

OUR RALEIGH WEEKLY LETTER.

Two Columns of Interesting News Sent Us By Our Special Correspondent.

Raleigh, N. C., June 16.—One month from to-day the Dem. State Convention will assemble at Greensboro. From present indications it will be a largely attended and lively convention, although no candidates for State executive offices are to be nominated this year (with the exception of Superintendent of Education, to fill a vacancy, and a Corporation Commissioner.) But there is sure to be considerable "strenuous" life in the proceedings when the question comes up of "nominating" or "endorsing," or not, one of the many candidates for U. S. Senator—or if a serious effort is made to order another State Primary.

PRIMARY OR CONVENTION NOMINATION PROBABLE.

From what I can learn at present all efforts along this line are liable to be even likely, so far. The party appears to be decidedly undecided as to which of the half-dozen and more gentlemen it should prefer to this exalted position, and it would be an exceedingly difficult matter to concentrate a majority of the delegates on either one of them.

By the same token it would be practically impossible to select a candidate in a State Primary, even if the convention could be persuaded to order one—which is entirely probable, for North Carolina Democrats got all and more than they wanted of "State primaries" during the Simmons-Carr contest of 1900. The probabilities, therefore, unquestionably point to leaving the entire matter open, to be settled by the Democratic legislative caucus next winter, as heretofore—barring the departure of 1900 from the old paths.

PRITCHARD PICKS CRAIG.

It is noteworthy in this connection that senator Pritchard has elected Hon. Locke Craig as his probable opponent. While in Charlotte last week Senator Pritchard stated that Mr. Craig would be the logical candidate if Justice Clark is nominated for Chief Justice—and he expressed no doubt of the latter's contingency—and added that he should therefore challenge Mr. Craig to a joint discussion of public questions and issues during the coming fall.

In commenting on this opinion of the present Senator from the West, a well-versed Democrat said to me that the fact that Judge Clark has been generally credited with working up the impeachment proceedings against the two Supreme Court Justices at the last session of the Legislature, and Representative Craig having been the leading persecutor in the House in preferring the articles of impeachment, operated to link together the political fortunes of these two candidates for the leadership offices this year.

It does not clearly appear, however, that Mr. Craig is the most popular candidate—certainly not yet—except, perhaps, in some of the extreme western counties. After leaving Asheville, coming east, it is found that Judge Hoke, Lee S. Overman, R. B. Glenn, C. H. Wasson, F. I. Osborne, S. B. Alexander, and one or two others are strong candidates in the counties of the middle west and Piedmont county. These together with Mr. J. S. Carr, would certainly control a majority of the votes east of Greensboro and Charlotte, and is related to me by several gentlemen who travel extensively through the State, that several of them each have a larger following than Mr. Craig.

It would therefore appear to be utterly impracticable to get the State Convention to endorse Mr. Craig, or either of the others named unless some new unforeseen reas-

on or contingency of unusual and portentous value shall be advanced and made good. If a primary was ordered it is plain that there could not be a selection, as neither candidate could poll a majority of the votes cast, and probably neither would have as many as one-third of all the votes. For these and other reasons the legislative caucus and the General Assembly will doubtless handle the job.

A THOUSAND "KICKERS."

Next Saturday promises to be a particularly warm day in Charlotte. In the county court house there at noon a "Democratic convention" will be held, in protest against the "oath-bound primary" ordered by the majority of the County Dem. Committee. Whether a county ticket will be nominated at this convention has not been definitely stated, but the prospects are that if not put in the field this week the anti-primary Democrats will support a ticket of their own choosing on election day instead of the one named by the primary in which they will not participate. The call for the convention next Saturday is signed by about one thousand Mecklenburg Democrats, and in annexing their names to the call the Charlotte Observer takes up two and a half columns of its space. There are certainly a lot of 'em.

NEW MASONIC GRAND OFFICERS.

