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Governor Craig Reviews The Prosperous Condition Of This State

PRaises MUTALITY OF THE U. S

The seed fell upon the ground. The harvest is plentiful. In the marts of commerce, in field and in factory industry has been rewarded with a bountiful hand. A prosperity never known before has come to all conditions and classes of men. Our material achievement, and a higher social order. Altruism is militant for the universal welfare. Our government is controlled by a noble purpose, and is responsive to the demands of age. As never as in any country, nor in any age, has equity to all men been remembered in the highest place of authority. Opportunity has been vouchsafed greater than ever before, and to the genius and energy of the American people the future unfolds in sublime revelation.

In wealth, in progress, in freedom and hope to the people, our Republic is first of all nations. She has vindicated the rights of her citizens in every land, and has maintained the law of civilization and humanity upon the seas.

In diplomacy and in dealings with all nations, great and small she has been firm, considerate and just: the simple rule of right is the standard that she has set and steadfastly maintained. Her demands have been conceded, and her rights have been respected. When armed nations are ravaged by war.

Above all, we have peace. While the earth has been consumed by the conflagration of desolation, while ghastly War still strikes with unabated fury and reaps his boundless harvest of death and woe, we have been spared to work out the high purpose of God.

Now, therefore, I, LOCKE CRAIG, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers, and in accord with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do proclaim, **Thursday, the Thirtieth Day of November, a Day of Thanksgiving.**

And I do call upon the people of North Carolina to meet on that day in their places of worship and in devout gratitude and humility remember our abundant blessings.

And let us pray that the power of truth may be quickened and our consciences awakened to know and to do the Will of our Father, that his Kingdom may come upon this earth; that peace may be restored to all the world; that the Light and Spirit of the Prince of Peace may come again to the peoples who drink the cup of trembling in the horror of great darkness.

Let us not forget our neighbors, and the people of our State who may be humble and in need, nor the widow and the orphan in distress, nor those who have been overtaken by disaster. May our sympathies be broadened and strengthened that we may grow in the grace of Charity and toward the realization of the brotherhood of men.

On this day let our gifts be generous in accordance with our good fortune, and let us beseech Almighty God to give us that due sense of all his mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth his praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to his service, and by walking

before him in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Done in our city of Raleigh, on this the twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American Independence.

LOCKE CRAIG, Governor.

PULP MILLS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 27.—At the Drainage Convention just closed at Greensboro, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Secretary, brought out in a short talk the fact that enforcement of the State Forest Fire Law is of primary importance to those who are interested in Drainage Districts. As, however, swamp lands are not generally considered very susceptible to fire, the connection may not at first sight be obvious.

The establishment of Drainage Districts means the making available for agriculture of large areas of swamp land and the necessary throwing upon the market of large quantities of swamp timber. In eastern North Carolina probably 90 per cent of such timber is gum, for which, even though much is now cut for lumber and veneer, there is as yet but a limited market. The recent demand for timber for paper pulp throughout North Carolina is opening up another and very important market for gum timber, and, as small sizes are just as valuable as the larger timber for this purpose, this use for gum will soon become general and undoubtedly very profitable.

Capital is now seeking investment in North Carolina gum lands, with the object of locating pulp mills here. The State Geological and Economic Survey has on file a number of letters from different parts of the country inquiring about suitable sites for such mills. That the interest is real and can be seen from the fact that two exhibits of pulpwood were made at the State fair: One by the Belhaven Board of Trade, and the other by parties who are endeavoring to bring a pulp mill to Wilmington. The journal, "Paper," the official organ of the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industry, also sent an exhibit, which unfortunately arrived too late to be shown.

The manufacturing of pulp requires a very large investment and capitalists are unwilling to locate a mill where there is not a good prospect of a permanent supply of timber. Swamp land which is to be drained and become agricultural land may be able to supply mature timber for a number of years, but the supply will run out; so that some other source of supply is necessary. This may be found in the poorer pine lands of the region—those which have been cut over and are now, owing to the frequently recurring fires, almost bare of young growth. Were fires prevented a crop of pine would soon cover such lands and a perpetual supply of pulpwood timber would thus become available in from twenty to thirty years. Some pulp mills desire to purchase such lands in order to be assured of their supply; while others are content to know that their nearby land owners are preparing to supply permanent demands. Fires in eastern North Carolina have destroyed and are still de-

AUTO AFIRE SATURDAY

Outside the Josey Hardware Company, Saturday night, after having the tank of a Hupmobile Roadster filled with gasoline, the owner struck a match to light up, preparatory to taking the road again, when the overflow of gasoline on the car caught, and the total loss of the car seemed eminent.

