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## GOV. CRAIG REVIEWS THE WORK OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(News & Observer.)

Asked to give his views as to the General Assembly of 1915 and the work which was done during the session, Governor Craig had the following to say yesterday:

"The Legislature of 1915 has done good work. It has not in my opinion done everything that it should have done, but it has passed laws that will result in benefit to North Carolina. It was said to be a conservative body when it met. Prediction was made that it would do but little or nothing. Considering the unfavorable conditions that prevailed this was not a time for enacting drastic legislation. But the legislature was composed of strong and patriotic men, and it turned out to be a progressive legislature.

"One of the most important bills enacted was the fish law. We have heretofore neglected our immense fishing resources. North Carolina is more advantageously situated for fishing than any State on the Atlantic coast, and properly conserved and protected we would have the finest fishing industry. We have neglected this, and the industry has thereby been largely impaired. The law enacted by this legislature is for the protection and the conservation of the large food supply that comes to us through the inlets from the Atlantic ocean. If we will administer the law wisely it will result in immense benefit to the State and will alone justify this General Assembly. All depends on the wise and considerate administration of the law. The State should in a few years derive a large revenue from fishing and at the same time preserve for ourselves and for future generations this plentiful food supply yielded by our waters.

"The establishment of the Highway Commission is another good law. We are building and improving our roads as never before. The creation of this Highway Commission looks to the intelligent and more economical and more permanent development of our



GOVERNOR LOCKE CRAIG.

highways. The two measures above mentioned have heretofore been defeated by Legislatures that were said to be more progressive than the one that has adjourned. This legislature had the wisdom and the courage to enact these laws that mean real progress in our industrial and social life. "The enactment of the law restricting the shipment of intoxicating liquors in the State is an advance step toward the more complete enforcement of prohibition. The enforcement of this law will effectively put an end to blind tigers and to the demoralization resulting from the illicit traffic in whiskey.

"The primary law is also a step forward. While it may not be all that some of the advocates of the primary would desire, it will be an application of the principal of popular nominations and if satisfactory will result in its general application to all the offices of the State.

"The act establishing on Mitchell's Peak a State park will save and protect this most noted mountain in the eastern part of the North American Continent. It is an act that reflects credit upon the legislature and upon the prevailing sentiment of the people behind it.

"Many statutes were passed of local and of general importance that will be to the encouragement of the best interests of the State.

"The Legislature was liberal in its appropriations to our educational and eleemosynary institutions. The amounts set apart for these institutions may be large, but it was in accordance with a wise policy that will result in moral and intellectual development, and in the improvement of health conditions.

"I will say too for the information of many people in the various parts of the State that means were adopted to prevent the coming in to North Carolina of the foot and mouth disease, which has caused anxiety in our cattle-producing sections.

"Altogether the work of the legislature has been wise and able, and will result in lasting good to the whole state."

## IN LOVE-FEASTING CONVENTION DEMOCRATS NAME OFFICERS

C. E. Brooks, Chairman; R. L. Edwards, Secretary; Three Committees From Each Precinct.

A representative number of democrats met at the court house Monday night and perfected an organization for waging a strenuous campaign to be held in May for the election of a mayor and six commissioners.

R. M. Oates, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, who made the call for the meeting, opened the convention and stated that its purpose was to organize, and since he was not a resident of Hendersonville the election of a permanent chairman was in order.

The names of C. E. Brooks and John T. Wilkins were placed before the house, but Mr. Wilkins asked that his name be withdrawn and Mr. Brooks was elected chairman, the office later being made permanent. S. Y. Bryson acted as temporary secretary until R. L. Edwards was elected permanently.

Chairman Brooks named a nominating committee, the purpose of which was to suggest at least six men from each precinct as a list from which the body might select three men from each precinct to serve on the executive committee. The committee was composed of Michael Schenck, M. M. Shepherd, J. W. Bailey, T. L. Durham, J. A. Bryson. The committee retired and soon reported the following names and the convention proceeded to ballot for members of the executive committee, the result being as follows:

For East Hendersonville: J. W. McCarron, 41 votes; E. J. Rhodes, 38; J. E. Shipman, 33; W. A. Keith, 27; J. B. Brookshire, 24; Foster Bennett, 12. West Hendersonville: R. P. Freeze, 41; E. W. Ewbank, 31; J. W. Smathers, 24; McD. Ray, 23; Michael Schenck, 21; John Arledge, 11; W. H. Bangs, 15. Messrs. McCarron, Rhodes, Shipman, Freeze, Ewbank and Smathers were declared members of the executive committee.

The meeting was not featured by oratory or the work of hot air artists, since those present felt that extra boistering was unnecessary to thrill and enthrall the officers and workers.

