STIRRING TIMES JUST AHEAD. Phillips.

Three Meetings Held Last Night in the Interest of the Belated Candidate and a Great Mass Meeting Scheduled for To-Morrow Night to Top Off the Campaign — Mr. Hawkins Will speak at Belmont and other points.

The campaign will close to-morrow night with a rally of Mr. Hawkins friends at Vance Park. Municipal Campaign is at Hand, Minus, Possibly, Some of the Olden Mud-Slinging Bt Cetera-

The municipal campaign is reaching summit-height. The announce-ment of Mr. J. D. McCail for the mayoralty has stirred the city and where there was talk of quiet and rest during the campaign, agitation and oretory has succeeded and the town is those blennial events. Regret is ex- ble Bee's nest at that time are dead d in certain quarters that Mr. McCall trotted forth at the last hour to precipitate a lively affair, but his Some allens who disliked the make-numerous friends were Rooseveltian up of the boy any way, declared that

of his tardiness in comnig to a decis-

A FORMIDABLE RIVAL

Announcement of the candidacy of any other man in Charlotte to Mr. apace. He had never doubted the Hawkins would have brought not half honest, of his mother in naming the the stir and commotion which result. day when he began to yell for liberty, ed from Mr. McCall's card. The sup- Why should he doubt? What need porters of the latter recognized in him had his mother to make a false entry? at once a veteran in politics and a The cries of the vigorous war horse in local Democratic fights disturbed some of those who They would have been undistrubed en- not play with him on account of some tirely had any one of several others lealousy or from some other cause, whose names have been mentioned so he must in some way be discountfrequently as possibilities come out ed. into the open and opposed Mr. Hawkins. They would then have relied keepsakes as well as the paternal retotally upon the long lead which Mr ords Alackaday! What misfo Hawkins has taken and been altogether unaffaid of the campaign which could have been conducted in older people said he was corre three days. Not so with Mr. McCall. His astuteness as a leader and com-mander is known well enough by the the fact that the records were burnfriends of Mr. Hawkins, who at once ed. set themselves to the task of "lengthening their cords and strengthening their stakes." when public announce-ment was made that he had pounced upon the place after teasing it several

THE MEN IN CONTRAST

The candidates for the highest postcion at the hands of the people of this city are in striking contrast with each Mr. Hawkins is a most reserved citizen and without any great personal following. This is due entirely to the fact that this is his first dab into local politics or any kind of politice since his residence here. He is no politician at all and is, admittedly, uracquainted with the arts of that sort of a phenom Quiet and unostenta-tious in manner attending strictly to his own personal matters and never having participated in things of public concern, Mr Hawkins is without that following which his opponent can

Mr. M. fall on the other hand, la one of the most popular cuizens in Charlotte and an adept in affairs. He has taken a lively interest'in local assues for many years and knows the arts of the game. He sways a formulable personal as well as political following. His strength priate sature and convincing togic on the stump, and in his more intimate associations he is exceedingly pleasant and sauve. Mr. Mothall is laok- W. ing to success in this buttle through theen Hood, being continued the vote of the common people the common docket for this term, always hold considerable power in look to Mr. Hawkins because of his cases disposed of yesterday, not to the present administration. He is con-

last night with three stirring meets case oming up from recorders ourtlings in various parts of the city Hatch was found gully and fined \$50 Messrs. F. R. McNinch, T. I. Kirk. patrick and Mr. McCall spoke first to of the nots McNinch spoke at the overhead bridge Howie's store, Mess:s. Mc(all, J. D) room as well as every member of the Foard, T. L. Kirkpatrick and F R. Jury. McNinch spoke. As soon as a speak- The Biggers case er would finish at one place, he was the reason that the hurried by an automobile to his next shown to be in bad health and unable appointment and a busy night was at this time to undergo trial. with enthusiastic applause by the sup- special term for the trial of this case porters of the candidate and agreed which promises to be a sharply fought to get down to hard work during the one next two days.

MR. HAWKINS ACTIVE.

idle and asleep. A mass meeting was held at his headquarters on West Fifth. street last night and was addressed by a number of his leading friends. Mr. A. B. Justice, who is the manager of his campaign, is assured of victory, but is not resting. He realizes that the work which will be done to-day and to-morrow will count.

