

## Prohibitionists Won a Sweeping Victory in The Mountain City To-day

Up to 2:30 This Afternoon Vote Stood Five to One in Favor of Prohibition—Victory Certain.

### Polling Places Thronged With Women And Children Who Begged Men to Blot Out Whiskey Curse.

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 8.—No such sight was ever witnessed in any city of the south as is being enacted here today. The polling places are thronged with women and children, who boldly plead with the voters to vote dry.

The saloon men are besieged by crowds of young ladies, and little is being done on the wet side. Be it said to the credit of the saloon men they treat the ladies with the utmost courtesy.

The vote at 1:30 was as follows: First ward, 110 dry; 60 wet. Second ward, 78 dry; 33 wet. Third ward, 219 dry; 41 wet. Fourth ward, 154 dry; 90 wet. Fifth ward, 195 dry; 19 wet. Sixth ward, 187 dry; 37 wet. Seventh ward, 24 dry; 6 wet. Eighth ward, 15 dry; 8 wet. Total, dry 982; wet 294.

The saloon people are thoroughly discouraged. The only question now is how large the majority against saloons will be. Women Sing and Pray. The indications at 2:30 o'clock make it almost safe to say that Asheville will be dry after Jan. 1st, the vote at that hour being estimated at about 5 to 1 in favor of prohibition.

The weather is clear and a heavy vote is being polled. Large delegations of women and children surround each polling place singing and praying.

Most all the shops are closed. Story Of The Fight. The campaign for and against prohibition, which has just closed, has been undoubtedly the most hotly contested and keenly interesting fight of the kind in the history of Asheville. The financial and business interests have been about equally divided, and each side has worked with much vim and vigor, the prohibitionists being led by W. H. Whitson, a prominent business man, as chairman of the executive committee, while ex-Representative J. Frazier Glenn, has acted in the same capacity for the anti-prohibitionists.

Largely attended prohibition meetings, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Ham, have been held at the auditorium every afternoon and evening for the past two weeks and among the most prominent speakers who have been active in the fight against the open saloon, were Judge J. C. Pritchard, Judge J. H. Merrimon, State Senator Webb, Locke Craig, and the Rev. Rutledge, of Cleveland. The anti-prohibitionists have held several large rallies at the county court house and the opera house. Among the speakers on these occasions were some of the best known and popular men in the city, among them being ex-Mayor Bernard, Judge Thomas Jones, John A. Kobling, ex-Chief of Police Thomas D. Paul Paquin, Hon. Thomas Settle and June Adams.

Women Very Active. An interesting feature of the campaign has been the large number of parades organized by the prohibition forces, there being parades of women and children and men; the torchlight parade of the prohibition voters which marched through the streets of the city last night being the largest of the kind ever seen in Asheville. The women of the city have taken a most active part in the fight for prohibition, and their presence at the polling places in large numbers today, was somewhat of a novelty in elections in this city.

The campaign throughout, though keenly contested, has been a clean one and exceptionally free from personalities. All the saloons in the city, by voluntary agreement, closed their doors at 7 o'clock last Saturday evening and will remain closed until Wednesday morning.

### MANY EMPLOYEES SUFFER.

Destruction of Furniture Factory Will Leave Many Families Destitute. Mt. Airy, N. C., Oct. 8.—The loss by the Galax, Va., fire is estimated to be \$25,000. Large numbers of hands are thrown out of employment and winter is almost upon them, and what makes it still worse is that it will be at least four months before the big furniture factory will be rebuilt and in operation again. Many of these employees are unable to stand still and wait for the company to resume business, and so leave and locate elsewhere does not always turn out for the best. In short, the destruction of the factory is bound to prove a big loss to others as well as the owners of the plant.

Tears are a thing for seasons all. You know they spring And also fall.

