr. John W. Cruss a fine farm containing opproximately 100 acres near Huntersville for \$6,500. pastor, Rev. Mr. Poe, of Wake Forest -he Durham-Murphy Land Com-

type and beloved by all. He spent all his life in Wake Forest and had been heart and soul in anything for the benefit of this town. Many a student who was unable to bear his college expenses found a worthy triend in Mr. Holding. He is survived by six sons: Messa. O. K. T. E. W. W. and Dt. S. P. Holding, of Wake Forest; J. N. Hold-ing, of Raleigh, and H. G. Holding, of Falls. Mr. Holding was a devout member of Forestville Baptist church, The funeral services will be con-ducted from the home of his son, Mr. ducted from the home of his son, Mr. O. K. Holding, to morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Drs. Royall and Lynch, assisted by Rev. T. C. Singleton.

### THAT TUNEFUL GAUGER.

The Great Poem Unearthed in Union County by Mr. W. J. Pratt Excites the Admiration of a Poesy-Lover.

This appearance of lethargy among the Old North patriots was deceptive. Something was coming. Naturally it comes from the poetry works of The Charlotte Observer. Elder Caldwell is overproducing, we think, and the quality of his output must suffer a little, but who would wish to set limit to a generous, unselfish, and on the whole harmless activity? Elder Caldwell's new "find" is dated at Monroe, from which he writes under the name of "W. J. Fratt," one of a hundred of the good man's pseudonyms. He has "found" a poem composed in 1900 by 'a storekeeper and gauger in the United States revenue service on the border of North and South Carolina," a border which if any persons of distinction have been born in it belongs to the former State. The "storekeeper and gauger" hadn't received his commission at that

time. Waiting for it, he threw his soul into this threnody; 'On the borders of the Carolinas, In a wet and gladey spot, A non-commissioned revenue officer Bewails his unpropittous lot.

From o'er across these borders, In quest of maudlin bliss, Flock the intellectual scrubs and moral dwarfs

Of Tillman's anti-dispensary list.

Citnk of wassail laden glass, Ribald speech, blasphemous jest-Tis the music of the hours, 'the the never

ceasing song Of night's sleepless rest.

Oh, all potent Fate, to this More than Promethean doom do not de-

o haste, O haste, my commission, That I may these terrors fice!'

the pretended Mr. "Pratt," who levitates ecstatically and fills all heaven and

"Your Monros gauger's work in this one poem places the Old North State on the very highest peak of Parnassus."

A long and learned commentary ac companies the poem. But neither text nor commentary need detain us. The "gauger poet' is a too palpable emanation of the battle of Salamis to the crowning of King Cole happened on the borders of the Caroilnas, if we have read Elder Galdwell to good purpose, and a survey always shows that the great event or Aberdeen, Jan. 27 .- Mrs. James A. man happened, or rather chose to hap

BRIEFS.

- The monthly meeting of the

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# County by Mr. W. J. Pratt Excites the Administion of a Poesy-Love. New York Sun. I Nothing has been heard of the Minck-interference of Independence since Monday: and so far as we have noticed only a few Tar Heel papers in-stated that Poe was born in their State. For 1909

Both Tryon St. Stores will be closed to-day for stock taking, but the Trade St. Store will be open and here you will find New Silks, New Woolens for dresses, New Ladies' Furnishings, New Skirts and New Models of Coat Suits for the advance season.

On the third floor are stacks of New Rugs,

uses them, Shakespeare uses them Glucon in behalf of the unterrified in the past it is the one paper that offers them comfort and hope for the future indeed, we had scarcely emerged licked but un-diamayed, from the last conflict when this evangel of hemotracy give us the bioassed assurance that we should have a hemocracic Fresident in 1512, and if not at that time then at some other gradually losing fight for life and Thomas Simpkins, of Rockingham in the immediate or the dis us of doubtful correctness that he uses

for your attention, and i therefore the space of a couplet to express a didly confers that the gentleman whom I shall name is not a native Tex-an, on the contrary he is a North Caro-Professor Lounsbury explains that

t was the ardent study of Latin housies during the fifteenth and six teenth centuries which brought about this Saxon characteristic's decline and ultimate fall. No more than Saxon has Greek or have even the language

e knightliest gentlamen that ever made their usual eagerness to split a hair is home in Texas, Colonel George M.

Col. Balley started in due time for announced-an absurdity except in a

age.