Customary to all such gatherings, there was a little love feasting and exchange of compliments, most of which was limited to Michael Schenck and McD. Ray.

The city campaign will be a short but strenuous one, and the nominating convention will not be held for some time, probably in April. Chairman Brooks advised those present that the election of officers did not signify that they were to do all the work for it was the duty of all to do whatever their hands could find to do for the success of the democratic party.

## CONGRESS ADJOURNS AFTER SESSION OF NEAR 2 YEARS.

Many Measures of Real Constructive Nature Are Enacted; Clark Reviews Work.

Washington, March 4.—After two years of almost continuous session, the Sixty-third congress, which revised the tariff and the currency system of the nation, supplemented the trust laws, created an income tax and demonstrated the first popular election of United States senators, ended at noon today.

When gavels fell in the house and senate signaling the adjournment, they marked the close of half of President Wilson's administration, the first under domination of the democratic party since 1895.

Strenuous scenes enlivened the fading hours, devoted chiefly to completing the appropriations for subsistence of the government. Two important measures, the postoffice and Indian supply bills, failed in the final legislative crush after desperate efforts had been made to save them. In the emergency occasioned by their failure point resolutions were passed and signed by the president continuing in force appropriations of the present year.

While tired senators and representatives were devoting their energies to final essentials, President Wilson spent more than an hour in his room at the capitol, surrounded by his cabinet.



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.

inet, signing the last fruits of legislation. The president found time in the midst of this task to greet senators and representatives and he made (Continued on Society Page.)

## Paved Streets and Mud Roads

YOU,

Mr. Farmer of this community!

Do you know that you are paving the streets of the city and neglecting the road to your own farm?

Do you know that the mail-order magazine is riding in comfort over smooth thoroughfares while your wagon may be mired to the hubs in mud?

Keep your dollars at home, spend them with the local merchants, and they in turn will help bear the taxation burden of building good roads in this community.

The mail-order man assists in bearing none of your burdens, he only takes your dollars, and you and others like you are contributing hundreds of millions of dollars annually to feed his greed.

Every dollar spent at home means added wealth and additional improvements in this community.

Why not put your own wagon on a well-paved road?

Think it over.

## Merchants Association of Hendersonville

## "Build Now" Campaign is Inaugurated By Furnishers of Building Materials

LATEST METHOD OF GIVING BUSINESS A SUBSTANTIAL BOOM BY BUILDING AND REPAIRING WHILE MATERIALS ARE LOWER IN PRICE, IS ENDORSED BY LOCAL DEALERS.

Hendersonville has caught the "build now" spirit as will be seen from the advertising columns of the Democrat this week.

The movement by the Democrat to inaugurate a "build now" campaign in the city was warmly greeted by those who have materials which can be offered now at fully as reasonable if not at more reasonable prices than at any other time and it is a movement in which nearly all classes are particularly interested.

The movement has met with a signal success in various sections of the country, since it was inaugurated at a time when business conditions were below the normal by reason of the European war.

Those who have anything to do with building operations would be in a position to figure closer than under ordinary circumstances and by reason of the decrease in the price of some of the materials and the small amount of building now going on in the city it is reasonable to believe that this campaign should be the means of inducing prospective builders to make their investments at this time.

There is some building going on in the city, but more building on the part of those who contemplate improvements of various kinds during the year would mean much for the betterment of local business conditions. A study of the "build now" business announcements in this issue of the Democrat should be of interest.

Some of the improvements now under way are:

Forest building, two story brick Main street.

Baker's garage, one story, brick, sixth avenue, west.

Burckmyer Brothers, remodeling two story, Brick, Main street.

Mrs. Roland, cottage, Buncombe street.

E. J. Rhodes, residence, corner Spring street and Sixth avenue, east.

J. P. Embler, residence corner Church street and 8th avenue, west.

T. R. DeShields, residence.

Concerning the "Build Now" movement in Spartanburg, the Herald has the following to say:

"It is not surprising that the suggestion that has appeared in the newspapers of the country that those who have houses to build should prepare to build them now is showing good results. It has caused the contractors and builders and builders

supply people to give the matter of close prices consideration and has inspired the individual with plans for a building to make inquiries which have revealed the fact that building may be done more cheaply just at this time than at any time within the last few years.

"A Spartanburg contractor said yesterday that he was busy and more business was in sight and he attributed this fact to the disposition of all the interests involved in the building business, from the carpenter to the supply merchant, to make concessions in the effort to "get things started again."

"It is a fact, he said, that building can be done more cheaply now than year ago, or two or three years ago. And he expects operation to reach a normal stage before the spring is far advanced.

