

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Politicians Preparing for Senatorial Contest.—Principal Candidates Named.

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Politicians and party leaders who come to the state capital, especially lawyers, and particularly those from the eastern and central counties, are beginning to discuss the eastern Senatorship now filled by Senator Simmons, whose term expires a little more than one year from now, and whose successor the legislature to be elected this year, will choose.
They are very earnestly canvassing also the question of a state primary and the possible outcome, which some of them predict would result in no choice. Remembering the unpleasant features and party distracting results of the senatorial primary of six years ago, many prominent Democrats say that they dread another.
It is understood that the three principal candidates for the senatorship will be Senator Simmons, Ex-Governor Aycock and Chief Justice Walter Clark. It is believed that there are one or two dark horses in the woods ready to join in the race as soon as a favorable opportunity presents itself. The situation is not clearly defined, however, and it is a little too early, perhaps, to accurately predict results.

COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION.

The cotton planters of North Carolina, especially those identified with the Cotton Grower's Association, are in better spirits and more hopeful of future results than in many years. The new board of directors selected at the recent meeting of the state association, which is charged with the management of the affairs of the association, are greatly encouraged over the result of their labors during the last two or three weeks. This board is composed of five of the leading cotton planters of the state. Col Henry C. Dockery is the chairman and Dr R. H. Speight, of Edgecombe, S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, Ashley Horne, of Johnston, and A. C. Green, of Wake, are the other members of the managing directorate.

These gentlemen have, during the last two weeks, secured several thousand dollars in subscriptions with which to defray the expenses of the work of the state cotton association, and they now announce that they will soon put the new president, C. C. Moore, of Charlotte, in the field, to devote his entire time to the growth and upbuilding of the organization, on a regular annual salary, which, it is stated, will be twenty-five hundred dollars. They hope by this and other means which they will employ to soon bring the great majority of cotton growers in North Carolina into the association as members of the organization and to thus make their work more effective. The action of the general convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association at New Orleans last week, in declaring for fifteen cents for the balance of the crop of 1905, has also enthused the members of the organization. This writer observes, also, from reading the editorials in several of the Northern textile journals during the last few weeks, that those papers which up to a very recent period made light of the cotton growers' organization are now conceding the strength and possibilities of the association. It is apparent, too, that the northern stock and cotton market gamblers, who have been reaping the great bulk of the profit on cotton for so long, are greatly disturbed over the actual probability that the Southern farmers will hereafter fix the price of the staple, instead of these sharks.

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL.

The academic building of Trinity Park High School is to be enlarged and improved, Mr B. N. Duke having just donated the money to make all desirable improvements and enlargement. The final arrangements have been made with architects and work will begin as soon as practicable. The Columbian Literary Society has elected C. R. Pugh president, F. W. Obar vice-president, R. C. Goldstein secretary, R. L. Ferguson marshal. The Hesperian Society elected its officers last month.

GOVERNOR IN CHARLESTON.

Governor Glenn spent yesterday (Sunday) in Charleston, S. C., where he delivered two addresses, one before the Young Men's Christian As-

sociation and the other in the Scotch Presbyterian church. He was the recipient of much attention and many courtesies at the hands of the officials and citizens of Charleston.

MAGISTRATE INVESTIGATION.

Under a special charge from Judge Ward the grand jury of Wake county is investigating the official conduct of some of the magistrates of Raleigh. This is partly due to the fact that many of the cases sent on to this term of court by some of the magistrates were based on such flimsy evidence that the grand jury declined to return the true bills. It is alleged that their courts are run principally on the "financial plan," the magistrates governing their acts according to the means best affording the largest financial returns.

INTERESTING LIBERTY LETTER.

A Prosperous Little Town—Dwellings Needed—Business Houses Nearing Completion.

Mr and Mrs George Crutchfield and little son, Hony, spent last week in and around Liberty. They left Saturday, the 13th, for their home in Greensboro. Mr Crutchfield was a policeman for a number of years in that City and is now deputy sheriff. He has the reputation of being one of the best officers in Greensboro.
Mrs Emma Siler is here on her way home from Atlanta, Ga, where she has been for several weeks visiting her brother, Mr H. L. Brower and family.