E. L. Pierce, of Whiteville, N. C. Kills E. T. Osborne

Denver, Colo., Oct. 8.—E. T. Osborne, bookkeeper for the Green Canon Coal Company, was shot and instantly killed last night by E. L. Pierce, claim accountant for the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. Both men were attending a night school and quarreled. Both men were recent arrivals in the city, Osborne coming from Kansas, and Pierce from Whiteville, N. C.

Harriman Gets Control. Salt Lake, Utah, Oct. 8.—Before the annual stockholders meeting of the Union Pacific was called to order Vice-President W. D. Cornish said he thought enough of the administration proxies were on hand to give the Harriman party complete control.

Colin Wins Big Stake. New York, Oct. 8.—The latest victory of James R. Keene's two-year-old colt, Colin, in the Matron stakes at Belmont Park, brings the total earnings of Mr. Keene's horses this year up to \$377,090, nearly \$100,000 in excess of the American record for a single stable in one year and only a few hundred dollars behind the world's record of \$377,554, held by the stable of the Duke of Portland. As there are nearly six weeks of the New York racing season left, the Keene stable is practically certain to gain the world's running record this year.

Havana, Cuba, Oct. 8.—Cuban labor organizations adopted a resolution to order a general strike, calling out all the unions in the island if railways employ strike breakers, who have landed here from New York.

## Work Of Day At Richmond

### House of Deputies Received Routine Reports—Woman's Auxiliary Discussed Important Question.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 8.—The two houses of the triennial Episcopal Convention met at the usual hour and the early part of the session of Deputies were devoted to receiving routine reports.

At the general meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary the topic of "The Board of Missions and its Care of the Missionary," was discussed. Appropriations and the apportionment of the fund at the command of the auxiliary were also considered.

This afternoon there will be a mission session of the general convention in St. Paul's Church with the discussion of "What is the Definite Responsibility of American Church in the Far East."

Saunders Central Figure. Judge Saunders, of southern Virginia, was the central figure in a hot debate on his introduction of the amendment in the house of Bishops; to the rules of order requiring that should delegates arise in the house simultaneously the first to arise should have the floor. The amendment was laid on the table.

Preamble Adopted. The House of Deputies adopted the preamble to the constitution referred to the church as "This American Church."

Charters Issued Today. Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 8.—Charters were issued to Rose O. Leve, Medical Company, capital \$25,000 authorized, \$300 subscribed by A. Thies, W. T. Wolford and others for making certain German salve and other medicines and to the Baltimore Lumber Co., Latimore, Cleveland county, with a capital of \$25,000 by J. P. Lattimore and others. The Highlands Realty and Improvement Co., of Reidsville, \$15,000 capital by J. D. Huffines, F. A. Silver and others. The Marlburg Hunting Club, Marlboro, capital \$25,000 by Job Cobb, J. L. Cherry and others.

## Many Delegates Attend Fire Engineers Convention

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The 25th annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers convened here today. Upwards of 400 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada are in attendance.

The opening exercises consisted of an address of welcome and preliminary work, after which the delegates visited the White House.

Chairman Knapp's Speech. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The harmony of the purpose and co-operation of object was the keynote of the address by Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, at the opening of the meeting of the annual session of the National Association of Railway Commissioners.

**BIG FALL FESTIVAL**  
A FEAST OF ORATORY AND MUSIC  
THE GRANDEST ARRAY OF TALENT EVER BROUGHT TO NORTH CAROLINA.  
OCT. 13-20

**MECKLENBURG FAIR**  
BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE  
OCT. 22-25

OTIS SKINNER  
ONE OF THE SEVEN BEST ACTORS IN AMERICA

LOW RATES ON ALL RAILROADS CHARLOTTE

There's a big time coming!

## Play for World Championship

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 8.—The Detroit and Chicago clash this afternoon in the initial game of the series that promises to be one of the greatest baseball battles ever fought for the world's championship. Both are wonderful teams and every player is determined to fight to the last ditch to land the greatest honor in organized baseball for his club.

