

NEGRO THINKS HE PULLED DOWN CITY

Death of Bill Wardell in San Francisco Recalls His Version of the 1906 Earthquake, Saloon Argument Basis of Relief.

The negro man who "pulled down" the city of San Francisco on the morning of April 18, 1906, and recently still marveling at the catastrophe he caused because he didn't know his own strength.

History recorded the disaster as an "earthquake, followed by fire," but Bill Wardell knew differently.

Announcement of the picturesque Wardell's death recalled among old-timers his story of the 1906 catastrophe.

Bill, a character even before the great event, had had a rocky night and on the fair April morning was looking for an eye-opener to quench the burning thirst in his throat.

Into the first barroom strode Bill. He didn't have any money but he was certain either he himself or his razor would get him credit.

But the bartender was obdurate and refused to wet as much as the bottom of the glass with gin unless Bill showed the color of his money.

"White man, you all better fix up that gin or I'm gonna pull down this bar," Wardell said. Even that threat failed to move the barroom attendant.

So Bill grasped the bar. He hurried and he puffed and he blew. With one final mighty tug he carried out his threat.

Down came the bar, the ceiling, the whole building.

Dazed, awed, Bill climbed out of the wreckage.

"Mah goodness, boss, I sure didn't aim to get so rough," he said apologetically. "Sakes alive, if I ain't went and done made a mess for sure."

Outside Bill found more wreckage and great confusion. Buildings tumbled.

"Lawdy, I didn't know mah own strength," he mumbled to a passing police officer.

Folks tried to tell Bill an earthquake and not the big he gave the bar caused the disaster. But for 27 years Bill remained unconvinced.

"It was the watah pipes," he explained. "They was all fastened together all over town. When I give that jerk I musta pulled on the faucet in the saloon and bring down the whole town."

Reasons Given Why Carolinas Voted 'Dry'

The following Universal Service dispatch from Winston-Salem gives some humorous reasons why the Carolinas voted "dry" in the repeal election of November 7th:

Now the truth may be told as to why North and South Carolina voted against repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

It wasn't a matter of the constitution. It was purely an economic expression on two vital points:

1. Why must a Carolinian pay 45 to 50 cents a drink for rye or bourbon, when he can get corn for 5 to 10 cents.

2. Why should a Carolinian encourage a foreign instead of a native product?

And the answer at the polls in the recent election was—why?

Citizens of these two common-wealths, noted for their democracy and independence on the subject of being "dry," had heard all about the supposed high prices that would be charged for "red hicker" after the end of prohibition. They promptly "reckoned" there was no sense in paying such prices just to go "wet," when they could stay "dry" and save a lot of money.

Their wisdom was revealed in today's prices for "corn" throughout North Carolina.

Per drink—In blind pigs, speakeasies, clubs, drugstores, restaurants, barber shops and dark alleys, 5 to 10 cents.

Per short pine—"bootleggers" favorite business"—usually sold in small flat bottles, 35 to 60 cents.

Per quart—sold in milk bottles and fruit jars as a rule at almost any place except churches and private homes, 50c to \$1.

Per gallon—purchasable virtually wherever quarts are sold, \$2 to \$4, depending on age and quality.

Price to retailers at the distilleries ranged from \$5 to \$6 for five-gallon cans.

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Opposing Leaders in Farm Relief Controversies



On the left is Edward A. O'Neil, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who announces the federation's support of President Roosevelt's Agricultural Adjustment Act plans and opposing farm strikes. At the right is Milo Reno, of Iowa, Farm Holiday President, who rejects all federal plans and proposals, urging continued strikes.

News Items From Raleigh And The State At Large

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Writer for The Democrat)
Raleigh, N. C.—The retention of the Eighteenth Amendment and of prohibition was favored by 293,484 persons who voted against holding any convention to ratify the Twenty-first amendment, while 120,190 voted for the convention, which was equivalent to voting for repeal, in the recent election of November 6, according to the official figures announced by the State Board of Elections when it met here Saturday to canvass the returns. The total vote for dry delegates to the convention, although this convention will never be held, was 300,054 and for wet delegates 115,482, the official tabulation shows, giving a total of 2,562 more votes cast for delegates than were cast on the question of holding the election. The total vote cast on the convention question was 413,674 and the total vote for delegates 415,536. The total vote cast in the State in the presidential election in November, 1932, was over 711,000.

Commissions to Hold Meeting
The two textbook groups, the elementary and the high school commission, recently appointed by Governor Ehringhaus and sworn in at a joint meeting in his office Friday, will both meet, but separately, in Raleigh next Saturday to begin the work of canvassing the textbook situation for the public schools.

Merchants Name Bailey
I. M. Bailey, Raleigh attorney, formerly a member of the State Corporation Commission and at one time its chief counsel, now president of the newly-incorporated State Bar, has just been appointed as chief counsel for the North Carolina Merchants Association, according to an announcement by Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the association. Mr. Bailey was elected for this post because of his wide knowledge and experience in the field of utility and transportation rates.

Booze Ads May Not Be Circulated
Liquor advertising cannot be brought into North Carolina in newspapers, by mail, express, trucks or otherwise under the State's law. Attorney General D. G. Brummitt holds in a letter to the Circulation Manager of the New York Times, referring to a former ruling, Mr. Brummitt says:

"It is the opinion of this office that the distribution in this State, by baggage, express, truck, airplane or other method, of publications containing liquor advertisements is unlawful."

68,050 Labors to Be Given Work
Sixty-eight thousand idle North Carolinians are to be put to work soon under the new Civil Works Administration, which takes the place of the former Emergency Relief Administration. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State administrator, announced following a conference in Washington last week.

