

FOR DEMOCRATS TO PONDER.

Three of the State's Governors
Since 1887 Have Come From
"Fifth."

WEST ASKS FOR FAIR PLAY.

The West, Representing Nearly One-Half the State in Voting Population, Presents a Candidate and Seeks Simply Justice, When It Asks the Nomination of Mr. Locke Craig—Strong Reasons Why He is the Logical Candidate.

To the Editor of The Observer:

Since 1887 we have had seven Governors, including Governor Fowle, who lived only a short time after he was elected. Three of these have come from the fifth district—Scales from Greensboro, Holt from Burlington, and Glenn from Winston-Salem. If Mr. Kitchin is nominated the fifth district will have had the nomination four times out of seven—Holt and Fowle filling out only one term. During the six terms the Republicans have had the office one term (Russell from 1894 to 1898), but the Democratic candidate against Russell (Hon. C. B. Watson) was from this same district, so that if Mr. Kitchin is nominated, of the eight Democratic nominees for Governor since 1884 all but three will have come from one congressional district, one of these three (Fowle) from Raleigh in the fourth district, and the other two (Aycock and Carr) from east of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad.

West of the fifth district is the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth congressional districts. These districts constitute, in voting population, nearly one-half of the State, and in them is found the bulk of the Republican vote of the State. Two of them, the eighth and tenth, are close, if not doubtful, districts, and in these four districts there are more than a score of senatorial districts and counties which we carried last year by very small majorities. These four districts have for years been, and they are still, the real battle ground. Outside of them there is but little real fighting out of a few counties. In the balance of the State since the adoption of the amendment we have had a walkover. The fifth district, since the amendment, has been strongly Democratic. Two of its counties are, and have been all along, Republican; the balance of them are Democratic. It is true Person county (Mr. Kitchin's home county) elected a Republican to the last Legislature, but all the rest of our ticket carried that county, and our candidate for the Legislature was beaten, not because the county was not Democratic, but chiefly on account of dissatisfaction because he would not promise to introduce and try to have passed by the Legislature a bill to exempt that county from certain provisions of the Watts law.

Now, while four of the last seven Democratic candidates for Governor have come from the fifth district, and if Mr. Kitchin is nominated, the score will be "five out of eight" for that district. The seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth congressional districts have not had a Democratic Governor, or a Democratic candidate for Governor, in thirty-two years, though in recent years they have repeatedly appealed to the party for this recognition. By an overwhelming majority these four districts will ask the Democratic convention when it assembles on the 24th to nominate Mr. Craig for first place on the ticket. They will ask it in the interest of two congressional districts—the eighth and tenth districts—districts just redeemed. They will ask it in the interest of a score of close and doubtful counties and senatorial districts. They will ask it in the interest of a fair distribution of this great office. They will ask it because, while in recent years the territory east of the Wilmington & Weldon railroad has had the office twice, and the center has had it four times (the fifth district having had it three out of these four times), the great section west of the fifth district has not had it for thirty-two years. They will ask it upon the ground that again this year they will have to bear the brunt of the fight and that the interest of the party and State require that they should be helped and encouraged and strengthened. They

will ask it because their candidate is fit and deserving and has done more campaigning for the Democratic party during the last sixteen years than any man in the party, except our last two Governors, and unlike them and others has had no reward. They will ask it upon the ground that no man in the State has a stronger claim upon the party for the place than the candidate they will present; and finally, they will ask it upon the ground that no section of the State has stronger claims for the place than the section from which he comes.

Let Democrats contrast the claims upon the party by this man and this section with those of the fifth district and its candidate. No one, of course, has anything to say against the Democracy of the people of the fifth district, but that district certainly has no claim this time for the nomination, for it has had the honor nearly all the time for the past twenty-four years, and surely the candidate from the fifth district, Mr. Kitchin, can present no special claim for the nomination, either by virtue of party service or actual accomplishment during twelve years as a member of Congress, unless it shall be held that the \$65,000 he has during this time received from the government in salary is inadequate compensation for the few speeches he has made outside of his district.

