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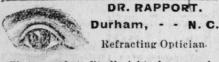
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Votes a Bond Issue for Water Lights and Street Im-

(Special to the News and Observer.) Mt. Airy, N. C., Jan. 6 .- The election held here today on the question of issuing bonds to the amount of fifty thousand dollars for water, lights and street improvement resulted in an overwhelming majority for bends.

The progressive element of the town is

provements.

TO FIGHT WHISKEY INTERESTS.

Prohibitionists Effecting Organization in Wilmington --- Mass Meeting Friday Night.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 6 .- There is no onger the least doubt that a strong fight will be made here against the liquor interest in connection with the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina. A meeting of twenty or more strong prohibitionists was held last night in the Y. M C. A. and arrangements were made for a massgathering of voters to be held in the association building on Friday night, January 19th, at which time it is proposed to have Editor J. A. Oates, of Fayetteville, and Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway, of Charlotte, to address them. The "antis" make no secret of the fact that they are organizing to influence legislation either in favor of total prohibition in Wilmington or the establishment of a dispensary The question, it is understood, will

be made an issue in this city campaign. Advices have been received here that the U. S. Revenue Cutter Tuscarora, recently built in the Trigg Shipyards at Richmond and fitted with machinery at Baltimore, has sailed from the last name port and will be stationed here regularly in the future, succeeding the Algonquin. Captain David A. Hall is in command of the Tuscarora.

The new steamer City of Fayetteville which arrived Sunday from Jacksonville, Fla., via Charleston and Georgetown, S C., proceeded this morning to her home port-Fayetteville-where she will be handsomely furnished by Lord & Taylor, of New York. After ten days she will enter the freight and passenger service n the Cape Fear river.

General Matt W. Ransom has accept the invitation of the Veterans and Daugh ters of the Confederacy to deliver the ad dress upon the occasion of the celebration here, January 19th, of General Lee'

birthday. Walker Memorial Hospital, the splendid institution built at a cost of \$75,000 and given to the city and county by the late James Walker upon the condition that i ent session of the Legislature to pass an ct giving the city and county the power to appropriate annually \$12,000 to the upport of the hospital, instead of \$8,000 the amount now contributed. The Board f Aldermen last night adopted a resolu tion in sympathy, with the movement be

Cincinnati Lawyers Investigating the Disappearance of the McCormick Will.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Asheville, N. C., Jan. 6 .- A party of ver a dozen left from counties on the Murphy Road for the Indian Territory today. Twenty-five others go on the 29th when low rates will rgain be offered. Several of the party go to invest as a business speculation, others for the purose of making future residence there.

Yancey county people are elated over he prospect of a railroad to Asheville. The strike of linemen has a fair prospect of adjustment in a conference be tween strikers and the telephone people

Cincinnati lawyers are here today to make investigation into the disappearance of the McCormick will, made just previous to his death at Battery Park Hotel a short while back.

FIRE AT LUMBERTON.

W. J. Prevatt Has a Heavy Loss Partially Covered by Insurance.

(Special to News and Observer.) Lumberton, N. C., Jan. 6 .- At 12 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the store of Mr. B. Godwin, corner Fourth and Elm streets, occupied by Mr. W. J. Prevatt general merchant. By quick and efficient work our excellent fire company soon had the fire under control and prevented its spread, though the entire stock of goods was either burned or damaged by water. The loss on the stock was twelve thousand dollars, insurance six thousand five

The loss on the building was completely evered by insurance.

Hon. Locke Craig for Senator.