This afternoon's game at the park will start at 2:30 (Central time) and a tremendous crowd will be on hand. Overall (Chicago) and Donovan (Detroit) will pitch.

The weather is cool and clear. Manager Jennings, of Detroit, and Manager Bank Chance, of Chicago, are both determined to win the opening game.

Record Breaking Crowd. An hour before the time for the game to begin every seat in the grand stand and bleachers were filled and a dense crowd lined the outfield.

It was one of the largest crowds that ever attended a ball game here. The umpires are Sheridan and O'Day.

## Cuthbert Was Chief Witness

New York, Oct. 8.—Information that aid the Attorney General of Ohio, in his investigation of the relations of the Manhattan Oil Company of Ohio, and Standard Oil Company, was brought out in the hearing of the Federal suit against the oil combine today when F. T. Cuthbert, president of Manhattan Company, was called as a witness.

Cuthbert, who was associated with the Standard. Cuthbert said the Manhattan was the only doing of pipe line business at the present. In 1901 Manhattan sold its refinery to Solar Refining Company, its oil production to the Ohio Oil company and its tank cars to Union Tank line. All three companies, the witness said, he understood and called the negro out, and by a clever piece of detective work succeeded in getting a confession from him.

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## Mt. Airy Wants Better Railroad Service

Mt. Airy, N. C., Oct. 8.—This city has a grievance and it is a serious one. The business men have done everything in their power to persuade the A. C. L. and Southern to give them a hearing in regard to the manner in which the business given these roads is handled at Sanford, but no attention is paid to this matter.

At no time in the history of Mount Airy has the outlook for prompt delivery of shipments of produce looked gloomier and never before in the history of railroading has a people been more unfairly dealt with. Will the press help Mount Airy in this fight? Will the Railroad commission take a fresh hold and put forth renewed effort?

Twin City's Tobacco Sales. Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 8.—The shipments of manufactured tobacco during the month of September aggregated 2,768,173 1/2 pounds. The revenue collections at the local office for the month amounted to \$166,094.41 on tobacco and \$19.50 on cigars. The sales of loose leaf for September were 4,735,759 pounds.

Frederick the Great. New York, Oct. 8.—A copy of the deluxe edition of the life of Frederick the Great, a gift from the German emperor, has been received by the trustees of Columbia University.

## From Prison To Wedding

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 8.—The marriage of Miss Clara Cecilia Leach and John W. Maher, which was solemnized at St. John's church this morning, was the culmination of a romance out of the ordinary.

The bride is one of the wealthiest women in Worcester and prominent socially. Mr. Maher is prominently connected with the club, lodge and business life of the city.

About four years ago he was sent to jail because of accusations of misappropriation of funds made against him by the senior member of the firm with which he was connected. He was released under a new state law after he had served three and a half years of his sentence.

His bride-to-be steadfastly refused to believe in his guilt and immediately he was released from prison arrangements for their wedding were made.

## Negro Murderer Captured In Greenville, S. C.

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 8.—Sheriff J. G. Brown, of Gwinnett county, Ga., arrived in Greenville Sunday morning and took possession of Matthew Howell, a negro who is wanted in Lawrenceville, Ga., for the murder of a deputy sheriff, J. B. Rainey.

The negro was arrested here Friday night by Special Officer Watson in the Southern Railway yards, having been caught stealing a ride on the blind baggage.

He was tried in the recorder's court Saturday and given ten days on the chain gang for vagrancy.

Saturday night Chief Alton received a letter from the sheriff of Gwinnett county, Georgia, stating that a negro named Matthew Howell was wanted there for murder, and giving a description of the negro which tallied with the negro sent to the chain gang on Saturday, with the exception that the letter stated that Howell was blind in one eye and wore glasses. Chief Alton was pretty sure, however, that he had the right man so he visited the stockade and called the negro out, and by a clever piece of detective work succeeded in getting a confession from him.