While details are not complete, Mrs. O'Berry gives assurance that 68,000 men and women will be put to work on small local projects which can be done in a short time, such as repairing public buildings, minor construction, drainages, sanitation, building swimming pools, parks, playgrounds and other like activities. No contracts will be given, the work being done by day labor after approval by the State Board, the rate of pay being 45 cents an hour for common labor and \$1.10 for skilled labor for a 30-hour week.

74 Die in Auto Wrecks
Automobile accidents were responsible for 74 deaths in October, as compared with 51 in October, 1932, and there were 33 homicides and 13 suicides, as compared with 31 homicides and 25 suicides a year ago, the State Bureau of Vital Statistics reports. In October there were 138 violent deaths, railroad accidents resulting in 11, air accidents one, fires 16, accidental gunshot wounds eight and drowning six. October deaths numbered 2,399, making the death rate 8.9, while live births reached 6,232, a rate of 23.1. Cancer took the lead among diseases, claiming 143 persons, followed by 136 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis, 100 from pneumonia and 79 from diphtheria. Diphtheria is running ahead of last year and has become a special concern of health officers and doctors.

Not to Molest Beer Law
Three point two beer and wine, while not in favor with the United Dry Forces in the State, probably will not be molested through their efforts in the 1935 General Assembly.

Mrs. Palmer Given Appointment
Mrs. Katherine Stedman, Palmer, Greensboro, daughter of the late Congressman Charles M. Stedman, and her father's secretary, has been appointed a Federal stamp deputy and placed in charge of a stamp office just created in Greensboro. Collector Charles H. Robertson announces. The office will be a convenience to many people wanting documentary stamps, as well as being in a city in which cigars, requiring stamps, are manufactured.

Establishing the cre-woman office

Lively Contest Believed In Store When Text Book Body Holds Meet

B. M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Writer for The Democrat)
Raleigh, N. C.—A lively contest is anticipated if and when the elementary textbook committee gets into action, following the joint meeting of it and the high school commission with Governor Ehringhaus, Thursday, at which time both were sworn in and started on their work.

The contests will doubtless be on all history books, which are up for the consideration of the elementary committee and then by the State Board of Education, but the interest will likely be greater when it comes to thoughts of a North Carolina history, because of the increased local concern.

The history now used in elementary grades is for the sixth grade only. It was written by D. H. Hill and has been criticized on the ground that it is old and hard. There is, therefore, some sentiment for change. The U. D. C. of the State, at its recent meeting in High Point, went on record as having some North Carolina history courses in three, possibly four, of the elementary grades, probably from four to seven, inclusive. But there is something of a dearth of material in anything like paper form and brought up to date.

However, two North Carolina histories have recently been compiled and one has been printed. The second may be finished in time for consideration and it is possible that one or two others will be issued.

Already published, by the University Press, Chapel Hill, is the history of Professor W. C. Jackson and Arnett, both of whom were at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, for several years. Dr. Jackson has recently gone to the University at Chapel Hill and Mr. Arnett has been teaching North Carolina history for several years. Dr. Jackson has recently gone to the University at Chapel Hill and Mr. Arnett has been teaching North Carolina history for several years.

Another, said to be nearing completion, is one by Captain S. A. Ashe, 93-year-old historian and clerk of the Federal Court, Raleigh. He has published two large volumes on North Carolina history and is said to be writing one, as was the Jackson and Arnett book, to take the place of the sixth grade Hill book. Also, R. D. W. Connor has written a history, which is said to be too old and hard for the elementary grades.

The contest over selection of these books is likely to push into the background the United States and more general histories, since there will be the added interest of personal friendship and pull.

There and the further fact that Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have moved from Hillsboro to Raleigh, seem to indicate that the State district office will not be moved to Greensboro, as has been contemplated.

Two Edgecombe County farmers sold 58 hogs weighing 10,735 pounds for \$426.06 cash last week.

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On Way to Show



May Phillips, of California with her prize-winning prima steer which she will enter in the Great Western Livestock Show at Los Angeles. Miss May raised her winner from a wobbly-legged calf.

Diary Says Drunken Soldier Set Fire to Columbia During War

Columbia, S. C.—A fuse lighted by a drunken soldier of General William T. Sherman's army caused the conflagration which nearly destroyed Columbia during the War Between the States, it has just been disclosed here by the diary of a Union army sergeant. The diary account declares that Union soldiers who were occupying the town indulged in an orgy of drunkenness as the flames spread, and that the men stopped all efforts to prevent the spread of the flames.

Columbians have received from W. E. Risedorph, St. Paul, Minn., a diary written by his father, the late John Risedorph. The elder Minnesotan served as a sergeant with Company E, four Minnesota volunteer infantry, and was with the forces occupying Columbia. Declaring that he was in a "sanitary storeroom" just before the fire started, the sergeant wrote in his diary that a "drunken soldier lighted a fuse which set papers on fire and quickly ignited loose gunpowder from which I hold the city of Columbia was burned."

His account continues, "I made my escape to the door by the aid of an axe. The fire companies turned out but the soldiers rendered them helpless by cutting the hose or turning them on the firemen."

"Excitement was increased every minute as fiery whiskey was turned down thirsty throats. Vengeance was sworn against the method of secession. As the flames of fire and whiskey increased, the ravaging and desolating hand of war was extended to private dwellings."

The diary says that a general officer who attempted to halt plundering was knocked down and had to call upon another general for aid. General Sherman, the commander-in-

chief, was forced to move his headquarters and ordered out a battery to quell the rioters. But the artillerymen were told that "if one gun fired the guns will be spiked and the gunners bayoneted."

FARM QUESTION

Question: When should young males be put in the mating pens?
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