Daniel Albia Teague and bride spent a few days here last week on a visit to their parents, Mr and Mrs A. A. Teague.

Our new bank and new drug store buildings are almost completed and are going to be beautiful. It is thought both will be ready to be occupied by May or sooner.

Mrs Griffin, the mother of W. H. Griffin, the cashier of the Bank of Liberty, will move here this week from Pittsboro. We welcome all such good people here. Miss Griffin came a week ago and has a position as clerk in the Bank.

Rev J. W. Frank, our new M. P. preacher, filled his pulpit twice last Sunday. Mr Frank has been in Japan for five and one half years and talks very interesting.

There is not an empty dwelling house to rent in Liberty and numbers of good people are anxious to move here. If anyone does build or change houses there is some one standing on the front steps ready to go in.

Dr B. W. Hotches has been here for a few days. This is the Dr's home, but Mrs Hotches is living in Kinston and his son at Albemarle. The Doctor is the State Lecturer for the Masonic Lodge and he is on the go all the time.

Mr H. C. Causey is now on the road buying cross ties and bridge, lumber etc for a new rail road that is being built in Eastern Carolina. Mr and Mrs J. H. Johnson have moved in their new cottage on East Greensboro St.

Mr O. T. Hatch is the happiest man in town. David had bought him a possum and it got out and was gone for a week and on last Monday he found it in his place of business, and he has a smile on his face as big as if they had twin babies at his house.

Liberty shipped 567 solid car loads of wood and lumber last year. This does not include cross ties. It has shipped more than one half hundred this month up to the 13th.

Want Railroad to Farmer.

It is learned that citizens in and around Farmer are offering inducements to Capt Jones to have his railroad extended nine miles from Denton to that place and there is a probability of this being done. One of the parties interested has offered to grade five miles of the road if Capt Jones will undertake the extension.

Mrs Fincher Paralyzed.

Mrs Fincher, wife of Rev B. F. Fincher, of Farmer, suffered a stroke of paralysis in the whole of her left side, Saturday, January 7th, from which she remains helpless; and though her condition is still serious, her physician thinks she is doing nicely. It is not thought the stroke will affect the heart.

The members of the M. E. Church are considering the matter of placing electric lights in the church. This will be for the congregation's highly appreciated improvement.

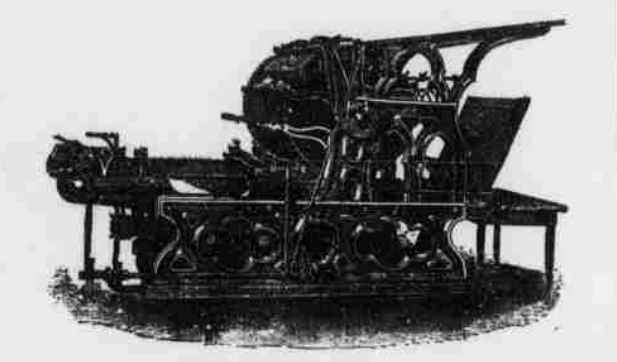
THE COURIER TODAY.

Appreciation of Support Materially Expressed by Management. New and Modern Facilities for Publication.

The increase in patronage steadily realized by the publisher of THE COURIER has proven the old plant inadequate to meet the demands of the business and as an expression of appreciation to our readers and advertisers for their past support THE COURIER has spared no expense in equipping one of the most complete printing plants known in weekly newspaper publishing in the State.

To make the paper more readable for the subscribers, and hence more valuable as an advertising medium we have enlarged to an eight-page quarto, necessitating additional room, new type, new cases and cabinets, a new press, folder, motor, mailer and many other necessary things.