"By co-operation the supply people, the contractors and the carpenters may bring along business in their line. It is the proper spirit."

## A REPUBLICAN GATHERING.

A number of Hendersonville republicans gathered at the armory Monday night to do honor to Representative George H. Valentine, who returned last week from Raleigh. Mr. Valentine told of his work in the general assembly. He was congratulated in short talks by R. H. Staton, Brownlow Jackson and W. C. Rector, the latter serving as chairman of the meeting.

## MAKING BAT CAVE MOVIES.

Sixteen Vitagraph players, acting under the direction of Thomas Ince, are producing "The Goddess," a twenty-reel feature at Esmeralda inn, having arrived at that place Thursday to begin the preparation of the elaborate production. Earle Williams and Annette Stewart are playing the leading roles and the picture promises to be one of the most spectacular ever produced by the Vitagraph company among the mountains of Western North Carolina.

Each year the company sends a company to Bat Cave to produce pictures and this year's trip was arranged some time ago, the management of the Vitagraph company writing Thomas Turner, of Esmeralda inn, that the players will remain there until the production has been finished. It is not known how long they will be engaged in this picture, the condition of the weather having a great deal to do with the completion of the work.

## B. Y. P. U. ORGANIZED BY THE BAPTISTS OF THE EAST CHURCH

The young people of the East Hendersonville Baptist church organized the B. Y. P. U. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Pace on the night of March 9th.

The officers are: Pastof, Rev. Geo. F. Wright. President, E. A. Bryson. Vice president, Miss Edith Blythe. Secretary, Miss Gertie Shipman. Treasurer and reporter, Joe Freeman.

The committee chairmen are: Devotional, Robert Clayton. Program, Miss Sarah Miller. Social, Miss Cleo Connor. Charity, Findley Pace. Membership, Miss Hester Henderson.

The first meeting was held last Thursday night. The first regular program will be rendered on Friday night of this week at the church, Robert Clayton leading.

The new organization has a strong membership and it will endeavor to become one of the strong units of the church.

## REV. MR. WRIGHT TO LEAVE.

Abandons Pastorate of East Baptist Church; Accepts Missionary Work. Rev. George F. Wright, pastor of the East Hendersonville Baptist church for the past thirteen months, has asked for relief from his work to take up that of Sunday school missionary in the seven extreme western counties of North Carolina.

Mr. Wright's missionary work will consist of organizing and maintaining Sunday schools in religiously destitute sections, the work being supported by the American Sunday School union with headquarters in Philadelphia. The work will be similar to that done by Rev. A. I. Justice and Rev. Mr. Jones, deceased, except it is in a different territory.

## General Duties.

The general duties of Mr. Wright are outlined in the instructions of the union as follows: "A missionary, upon reaching the field in which he has been commissioned to labor, shall seek to discover its religious destitution by careful, systematic inquiry and by visitation in the homes and shall faithfully labor to meet the need by organizing Sunday schools where none exist and to render more efficient

those already established. He shall at proper times present the cause of American Sunday School Union, and, as far as may be in his power, obtain



REV. GEORGE F. WRIGHT.

contributions from the various communities in which he labors, in aid of the missionary work of the society."