To the Editor: The time to elect United States Senator for North Carolina in the place of Mr. Pritchard has arrived, and I ask that you kindly permit me, in the columns of your paper, to add my voice to those who favor the election of Hon. Locke Craig. The nation in its intelligence has just dropped a tear and passed a sigh of regret at the grave of one of its greatest men, so conceded, regardless of his politics. The American people may not have loved him, but they all respected and honored him as truly This report reaching Mr. great man. I allude to the passing of ex-Speaker Reed, of Maine, whose name s known from ocean to ocean, and from continent to continent, and by all fairminded men of the two great parties himself, and that if any one could be is the one man among all men since the ime of Lincoln that was entitled to the residency at the hands of a Republican party, but because he would not bow to the yoke of wrong doing they sought tracked, and a man more pliable, and Supreme court rooms, and performed ou more subject to the dictations of the money power of both parties, was electvotes in the Democratic party, and Tom with a name that will be honored for integrity as the ages go by that will be equal in the high class of remembrance o the name of the man twice selected President over his just claim to the obey the call of my State or party, and office. No man ever lived that will give if it is the wish of the convention to

the Republican party the devotion and make me their nominee I will do my inselfish service that Reed did.

lina, being a close reader of the leading papers of the State, I must say there while riding at night to fill an appoint s no man save Governor Aycock and our present Senator, Mr. Simmons, that has a matter with which the public given such a record for party service as familiar. Mr. Craig. I know nothing of the other gentlemen in the race other than I have seen in the press. No doubt, as far as competency goes, and as far as being good and true Democrats, they may possess all the qualities that Mr. Craig possesses, but certainly the press for the past six years gives no history of efforts by them in behalf of the party that meas ures up with those of Mr. Craig. I de know but for the mountain section of the State standing for white supremacy the Eastern part of the State would today be under the bane of negro denomi nation to a large extent, and Mr. Craig and Mr. Aycock stand pre-eminently ahead of any men in the State in the great field work that brought about the

Mr. Craig is young, he is able, he is am bitious, he has the sign boards of Vance and Ransom to guide him to higher plains of patriotism and statesmanship ne has proved the metal is in him, and that he is in full accord with the spirit of the age and liberal Democracy, and able to handle both the State's business interest as proven in the impeachment debate, and its political interest as proven in the joint debates with Pritchard and is already known as a worker for the party, better than any of his competitors, as he was the only man the Republican party considered as the proper one to challenge through their only hope left in the South to win a seat in the Senate, so I hope the Legislature of North Carolina will give reward to the man who, without wealth has fought truly and bravely the battle of Democracy I den't want it, but some body must when the gauntlet was thrown down to him by its enemies, and by the strongest enemy the Democratic party has, not only in the State, but in the South. Craig is the proper man to succeed Mr. Pritchard, for the Republican Senate already knows of him, and that he was worthy the steel that they hurled at him, and will hear him and recognize him as he is the man that did more than any of his opponents in the race to forever bury Mr. Pritchard in oblivion.

Let Mr. Craig have the seat of Pritchard, and I feel the State will have done tself honor and set a mark of encouragement for the young Democracy of the State to vie with each other in their Dr. McIver Will Speak in Carnegie efforts for progress and patriotism. Respectfully,

Waynesville, N. C., Jan. 5, 1903.

Hen Cyrus B Watson for Senator.

To the Editor: I have believed that served the State is well known. Boy soldier, wearing no insignia of rank—without the gold nestars or bars upon his collar, but with his bright musket and glittering bayonet on his shoulder he ined with no unequal step the tramp f that mighty army of heroes under its mmortal Lee, and sustained the cause of the South with undauntedJ courage for four long years of bloody battles.

Having shed his blood upon Virginia's oil, he was spared by God's mercy to his Democratic brethren in uphold ng white supremacy and good government in North Carolina for the past quarter of a century.

Orators in many political campaigns ave upheld the valor of the Confederate soldier, and have an abiding faith that heir sincerity is to be relied upon.

Where ability, honesty and statesmanship is equal should not the Confederate oldier be given the preference? Cerainly it must be remembered that if recognition does not come and that oon, it will be too late:

Confederates are now rapidly passing away. The younger have attained that age where ripe experience and conservatism makes their council sound and nvaluable

If I am not mistaken, our State that urnished more soldiers than any of her sister States, has not today a single Confederate soldier representing her in the Congress of the United States, even Maryland's two Democratic members, newly elected, fought under the stars and bars, and I doubt if any of the late Confederate States are without a soldier representative.