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL. The Banner, of that city:

As has been previously stated in the news columns of this paper, the State Blospital of South Carolina at Columbla is to undergo an investigation by the Legislature now in session, at the instance of its superintendent, Dr. J. W. Babcock, and the bland of regents. This is fir. Habrooks letter to the General Assonitis

"The board of regents and the su-perint-indeni of the Stub Hospital for the to the liquor with Texas, he foll was Insame respectfully arge the attention of wisely protected and safeguarded by on of the present provision for and second difficu-modations of the Hospital and me do with alrability of making column surger of men' feeting its welfare and incomponent. Texas fecting its welface Among these changes of the handling of ca briates and alexed instance ethnicals.

classification of patients and the develop- addition to the famous and thrilling alli- than good from this particular develment of a farm indeny in the rechtry. sealde improvements in other commissions more and an eling in a red the, mustache to match, "We accordingly request that a special and an Elk pin His boots were missing." "The tongue that Shakespeare spoke" has been badly treated in sev-

ecommittee be appointed to investigate and but this was report upon the condition and affairs of the Hospital and the management in or-der that your homorable how, may be ful-ly informed with reference thereta."

der that your konclube hoe, mache fui-ly informed with reference thereto." Some part of the trouble is dis-closed by this letter. The institution, it is seen, handles chronic incorriates and insane criminals. It is a further fact that H receives detarch, idiots, index that it receives obtarits, idiots, inst he did not leave North Carolina and the navy could be maintained on its migrate to a more spatious realm on ac-count of the call of the wild or alleged present basis for fully forty million wildcatting. He reluctantly admitted be ing bern and reard in the mountains of dollars less than the \$122,000,000 now tenance of proper health and sanitary as to further accusations. conditions and approach to a proper classification of patients is out of the question. The support fund is so limited that attendants and norses of this morning further interesting lit- in other words, cut out politics from proper capability and character - erature relating to the colonel, and appropriations by Congress-and the character here referring to the male The Observer is able to supply, from country will be saved an amount

wages that the Hospital can pay, and garding this most interesting person government just before the civil war. this has resulted in charges of cruelty - he himself would say creature. He In support of his assertions the writer on the part of attendance. It may be is the second son of Marcellus Balley. presents some facts and figures which added for the sake of information of Wiscasset, Maine, and Margaret are rather convincing. We have no that the white and colored insane of Norfleet Wonne, of Louisburg, N. idea that he has made any great the State are cared for on the same C, and was born, as stated, in North over-statement. The proportion of grounds, in different buildings, of Carolina. He spent his early boyhood "pork" in the naval appropriation bill course, and under the same adminis- in Olin, Iredeil county, and after his has long been notoriously high and tration.

For the condition of affairs the Hillsboro and lived with his aunt, many better things than to set toward superintendent and regents are in Mrs. James Southgate, who died in it as the present financial necessities nowise to blame. They have been re- Durham some twenty years ago. Mov- of the Treasury strongly require. ed to such straits that they per- ed to Durham in 1876 and in the latter toe cry aloud to the General As- part of that year came to Charlotte sembly. The facts in the case consti- and entered Thompson Hall, an acad- riman will shortly become co-magnate tute ar stigma upon the State and the emy conducted by Rev. B. S. Bronson Legislature, being informed of them, and Rev. Lucien Holmes, two Episcosurely will not permit them to continue longer.

Benator Jeffries Davis, though con- pying the position of devil in the of- thing for the road, but surely he allerably above his usual oratorical fice of The Danville News, conducted ought to quit trying to gobble up all elevation in denouncing the crop and stock exchanges Tuesday, was still fax county, N. C. Worked in Blacklow enough. The Arkansas hillbillese, whose idol he is, will be able to appreciate the speech properly.

he lost his trunk

This is over here could not, in fact, be explained upon any other hypothesis, as most of this morning was spent in swap-ping pungent paragraphs and smoking chartles with Grantiand like and that language whose rich freedom from rule for rule's sake is half its greatness has been bound with a greatness has been bound with a "Mr Hallay's voke trembled feellight

al requirements rendering if very difficult to permit legislative interference marlans' part in the matter are our with the 'personal liberty of Texas free-men' He thought there was nothing in Texas grander than its constitution, and to us, writes as though he would exespecially the clause with reference to the rum curse. press similar opinion if he dared. He

These who haven't seen Colonel Balley contents himself, however, with ven-rust feel perforce a same of what the turing a doubt whether the English turing from the contents himself. a and support conduct and existeman would term 'deprivation stitution, the better containly from a saturial standpoint. galor yest with the green buttons, be opment, was nearly and modestly caparisoned this

but this was explained by the colonel due to their being in the trunk with th eral respects by heavy-treading ped-The allicator yest was the work ants, but in none other so badly as of the best tallor in Houston, according

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fredell county, but would require proof consumed by it annually. Simply cut

attendants-cannot be had for the authentic sources, yet other facts re- equal to two-thirds the entire cost of mother's death in 1873 moved to this session of Congress cannot do

by W. T. Manning, formerly of Halithe failroad systems in the country. well Tobacco Company's printing of-

Durham newspapers. Worked as State whatsoever.

March 1997 And 1999 Coll House

A husband and several pany has just sold to Mrs. N. M. Bridges for \$1,600 a house and lot on Twenty-fast street, North Carolina. üllege. children survive.

Mrs. Sarali Troutman, of Iredell County. Special to The Observer.

J. F. Taylor, of Battleboro.

and growth of this section.

Special to The Observer.