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## Fire Chiefs Hold Convention

Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—The first session of the 34th annual convention of the International Association of Fire Chiefs was held this morning. President George M. Kellogg, of Sioux City, is presiding.

The convention has brought together several hundred fire fighters from nearly every important city in the United States and Canada to consider questions calculated to improve or help their organizations.

A number of the topics to be considered are several of special interest to insurance men. Among them are the following: "Fire Protection for Private Corporations," "Are Shingle Roofs a City Conflagration Hazard?" "Is Fire Prevention of More Importance Than Fire Extinguishing?" "Fire Boat Protection," and "Best Methods of Extinguishing Fires in Cellars and Subcellars."

MR. J. F. FLETCHER DEAD. Was One of Twin City's Most Prominent Business Men. Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 8.—Mr. J. F. Fletcher, secretary and treasurer of the J. H. Fletcher Dry Goods Co., and one of the city's leading business men, died Saturday night at 8 o'clock after an illness of one week.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday morning by Rev. Dr. H. A. Brown, of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Fletcher was about 65 years old and is survived by a wife and three sons and two daughters, all of whom reside in this city.

Miss Womack to Wed Mr. Sale. Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 8.—Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Georgia Otilia Womack, of this city, to Mr. Thomas P. Sale, of Raleigh. The ceremony is to be performed on the morning of Oct. 23 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Walter F. Brown. Mr. Sale has held the office of health officer in Raleigh for fifteen years. The bride is quite popular in social circles and has many friends throughout the state.

If you are going to live on bread and cheese and kisses, take the kisses before you eat the cheese.

## Work of The Day at Big Conference of The World's Cotton Men

### Rockefeller Says He is Only Responsible to God

New York, Oct. 8.—John D. Rockefeller's private conception of himself that he is only the steward of the Standard Oil wealth responsible to God alone for his stewardship, was quoted Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Romert S. MacArthur, the pastor of Cavalry Baptist Church, before his Young People's class. Dr. MacArthur said: "A few years ago some one asked Mr. Rockefeller privately why it was, since he had such a tremendous fortune and his tastes were so simple that he could not possibly use a tenth of his income, that he did not retire. Mr. Rockefeller then made a reply which he did not intend should ever be made public and which gives an attitude of his mind never before appreciated by the public.

"I am the trustee of the property of others," he said, "through the providence of God committed to my care. I am the steward of vast interests belonging in great part to widows and orphans, and others who are actually or relatively poor. For this holding I am responsible to God. Were I to give up my interest in the Standard Oil Company, I would imperil the interests of the people according to the popular supposition that my withdrawal would hurt the company's business. Therefore I feel it my duty to God and to the people whose money is invested in my company to continue active in its welfare."

One Killed in Wreck. Genoa, Oct. 8.—The Paris-Rome express was wrecked at St. Pierre d'Arena yesterday. One passenger was killed and six injured. No Americans were hurt.

## Black Crime of 16-year Old Boy

Camden, N. J., Oct. 8.—Details of the confession made by a 16-year-old boy, Joseph Wood, that he had maltreated 9-year-old Ethel Marx, and then killed her with a hatchet, were given out by the county prosecutor today.

In his confession the boy says he saw her passing an orchard and called her to him, walking with her into the lot. The child hesitated and Wood confessed he then told her he wanted to play.

But in the shelter of the bushes he overpowered her. He says, in his confession, the girl cried and threatened to tell her mother. He then hit her first on the back of the head with a hatchet. After this he hit her over and over with the sharp edge of the hatchet.

KING'S HEARING AFFECTED. Three Sets of Artificial Hearing Instruments Shipped to London. New York, Oct. 8.—Three sets of artificial hearing instruments were shipped to Buckingham Palace, London, Saturday, says the Times today, for the use of King Edward and Queen Alexandra. The latter has long suffered from deafness, but the fact that King Edward is hard of hearing, it is stated, will be a great surprise to the public generally.