Our new press is one of the best presses built by the Cottrell Co, having a capacity of 2500 four-

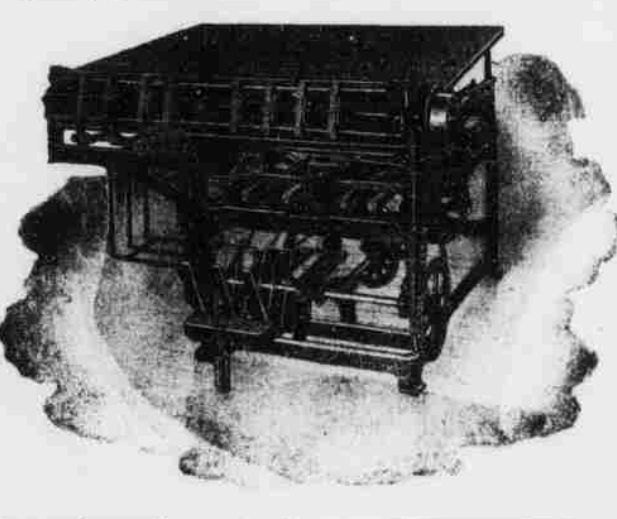


page papers an hour. We do not expect to operate the press that fast, however. The press illustrated below weighs fourteen thousand pounds, the cylinder alone weighing three thousand five hundred pounds. With a larger press we print a larger paper.

The increase in size to an eight-page paper made it necessary to add not only new type, press etc, but a folder.

Our folder is one of the best on the market, and folds, and trims the paper after they have been printed, at a rate of 2500 an hour. It will fold 16 pages, trim and paste them as easily as a 4 or 8 page paper.

The folder, and the mailer used by so many of the great papers and magazines, gives THE COURIER a



better equipment than most weekly publications have.

With our equipment now we could easily print a daily. THE COURIER has tried to go forward and never stand still. Every dollar paid us by subscribers or advertisers has gone into improvements in the paper.

Our subscribers have been kind to us. Most of them pay in advance. Few wait until the end of the year. They not only take it but pay for it.

Our job department is as complete as our news paper. We have new material and new equipments throughout and the best printers that can be obtained. This is a strong statement, but it is, nevertheless true.

Get our price and give us a trial order. The enlarged service and increased expenses will cause us to request every subscriber to pay in advance. It also means that in order to make

FIRE LIMIT ESTABLISHED

Town Commissioners in Call Session Tuesday Morning.

The Board of Commissioners were in session yesterday in response to a call issued by Mayor E. Moffitt, for the purpose of considering the establishment of a fire limit in the business section of the town. The entire Board, consisting of Messrs C. C. Cranford, C. C. McAlister, D. B. McCrary, W. F. Redding, and M. C. Spoon were present.

The board passed an ordinance making it a fine of \$50 for erecting or altering frame buildings, without a written permission from the Board and an additional fine of \$10 per day for each day the work is allowed to continue thereafter.

The Board has ordered the ordinance giving the boundaries of this limit printed and posted. The same was effective after midday, Tuesday.

The limit established is as follows: Said limit beginning at a stake at a point even with the east side of the Presbyterian church building, and the South side of W. H. Moring's residence, and running thence West to Church street; thence in a Northernly direction along the East side of Church street to a stake at a point even with the North end of the brick storehouse now owned and occupied by the McCrary-Redding Hardware Co, thence East passing along the north end of the McCrary-Redding Hardware Company's brick storehouse to a stake at a point even with the East side of the Presbyterian Church building; thence South to the beginning.

FARMERS INSTITUTE.

Series Declamers Contests to be Given—Young Ladies to Write Essays—Medals to be Awarded.

Prof McIntyre, principle of the Institute at Farmers, was a visitor in Asheboro Saturday. He reports the enrollment for the spring term increased to 85. In the class work he is assisted in the primary department by Miss Hellen Newbold, and in music and in latin by Miss Mamie McIntyre.

The boys are preparing for a series of three declamations to be given at intervals during the first three months of the spring term, preparatory to the final contest for a gold medal to be awarded at the close of the term. All will be public and are exciting much interest among the patrons and friends of the school. Among the participants are Messrs Herbert Howard, Worth Garner, Chas Shamburger, Grover Nance, Howard Harris and Edward Macon.

At the close of the school term a medal will also be awarded to the young lady preparing and reading the best essay.

DEATH OF MR BURROW.

One of Randolph's Oldest and Highly Esteemed Citizens.