At the annual communication of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, held at Winston-Salem, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John C. Drewry, of Raleigh; R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, Henry G. Smallbones, of Wilmington; R. E. Grand King, William Anderson, of Charlotte; R. E. Grand Scribe, James D. Glenn, of Greensboro; R. E. Grand Treasurer, William Simpson, of Raleigh; R. E. Grand Secretary, James C. Munds, of Wilmington; E. Grand Chaplain, W. E. Hubbard; E. Grand Captain of the Host, Lat. Williams, of Wilson; E. Grand Principal Sojourner, A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh; E. Grand Royal Arch Captain, F. M. Short, of Washington; E. Grand Master of the Third Veil, J. C. Braswell, of Enfield; E. Grand Master of the Second Veil, J. B. Griggs, of Elizabeth City; E. Grand Master of the First Veil, James W. Shuford, of Hickory; E. Grand Lecturer, F. M. Moye, Wilson; E. Grand Sentinel, R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh.

The Grand Commandry, Knights Templar, which also met at Winston-Salem, elected R. E. Sir John C. Drewry Grand Commander, etc. The parade of the Grand Commandry in their magnificent Knight Templar uniforms and the turnout of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in gorgeous Arabian robes, was a great feature of the occasion. Wilmington was selected as the next place of meeting.

VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST.

The North Carolina Medical Society, at the annual meeting at Wilmington, elected the following officers: President, A. W. Knox, Raleigh; Vice Presidents, E. G. Moore, Elm City; C. A. Julian, Thomasville; W. W. McKensie, Salisbury; J. L. Nicholson, Richardsonville; Secretary, J. Howell Way, Waynesville; Treasurer, G. T. Sikes, Grissom. Board of Medical Examiners (to serve six years); Frank H. Russell, Wilmington; M. H. Fletcher, Asheville; J. M. Parrott, Kinston; C. J. O'Hagan, Greenville; Geo. W. Pressley, Charlotte; J. A. Kent, Lenoir; J. T. Battle, Greensboro. The next meeting will be held at Hot Springs. E. D. Latta, Jr., of Charlotte, has graduated a Princeton University, and was first honor man in a class of 385 students. Some of the swindlers who operated the "Amos Owen Cherry tree" fraud and defrauded thousands of women out of \$12 or more and several weeks of work each while "writing endless chain of letters" for them, were tried in the United States Court at Charlotte last week. In this connection it is interesting to note that old man Amos Owen (who was present as a witness) was one of the first two "Ku-Klux" to be convicted and sent to the Federal Penitentiary at Albany, N. Y., Capt. Randolph A. Shotwell being the other. They were sentenced to pay a fine of \$8,000 each and to serve six years at hard labor, but were pardoned by President Grant at the end of two years.

The State Teachers' Assembly which began its annual meeting at Morehead City last Wednesday adjourned yesterday (Sunday) after the annual sermon by Rev. T. D. Bratton of St. Mary's School of Raleigh. It was a most enjoyable and successful meeting, and Governor Aycock, Dr. C. D. McIver, Governor Jarvis and a number of other prominent and eloquent men delivered addresses. President Venerable of the University was elected President for the ensuing year, and W. D. Carmichael, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer.

A LESSON IN PROGRESSIVENESS. It is Not Wise to Encourage Outside Capital.

There is no question but that today, there are many Southern towns and cities, whose people and the local business organizations are trying to induce outside money to come in and build them up, which are really congested already with money, which is held in their banks, or else placed at interest, which is helping some nearby town to build up.

It is the active dollar, put into local circulation, which does the developing, and while there may be thousands of dollars in a city's bank vaults, and the bank statements may indicate prosperity, as to dollars on deposit, there may be an utter lack of development of progress in the community.

It is the shut up dollar in the bank vault, or put out of circulation in the purchase of outside securities, stocks or bonds, which is in contrast to the active dollar, going its rounds in a community.