Mr. G. C. Weeks dashed into the store and got a Pyrene extinguisher and with two squirts the blaze, which had lighted up Main street, was put out. But for the presence of mind of Mr. Weeks the car would have been a ruin, and the owner, who was a stranger to this section, and his companion would have had to be content with railroad travel.

In a most cavalier manner the owner stood by while others worked on his car, but when the flame was quenched, and he found that by the squirting of a few drops of Pyrene had saved his property he exclaimed, Ah, that stuff is worth a thousand dollars a load."

DECLAMATION CONTEST

Mr. Luther Purrington, the successful contestant of our high school, to go to Trinity College, Durham, to contest for the medal will leave for Durham Wednesday, although the contest of the high schools of the state does not take place until Friday of this week.

It is quite an honor to be the one chosen, by merit, to represent this town at Trinity College, and we more than hope that our young friend, Luther, will be the successful aspirant, and bring back the medal.

HANCOCK-MARSTON

The wedding of Miss Hilda Maie Hancock and Mr. Richard Henry Marston will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, evening, November 29th., at 6:30 o'clock, at the Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N. C., and the public are cordially invited to be present.

It will be noted that the hour for the wedding has been changed from seven o'clock, as first announced, to half past six o'clock for the convenience of the out of town guests, who may wish to catch the evening train.

The advance man of the Hy-Art Film Corporation has written that he will be here in the next day or two for the purpose of booking "Where are my Children", one of the great film productions showing in the cities.

SCHOOL NOTES

Superintendent of the Graded Schools, Mr. R. D. Jenkins, has announced that the school will close Wednesday afternoon, for the Thanksgiving holiday, and resume work again Monday morning, December 4th, at the usual hour.

Destroying the greater part of the young pine growth, but as soon as this can be prevented these poorer lands can be made to pay well in the production of pulpwood. It is only where the assurance of such a permanent supply can be secured that pulp mills can be established, and, for this reason, it is very greatly to the interest of swamp timber to see that the nearby pine lands are protected from fire.

North Carolina already has a Forest Fire Law which, if enforced, would go a long way towards furnishing adequate protection. All that is needed is an appropriation to put it in force: the next General Assembly will be asked for such an appropriation, and it is confidently hoped that such may be secured.

CONVOCAATION CLOSES

Session Ends With Singing of "Gloria in Excelsis"

MEETING VERY SUCCESSFUL

(by C. P. Willecox)
In the work of the Episcopal church in the Diocese of North Carolina there are three Convocations—under Archdeacon, N. C. Hughes, the Charlotte Convocation, under Archdeacon Hardin, and the Colored Convocation under Archdeacon Delaney. The Raleigh Convocation looks after the work in the eastern half of the Diocese, the Charlotte Convocation the work in the western half and the Colored Convocation cares for the work amongst the colored people. The particular work of a Convocation is to care for and present the Missionary work of its district.

The sessions of the Raleigh Convocation, just ended here in Trinity church has shown themselves to be of real interest and practical value. They "waxed" warmer and grew in interest as they progressed, and there was a manifest desire on the part of the Convocation to see the work of the church progress in a very definite way—to respond more and more to the real needs of the mass of the people in their social welfare and uplift and in the positive evangelization of souls.

This spirit and idea gave impetus to all the talks, addresses, resolutions and recommendations of the Convocation, and more and more does it seem that this apparently conservative old church is becoming alert to the general news of the masses.

Reverting to the particular program of the Convocation, Wednesday morning was devoted principally to the reports of the Missionaries at work in the Convocation, and these elicited a number of interesting facts and experiences. Wednesday afternoon was devoted to routine business, and during this session a number of important resolutions bearing on very practical church subjects were introduced and carried.

Wednesday night was given over to an inspirational service in the church, and a large congregation was present.