Willis Holding, of Wake Forest,

mittee of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held in the offices. Nos. 212-314 Law Building, this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Troutman, Jan. 27 .- Mrs. Barah routman, an aged indy, died yesterday morning at her home three miles -The members of the Young Peowest of this place after an illness of ple's Society of Tenth Avenue Presmany vears. The interment was tobyterian church will give a sociable day at the Troutman family burying in the lecture room to-night from 8 30 to 11 o'clock. Each member of ground in the old Troutman settlement, with funeral services by Rev. church is invited to come and A. Lutz, of Statesville. Mrs. Troutman was a most exemplary woman of the old school. She was tring a friend.

-The Charlotte friends of Mr. M. She was born Collins and in early life married P. the late Jacob Troutman. To this gia P. O'Callahan, manager of the Geor-gian Hotel, Athens. Ga., will be interested to learn that he recently won a prime, a \$750 building lot, in union was born six sons and one laughter. The deceased was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church Atlanta, as a result of a subscription and was a communicant till the last. She was the mother of Mr. A P. ontest operated by The Georgian.

Troutman, of Charlotte, who is here CHARGE LARCENY AFTER TRUST.

John H. Gumm, Formerly of This City, Arrested in Augusta, Ga., Yesterday John Ritchi, at New London. Afternoon.

Virginia-Carolina

Salisbury, Jan. 27 .--- A telegram A telegram was received in the city yesterday afternoon by the chief was received here to-day by Mr. J. W. police, announcing the arrest at Au-gusta, Ga.(, of John H. Gumm, form-Austin announcing the death of his wife's father, Mr. ohn Ritchie, st New London. Mr. Ritchie died some erly of this city. The charge is the disposal of property after trust. The specific allegation is that the defendtime dering the night as he was found dead in his bed this morning when specific allegation is that the detend-ant, being sent to South Carolina by the C. H. Robinson Publishing Com-pany on business with two horses and a buggy, sold the outfit at Orange-burg, S. C. Since then officers have been searching for him and his ar-rest yesterday was the result of three telescome based on information that members of his family went to see about him after he had failed to make his appearance at the breakfast table at the usual hour. He had not been well for several days but had not been confined to his bed. Mr. and Mrs. Austin left on the afternoon telegrams based on information that came to hand from time to time here. He will be taken to the place of sale for trial. Since Mr. Gumm was entrusted with the property the law was violated only when the sale was ac-complished. Hence the courts of this State have no jurisdiction. Rocky Mount, Jan. 27 .- After an illness of a few days, Mr. J. F. Taylor died yesterday at his home in Battle-horo in his 78th year. He was one of

The young man is well known in this city where he is well connected and has numerous friends who regret his present plight.

[For The Observer. SI CIMEX LECTULANIUS SIM.

al was held this afternoon in Battle-

Suppose, Fair One, just simply suppose, My mission were to break a night's re-pose of To punctuate proud mortal's slumber, Abate her public and make her humble; A bug I were Of the horizontal flat variety, Whose blood, think you, Should round my shape to happy satisty? boro, after which the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that place. The deceased was a Confederate veteran and had for a number of

years taken an active part in the af-fairs of importance to the prosperity

Some apping-time night when sleep had To your balmy couch, a wingless bug, I'd

Wake Forest, Jan. 27.—In the death of Mr. Willis Holding this morning at 7 o'clock Wake Forest lozes one of her most valuable and respected citizens. Mr. Holding, who was in the 75th year of his age, had been in Tailing health for some time

To your caimy couch, a wingless bug, hie, And there I'd bits and crawl And crawl and bito; And you might fight and squall And squall and fight. But now and then I'd steal a bits; And if, perthance. In midnight between us, You mashed me flat, a bibody dust dia. E'm death beere sweet

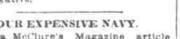
been in failing health for some time and the end had been momentarfly expected. He was a Confederate veteran, a man of the old Southern death were aw Carpets, Mattings, Linoleums, Shades and etc.

# Will Be Blanket Weather

And now is the time to buy blankets, quilts and comforts, for the price is low for stock taking and besides we have case after case and they must . move.

We are headquarters for North Carolina Wool Blankets, the best made.



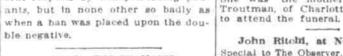


Buck sends us from Washington simply to keep certain pay rolls bigtrain for New London.

> Special to The Observer. the earliest residents of this section and was highly esteemed by all who knew him, having for a number of yaers conducted a store in Battleboro. He is prominently connected and has a number of relatives throughout the State, several of whom are residents of this city. The funer-

Rumor now has it that E. H. Harwith Thomas F. Ryan in the Seaboard Air Line Railway, siding against the palian clergymen. In the summer of Williamses. We can easily see how 1878, went to Danville, Va., and took Mr. Harriman's entrance into the the first degree in journalism, occu- Seaboard might prove to be a good

North Carolina wouldn't swap Legfice and at various times in offices of islatures this year ; with any other



These strictures upon the gram