From the foregoing statement of facts two conclusions seem to be inevitable: First, that the center and especially that portion of the center constituting the fifth congressional district, is not entitled to the candidate for Governor this year, having already had the office four times during the last twenty-four years. Second, that if it is to be given to the west it should go to Mr. Craig, who distinctly represents this section and if to the east to Mr. Horne, who is the only candidate east of the fifth district.

W. T. LEE.

Waynesville, June 4, 1908.

AWARDED \$5,000.

Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of Plaintiff in Case of Cox vs. Southern Railway Co.

Saturday night in Guilford Superior Court the jury returned a verdict in the case of J. H. Cox, admx. vs. the High Point, Asheboro, Randleman and Southern Railroad allowing the plaintiff \$5,000 damages. \$30,000 was the amount asked for.

The suit was brought by J. H. Cox, administratrix of Cyrus Cox, whose death, it was claimed, was caused by a wreck on the railroad between High Point and Asheboro. Cox was a postal clerk on the train that was derailed and only lived ten days after the wreck. The wreck occurred in March 1905.

Lineman Electrocuted.

John White, lineman for the Thomasville Light and Power Co., was electrocuted while putting up an arc light Saturday. He was standing on a box working when he stepped to the ground unthoughtfully holding on to a live wire. 2300 volts of electricity immediately passed through his body, causing instant death.

Twenty-One Die in Tornado.

A most destructive tornado swept over Southern Nebraska and Kansas Friday, doing greater damage and causing more deaths than any storm in many years. Many towns and villages were wrecked and the death list, which has reached twenty-three continues to grow as lines of communication are re-established.

Cotton-Henderson.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Brownrigg Henderson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. J. S. Henderson, of Salisbury, to Lieut. Lyman Alkinson Cotton, of U. S. Navy. The marriage will take place in July. Mr. Cotton is a native of North Carolina and is stationed at Newport, Rhode Island.

After the Democratic ticket has been nominated at Deaver, it will have to be elected in November. There's the rub. Democrats can't afford to nominate a candidate who will not unite the party.



COL. W. P. WOOD, of Asheboro, Candidate for Democratic Nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

CONTEST OPENS MONDAY

First Votes Will Be Polled Monday, June 15th—A Few Days of Hard Work Will Win for Someone a Piano—There Will Be Many Other Prizes.

No votes have been cast in our contest yet. None will be cast until next Monday; then the battle will open and will be waged with determination. There will be a chance for every one to win. Work should begin now. A fair, square deal will be given to every one.

Start at this beginning, next Monday morning. Send in your subscriptions on that day. Do not wait. Old subscriptions count as well as new ones—don't forget that. Get all the renewals you can.

It is dead easy to get subscribers for The Courier. Everybody wants The Courier. Every family wants to read it. The children cry for it like they do for a well known croup syrup.

If you are not in the race get in it. If you have a friend that is not in it write to us and suggest her name. New entries can be made at any time. If you don't want to get in the race yourself write us and name some friend that you are interested in. Speak to her about it and get your friends to send in their subscriptions for her. You will help your friends, you will help yourself, and you will help us, by so doing.

Write and tell us who your favorite is and then work for her among your friends. It is not hard work to work for your friends when you are interested. Get your friends to help you. They will be glad to do so if you will ask them.

Our complete list of prizes is not yet made out is the reason we do not publish a complete list. But that is no reason why you should not go to work, because the votes will count all the same.

You may get subscriptions from anywhere in the wide world. You are not confined to your district in your work. Now is the time for you to go to work to get subscriptions to win the capital prize in the Courier contest.

If you go about it right you will be sure to win. A good start is half the battle.

Never did you have such an opportunity to get a fine prize for so little work and so little effort. It is an unparalleled offer the Courier is giving this time in its contest.

The Courier's annual contest this year will be more interesting than ever. Everybody can get prizes. Ask the contestants in our contest last year if they were not satisfied and if they did not get their money's worth. The sooner you begin the better it will be. Every day you put off is that much time lost.

If there is anything about the contest you do not understand write us about it and we will explain. Come around to the office and let us show you how to work and talk with you as to the best methods, for we are sure we can prove to you

without a doubt that you can win one of our big prizes.