The music was led by a full vested choir, and the convocation Service Prayer was preceded by the Confirmation Service of the church, at which time ten young people received "the laying on of hands" and thus became full members of the church, entitled to all its rights and privileges. After this Mr. S. S. Noah, of Tarboro, a veteran lay-worker in the Episcopal church on the opportunities, that could be effectively used by the laity in a wider evangelization of souls in these various fields. Mr. Noah's long and useful career in the church well gratified him for an interesting talk on this subject. He was followed by Rev. Geo. W. Fay, Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, who delivered a vigorous address on ways in which the clergy could do more efficient and useful work and over a wider territory.

The Convocation closed about 11:30 Thursday morning with the Singing of the "Gloria Excelsis" and the benediction which latter was given by Archdeacon Hughes. Then was an early celebration of the Convocation Communion at 7:30, Rev. Morrison Bethea, of Wilson and Rev. Louis Taylor of Townsville, officiating at 9:30 Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Walter J. Smith, of Charlotte—a former Rector of the Church—assisted by Rev. C. P. Willecox, of Raleigh.

Just before the close of the Convocation's last session, Rev. Walter Smith offered a resolution thanking the people of Scotland praising them for their interest in the Convocation. This was carried by a rising vote, and the delegates. All left with a happy impression of their stay in Scotland Neck and of the value of the

ONE CENT POSTAGE IS A POSSIBILITY SOON

QUEER ACCIDENT TO MR. WHITE

Mr. Eugene White, of White's Cross Roads, four miles west of town, met with a peculiar and painful accident on Friday evening last.

He was pushing a wheelbarrow, and ran over a root of a tree, the wheel breaking, and jerking his elbow. Dr. Smith was called to attend Mr. White, but the arm had swollen to such proportions that the doctor determined that an x-ray was necessary.

In consultation with Dr. Kitchin it was determined that the bone was not broken, but the wrench given to the muscles was equal to a broken arm, the leaders being twisted, the arm swollen to twice its natural size, almost black, and attended with excruciating pain. Yesterday Mr. White was in town with his arm in a sling, and, though the pain had subsided, the arm was badly swollen and discolored.

PREACHING AT NAHALA

Rev. E. L. Currie of Richmond, Va., will hold services at Nahala on Sunday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

AUTO COLLISION

Two single seaters, one a Ford Runabout, driven by Mr. Tom White, and a Maxwell Roadster, belonging to Mr. John Gray, and driven by Mr. Ben Weaver, met in the centre of Main street, neither of them willing to give way, and so a collision occurred, with no damage to the drivers, and but a bent axle to the Ford car. The occurrence created no little sensation for a minute or two.

AUCTION SALE OF LAWRENCE FARM

The Atlantic Coast Realty Company will sell by auction on December 18th, at 10:30 A. M., the Lawrence Farm, situated two miles north west of Scotland Neck lying on both sides of the public road, leading from Scotland Neck to Tillery and Spring Hill. This farm will be subdivided into small farms. The terms are very attractive. Good music will be provided, and a very good dinner free for those who attend.

The tricycle in the window of the Josey Hardware Company will be given to the little boy under eight years of age who sends in to the Commonwealth the best Santa Claus letter.

The Doll to be given away by the Commonwealth to the little girl under eight years of age for the best Santa Claus letter is now exhibited in the window of R. C. Josey and Company.

BIG FREIGHT RECEIPTS

This town is becoming known in railroad centres as of importance, and traveling railroad solicitors are coming this week to get the routings. Last week a carload of plaster, one of lime, and now there is at the depot a carload of Maxwell Touring cars, for the Johnson Smith Motor Company; three carloads of pipe for the town, and a carload of lime for Josey Hardware Company. Truly we are progressing.

BAPTIST BAZAAR

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church will hold their annual Bazaar December 14th and 15th.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The place will be announced later.

Convocation in their life and experience in the work in the Master's Vineyard.

Next Congress Will Be Asked To Give Relief At Next Term of Congress

COMMITTEE'S FAVORABLE REPORT

Washington, D. C. Nov. 27.—The ways are now being greased for the launching of the movement for the readjustment of postal rates in the next session of Congress. This problem was to have been taken up in the last session but had to be deferred on account of the consideration required by railway mail pay. Since this has been disposed of the committees are prepared to take up the matter of placing the various postal rates on a more equitable basis.