A mass meeting has been called by Mr. McCall's leaders for to-morrow night in the Auditonum and this will close the campaign in grand style. A number of short speeches will made and music will be dispensed.

Mr. McCall's heutenants were riding over the city all of yesterday and spent a busy 24 hours. They will continue this process of reaching the people, touching every possible man un-til the polls close Thursday night and the counting begins.

DATES FOR HAWKINS MEETINGS. At the mass meeting in Mr. Hawkins' interest last night, the following-named places were for mass meetings to-night. Belmont Griffin's drug

Belmont Griffin's drug store-speakers, Mr. Cameron Murrison and Dr. C. G. McManaway Caldwell street bridge-Messrs. H. W. Harris, Lee Phillips, Cameron Morrison, W. H. Hall

North Graham street bridge-L. L. Caudle and Chase Brenizer.

SWEPT OVER NIAGARA.

MCALL CAMPAIGN OPENS store—Jee Garbald and Lee Phillips Mint street, Garibaldi's store—R. A. Lee, C. G. McManaway and Lee

Atherton, Cathey's store-Messra.

THE BIRTH OF JOHN SMITH.

Henderson Citizen Presents Some Thoughts Anent the Situation To the Editor of The Raleigh News and Observer: What is all this fuss about the birth of John Smith? It whizzing now in the heat of one of the people who lived about the Bum-

Some allens who disliked the makesmiles yesterday and appeared great- he was not born at all. They called ly elated over his prospect.

After a short conference with his friends yesterday morning Mr. McCall made the announcement that his boy ought to be born without the percampaign would have the whirlwind mission of somebody. They called in feature hitched to it. This, of course, the doctors to examine the prodigy was naturally to be expected in view. They felt his pulse, they thumped ion in the matter. Only three days him about the heart and kicked him stretched before after he fully made in the back and were finally amazed up his mind in which to overcome the to find that he actually had life. This brother-in-law of Mrs. Jessie McDon substantial lead which was accredited was not satisfactory. He was then accused of misrepresenting his age His mother said he was born on May friends, for an ultimate recovery.

Years went by and John grew The cries of the vigorous youth ed. A cruel fire came along and burned up all his playthings and What misfortune were to come from this untimely loss older people said he was correct in The doctor said he was But his enemies gloated over right. They setzed their opportunity.

A record was found which mened the Christening of John Smith on May 31. He was publicly chai-You lied. Your mothed lied. memory and impressions generally crepted among your people were al plous lie

Query: Suppose John Smith was to all intents and purposes born on Max 20. (Records burned), and the loons clusts prove by existing data that he was not, what have they proved?

Query No. 2: What is behind all of this anyway? lous to prove that John has lied, and that he was not born on May mother said it was on the 20th Had she known it would have given so much trouble to the aliens and skeptics she would have made desperate effort to wait till May 31 But excitement was so great she the doubters, some of whose ances-ters were opposed to John's birth anyway. J. T. ALDERMAN Henderson, April 15, 1909.

BIGGERS' CASE CONTINUED

A Special Term Likely to Be Called For the Trial of W. S. Biggers Vs. J. G. Hood—The Other Cases

Twenty-two cases were disposed of vesterday in criminal court, the mos important one scheduled, that against criminal docket for this term, which dizens of the outlying wards, who lasts but one week, includes 260 cases municipal elections. The substantial ider cases and others of lesser degree an unusually heavy one with five mor business men of the city naturally too numerous to mention. Of the 22 fine, fair and impartial administration was of any consequence, the majority of affairs during his connection with poing either continued, not prosed of servative in his views and liberal, too only case in which judgment of any consequence was given was that in the Mr. McCall opened his compaise with being drunk and disorderly, the

of the bills returned by the grand a good gathering at the Belmont Drug jury as true bills, two appear against a good gathering at the Belmont Drug hary as true bills, two appear against good for the city. At the same hour forgery Judge W. B. Councill, of Messrs McCall, R. E. Mason, L. B. Hickory, is presiding at this term. His Williams, T. L. Kirkpatric and F. R. charge to the jury yesterday morning charge to the jury yesterday morning was strong and enlightening and was on North Graham street and on East listened to eagerly by the large an Avenue extension in front of Mr. E. S. dience that filled the criminal court

The Biggers case was continued for The speeches were greeted proposition now pending is that of a

MATTHEWS SCHOOL CLOSING.