Battleship Aground. Norfolk, Va., Oct. 8.—The battleship Kentucky went aground this morning off Lambert's Point. Tugs are working to float her.

In No Immediate Danger. The battleship was enroute to the navy yard. She is in no immediate danger, her nose being stuck in soft mud off Lambert point flats. She is expected to be floated at high tide.

Not Floated Yet. Kentucky was not floated at high tide.

Wigg—"Why are you so excited?" Wags—"Borrowed just returned the \$5 I loaned him the other day." Wigg—"Great Scott! Was it counterfeit?"

## Pay Higher Price for Food Supplies For Big Fleet

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Oct. 8.—Increase in the price of the staples of life is evident in the proposal submitted to the bureau of equipment of the navy for furnishing six million pounds of supplies, besides a large quantity of miscellaneous edibles and drinkables for the Pacific cruise of the Atlantic battleship fleet.

Such examinations as the officials have made show that there is a slight increase over last year in the price of many necessities of the ship's larder. The advance in the prices of meat showed considerable over a fraction of a cent per pound over last year's offerings.

## Report Of Committee Made on Growing And Handling of Cotton—List of Committee's Recommendations.

### Reports And Discussions Consumed Morning Session—Planters Urged to Adopt Gin—Compressing; Select Seed Etc.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 8.—Reports of the sectional committees and the discussion of recommendations made, formed the program for the morning's session of the International Conference of Cotton Growers and Manufacturers.

The report of the committee on the growing and handling of cotton was laid before the conference. The recommendations of this committee were as follows:

- 1.—That all planters select and save their seed for the next crop.
- 2.—That all cotton, after being picked, be housed for from 40 to 60 days before being sent to gin.
- 3.—That as fast as possible planters, either as individuals or in communities adopt gin compressing.
- 4.—That the Egyptian form of bale be adopted as fast as possible.

## Forsyth County's Big Fair Opens To-day

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 8.—The annual Forsyth County Fair opens this morning and will continue through Friday. It promises to be a most successful event if the weather is favorable. In the business section of the city, buildings are gaily decorated with bunting and flags and there is much activity manifest at the fair grounds today. The agricultural exhibits promise to be especially good.

There are sixty-two race horses now at the track and among the number are several with fast records.

The racing tomorrow afternoon include the 2:30 pace for a purse of \$300; and a running race.

On the following days there will be several big stake races for purses of \$500.

The midway attractions and shows arrived here yesterday from Lynchburg.

There will be shows at the auditorium every night during the week and several functions will be given, including two dances.

## Suit to Dissolve So-called Big Powder Trust

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 8.—Forty of the 43 defendants in the government suit to dissolve the so-called Dupont Powder Trust have entered appearance in the federal court here. In addition to the companies throughout the country, including E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder Company of New Jersey, a holding concern, the defendants include Senator Henry A. DuPont, President T. Coleman DuPont and numerous other individuals.

## Miss Casler Makes Address At Vesper Services

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 8.—Miss Anna D. Casler, of Charlotte, state secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, yesterday afternoon made an address at a vesper service at the rooms of the local association.

The Y. W. C. A. has just been organized and it was for the purpose of looking over the field with a view of taking it into the state organization that Miss Casler came here.

It is very likely that the organization will soon be taken into the state association.

## FORSYTH COURT OPENS. Judge Moore Presiding—Docket Light—One Murder Case.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 8.—Forsyth superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened yesterday with Judge Fred Moore presiding and Solicitor S. P. Graves, prosecuting for the state. It is scheduled for a two weeks' term but as there are only about sixty cases on the docket, and of this number forty have been on the docket for several years, it is thought the cases can be disposed of in three or four days at most.

There is one murder case to come up, in which Claude James, a white man, is to answer for killing Hillery Smith, colored. Self-defense will be the plea of James.