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NEW ELECTIONS

Recent Presidential Election in Mexico Nullified.

FOR NEXT JULY

Huerta is Retained as Provisional President Until New Blections Are Held and His Successor Inaugurated Into Office.

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—The Mexican Congress today nullified the recent Presidential elections. New elections are called for next July.

Congress, according to this action, expects General Huerta to remain in the Presidency for at least seven months more and if the time necessary for the selection and installation ation, it will be well towards the end of September next year, before he yields his power to another.

The deputies fixed the first Sunday in July, 1:14, as the date for the new whether the prisoner, if admitted to election. They also confirmed the po- bail, would be a menace to the comsition of General Huerta as Previsonal Pres'dent until then.

The action of the deputies was accompanied by no debate. The com-mittee's report was approved without a dissenting vote.

It was not until the last clause of the article was read, referring to General Huerta as Provisional President, that the chamber gave evidence other than that of a well-trained organization. er's mental condition to the satisfac-When the reading clerk stopped some one began applauding and then in- Court. stantly the deputies were shouting "Ivas" for Huerta. The presiding officer was finally

able to remind them that enthusiasm was all very well, but that it was nec-

Elect New Congress The measures taken tonight also provide for the election of a new Congress, since the one elected to take tue place of that dissolved by Huerta is to serve out an unexpired term which should terminate September 15th.

The reason given for nullifying the elections was the insufficiency of the number of votes cast. It was stated that the entire number of voting places in the republic is 14,225 and hat returns were received from 701. It was noted that the Catholic deputies absented themselves from to-

night's session. The action of the new Congress was ne surprise to most people since it was but a reiteration of Huerta's repeated statements. It serves to relitical situation.

There has been a rumor, however that General Huerta may retire from the Presidency because of pressure from abroad and the advance of the rebels from the north.

Respect Foreign Property. The Constitutionalists are within 14 miles of Tampico, according to information received at the capital by representatives of the oil interests in that district. A band of American hunters orated the outposts of the rebels at Altamira. Information received by the hunters, led them to believe that on attack on the city would be inaugurated shortly and that the rebel mmander was sending forward one of the heaviest forces yet employed in the campaign in that part of the republic. The Americans were assured by the rebels that foreigners need have no fear so far as the Constituionalists were concerned, that when the city was attacked the rights of all foreigners would be respected.
Fighting between Federals and rebels in the vicinity of Huitzilic, between the capital and Cuernavaca connued today, but it was indecisive. There was unconfirmed reports that Suernavaca, capital of Morelos State. has been taken by the rebels. The War Department gave an emphatic de-

nial to this. Mutiny Is Threatened. Presidio, Texas, Dec. 9. - With General Salazador Mercado's northern division of the Federal army in bankruptcy and with the soldiers threaten-ing mutiny unless they are paid, every restraint was enforced today to THE ANTI-VIVISECTORS across the river from Ojinaga in Unit-

Huerta government in the north reached the border with an empty treasury. The future of the army was said to depend upon the nature of responses to urgent demand for money sent to

Mexico City.
The United States troops here, reinforced by other troops along the border, were prepared for any emergency, having been informed that the Mexican troops purposed rushing across

gees from Chihuahua continued to protection congress. The speeches pour into Ojinaga. General Salazar, one of the seven generals who left their garrison, was temporarily in com- feller Institute experimenters, to de mand of the little frontier village tonight, while General Pasqual Orozco and General Mercado were still out-

side the post bringing in the rear guard of the caravan. Reports brought by the refugees were that the rear of their column in its progress on foot, was continually harrassed by rebels. The latter, how-they could do no more than hasten they could do no more than hasten the pace of the retreating Federals.

Rebels Gathering in Numbers.

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General Francisco Villa's detachent, sent out in an effort to overtake the Federals, was unable to ac-

SUPREME COURT MAY LE IN THAW CASE

Judge Aldrich Will Not Tackle Important Questions.

Judge Aldrich Declares Constitutional Questions Are too Important for Lower Courts to Handle-Jerome Starts Trouble.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 9.-Judge Edward Aldrich ruled today that the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw must be determined in the Federal courts. The court's announcement was made at the hearing on Thaw's petition for bail.