The friends of Mr. Hawkins are not Commencement Exercises Next Week -Two Charlotte Ministers to Take Part-The Programme.

Invitations have been issued to the Graded High School Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of next week. nual sermon will be preached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Res Charle E. Raynal. paster of St Paul Presbyterian church, and the liter ary address will be delivered Tursday afternoon at 2 o'clock by A. R. Shaw, pastor of Tenth enue Presbyterian church, both of this The debaters' contest is scheduled for Monday night and the reciters' contest for Tuesday morning. The exercises will be concluded with

an entertainment Tuesday night. The marshals are Beverly Sustaire, Floyd Alexander. * arieton Huey, and Lemuel Williams The managers are Clyde Fesperman, chief, Graham Spurrier, Max Song and John Reid. The music will be furnished by the Paw Creek Brass

SENATOR JOHNSTON COMING.

Distinguished Alabamian Accepts Invitation to Attend May 20 Celebra-

North Charlotte, W. E. Harris' United States Senator J. F. John-store—J. L. DeLaney, H. W. Harris' ston, of Airbania, has accepted the and W. H. Hall. invitation tendered him to be present at the celebration of the one hundred Messrs. W. C. Maxwell, Lee Phillips, and thirty-fourth anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Indepen-South Caldwell street, Gallant's dence, which is to be observed here Governor Hoke Smith, of This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings growing rippies and faster current. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or sche in the back warns you the Kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy. Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backsche fig and all your best feelings return. 'After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one il bottle wholly cured me.' writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tens. Only the at all druggists. WILL INSPECT BIG PIERS.

hairman W. M. Long to Make an Examination of the Big Plers at Rozzell's Ferry on the Catawba To-

Chairman W. M. Long, of the board of county commissioners, accom-panied by Mesers J. H. Weddington. W. J. Chambers, W. S. Lee, Jr., and A. Newell, will go out to Rezzell's Ferry this afternoon to examine the big stone piers which stand in the Catawba river at the point where the new bridge is to be erected. A com-petent engineer will be taken along and a careful inspection made so as determine which ones utilized. It will be recalled that these big piers have been in the river ever sine the war, the has been a long time since, and all then standing being burned to impede communication and prevent in asion of hostile forces. withstood every food and to the eye appear to-day to be as sound and frong as ever.

Rev. C. E. McDonald Ill.

The many friends in this city will regret to learn of the very serious liness of Rev. C. E. McDonald, pastor of the A. R. P. church at Ches-ter, S. C. Mr. McDonald's condition has been grave for several days and such as to cause his friends much apprehension. He is well known in harlotte where his ability and popuald and has other relatives in the ounty, who hope, with his numerous

Unfortunate and Yet Fortunate, Mr. Frank O. Landis, representae of the Imperial Guano Compan n this ferritory, received word yester by morning of the destruction by re of the company's mammoth plant n Norfolk, Va., Saturday. The loss as given, at \$150,000, consisting hiefly of buildings, machinery, etc. Had the fire occurred two months aghe loss would have run into the mions, the fertilizer season then being

Off For the Supreme Court. Messrs, E. T. Cansler, J. A. Bell, W. Rodman, T. C. Cathrie, J. A. Me ac, W. F. Harding, and Frank Shan onhouse, of the local bar, will spend everal days in Raleigh this week o usiness before the Supreme Cour buch will hear twelfth district cases beginning at 10 o'clock this morning. The majority of these gentlemen left ast night for Raleigh.

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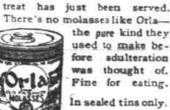
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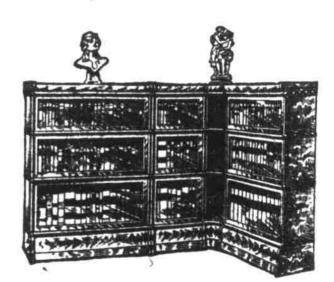
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