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The Democrat is not responsible for Roosevelt's present occupancy of the Executive Mansion and certainly is not advocating his occupying it the third term.

**ROOSEVELT.**

That our President is a man of remarkable powers no one will hardly deny. He has a boldness and courage which the American people admire. He does things. But there are times when his most ardent admirers wish that he would not be quite so brave and that he would not rush in where his duties do not call him. One of these times is when he rushed into the controversy on natural history. In the first place it was not a question which he was called upon to decide and in the next place it was not in harmony with the dignity of the office of the President.

**Mr. Craig's Prospects.**

The formal announcement of the candidacy of Locke Craig for governor has brought a flood of endorsements from all sections of the State. His prospects for capturing the nomination are now very bright indeed, and must grow brighter as the days go by. The feeling is strong that this mountain warrior in the great battles of the democracy should receive honor at the hands of the party he has so long and so ably and unselfishly served. Stronger still is the feeling that he is eminently qualified for the high office. Mr. Craig needs only to be seen and heard to be liked and admired. Those who have seen and heard him are rallying to his standard with eagerness. He possesses those qualifications that go to make a man gubernatorial timber. He hails, too, from a section that ought this year to have the governorship. True democrat, unfettered by any clique or combination, a man of the people, able, brave and clean, he is our choice for the governorship and we predict victory for him.—Lexington Dispatch.

**Whiskey Versus Education**

In Boone, Davidson county at an educational rally Mr. Cooner of Raleigh was the speaker and in demonstrating some point gave reference to Mass in comparison with condition in North Carolina. This gave offence to one Mr. H. Grubb, a noted distiller of the community, who did not hesitate to contradict the statements of the speaker in terms more forceable than elegant. The whiskey man had not reconed well and no soon were the words spoken than the speaker made for Mr. Grubb and a fierce fight followed. It was whiskey against education. It is always so. The liquor business does not only foster education, but instead takes from children not only the bread, but also the opportunity to improve life's conditions. Mr. Grubb will be remembered as the slayer of Obe Davis some few years ago.

Mr. E. B. Cline and Mr. T. M. Huffham spent Monday in Newton.

A girl in Hickory got out of bed, took a slat from her bed, and smashed a mouse that was annoying her. You don't have to believe it unless you want to.

**The Graded School Faculty.**

The School Trustees after a long and careful consideration of many applications have elected Prof. Staley principal of our Graded School. Mr. Staley is no doubt competent and well qualified. His corps of assistants are also persons well prepared for the places which they expect to fill. The Trustees have done their part and done it well; we have every reason to believe that the faculty elected will be faithful and conscientious. There is another party the success of the school and that is the public. This school must have the hearty support of the patrons and the people of the town. Let the public stand off and says, "It is reported that the school is not satisfactory." "It is said that some things are done at the school which ought not to be done." "Some say the teachers use partiality." "There is something wrong with our educational system." Just do this from week to week and Prof. Staley and his assistants will have a hard time to succeed with the school. It is so easy to undermine the influence of a person in public and to hurt the influence of an institution that one should be careful of the things uttered.

The Graded School is the pride of our town. It does not belong to any class or clique in the town. It is not the school of the common people, it is the school for all the people. It does not belong to any church, or party, but is for all churches and all parties. It is not the school of the Junior Order any more than it is the school of the Masons and other orders in the town. Let no class, church, party or order delegate to themselves the responsibility of running the school, but let this be the temple in which there will be neither Greek nor Jew, bond nor free, but a school in which every one, rich and poor, high and low will have an equal chance to secure an education. Let the children of the land lord and the tenant sit side by side and recite in the same class and you will have a democracy so pure, so simply as to become the nation's bulwark.

**The Reformer.**

This is the age of reform and the voice of the reformer is heard in the land. It is remarkable how this spirit of reform takes hold upon persons. In religion it is prominent. Occasionally a person of intelligence by numerous tests becomes a convert to spiritualism, or some other strange doctrine and when he has once taken the first step it is strange into what vagaries and bold deceptions he will soon be led. He is ready to accept everything and identify himself with anything. What is true in religion is true in politics. In the political world there are reformers and reform movements on every hand. In almost every city there is the reform club and in every election there is the reform party. This being true it would be well if the second better thought the sober judgement should be called upon to decide certain things before they are adopted. A movement should not be endorsed simply because it is labeled "reform." Certain principles should always be called into question before accepting all that is offered.

In becoming a reformer it should be borne in mind that existing conditions should not be changed without good and sufficient cause. A law may have some defects and in certain cases work manifest harm, but in the main it is a good law. Is it wise to be in too great haste to change that law? No reform should be undertaken which is wrong in principle. No reform should be undertaken so long as the doctrine underlying that movement is open to question. It is well to let the time limit come in as a factor in reform movements. Certain evil ought to be corrected, but the opportune

time has not arrived.

These reflections are given because of the tendency to fall in with everything new coming before us these days. The reformer is not necessarily a blessing and everything labelled Reform is no necessarily good. The old maxims "Look before you leap." "Be sure you are right, then go ahead" will hold good in testing many reformers and many reform movements.



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**NORTH CAROLINA** In the Superior Court CATAWBA COUNTY Before the Clerk G. H. Geitner, Julia G. Riddle and J. L. Riddle, and J. N. Bohannon by his guardian Julia G. Riddle.

**vs.**  
B. N. Duke and A. G. Bohannon  
The defendants above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Catawba County for a sale for partition of a certain boundary of land lying in the Counties of Catawba, Burke and Caldwell, known as the Horseford Shoals Water Power Property fully described in the complaint now on file in my office of which property the plaintiffs and defendants are tenants in common as, and in proportions set out in the complaint, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at my office in Newton, N. C., on the 24th day of June, 1907, to answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 22nd day of May, 1907.  
C. M. McCORKLE,  
Clerk Superior Court.

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