Attorneys for Thaw, who are attempting to prevent the extradition of their client through habeas corpus proceedings in the United States District of his successor is taken into consider- Court, and counsel for New York State had agreed that the charge of conspiracy to escape from the insane asylum at Mattewan, N. Y., was a bailable offense when the question of munity was raised by William T. Jerome, special deputy attorney gen-

question of bail was decided it would e necessary to determine the prisontion of the United States District

"The constitutional question involvsuch importance that I shall not pass upon them myself, but shall forward them as promptly as possible to the cans than Democrats present. essary to ratify the enthusiasm by Supreme Court of the United States."

> New Hampshire. Aldrich's statement today that he currency bill. would not pass upon the constitutional questions involved in the Thaw case, but would forward them promptly to rhyme or reason, it is the Senator who wastes the time of this Senate without the Supreme Court of the United Oklahoma, when he tries to read us 2 Chairman Travis Attacks Position States, was not taken in Supreme lecture on our duty," declared Senator Court circles as meaning that the case Gallinger. would come to the highest court with-

orpus application.

Appeals, it was pointed out, may certify questions of law to the Supreme had been in the work of the 'ppropri-Court for answer before they have ations committee," he said, "I would Court for answer before they have ations committee," he said, to the Supreme Court is said to be by On the contrary he said, they were way of appeal from a decision render- attempting to histen consideration of ed by Judge Aldrich. In several cases the bill. Supreme Court would be asked to reconsidered at length and passed upon in preparation of the H'tchcock bill, the intricate points raised, but have urged the adoption of that measure. In misrepresent them before the promptly nanded down decisions from He intimated, however, that he would state Commerce Commission." which appeals might be taken.

As recognized constitutional quescuit Court of Appeals.

SOUTHERN FIELDS TRIALS.

Annual Derby of Hunters in Alabama Finished. Letohatchie, Ala., Dec. 9.—The comletion of the annual derby in the for his bill. He insisted upon keep- they do to several other points, par-Southern Field Trials Club here this ing a quorum of the Senate and at ticularly to a contention that the rail-

second, Happy Medium, handled by Lockhart; third, Lady Mohawk White stone, handled by Avent, and Frank's Rambler, handled by Fishel, tied.

Six braces of the All-Age 'stake stone, handled by Fishel, tied.

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That Name is Held in . Washington.

wasnington, Dec. 9.—Crueity to ani-mals by vivisectors and needless in-enter the system, and furnish the Washington, Dec. 9.—Cruelty to anifection of pain in any other form, funds for regional banks unless they were vigorously denounced at the opening session here today of the International anti-vivisection and animal GOLDSBORO VS. A. C. L. SUIT ward H. Clement, of Boston, president of the Congress, upon the Rocke nunciation by Ernest Thompson Seton against cruel methods of trapping ani-

Dr. Hamilton F. Biggar, of Cleve-

medical science. Miss Lind-Af-Hageby, of London, pave the street between the rails. famous English worker in the move-ment, declared that anti-vivisection-elected chairman of the Senate Com-Another factor which now complicates the preparament of the Federals forces the preparament of the Federals is a fear that the rebel forces which hold sway over a great section of their mistakes. In the medicine of some of their mistakes. One was of their mistakes. One was of their mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was over a great section of the mistakes. One was structure of mistakes. One was structure of

Leaders Hope Thirteen Hour Programme Will Help.

Senators Owen and Shafroth Defended the Administration Bill-Banks Would Not Enter the System.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Charges by Senctor Owen, chairman of the banking and currency committee, that the rency debate in the Senate tonight.

line of the chamber, threatening at the company with the State highway any way and also had failed to estab- prohibition be effected by constitutiontimes to break the bounds of Senate proprieties. The Republicans endeavored to show that Senator Owen himself had occupied time "uselessly" in John Doe inquiry into State highway demand and that the Democrats had repeatedly absented themselves from the Senate and ignored its business.

