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OPENING OF GREAT POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IN KINSTON

PRITCHARD VS. CRAIG IN DEBATE

Large Crowds in Town to Hear These Brilliant Speakers.

Speakers introduced by J. W. Grainger. Senator Pritchard makes speech of One Hour and Twenty Minutes. Arraigns Democratic Administration—Touches on Tariff, Imperialism and Lightly on State Issues. Craig Replies in Brilliant Speech.

Senator Pritchard and Hon. Locke Craig opened their stumping tour of the State at Kinston today.

Large crowds came this morning on all trains and from the country to hear these notable speakers, and the court room was crowded to its fullest capacity.

The speakers were introduced by Mr. J. W. Grainger, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee.

Senator Pritchard opened the debate in a speech of an hour and twenty minutes. His speech was an arraignment of the Democratic administration under Cleveland, and praise of the Republican administration under McKinley and Roosevelt.

He touched upon the tariff, trusts, imperialism and money issue.

He said the trusts could not be gotten at by putting raw material on the free list without hurting the laboring man and the manufacturing interests.

He compared the trusts to a cancer on a man's back and said the Democratic party wanted to kill the man to eliminate the cancer.

He said he was in favor of holding the Philippine Islands until doomsday.

He spoke briefly of state politics, said the Democrats had increased taxes and spent more money than the fusion administration.

In closing he said that the Democrats had said when they offered the constitutional amendment that it would place politics on a higher plane so that prejudice could be done away with and the issues decided according to their merit, and that he now challenges them to do so.

He complimented Craig and said the reason he had challenged him was because he thought he was a typical Democrat and that he wanted to discuss the issue with the man who stood for the Democratic way of looking at the issues. He said he did not want, or did he believe his opponent wanted to engage in personalities or appeal to prejudice.

The speech of Senator Pritchard was conducted on a high plane and as well as any North Carolina Republican could present his party's side.

Mr. Craig began his rejoinder and at the time of closing the forms for this paper he had been speaking about half an hour.

He said he did not want to appeal to the prejudices of the people for "thank God the Democratic party had eliminated the negro from politics in North Carolina, so there is no necessity."

He complimented Senator Pritchard as a man.

He said that Senator Pritchard had compared the trusts to a cancer, and he wanted him to answer it if he would not help out that cancer and save the healthy part of the body. He then discussed the trust issue and offered argument to show that the Republican party was the friend and fosterer of trusts.

Mr. Craig had hardly gotten into his argument when it became necessary for this article to close, but he had begun to thrill his audience by the brilliancy of his speech.

Taking into consideration the small amount of ground his speech covered of the issues referred to by Senator Pritchard as a criterion there is no doubt that he will be able to easily uphold the Democratic cause and probably in nearly every contest surpass even so able an opponent of Republicanism as Senator Pritchard.

owned and edited by Rev. W. C. Bowman, a Methodist minister of some fame, whose daughter the young printer wooed and won. In a few years a new paper, the Roan Mountain Republican, was started and young Pritchard became one of the joint owners, and still a few years later, in 1878, he became a farmer and took up the study of law, ardently devoting his evenings and rainy days to it. Before he was of age he canvassed Mitchell county for the Republican party and in 1880 he was chosen a State elector for Garfield and took an active part in the campaign of 1882. In 1884 he was elected to the legislature and in 1886 was again general elector. In 1888 he was Republican candidate for lieutenant governor and in 1890 was again elected to the legislature and was the caucus nominee for United States Senator against Vance. In 1894 he organized the co-operative movement and canvassed the State, and was elected by the senate to fill out the unexpired term of Zeb Vance. In 1897 he was re-elected to the six-year term, which he is now serving and which will expire on March 4th, 1903. He was licensed to practice law in 1887 and soon acquired a large and lucrative practice, and says he made a good deal more money than he does now.