Mr John M Burrow, one of the oldest citizens in the county, died at his home, two miles south of Asheboro, on Tuesday morning. The deceased had been a resident of this county all his life. He has been a consistent member of the M. P. Church at Browsers for many years. Mr Burrow leaves a large family of children: Messrs D. W. Frank, Milton, and Walter Burrow, and Mrs Newton Cox, of Asheboro, and Mrs Robt Alfred, and Mrs J. H. Wright and Mrs Miller, near Asheboro, Mrs Madison Julian, Millboro, Mrs F. M. Allred, Jackson's Hill, Mrs Fletcher King, Troy. Deceased was 86 years old.

Strikes in Lexington.

Lexington has been having trouble in the cotton mills. On last week 49 of the operatives in the Wemona Cotton Mills walked out and only two have resumed work. On Monday of this week 50 of the hands walked out demanding an increase from 22 cents per cut to 25 cents per cut. After a talk by the manager, Mr W. E. Holt, they all reconsidered.

106 Years Old.

On Sunday, December 24th, Nancy Davis, an old colored woman, living as an inmate, died at the county home of old age. By the best authority Aunt Nancy was 106 years old.

Mrs Claudia Reid and brother, J. L. Lassiter, of Randleman spent Tuesday in Asheboro.

MR. BRYANT A DIRECTOR

Piedmont Immigration Society Organized Last Week.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Greensboro Thursday afternoon for the purpose of affecting a permanent organization to induce immigrants to come to North Carolina. Prominent business men throughout the State were in attendance and great interest manifested in the movement. J. Van Lindley was elected President with five vice presidents and J. S. Kuykendall, secretary, with an assistant. Mr S. Bryant, of Randleman was elected a director. The organization will be known as the Piedmont Immigration Society. Others who attended from Randolph county were Messrs W. L. Bouldin and N. C. English, of Trinity township.

Secretary Brunner, of the State Board of Agriculture, says 60,000 immigrants are needed in the State in mills and on farms. Also that 11,000 people leave us every year, going to other States, while we get very few in return. It is on the farms and the rural districts, that the demand for labor is greatest.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Encouraging Outlook at Liberty, Normal and Trinity High Schools.

A personal letter from Liberty gives the following interesting note reference to Liberty Normal College:

The school is the best it ever has been. We have had a total enrollment of about 300 students, including both terms. The fall term enrollment was 175; and the spring term enrollment has reached 115, which makes a total of 290. New entries are registered almost every day.

An extract from a letter from Headmaster J. T. Henry, of Trinity High School reads as follows:

"I am glad to say that the school is better attended than it has been for several years. The enrollment is now larger than it has been since the college moved to Durham. The outlook for the spring is very encouraging. We begin work of the spring term January 18th.

"With best wishes for THE COURIER, I am
Yours respectfully,
J. T. HENRY."

From Ralph.

Mr Thomas Jordan, of High Point, spent Friday night and Saturday with his sister, Mrs J. L. Henry. Mr John Burrow died last Tuesday morning. The interment was at Brower's Chapel, Wednesday evening.

Mr R. E. Cox, of High Point, who has been spending some time with his father, is ill with the rheumatism, we are sorry to say.

School is not in session at Brower's Chapel this week on account of the teachers being sick.

Preachers Meeting.

On January 30th and 31st there will be held in the Methodist church in Asheboro, a Preachers Conference to embrace all preachers, both local and traveling, of the M. E. Church, South, who live or serve Churches in Randolph county. There will be some 15 ministers present.

The meeting is called by Rev N. R. Richardson at the suggestion of several others. Organization will be perfected, for better work in the exchange of ideas and experiences.

Officers Installed.

The Asheboro Lodge, K of P, No 45, met Monday night and installed the following officers:
P. C. C.—E. B. Hatch,
C. C.—J. D. Ross,
V. C. C.—J. M. Way,
Prelate—C. M. Staley,
K. of R. and S.—C. H. Rush,
M. of F.—C. B. Russell,
M. of E.—C. C. Cranford,
O. G.—J. M. Betts,
I. G.—B. K. Lockhart.

Randleman Chair Company.

Clay Armfield, of Greensboro has completed the installation of a new electric plant, in the factory of the Randleman Chair Company. The factory is wired for lights, and dynamo, engine and switch-board put in for furnishing power. All are in operation now.

Miss Ida Morris has returned from a visit to Mrs J. R. Page, at Biscoe.