The altercation grew out of a state ment by Senator Weeks, who present resenting Warren Brothers, of Boston ed figures to show that from 8:30 until 9:20 o'clock tonight, counts of the taken at ten-minute intervais showed far less than a quorum, and in the majority of cases more Republi-

Senator Owen charged directly that The constitutional questions are the calls for a quorum were made to oncerned with Thaw's extradition, his cause delay. He presented a list of Status in New York, and his status in more then a score of waiting legisla. New Hampshire. that Congress was denying the country Opinions from Washington. | that Congress was denying the country Washington, December 9.—Judge relief while it filibustered over the "If there is any one Senator who

Senator Gallinger intimated that

out at least the form of a decision by Senator Owen had been derelict in his Juage Aldrich on the pending habeas duties as a member of the appropria tions committee of the Senate to which Only the Federal Circuit Court of both Senators belong.

ppeals, it was pointed out, may certiliff my only opportunity to see him

assure doubting ones that the acting acted themselves and this can be done not have been able to recognize the President retains his grip on the pool only in cases where the decisions of Senator from Oklahoma tonight." the circuit courts of appeals are final. | Senator Smoot den'ed emphatically noon, attacked the position of Virginia The only way in which the Thaw that Republicans were attempting in cities in their opposition to the applicase may come from the District Court any way to impede work on currency. cation of the new reduced inter-State

> fore them of such importance that the by Senators McLean and Crawford. Senator Crawford, a Republican view the matter, the judges have not member of the committee, who joined vote for the bill fin lly agreed upon by the Senate, even though his sugges- ginia cities, he says, reduced rates for

> > Senate today, hoping the 13-hour ses- Carolina points. sions would force a vote before the Christmas holidays.

tion of the Hitchcock plan to have rates in effect.

ported by Senators Weeks, Bristow to become their guardians. and Clapp in the contention that this ed States territory.

Driven from Chihuahua City the Opening Session of Congress Bearing ity for the monopolization of credit by that will effectually dispose of the Virginia army representing the strength of the big financial interests. They urged ginia cities' attitude. for public ownership and government control of the regional banks.

Senators Owen and Shafroth defended the administration measure

were given control of these institu-

BEFORE U. S. SUPREME COURT

To Be Argued by R. W. Winston-Simmons Gets Another Honor.

(Special Star Telegram.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.-R. W.

Commissions on Contracts Split With Politicians.

John Doe Proceedings in New York Exposing Rotton Conditions in Tammany Circles-Corporations Make Contributions.

Republicans were trying to delay the currency bill and waste time by insisting upon the presence of a quorum, treasurer of Tammany Hall, split \$11,
of Dr. Helene Knabe, at Indianapolis, October 23rd, 1911. The motion to dismiss the case was made by defense yesterday when the State conference of the completions with a paving company gent under an oral agreement For an hour and a half a wordy bat by which they were to use their politibis argument in support of the motion, tle waged across the p rty dividing cal influence to obtain contracts for declared that the State had failed to graft.

Two thousand dollars more of the "Day after day is used up here in commissions went, according to the rome, special deputy attorney genlevel for New York.

"We have very radical objections to turning Thaw on the community to which he would be a peril," said Jenome.

Judge Aldrich held that before the question of bail was decided it would be a peril, where the part of the level and the level and the vote the part of the level and the level a

The agent was John M. Murphy, rep-

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Misrepresent Them.

Virginia Cities in Their Opposition to Reduced Rates for North Carolina.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 9.-Chairman E. L. Travis, of the Corporation Commission, in an interview this afterfreight rates for North Carolina. He says he notices that representatives in recent years, however, where dis- | Actual consideration of currency re of the Virginia cities are denying that trict judges considered the cases be- form tonight was limited to speeches they oppose the proposed reductions for North Carolina.

"If this is so," he says, "then they ought to quit employing counsel to misrepresent them before the Inter-But for the opposition of the Vir tions are involved in the Thaw pro- tions were not accepted because he North Carolina would probably have ceedings an appeal from the District Court may go directly to the Supreme Court instead of first going to the Cir- Washington, Dec. 9.—Leaders hursistent in that they never fail to rerecognized the necessity of improving gone into effect without the formality ried the currency debate along in the sist any reductions of rates to North

He says that in their protest against the rates for North Carolina as inter-Senator Hitchcock, leader of the veners, composing 135 pages, they anti-administration bill wing of the gave less attention to any correspond Banking committee, resumed the fight ing reductions for themselves than afternoon resulted in the following half hour intervals forced roll calls roads do not set forth any legal reatwards:

First Willie J, handled by Garr; Senator Bristow assailed the ad
fy the Inter-State Commerce Commisministration bill, and urged the adop- sion in authorizing them to put the

Senator Hitchcock precipitated a related points ought not to be allowed general argument over the provision because they would be unfair to Knoxof administration bill giving the num- ville and other Tennessee points. Tenber of banks control of the directory nessee people have not appealed to the of the regional banks. He was sup- Virginia cities, says Chairman Travis,

The Corporation Commission is pre

OUTLINES

The report that Constitutionalist stated that all rumors of that nature the loss is estimated at \$100,000. originated in the camp of the enemy. Friday night.

elected president of the National Base- then gave up the struggle. ball League yesterday.