It will be seen that Senator Pritchard's rise has been a steady one and is the result of his indomitable courage and persistence, both of which characteristics are shown in his undertaking such a hopeless task as this joint canvass with such a man as Locke Craig. Whatever may be said of the way he makes tools of the foolishly disgruntled Democrats and turns every possible point there is no room to doubt that himself is a rock ribbed and whole hearted Republican which is much better than being just a plain kicker.

Senator Pritchard is stockily built, has a full, round face with frayed hair and mustache. Courage and determination are depicted on every line of his features and his eye is sharp and piercing. He is genial and wholehearted in manner and appears the born leader and fighter that he is.

HON. LOCKE CRAIG.



Who so ably upheld the Democratic cause in the joint debate with Senator Pritchard. Craig is one of the most brilliant speakers of the State and may be our next U. S. Senator to succeed Pritchard.

History of His Life.

The above cut is used through courtesy of the Raleigh News and Observer, and the following history of his life is clipped from that paper. [Efforts were made to get a cut of Senator Pritchard, but none could be secured.]

Locke Craig was born in the county of Bertie on the 16th day of August, 1860. He graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1880 and obtained his license to practice law in 1882. In June, 1888, he located in Asheville, where he has resided ever since.

In 1892 he was Presidential elector of the ninth congressional district. In 1896 he was elector for the State-at-large and led the electoral ticket. In 1898 he was elected to the legislature, beating Col. V. S. Lusk and overcoming a large Republican majority, and was re-elected again in 1900.

Mr. Craig, though comparatively a young man, is old in political experience. For many years he has been one of the most prominent and active figures in State politics and has proven himself a hard fighter and a safe leader in our political battles. Ever since his graduation at the University he has been a diligent and thorough student of social and political questions. As an orator he has no superior in the State. He is not a mere "word compiler" or an ornate declaimer; his sentences are always hot with argument. He has more than usually a strong and clear mind. He is a stronger in fact and has never failed to have the courage of his convictions.

That Mr. Craig is one of the ablest political speakers of the state is recognized wherever he has addressed an audience. Striking in personal appearance, possessing a fine, sonorous voice endowed with great intellectual powers splendidly trained, thoroughly in sympathy with the common people, well informed on political history and current political issues, quick to take advantage of any openings afforded him by his adversary, apt in repartee and armed with wit, humor, sarcasm and ridicule, Mr. Craig will not only measure up favorably with any of his forensic contemporaries, but he will compare favorably with the state's great campaigners of former days.

Wherever he is known he is recognized as a friend and champion of the rights of the people and the people love and trust him.

In the revolution which resulted in the redemption of the State and in the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Craig was one of the leading spirits. From the day when he and Governor Aycock opened the campaign of 1898 in the county of Richmond, until the complete triumph of 1900, he was among the very foremost wherever the fight was fiercest. He has never dodged or been afraid to take his stand on one side or the other of public questions, and then to fight for his position with all his strength. His strength is of the positive and not of the negative sort. This great quality of political courage has endeared him to the fighting Democracy of the State.

While a member of the general assembly Mr. Craig took a leading part in all the important legislation and introduced many measures of State importance. He was the author of the law demoralizing foreign corporations. He rewrote and revised the school law of 1898 and introduced the "Jim Crow Car" bill, which is now the law. He also introduced the resolution into the house impeaching the judges, and advocated its passage in a speech which Dr. Kingbury in an editorial in the Wilmington Messenger, pronounced the most important that he had read in twelve years.

PINFEATHERS.

Bone meal mixed with the soft feed is a good preventive of leg weakness in growing fowls.

Never try to keep chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese in the same quarters. Their habits and appetites are too much at variance.

For the laying hens the best of stimulants are clean water, clean and proper food and clean and comfortable quarters, with plenty of room for range.

The duck is an industrious forager and is able to pick up a good portion of its food. Where ducks are rightly managed they lay more eggs than hens, and the eggs are larger.

In making up the breeding yards it is better to have a small cockerel and large hens than to have a large cockerel and small hens unless some special object is desired in breeding.

