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IN REGARD TO WAGE-EARNER.

Reviewing the conditions of the various trades in the state for last year the Bureau of Labor and Printing, though the assistant commissioner, gives expression to the following:

"The conclusions reached with reference to wage-earners were obtained at a period when conditions indicated a fortunate state of affairs for this class of the state's citizenship. Later in the year, however, and after all the information concerning this feature of the report had been collected, working-men were thrown into a state of unrest on account of financial disturbances which retarded the wheels of industry to such an extent as to seriously affect the progress of these wealth producers generally."

"During the first three quarters of the year 1907 the wage-earners made more rapid progress, perhaps, than for any similar period in the history of the state. There was a persistent demand for all kinds of labor and wages soared for above the usual scale. The summary below presents an accurate idea of conditions prior to the industrial depression, which came upon the country during the closing months of the year, resulting in a reduction of wages in nearly every line of industrial development, and diminishing greatly the apparent need for the services of the working classes that had existed a few months previous. Many industrial plants began running on short time, in addition to which thousands of laborers were compelled to accept a reduction of wages, also. Especially is this true regarding operatives of textile institutions and the inevitable result has been an abandonment, by large numbers, of the mill village and a return to the rural communities.

"The moral and educational conditions of the wage-earners, throughout the state, show an improvement that should be most pleasing as indicated in themselves, many of whom have written letters expressive of their views upon certain public questions, viz: Child labor in the mills, compulsory education and immigration. The preponderance of sentiment is averse to child labor and unrestricted immigration and favorable to the enactment of a compulsory school law."

The prohibition question is by no manner of means a political issue. It is a contest of the right against one of the greatest evils of modern times. Concerning the campaign now on to rid North Carolina of the saloon and the still, the McDowell Democrat well says: "It is a fight for the safety and purity of the home and every man who loves the home and all that it stands for is called on to line up, in this great battle, on the side of the home."

After April 1st The Hustler will not be mailed to subscribers who are a year or more behind. This is done in accordance with the new postoffice ruling. We hope every subscriber will make satisfactory arrangements before the first so that we will not have to erase a single name. But if we do, put the blame on the postoffice department and not upon the editor, who has no option in the matter.

SIMMONS, AYCOCK AND CRAIG.

The Wilmington Messenger hears that a very interesting combination is now in "process of construction" regarding the political fortunes of the above named trio of democratic leaders. Each is to assist the others, so the story goes, the first condition being the support of Mr. Craig for governor, by Messrs. Simmons and Aycock, with the understanding that he shall make good his part of the compact four years hence. Referring to the story the Messenger says:

"We hear it whispered in Raleigh that the democratic slate for four years hence has been made out already. It is to the effect that Mr. Craig is to become governor; that during the latter part of his term Senator Simmons is to resign and Mr. Craig is to appoint Hon. C. B. Aycock to the unexpired term, who will be candidate for re-election to succeed himself by the legislature which will convene in January, 1913. Senator Simmons is to be Mr. Craig's successor as governor, he being the democratic nominee in the election of 1912. The term of the next governor will expire in January, 1913, and that of Senator Simmons in March of the same year. The legislature which will meet in January, 1913, will elect a senator for a term of six years from the following March 4th. Of course we do not make the assertion that there is any such scheme on hand—only that we have it on reliable authority that there are whisperings in Raleigh of the existence of such a plan. The dates fit in mighty nicely; but then:

"The best laid schemes o' mice and men
Glang aft a-gley,
And lea'e us naught but grief and pain
For promised joys."

Hon. E. C. Beddingfield, who has ably filled the office of Corporation Commissioner for a dozen years, or more, has announced, in a public statement, that he will not be a candidate for re-election and Mr. H. C. Brown, clerk to the commissioner takes a similar course. Mr. Brown had been daily besieged by scores of friends to enter the race, since the decision of Mr. Beddingfield became known, but after considering the matter fully reached the conclusion that he would not enter the race. This leaves the field clear for Senator B. F. Aycock, of Wayne county, and Mr. L. C. Bagwell, of Wake. Had Mr. Brown decided to contest for nomination he would have given his opponents "a run for the money." He is of the best equipped men for the place in the state.

Hon. Locke Craig, of Asheville, said to be leading candidate for the democratic nomination for governor, has opened state headquarters in Raleigh, and in charge of these is Mr. John P. Kerr, of Asheville, who is Mr. Craig's state manager. The headquarters are in rooms 80 and 81 of the Yarrow House where there is a warm welcome awaiting all friends. It is the purpose of Mr. Kerr to attract support for Mr. Craig from the eastern counties, or down "in the enemy's country." "Phlete" Kerr is a wise "old coon" when it comes to pulling political wires and Mr. Craig has made no mistake in the selection of a manager. Mr. Kerr feels that his favorite is well in the lead and says his chances to win the much coveted plum are exceedingly flattering.

It is pleasing to observe leading democrats and republicans working together for prohibition. They doubtless realize that the demon of strong drink is no respecter of persons and feel an interest in removing temptation from the reach of the rising generations. And it is well.

The contest for the gubernatorial nomination is getting warm already and will be at fever heat by the time the convention meets on June 24. The strongest rivalry seems to exist between the supporters of Messrs. Kitchen and Craig. Each of these gentlemen appears hopeful of being the choice of the convention, while the friends of Mr. Horne claim that he will hold the balance of power, which will enable him to name the candidate if unable to win the honor for himself.

There are five aspirants for the commission of agriculture: Scott, of Alamance, Moor, of Mecklenburg, Grayham, of Lincoln, McRae, of Sobeson and Parker, of Wake. All are good men and the pity is that four of them are to be disappointed. But such is life, especially in politics.