PROHIBITION FORCES GATHER AT CAPITAL

Against Dr. Craig for Murder MEN OF MERIT IN MOVEMENT

Trial Judge so Instructed Jury Late Yesterday-State Did Not Have a Case-Murder Remains Mystery Unsolved.

Shelbyville, Ind., Dec. 9.-Judge Alonso Blair today instructed the jury New York Dec. 9 .- James E. Gaff- to dismiss the case against Dr. William Craig, charged with the murder pared for a mighty demonstration tocluded its evidence.

prominent women dactors in the State and at one time was connected with the State board of health. She was found dead in her apartment in Inlianapolis on the morning of October 24th, 1911. The police reported that Dr. Knabe committed suicide. Coroher Durham returned a verdict of murder by persons unknown. The third grand jury which considered the case returned an indictment against Dr. Craig. A. M. Ragsdale, an under-taker and administrator of the Knabe

estate, was indicted as an accessory after the fact. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 9.-The indictment against Alonzo M. Ragsdale was nolle prossed today.

WARRANTS FOR ARREST OF UNITED MINE WORKERS. Placed in Hand's of Officers and Ar rests Will Follow.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—Warrants or the arrest of the United Mine "Quit Fmploying Counsel to Workers of America officers and mem pers indicted by the Federal grand jury at Pueblo last week were placed in the hands of United States Marshai Dewey C. Bailey today.

District Attorney Harry E. Kelly said they would be served at once and the cases would be prosecuted in the United States district court, notwith-

standing Washington dispatches sav

ing that Department of Justice officla's were to determine whether the cases should go to trial. "I have received no order from the attorney general since the indictments were returned." Mr. Kelly says, and I have been given a free hand in the matter." Waisenberg, Colo., Dec. 9.-Eugene McGraw, international organizer of the United Mine Workers of America. who succeeded Adolph Germar as director of the strike in this district

after the arrest of the latter, was arrested by the military authorities today in connection with the investiga tion into the killing of three mine guards and a chauffeur near Laveta on November 8th.

PANKHURST IN PARIS.

British Suffragette Visits Her Daughter in France. Emmeline Dec. 9.-Mrs. Pankhurst arrived here this evening to visit her daughter, Christobel Pankhurst. Although looking very tired and weak, Mrs. Pankhurst expressed her determ tition to return to London to keep her engagement to speak at a meeting Monday. On the arrival of the train the suffragette leader was assisted to a taxicab in which she drove to her daughter's apartments. Christobal Pankhurst said her mather's health had been greatly benefitted by her trip to the United States and for that reason she was able to stand three days privations in Exeter jai better than might have been expected. London, Dec. 9.-Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst when she left today for Paris, said she would spend there the remainder of the seven days leave granted her by the authorities. A detachment of police were at the rail way station, but did not interfere with the departure of Mrs. Pankhurst. Mrs. Pankhurst arrived from the sanitarium in an ambulance and was carried to her train on a stretcher.

STEAMER SUNK IN NEW YORK HARBOR Loosened Shaft Knocks Hole in Vesse.'s Bottom.

New York, Dec. 9.-The freight teamer Zulia, of the Red D Line, s nk in 25 feet of smooth harbor waters toleaders in Mexico are not in accord dov, the victim of a freak accident. of the receivership of St. Louis & San was denied by Carranza yesterday. He The cost of salvaging her cargo and Francisco railroad was separated to-The Zulia lay in the East river last Mrs. Pankhurst was released from night t king on freight for Caracas, prison and is now in France. She is Venezuela, when a forged steel shaft W. B. Riddle, receivers, resigned as visiting her daughter in Paris and an- eighteen feet long broke from its hoist president and vice president, respect Here in North Carolina we are not nounces her intention of returning to ing slings and pierced the ship's botondon where she is slated to speak tom. For seven hours the crew tried in vain to stop up the six-inch hole and tors. Governor Tener of Pennsylvania was fight the inrushing deluge with pumps, A wrecking tug took the Zulia in The case of Harry Thaw will go to tow and started for a drydock, but the

Prohibition forces from all over the To Quash Indictments Against Lieut. Gov. Bilbo. Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 9.—A motion as receiver. to quash the indictments charging The resigna to lower its tracks in that section and thousand people, both men and women Lieut. Gov. Bilbo and State Senator and the retirement of Receivers Nixon will take part in the demonstration.