Will not the absence of a Confederate soldier in her representation in Congress be noticed by the world as a discrimina tion against the Confederate soldier, and will not North Carolina be justly condemned as lacking in appreciation of those who have made her name glorious in the history of nations struggling for their rights? Or else subject her to the criticism of insincerity?

There is an episode in the political areer of our friend to which it would be croper, I think, for to mention. You will recall that another distinguished

Democrat other than our friend, expected to be nominated until a few days before the convention, when he declined to permit his name to be used. It was a period of gloom, and the coming disaste and disgrace to the State was antic pated by many of our loyal and faithfu Democrats. Though a nomination f Governor of North Carolina is always great honor, there was none soliciting that nomination. Some of our leader turning their eyes on Mr. Watson as the man to lead a forlorn hope, called on him, and urged his acceptance of the nomination to which he yielded. Later in the morning and before the convention assembled it was reported that Judge Clark would accept the nomination. sent for Mr. Simmons and myself, and requested us to visit Judge Clark and say to him that in his opinion that he was ten thousand votes stronger than elected that Judge Clark was the man and if he would accept the nomination that he would go to the convention an place him in nomination and ask tha t be made unanimously. Mr. Simmo and myself found Judge Clark at th mission. Judge Clark declined for rea ons unnecessary to mention here, which satisfied me of his wisdom doing so. Returning we advised Mr Watson of our interview, and insiste that Mr. Watson should accept the nomi nation. I remember well the patriot "Gentlemen, I have neve response: shirked a responsibility nor refused to Eastern Railroad Company.

to win a victory." How bravely he en From my few years stay in North Car- tered the contest and canvassed the Stat until his unfortunate injury receive ment, which disabled him for months i

> The Democratic party has been r stored to power. Is it not in accordance with the fitness of things that as he fel with us that he should now rise with us In war and peace fighting the battle of his State and party. Ready acrifice life for one, and ambition fo the other. Brave, patriotic, able and nonest, I sincerely hope that our Legisature will honor him and the State by electing him United States Senator. Most respectfully,

WILSON G. LAMB. Williamston, N. C., Jan. 6, 1903.

Hon. Cyrus B. Watson for Senator.

Hon. John N. Wilson, ex-State Senator rom Guilford, who is in the city in the nterest of the section of Hon. Cyrus B Watson, a leading candidate for United tates Senator, has received a letter from Hon. W. W. Barber, of Wilkes, in favor he selection of Mr. Watson, from whi he following extracts are taken:

"We were all at sea, nobody would r -all knew that defeat was certain an to one knew what to do. Suddenly lash went over the crowd, the cry was Watson will accept the nomination for Governor.' As soon as I heard it, I hastened to see him, for I knew defeat was sure and I did not want him to sacrifice his life and meet such defeat. I foun him in the Yarborough, and I remem! well his words after he had listened me he said, 'Yes, William, if I am non ated for Governor, I will accept and nake the best fight I am able to mak nake the race and meet the defeat tha row seems certain. A great many ha plead with me to make this race and fo the sake of the party, I will do it." Aft moment's reflection he added, "It ma kill me, for it is an awful big undertak ing to canvass North Carolina, but I ar going to obey the party's call and trus to Providence to give me strength

"His words convinced me of his devo tion to our party and I have ever since hoped that the party would be as true to him as he was to it in the dark days

Hall,

(New York Herald.)

Public account of some of the opera ions of the Southern Educational Board will be given at a meeting in Carneg Hall Friday evening, January 9. Speak ers will be Dr. C. W. Dabney, pres when Cyrus B. Watson desired official dent of the University of Tennessee; Dr trust by our party and State that his E. A. Alderman, president of Tulane wishes would be granted. How he has University, and Dr. C. D. McIver, presi dent of the North Carolina Woman's College. Singers from Hampton Insti tute of Virginia will furnish the music

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