Republican newspapers are warning their voting constituency to pay their poll tax within the time required by law in order to qualify themselves for suffrage privileges at the approaching election. The point is well taken and democrats should likewise govern themselves accordingly.

Every person who votes in the prohibition election or in the general election next fall must pay his poll tax before May 1st. This is a matter which every citizen should look after. And delays are dangerous.

April the first will soon be here. See if the label on your paper shows your subscription up to date. If not send us a money order and let us move up the date before April 1st. That is the limit.

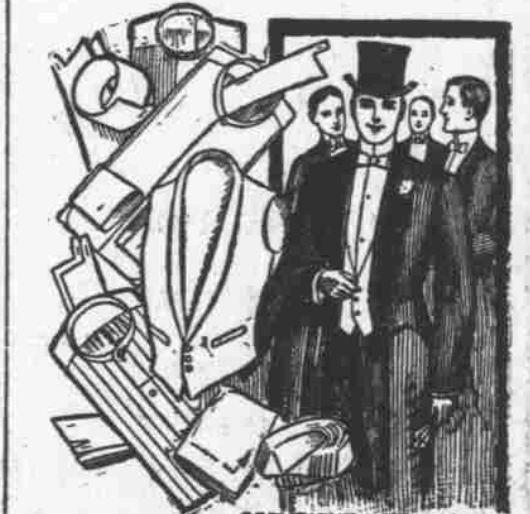
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DEATH OF GEN. HAMPTON.
Prominent North Carolinian Goes to His Reward.

Gen. Erastus R. Hampton, a widely-known citizen of Western North Carolina, died at his home in Bryson City, on Sunday, March 8, aged sixty-five years. News of his death was received with genuine regret by the General's old friends and acquaintances here and elsewhere. The writer has personally known General Hampton for the past fifteen years and bears testimony to the appropriateness of the following tribute to his memory from the facile pen of Hon. James H. Cathey, which appeared in the Jackson County Journal: "He was buried at Sylva by the Masons and ministers of the Methodist and Baptist churches. General Hampton was hospital steward in the 20th North Carolina Battalion. How he gained the sobriquet of 'General' we are not informed. He was the historian appointed by Justice Walter Clark to write the story of this battalion for the North Carolina Regimental History. He was among the youngest—17 or 18 years of age—of these junior reserves.

In the early years succeeding the war he studied law, was admitted to the bar and except an occasional diversion into farming, politics and journalism, he has practiced that profession.

General Hampton was an original character. The predominant traits in him were self confidence, unyielding conviction, high sense of honor, perfect physical courage and a temper that held the heat



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If not the hauteur of John Randolph of Roanoke. He was primarily honest to the core and a born fighter. He was public spirited and had his way about things or kicked out of the harness. He was patriotic and so deep and decided were his political principles that they found expression in partisanship. If he was a partizan he was not without company agreeable and multitudinous.

Last Call
Notice to the Taxpayers of Henderson County

You will please take notice that on the 25th day of March, 1908, I will advertise all real and personal property for delinquent taxes due for year 1907. This is fair notice, and I will comply strictly with same. So do not delay paying and then complain at me for having to pay cost. This means YOU, if not paid. I am
Respectfully,
C. E. BROOKS,
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Scott For Commissioner of Agriculture

To the Editor: Mr. R. W. Scott, of Alamance county, is the most available man in North Carolina to succeed Mr. S. L. Patterson as Commissioner of Agriculture. Please allow me space to quote what the News & Observer said about him in the year 1903. "Representative R. W. Scott, of Alamance county, had good educational advantages, having attended the Bingham School at Mebane, and the University of North Carolina. Mr. Scott is one of the State's former legislators, and good at both branches. He is a large cattle raiser—raising a fine breed of Jersey cattle, hogs and sheep. He was a member of the House in 1889 and 1891 and represented the 19th District in the Senate in 1901 and now at the last session he was a member of the House again. He was chairman of the Committee on Manufacturing and a member of the Committee on Finance, Education and Appropriations. He is a trustee of the University. He introduced the bill to appropriate \$50,000 for an agricultural building and two years ago

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always been regarded as a Republican stronghold, is now looked upon by that party as extremely doubtful, and at the last municipal election we were able to nominate and elect a straight Democratic ticket in this city, the county seat. In this contest Mr. Shipman's shoulder was to the wheel, he having come all the way from Raleigh here to add his vote and influence to the work which ended in a signal victory for our party.

Mr. Shipman is not only a Democrat in season and out of season, but he is a strong man, a gentleman of attainments, and well qualified to fill any position of trust, and especially the one to which his friends now seek to have him elected. He is an editor and newspaper man of no mean ability. He began at the bottom, and by untiring and intelligent effort has risen to the top. He is an experienced printer, and has for the past three and a half years filled the position of assistant Commissioner and, I am informed, of late, owing to the ill health of his chief, has practically had charge of the office in Raleigh and has performed the duties thereof in a manner highly creditable to himself and entirely satisfactory to his people.

As I feel a deep interest in Mr. Shipman's candidacy, and as I feel that I have many friends in the party in my former home county, I have, with your courteous permission, taken this means of endorsing the candidacy of my friend and of asking those Democrats of Guilford, who have not pledged themselves to others to give their support and cooperation to bring about the nomination of M. L. Shipman, of Henderson county, for commissioner of labor and printing at the next state Democratic convention, to be held in Charlotte in June, feeling that, in so doing, I am acting for the best interests of the party which I love, and for which along with other Democrats of Guilford, I have labored.

With best wishes and good cheer, I am, sir,
Very respectfully,
MICHAEL SCHENCK,
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