A steamer is reported to be ashore on Frying Pan Shoals. The cutter Judge Mounger immediately after at- ed by the Inter-State Commerce C ists were not sentimentalists or ene- merce Committee today to act in the Seminole was ordered by wireless to torneys for the defense finished their mission. This as conveyed in the let- body and the mind of men, linking

Mighty Demonstration to be Made There Today.

Resolutions to be introduced in Both Wings of Congress This Morning Favoring Amendment to Constitution.

Washington, Dec. 9.-Prohibition forces from all over the country are gathered in Washington tonight, premorrow before the National capital. More than 2,000 men and women, representing the Anti-Saloon League of America, and the Woman's Christian Henry Spaan, counsel for Craig, in Temperance Union, will march in separate bodies to the Capitol bearing connect Dr. Craig with the crime in petitions demanding that National

al amendment. Disagreement as to the part each organization should play in the presentation of the petitions threatened today to cause a split in the temperance forces, but it was said tonight that all differences had been smootned out. As a result the committee of 1,000 men representing the Anti-Saloon League forces, will be received at the Capitol first, after which they will withdraw and the women will make their plea.

Big. Gen. A. S. Daggett will act as grand marshal of the men's procession, while the women will be headed by Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens, of Maine, president general of the W. C. T. U. The demonstration will take place at 10 o'clock at the East front of the Representative Hobson, of Alabama, author of the proposed constitutional amendment, will receive the petitions on behalf of the House Representatives, while Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, will act

for the Senate. Addresses will be made on behalf of the committee of 1,000 by Ernest H. Cherrington, of Westerville, O., editor of the official organ of the Anti-Saloon League, and by Former Governor M. R. Patterson, of Tennessee. Afterwards the reason for a constitutional amendment from the women's standpoint will be presented by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, of Brooklyn, N. Y., president of the New York State W. C. T. U. and Mrs. Mary Former Governor M. R. Patterson, Armon, of Georgia.

Committee of 1,000 Men. Plans for the demonstration were naugurated at a meeting recently at Columbus, O., of the Anti-Saloon League of America, when the commit tee of 1,000 appointed to urge Congress to adopt a prohibition amend ment to the constitution. A sub-committee tonight completed

the draft of a joint resolution proposing such an amendment. Representative Hobson and Senator Sheppard will, it is understood, introduce the resolution in the two houses of Congress tomorrow. The preamble recites that "exact

scientific research has demonstrated that alcohol is a narcotic poison, destructive and degenerating to the human organism and that its distribution as a beverage, or contained in food lays a staggering economic burden upon the shoulders of the people lowers to an appalling degree the average standard of character of our citizenship, thereby undermining the public morals and the foundation of ree institutions, produces widespread crime, pauperism and insanity, inflicts disease and untimely death upon hundreds of thousands of citizens and blights with degeneracy their children unborn, threatening the future in-tegrity and the very life of the Na-

The resolution would constitutional amendment to forever prohibit the sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale, importation for sale and exportation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. but empowering Congress to provide for the manufacture, sale, importation and transportation of inmedicinal and similar purposes.

Of the Receivership and Directorate of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.-The personnel day from the directorate and officer- the needs of this life." ship of the road. W. C. Nixon and the discussion, Mr. Johnson said that tively. They also resigned as direc-

Thomas H. West, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis Trust Company, which financed many 'Frisco affairs before the re-Dr. Hamilton F. Biggar, of Cleveland, personal physician of John D. Rockefeller, spoke in favor of restriction of vivisection to smallest striction of vivisection to small striction of vivisection to small striction of vivisection to small striction of the United Streamship sank 400 feet from shore. Ceivership, and is a director of the United Streamship sank 400 feet from shore. Strates and they are entirely strain to the United Streamship sank 400 feet from shore. Strates are stricted in the Supreme Court to the United Streamship sank 400 feet from shore. Strates are stricted in the Supreme Court of the United Streamship sank 400 feet from shore. Strates are stricted in the Supreme Court to strain the Supreme Court to strain the Supreme Cou Lusk, a retired banker of St. Paul, We shout victory when we raise \$50, who previously had not been connect- 000 for State missions, when the fact

The resignation of West as receiver

President of Baptist State Convention Third Time.