TALES OF CITIES.

Troy has fifty-seven collar and cuff establishments.

Saxannah is to have a big new dry-dock to accommodate ships and steamers in need of repairs.

London is considered a crowded city, yet only 9.4 per cent of its inhabitants occupy one room tenements, whereas in Bombay it is 30 per cent.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

A machine has been invented for squeezing out lemons by the dozen.

A face screen has been invented by an ingenious German to prevent the hair clippers from falling on the face of a haircutting victim.

A Norwegian, Henrik Finne of Stavanger, has invented a machine for turning out fine used for sardines and anchovies. Hitherto a skilled laborer could make about 600 tins daily, but Mr. Finne's machine will produce from 15,000 to 20,000 a day.

EXPENSIVE SON.

Count Castellani still holds the record as the expensive husband.—Birmingham (Ala.) Age-Herald.

Count Castellani has dined Paris by a fancy fete. This looks as if some more family history were seen to be written on the stubs of a checkbook.—Washington Star.

Beware of the Knife.

No precaution has advanced more rapidly of late than surgery, but it should not be used except where absolutely necessary. In case of piles for example, it is seldom needed. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures quickly and permanently. Unequalled for cuts, burns, bruises, wounds, skin diseases. Accept no counterfeits. "I was so troubled with bleeding piles that I lost much blood and strength," says J. C. Phillips, Paris, Ill. "DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me in a short time. Smoothed and healed." J. E. Hood.



OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Beware of the Sneezes.

Stateville Landmark: It's dangerous business for some people to yawn or sneeze. We've known folks to dislocate their jaws by yawning and sometimes a sneeze produces disastrous results in many ways. The latest victim of the sneeze is Prof. John Duckett, chief clerk in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. While lying in bed at Lumberton Friday morning Prof. Duckett sneezed violently and dislocated both his shoulders. It took two doctors seven hours to get him in shape again. Moral: Be careful about sneezing. You might dislocate your shoulders or break your neck.

The Wandering Stinner Returns.

Greensboro, Sept. 18.—Mrs. John W. Stafford, who created such a sensation here last July by deserting her husband and children and sloping with J. Ernest Harding, head book-keeper of the Revolution Cotton mills, returned incognito to the city last night from Baltimore, stopping at a cheap hotel. She claims that news of her child's illness brought her, but those well acquainted with matters say the family will be reunited after changing their residence to a distant state.

Died From his Wound.

Thomas Newsome, who was shot last April by Buck Wright, in Stokes county, died Wednesday night. The two men were prominent farmers and fell out over the line dividing their lands. Wright used a shotgun loaded with buck shot. Nineteen holes were found in Newsome's clothes. Two shot were cut out, but several could not be located. Wright is in jail and will be tried for murder.

Anti-Cigarette League.

High Point, Sept. 18.—The American Anti-Cigarette league will form a branch here next Saturday. Boys between the ages of 10 and 20 are ineligible. This is the first organization of this kind in the south. Prof. Crowell and Rev. Rees have the matter in charge.

SHORT STATE STORIES.

George Gurley was crushed to death between two logs at Bowden Friday. He was in the employ of the McMillan-Miller Lumber Co.

All the idle rumors to the contrary, notwithstanding, there is not a single case of smallpox in the city of New Bern or for that matter in the county of Craven either.—New Bern Journal.

Chapel Hill people have already raised \$70,000 in stock to the Chapel Hill and Durham trolley line. Only \$5,000 yet remains to be subscribed on that end of the line. Work is expected to begin in the early spring.

A movement has been begun in Raleigh to have the sale of cigars and soft drinks in drug stores on Sunday stopped. A meeting has been held and the city aldermen will be asked to pass a prohibitory ordinance.

A Wilmington dispatch says: Wilmington wants to share the good fortune of other points in the state in the tobacco trade. Business men have taken the matter up and will build a large tobacco warehouse here. Later they expect to build up a foreign export trade in the yellow leaf. There's plenty of money behind the local movement.