A zone system of rates for second class matter is being prominently urged to take the place of the present flat rate which was adopted nearly forty years ago. The present rate has for sometime been regarded as a discrimination against the newspapers in favor of the great national magazines. Like the parcel post the proposed zone rates would be based on the length of the haul.

The postal committees have been besieged by petitions bearing millions of names and several hundred thousands letters from individuals urging a readjustment of postal rates with a view of making possible one cent letter postage. A survey of the situation indicates that sufficient changes will be made in the various rates to permit the granting of a one cent rate on local delivery letters in the next session of Congress.

Chairman Moon of the House Postal Committee, today said; "I think that the Committee will take up this second class mail matter at the next session and press it to a conclusion at once. While I cannot speak for the Committee, this is my desire in the matter. I do not know what kind of a bill we will pass, whether it will have a zone feature attached to it or not. This view has been presented frequently in years past, and sometimes received favor and sometimes not. As to what shape the legislation will be in I am not able to say, but I am sure the Committee will give it the best possible shape in the public interest."

Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, a prominent member of the Senate Postal Committee, said; "I do think the time has come when the people who write and mail letters and pay postage ought to have quite so much of this burden of the price of transporting and handling the mail matter of the various national magazine publications on their shoulders."

Representative Carl Benson, of Georgia, said; "When letters can be carried all over our country, and to certain foreign countries, for two cents, and return a large profit, it is quite evident that the profit on local, or the so-called drop letters, must be exorbitant. There reduction will mean no falling off in the revenues as it is generally regarded that the volume of mail will practically be doubled immediately upon the installation of the new rate."

Representative Britt of North Carolina, former assistant Postmaster General and now a member of the House Postal Committee says that "1 cent will much more than pay the cost of handling local delivery letters and the creation of such a rate will be a powerful stimulus to urban business and local correspondence. A glance at the postal statistics will show this rate to be easily feasible. I am encouraged to believe that the day of equitable adjust-

ment of our Postal rates, and one-cent letter postage is not far distant."

"A BATCHELOR'S REVERIE"

Quite an interesting evening was spent by the members of the Lanier Literary Society, and some friends, Friday evening last at the School House, when a playlet entitled "A Batchelor's Reverie" was presented instead of the regular meeting which was to have been held at 8:30. The young ladies who took part had prepared some very pretty dresses for the occasion, which, with the make-up made quite an attractive production.

Under the direction of Miss Ethel Thomas the play was well received and very well played. The characters were as follows: The School Girl, Miss Zeltie McDowell.

The Country Girl, Miss Mamie Wommack.

The Tennis Girl, Miss Louise Allsbrook.

The College Girl, Miss Sadie Pope.

The Athletic Girl, Miss Mary White.

The Belle of the Ball, Miss Mary P. Josey.

The Winter Girl, Miss Ione Kitchin.

The Nun, Miss Charlotte Moore.

The Widow, Miss Mary J. Josey.

The Huntress, Miss Elizabeth Tadlock.

The Croquet Girl, Miss Ellen Meredith.

The Bride, Miss Ernestine Raspberry.

The Batchelor, Mr. Sherrod Harrell.

At the conclusion of the play the bride and bachelor walk off the stage and up the aisle to the accompaniment of the wedding march "Here Comes the Bride."

Though business matters of the society were dispensed for the evening, the members gathered in the library immediately after the conclusion of the play, and when called to order a game, different to any played this season was introduced. Each person present was given a pencil and paper, upon which they were required to write the first letter of each of their names. They were then given the following questions to answer, in three words:

1. What is your chief occupation?
2. What is your chief amusement?
3. What kind of a boy or girl do you like best?
4. What would you rather your teacher do for you?
5. What is your highest ambition?

Refreshments were then served by a few of the young ladies of the society, each plate being very prettily decorated, and in the centre an apple hollowed out and filled with delicious fruit salad. There was a small bunch of celery on each plate to make it look daintier, and then there were crackers, and two pepper sandwiches.

Further games were introduced until a late hour when the party broke up each feeling that they had enjoyed themselves to the fullest degree.