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THE temperance convention held at Raleigh last week, was quite a success, fully realizing the hopes of its promoters. There were in attendance nearly three hundred delegates from all parts of the State, from Asheville to Beaufort.

The proceedings were harmonious and conservative, and all the temperance forces were thoroughly organized for an active and aggressive campaign. There were no idle or useless speeches, but all present felt the need of action and organization, and in this the convention was eminently successful.

The convention was organized by the unanimous election of the following officers: President, H. A. London, Secretary, John A. Oates; Vice-Presidents, one for each Congressional district: W. M. Hinton, W. A. Dunn, J. M. Faison, W. C. Douglas, George W. Watts, Stephen McIntyre, W. J. Ferrell, W. H. Barton, Henry Clarkson and J. H. Tucker.

The following is the platform or declaration of principles adopted.

"The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League is an independent body, maintaining friendly relations with similar associations in other States, but it is entirely independent in its acts and non-partisan in character.

"Its purpose is the abolition of liquor saloons and distilleries by all proper means, the creation and crystallization of a righteous public sentiment, and the rigorous enforcement of all laws against the liquor traffic. It favors the firm and just enforcement of the Watts law, and it earnestly implores future legislatures not to incorporate small towns with the privilege of licensing saloons or distilleries.

"It calls the attention of Board of Commissioners of the various towns and cities to the danger of whiskey distilleries and rectifying establishments now forbidden to operate in the country, removing to incorporated towns or cities. This should be prevented.

"The organization favors calling an election under the existing law in every town or city now licensing saloons where there is a reasonable chance of carrying the election against the saloon. This league pledges its assistance in all such elections."

In order to carry into practical effect the principles above set forth a central executive committee was appointed to conduct the proposed campaign. This committee was authorized to employ two "field secretaries" to organize the work throughout the State, and a general executive committee of one from each county was appointed. In order to carry on the proposed campaign against the saloons it was resolved that $5,000 be raised, and, to show that this was no empty resolve, the convention then and there raised over half that sum with much enthusiasm.

The roll of counties was called and, as the name of each county was called, some person from the county gave a short statement of the conditions of his county as to the liquor traffic. In this way it was learned that prohibition now prevails in a large majority of the counties of the State and is steadily growing in favor.

One of the most notable speeches of the convention was that of Senator Simmons, who earnestly urged an enforcement of our temperance laws, and declared that there was no danger to any public man in North Carolina coming out boldly in favor of temperance legislation.

The convention very properly adopted a resolution of thanks to Mr. J. W. Bailey, to whom is due the chief credit of the success of the convention. After the convention adjourned the central committee met and elected Mr. Bailey its chairman.

THE Pope of Rome is attracting the attention of the civilized world by his wonderful vitality and desperate battle for life when in the ninety-fourth year of his age, having been born March 2, 1810. For several days his death was almost hourly expected, and yet he displayed a cheerfulness and vitality that amazed his doctors.

Christians of all creeds and classes cannot but admire his cheerfulness in the face of death and wish for him a peaceful end.

A CONVENTION of the farmers of North Carolina will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh. No farmer can attend it without learning something practical that will help him. A programme has been carefully prepared and practical subjects will be discussed by competent men. For instance, addresses will be made upon "The building up of worn out clay lands in middle North Carolina." An address will be made by the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

Very appropriately the president of the convention will be North Carolina's most distinguished citizen and successful farmer, Hon. ... [illegible]

Negro Rioting in New York.

[illegible]

No Place for Negroes in Indiana.

[illegible]

Farm Returns from the Land.

[illegible]

Agricultural Returns.

Washington, July 10.—Preliminary returns ... [illegible]

Cloudburst At Winchester.

Winchester, Ky., July 12.— ... [illegible]

At the meeting of the State Board of Education ... [illegible]

Facts About North Carolina.

In last Sunday's issue of the Charlotte Observer is a communication from Mr. Clarence H. Poe, the talented editor of the Progressive Farmer, in which he gives some interesting facts about North Carolina gathered from the last census.

We copy the following:

Let us begin with table 36. By it it appears that North Carolina is more thickly settled than the average State; we have 39 persons to the square mile, while the American average is only 25.6. ... [illegible]

... country over 35 in each 100 farm while 24 are in factories.

Nor is there any evidence of "race suicide" among us. There is an average of 5.1 persons to the family; while the American average is 4.6. The people of no other State have larger families than we have, and only three others—Indian Territory, Texas and West Virginia—come up to our standard.

And while we are poor, the proportion of our people owning their own homes is larger than the average, while the percentage of mortgaged homes (this is worth remembering) is only about half that of the entire country, 7.4 per cent to 14.6 per cent. Only 20.4 per cent of our farmers have mortgaged their homes, while the figures for America as a whole are 2[illegible]. The proportion of rented and mortgaged homes among villagers is much larger.

World's Highest Building.

[illegible]

Suicides at Jerusalem.

[illegible]

Deaths from Lockjaw.

New York, July 12.— ... [illegible]

Fatal Railroad Wreck.

Kansas City, July 12.— ... [illegible]

Killed By Lightning.

Washington, July 12.—During a terrible thunder storm which passed over the city to-day, lightning struck a boat house ... [illegible]

A Sensational Murder.

Bloomington, Ill., July 13.—A sensation was created here to-day by the arrest of Maude ... [illegible]

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WILMINGTON EXCURSION.

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