There will be no partiality shown to any one contestant that all have not the privilege to enjoy. Any one may vote as often as he pleases by paying an annual subscription.

Kind reader, you should use this opportunity to help some young lady win one of the prizes. For every dollar you pay there is a dollar's worth of value. When you pay your subscription and vote for your friends it is an investment you make and not an expenditure. Your money is not wasted that is paid for the paper.

The race is never ended until the goal is reached. Do not lose heart if some one is ahead of you, because you may overtake and may become a leader yourself.

Every now and then you find a man who thinks he cannot subscribe for his local paper. No citizen can afford to be without his local newspaper. Instead of a local paper being worth \$1.00 a year it is worth \$5.00 a year and more to every subscriber. The ideas advanced and the suggestions that are made and the local news and personals and happenings are worth more than the price of any paper.

Plowed Up Gold Coins.

Willie Thompson, a farmer of Saxapahaw, Alamance county last week plowed up 413 pieces of British gold coin valued at \$2,000 in U. S. money. It is supposed that the money was buried by a member of the British army while Lord Cornwallis was camping near Saxapahaw during the Revolutionary war. Most of the coin was dated 1776.

Large Canning Company.

The American Canning Co. is a new enterprise chartered at \$125,000 for Winston-Salem. The company will operate canning factories at Rural Hill, Elkin, Pilot Mountain and Mt. Airy. The plants will begin operation about June 15th.

New Mill at Troy.

J. W. Allred, of Rameaux, was in Asheboro Monday en route to Troy, where he has a contract to construct a dam across Little river for a new cotton mill. The dam is six miles from Troy and is being built for Sam Smitherman, who proposes next year to build a \$250,000 cotton mill on the site.

Cheap Claptrap.

It is a cheap generosity which promises the future in compensation for the present. But, when it comes to reform in the tariff, the currency, the election methods, and other matters, such a promise is the essence of Republican statesmanship.

RANDOLPH OFFERS STRONG CANDIDATE.

Col. W. P. Wood for Lieut.-Governor. No One More Worthy.

Col. W. P. Wood is the choice of Randolph county for Lieutenant-Governor—And not only Randolph, but several other counties have instructed for him and Mr. Wood has received letters from some of the best men of the State urging him to command them if they can be of service in securing his nomination. Of all the noble sons of Carolina they could not advocate one more worthy, capable and loyal for Lieutenant-Governor.

Col. Wood was born and reared at Caraway, this county. He received an education in the public schools of Randolph and Montgomery counties, living at one time near Mr. Gilead.

At the age of 17 years he volunteered and marched to the front with the first company from Randolph county and during the four years of war was found where fighting was hardest, always on duty and never faltering.

After the war he returned to Randolph and went into business at Asheboro. He was almost destitute but with pluck and determination he developed a large business and is today one of the county's largest merchants.

He has always been a loyal democrat and although he has not been an officeholder he has twice been elected State treasurer, once he has been in the Senate and twice he has represented the county in the House.

He is unselfish, conscientious and sincere and always acting for the best interest of the people in his official conduct. He is acquainted with the needs of the State, is interested in her development; he is a good presiding officer and is wise and considerate.

Col. W. P. Wood should be given second place on the Democratic ticket. He will add strength to it.

Hoke Smith Defeated.

The defeat of Hoke Smith by 18,000 majority in Georgia by Joseph E. Brown, in the primaries on last Thursday, was a surprise to many.

One remarkable thing about the recent contest is that Hoke Smith stumped the state from end to end while Joe Brown, who says he cannot make a speech, has sat still at his Marietta home and has conducted his campaign through newspapers and by correspondence. Both the candidates before the campaign began, sent out a statement that they favored prohibition and negro disfranchisement. Both candidates practically stood upon the same platform. The only issue in the campaign was that of personalities.

Ex-Sheriff Dead.

Ex-Sheriff B. Frank Jones, of Yadkin county, died at his home at West Bend recently. He is survived by three brothers, two sisters, two sons and five daughters. The brothers are: Albert Jones, of South Fork township, this county; Dr. W. O. Jones, of High Point, and P. C. Jones, of Wilkesboro. The sisters include Miss Phoebe Jones, of High Point, and Miss Sarah Jones, of Wilkesboro. The sons are Jesse Jones, of Roanoke, Va., and Joseph Jones, of Idaho. The daughters are Medames Poindeexter, Davis and Strupe, of Yadkin county. Two others reside in the west.