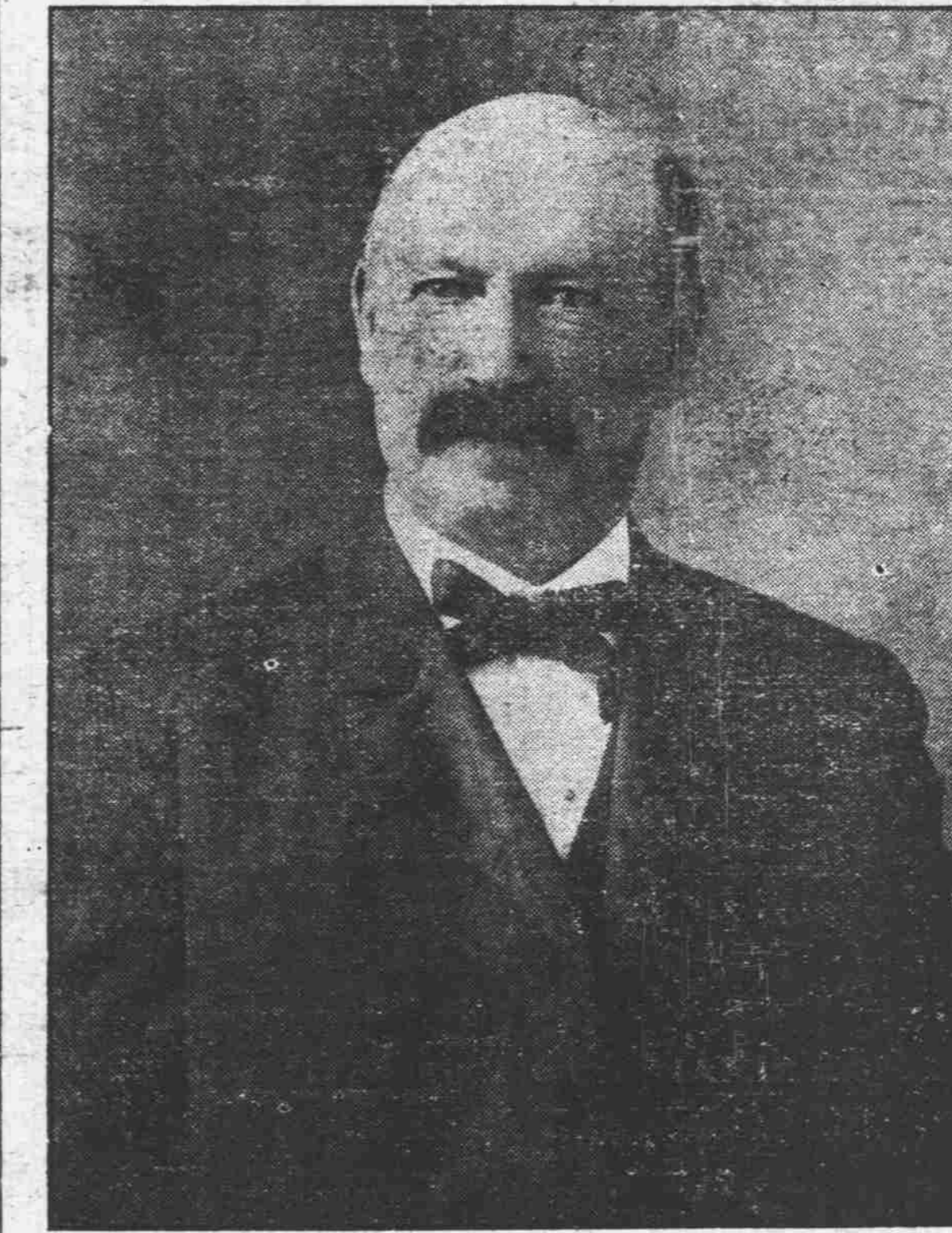
Mr. Wright will make his headquarters at Bryson City and will assume work on April 1.

Mr. Wright came to Hendersonville on March 1 from Spartanburg, where he held the pastorate of the Northside Baptist church and acted as assistant pastor of the Southside church.

All branches of the work of the East church has prospered since Mr. Wright accepted the charge and it was with reluctance that the church granted the relief asked for. Mr. Wright has been especially successful in his work among the young people of the church as he has met with more success than the average pastor among the younger workers of the Sunday school and church.

Mr. Wright has made numerous friends during his stay in Hendersonville who will regret to learn of his decision to leave the city. His heart has been inclined for some time along the missionary lines and he feels that the new field will be one of greater opportunities.

## RETIRED TO PRIVATE LIFE AFTER FOUR YEARS IN CONGRESS.



EX-CONGRESSMAN JAMES M. GUDGER, JR.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—Senators Overman and Simmons called at the White House and the Department of Justice, respectively, today in the interest of former Representative James M. Gudger, who is an applicant for a Federal position. The place to which Mr. Gudger aspires is a very good one, though it is not now vacant. He has a formidable list of endorsements, which include the entire North Carolina delegation. Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood and many other prominent public men.

The place which Mr. Gudger's friends have in mind for him is in the District of Columbia. As he is apparently first on the ground, his friends believe he has a good chance to land.

## Will See His Son Marry.

James M. Gudger, Jr., who finished his term today, will remain in Washington until after the wedding of his son, Emmett C. Gudger, to Miss Genevieve Walsh, of Montana, on April 5. After that, he announced today, he will take a vacation of three months in

Asheville and Washington, and then open law offices at Asheville, probably by himself, unless he makes a partnership before then. He will also have an office at Marshall where he has been in partnership with Mr. McElroy for ten years.

## Gudger Lost Out.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—The position of chief justice of the court of claims to which former Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania is to be appointed, was the office friends of former Congressman Gudger sought for him, and Gudger and his friends tonight are deeply disappointed. Palmer has been a close personal and political friend of President Wilson for several years and as long as he was a candidate, Gudger had hardly a fighting chance. Mr. Gudger, who has been confined several days with the grippe said this evening that he now has nothing in view but to return to his law practice in North Carolina, which he will do immediately after the marriage of his son April 5.