HONOR BESTOWED

Congressman Webb Presents Gavel From King's Mountain Battle Ground-Other Officers Elected-Throngs.

(By T. W. Chambliss.) Shelby, N. C., Dec. 9 .- For the third time in the history of the Baptist denomination in the Old North State, delegates from Baptist churches gathered tonight in the meeting house of the Shelby Baptist church. For the third time in successive years the Baptist State Convention honored itself, the denomination, and the cause in re-electing by unanimous vote Rev. Chas. H. Durham, now of Lumberton, but a native of Shelby, as the presi-

dent of the convention. There was deep spiritual influence felt in this commodious building tonight, when 1,200 people stood and united their voices in the old hymn of praise, "Coronation." This hymn marked the opening of the 83rd annual session of the North Caronna Baptist State Convention. The entire building is filled with people. The Sunday school room, the class rooms, and every available chair is needed to accommodate the throng of people. President Durham formally called e convention to order and asked

President R. T. Vann, of Meredith College, Raleigh, to lead the opening prayer. The chair appointed the following as committee on enrollment: Revs. C. S. Cashwell, S. L. Morgan, J. V. Devinney, C. M. Beach, J. W. Cawthorn, E. A. Butler, L. T. Reed, C. C. Wheeler. Representative C. J. Woodson, of Shelby, was recognized by President

Durham, and in a few appropriate remarks Mr. Woodson presented Attorney O. Max Gardner, who eloquently welcomed the convention to the hearts and homes of Shelby, Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines, of Charlotte, responded in pehalf of the convention. The committee on enrollment reported 364 delegates present, this number being seven less than the

number present at the first session ast year. Secretaries N. B. Broughton and C. E. Brewer, were re-elected by unant-

Gavel From King's Mountain. Congressman E. Y. Webb, recognized by President Durham, surprised the convention, when after a happy reference to the "Battle of King's Mountain" and the loyalty of the men of this section to American principles, he presented to the president of the convention a gavel. This gavel was made from the wood of a hickory tree from the heart of King's Mountain battle ground. The gavel was presented in behalf of King's Mountain Baptist Association, representing 7,000

Baptists. Following this feature, the convention completed the organization by electing the following officers: Vice presidents, Congressman E. Y. Webb. C. P. Meserve, John A. Oates; corresponding secretary, Livington Johnson; auditor, F. H. Briggs; treasurer, Walters Durham; trustees, W. C. Tyree, Noah Biggs, W. N. Jones, D. L. Gore, H. C. Bridger. The organization being completed,

the order of the night, the annual ser-

mon was preached by Rev. W. N.

Johnson, pastor at Wake Forest. Annual Sermon Impressive. The most intense stillness seemed to hold the vast audience tonight when Rev. Walter N. Johnson announced the subject of the annual sermon. The text was in Revelation 2, th verse, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Mr. Johnson announc-ed his theme as "Independent Churches in An Organized Age, or Baptist toxicating liquors for sacramental, Principles Applied in North Caro-

> The very appearance of the preacher seemed to indicate a coming event. Mr. Johnson discussed the dangers resulting from the independence of Baptist churches, and yet he declared that this independence was scriptural and necessary to their vitality.

"The Baptist peril," said the preach-"is the thousand rattlesnake churches that coil and most of the time strike with deadly suspicion at organized agencies. Baptist people stand for unorganized Christianity and we are going to be ground between the mill wheels if we don't mind. The great Baptist need of the time is an organization that applies 'the Southern Baptist Convention was hovering over a smoking volcano. much better off. With 250,000 members, more than two-thirds are doing nothing. We need to change our methods. We should quit this organization of field for pastors and organize pastorates. Our district associations need life and they are either picnics

resentative. We need to face facts. ed with the road, succeeded Mr. West is that we are doing less than we did

20 years ago. "North Carolina Baptists must concentrate on three things and stop, these special appeals: Missions, so-