Mrs. James Pritchard, who lives on the farm of Mr. E. C. Exum at Faro, in Wayne county, was seen lying on a bed at her home Saturday morning by farm hands who passed the house. The doors to the house were open, and as there was no sign of activity in the house an examination was made, when it was found that the woman had been murdered. Suspicion immediately rested upon the husband, due to the fact that their little 10-year-old daughter went over to a neighbor's house crying and said: "I am afraid papa has killed mama." The news quickly spread and a search was made for Pritchard and he was captured before he could make his escape.

His Sight Threatened.

"While picnicking last month my 11 year-old boy was poisoned by some weed or plant," says W. H. Noble of Sioux City, Ia. "He rubbed the poison off his hands into his eyes and for a while we were afraid he would lose his sight. Finally a neighbor recommended DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The first application helped him and in a few days he was as well as ever." For skin diseases, cuts, burns, scalds, wounds, insect bites, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a sure cure. Beware of cheap counterfeits. J. E. Hood.

GRADED SCHOOLS OPEN.

Opening of Rhodes' School Postponed Until Tomorrow.

The opening of the Kinston graded schools today was marked with enthusiasm and perfect smoothness. Not a hitch occurred in any department to mar the great interest which was manifested by both teachers and pupils, as shown by the increased attendance. Between four hundred and seventy-five and five hundred young people of various ages entered on the first day of school, which is a considerable increase over the opening last year. This means of course a large number of pupils, and necessarily more work was required to place them in their proper classes, but everything was going so smoothly at 11 o'clock when visited by a Free Press reporter that it appeared as if the school had been started some time.

Three hundred and seventy-five of the pupils were at the Kinston graded school building and about one hundred at the old college building on East street.

Prof. L. C. Brogden, the superintendent, is very enthusiastic and thinks that the attendance for this session will be largely in excess of any previous year.

Prof. W. H. Rhodes' school was also visited by the reporter, but owing to the fact that they were not quite ready the opening was set for tomorrow. The professor reports that his opening will be greater than he expected, a number of young men from other counties applying for tuition and board at his place.

Buried Alive at Play.

Monroe special to Charlotte Observer: A most distressing occurrence took place at Ansonville, in Anson county, late yesterday afternoon. It was nothing less than the burial alive of a seven-year-old boy by his companions. A number of children were playing "bury the dead" in a large pile of seed cotton. They scooped out a big hole and put one of the little fellows into it and covered him up, tightly packing the cotton seed over and around him. By and by they dug him up, when it came time to change the game, and the little fellows were horrified to find that their little playmate could not move when they took the cotton off him. They pulled him out of the hole and found his body cold. The innocents had smothered him in the cotton pile and knew not what they had done until they had run and told some other people about it.

MERE MEN.

Lord Kitchener is expected to leave England to take up his new duties in India some time in November.

Anthony L. Aste of New York, whose capital eighteen years ago was a boot-black's box and a strong arm, is now reputed to be worth \$1,000,000.

Senator Hoar has just purchased a residence in Washington, having spent the larger portion of his public life in hotels and boarding houses in that city.

Senator Hanna possesses the pen with which T. B. Reed when he was speaker of the house of representatives attested the passage of the McKinley tariff act.

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CURTAIN CALLS.

Eugene Cowles will stay awhile in Danville.

Opie Read has written a new play, "The Harbinger."

May Irwin repeats her determination to leave the stage—at least for the coming season.

Emelle Melville has been playing with Edwin Ardon in Washington and receiving great praise.

Languishing Summer Colds.

Don't let a cold run as this season. Summer colds are the hardest kind to cure and it weighed many linger along for months. A long siege like this will pull down the strongest constitution. One Minute Cough Cure will break up the attack at once. Safe, sure, acts at once. Cures coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, all throat and lung troubles. The children like it. J. E. Hood.