Dr. Winston Resigned.

The Executive Committee of the A. & M. College met at Raleigh Wednesday to receive the resignation of Dr. George T. Winston, as president of that institution.

The resignation came as a surprise, and follows the granting of a \$2,500 annuity from the Carnegie fund for advancement of education. The board will elect a successor July 23rd.

Touring Canada in An Auto.

R. L. Holt and Lawrence Holt, Jr., of Burlington and J. H. Irwin, of Durham, who have been North for several days, purchased a 40-horse power auto at Detroit, Mich., last week and will drive through Canada and the Eastern States and back to North Carolina.

Presiding Elder No More.

Contrary to expectations, the Methodist Episcopal Conference which recently convened in Baltimore, abolished the title of Presiding Elder and adopted in the place thereof District Superintendent.

EVERYBODY INVITED

The Day of All Days for the People of Randolph.

SATURDAY, JULY THE FOURTH

Big Parade—Prominent Speakers—Interesting Ball Games—Interesting Athletic Contests and Music by the Band—Unbounded Pleasure for All.

The largest gathering of people ever assembled in Randolph county is expected in Asheboro Saturday July 4th. The day will be full of interesting features and the citizens of Asheboro will leave nothing undone that will add to the pleasure of the visitors to the city on that day.

Almost every merchant in Asheboro will be represented in the parade by a float to add to the beauty of the parade which will accompany the speaker to the Auditorium where the address will be delivered.

Former Cornet band has been engaged for the occasion.

It is expected that Millboro and Central Falls base ball teams will play a game of ball in the morning and in the afternoon Asheboro and Troy will cross bats.

An attractive program of athletic sports is being arranged also for the afternoon. The attractions will be:

Potato Race, 50 yards.
Sack Race, 100 yards.
Barrel Race, 100 yards.
Greasy Pig Race—catch-as-catch-can.

Climbing the greasy pole.
100 yards dash—foot race.
100 yards dash—Wheelbarrow race
Tug of war.
Running high jump.
Standing high jump.
Hammer throwing.
Shot-put.
Standing Broad jump.
Running Broad jump.
Vaulting.
Bicycle race, etc. etc.

Besides these there will be a nail driving contest for the ladies, as well as the egg & king contest and the spoon and egg race.

Persons who will enter these races to compete for prizes should enroll at once. Address James H. Kivett or B. A. Yeargin.

A dog and pony show is expected to exhibit educated dogs, ponies, monkeys, give acrobatic performances, high dive and many other circus numbers.

The day will be full of pleasure and not a dull minute will be experienced if you see and hear all that is to be seen and heard on that day.

Every citizen of Randolph county is cordially invited to spend Saturday, July 4th in Asheboro.

BEECH HARGIS.

Another Chapter in History of Famous Kentucky Feud.

Beech Hargis, charged with murdering his father, Judge Hargis, the famous Kentucky feudist, was put on trial at Jackson, Ky., last week. Feeling in the case is strong and much trouble was experienced securing a jury. The boy's mother says she is prepared to spend \$50,000 to free him and he has some amount. The strongest legal talent in the mountains has been employed to defend him, while the citizens of Jackson have made up a public subscription to push the prosecution.

Iredell's Road Work.

Iredell county will have 18 miles of macadamized road when the work being done by the convicts and by contractors is completed. The road fund is in excess of \$20,000 annually, derived by special tax. The commissioners are paying for all road work as it is completed, and do not contract in excess of the funds available, and though building slowly, the county has no debt to worry about.

Attempt to Kill Military Martyr.

A would-be assassin, standing within three feet of President Fallieres at Paris last Thursday, fired two shots at May. Dreyfus, the famous French military martyr, painfully but not seriously wounding him. Shooting has aroused the smouldering Semite question and the trouble threatens to spread over France.

The whole town of Enid, Okla. was washed away Saturday by a freshet in Boggy Creek, which runs through the town. Water was 12 feet deep in the business center.