The one acts as a clog to local development, the other promotes business and builds up trade. If the people of many communities which are now begging outsiders to come in and invest their money with them, would instead constitute themselves a committee of the whole, take an inventory of their own local funds, and after doing so, would make their own money an active factor in local development, instead of keeping it in safes and vaults, there would be no need of outside help. And the community, develops itself, through its own means, is the one which is going to show real development. Many places are today, in the South, congested and sluggish, just because their people refuse to use their own money in local development, and instead keep calling upon strangers to come in and help them. No development need be expected in such communities, for outside capital is not attracted to any place whose people are not showing that they can help themselves.

The Tale of a Panama.

One or two of Elizabeth City's sporting fraternity have invested the treasured "bucks," that represent the toil of a winter, in the purchase of the Panama hat. A Panama looks like last summer every day in the year. There is nothing of the beautiful, artistic, or sublime in its make up but the price tag makes up for all. They cost anywhere from \$15 to \$100 and the fellow that sports a Panama sets himself up as a lady killer in about three wobbles of a rabbit's nose. Now Mr. Wells the racket store man, believing in social equality put in a line of Panamas that looked the real thing but sold for only 23c.

The case contained twelve dozen of the swell looking sky pieces but even these did not supply the demand created. The lids were sold out in one night and one hundred and forty-four lady slayers were doffing their Panamas to the envious ones that lacked that addition to their "Coco."

Everything went well until Sunday afternoon. At that time Poindexter street, Main street and half a dozen other thoroughfares were set off with dozens of the twenty penny lids.

Then it rained. No need to tell the rest. Three words suffice, the sad tale to relate. Ye cheap Panama was a relic of by-

gone days, the wearers presented the appearance of just having stepped from the comic supplement of ye yellow journal.

The artistic top piece was no more. From out the threatening clouds, that through the wind swept heavens sped, descended a deluge that threatened to even pound the temperance tent into the semblance of wet cotton waste.

The Panamas went down like the fall of a conquered gobbler. Monday morning the last vestige of these cheap but sporty domes had been washed out of existence. They were all right while the sun was shining but it all came, out in the wash.

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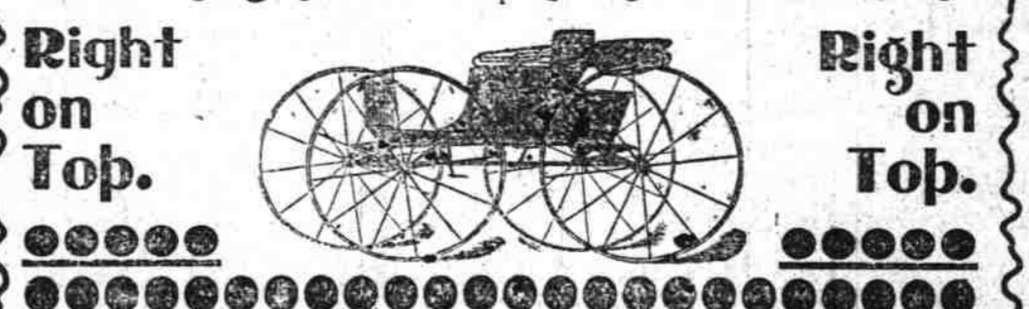
Four Routes for Pasquotank County.

The Acquisition of a Service That Will Bring the Farmer in Touch With the City.

The first issue of this paper advocated a petition for Rural Free Delivery. In many successive issues we agitated the matter and as a reward for our efforts we now have the pleasure of chronicling the acquisition of this service for Pasquotank County.

Ass't Sup. A. B. Veazey was here last week. He made a survey of the proposed routes and the matter now rests with the third asst. postmaster general. Mr. Veazey has suggested that four routes be given this county the total distance to be covered by these four routes being probably in excess of one hundred miles. The carriers will leave the Elizabeth City office at 7:30 a. m. and return at 5:30 p. m.

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