

SCRIPTS FOR ONE YEAR

TOTAL FOR 1907 WAS 43,192. Some interesting facts found from a tabulation of the whiskey prescriptions issued by Charlotte doctors during the year—highest number written by one individual doctor was 4,901, highest number filled by an individual drug store was 6,205—significant figures relative to prohibition as existing in the city of Charlotte.

After a laborious effort requiring more than a month of arduous work, an accurate list and computation of the number of whiskey prescriptions written during the year 1907 has just been prepared. A statement appearing in the papers a few days ago was premature, unofficial as well as incorrect and that which herein appears comes direct from those who made the tabulations and is also authorized.

The total number of prescriptions issued by Charlotte doctors during 1907 amounts to 43,192. All the prescriptions being tabulated on a basis of quarts, it was discovered that the total number of quarts amounts to 39,635. The total beer certificates number 474 dozen bottles. Figuring that the whiskey sent out from the drug stores on prescriptions during 1907 amounts to 41,193. All the prescriptions being tabulated on a basis of quarts, it was discovered that the total number of quarts amounts to 39,635.

The 474 dozen bottles of beer would likely average in price about 15 cents per bottle, which would amount to a total of \$7,110. The total amount of whiskey sold during the year 1907, at an average price of \$1.25, it can be seen that the amount of money expended for the total number is \$49,543.75.

The largest number of prescriptions issued during the year by an individual physician was 4,901, which would make an average of about 13 for every day in the entire year, including the Sundays. The second highest on the list is 2,897; the fifth, 2,646; the sixth, 2,218; the seventh, 1,679; the eighth, 1,254; the ninth, 1,250; the tenth, 1,151; the eleventh, 1,118; the twelfth, 966.

The physician who wrote 1,679 whiskey prescriptions also wrote certificates for 24 dozen bottles of beer leading the list along this line. The one who wrote 1,254 whiskey prescriptions wrote prescriptions for 20 dozen bottles. The doctor who issued the 2,884 also wrote 19 dozen beer prescriptions, and is one of the colored physicians of the city.

One of the leading and oldest physicians of the city wrote 20 prescriptions, another wrote 120, another 94. The records show nothing further that is unusual about the numbers, aside from those already given. The old rating which applies to every one of those whose names appear on the register can be classed as radicals, conservatives and extremists. There is probably little difference in the extent of the practice of the doctor who wrote 4,901, and the other who wrote 20, and the variance may be due to their individual ideas about the efficacy of alcohol.

One glancing over the records finds some strange things. It is apparent that some of the druggists have been misled and filled prescriptions upon the signatures of doctors who do not exist at all. This is no reflection upon their integrity as it was impossible for them to keep readily in mind the names of every physician in contiguous territory to Charlotte. Physicians from Gastonia, Concord, Monroe and all towns of such nearness to this city sent prescriptions, bona fide prescriptions, to be filled here, and if occasionally a fellow forged a name of a doctor non-existent, the discredit cannot be placed against the druggists.

Upon the records sent up from one drug store, the name of a doctor of divinity appears as having authorized some bearer to obtain one gallon of whiskey. This, of course, is an instance where the name of the minister was forged by the holder and thoughtlessly passed over by the druggist, or a case where the minister holds precisely the same name and initial as some doctor in North Carolina.

The drug store standing at the head of the list in the number of prescriptions filled sold a total of 5,579 quarts upon 6,203 prescriptions and also 23 dozen beers. The second highest stands at 5,938 quarts out of 5,893 prescriptions, and also 13 dozen beers; the third sold 5,508 quarts from 5,356 prescriptions and 151 dozen beers; the fourth sold 3,967 quarts from 4,083 prescriptions and 10 dozen beers. The remainder of the stores vary from 357 to 3,500 in the number of total prescriptions honored.

Figuring that the drug store that sold 5,579 quarts received an average of \$1.25 for a quart, revenue of approximately \$7,000 was derived from the sale of whiskey, while the license to the city was paid more than four times with the 23 dozen bottles of beer sold.

The submission of these facts entitles the public to any deductions desired.

From Paradise, Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Gustave O. Thies, who have been living in Paradise, Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, will arrive in the city next week to make their home in Charlotte. Mr. Thies is a son of Capt. A. Thies, one of the city's best known and most popular citizens.

The fact that the change would bring him nearer to his father was one of the prime inducements that led him to leave the North. Mr. Thies has purchased the Jake Alexander place, adjoining his father's property, and will make his home there.

The Meeting For Men. Rev. A. J. Hanson, pastor of the First A. R. P. church, Spartanburg, S. C., will address the meeting for men at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

LAST OF LOGIE LAND SOLD.

Mr. A. H. Washburn Purchases Big Tract East of the City—The Last of the Well-Known Logie Property—Consideration Between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Mr. A. H. Washburn has purchased from Mr. D. A. Tompkins a tract of land lying east of the city and containing between 150 and 160 acres, the last of the well-known Logie property. The consideration was between \$12,000 and \$15,000. No information could be secured yesterday as to what Mr. Washburn intends to do with this property, owing to his absence from the city. It is a very desirable tract, as it has a frontage on the Seaboard Air Line road of almost a mile and is well suited to manufacturing purposes.

To the older residents the sale of the last of the Logie property will be of peculiar interest. Years ago Mr. Logie, then a Bridgeport, Conn., merchant, came to Charlotte and purchased two farms, the Schiff and Steele places, situated east of the city and lying between the Monroe and Lawrence roads. There were 570 acres in the two tracts and the purchase price was a neat little sum. Mr. Logie lived on the Steele place and worked hard at farming. He attempted many innovations, but was never regarded as a success. One of his desires was that he tried to do was to canal Brier creek, which ran through a section of his property. The Steele house was burned and Mr. Logie died. Mystery surrounded the winding up of all his affairs and there are many neighborhood tales told of Mr. Logie's life, especially among the negroes, to this day.

Mr. Logie came to Charlotte at the suggestion of one of the city's leading residents, who happened to meet him on the train between New York and Philadelphia. Mr. Logie was then on his way South, having purchased a ticket to Florida. Mr. Laurus Loomis, a prominent New York commission merchant, knew him and of his plans and introduced the Charlotte citizen to him. The two talked over the matter and the result was that they both got off in Charlotte. Mr. Logie liked the country and immediately purchased the Schiff place, later buying the Steele farm.

MR. GEORGE O. DRAPER RETIRES

Secretary of Draper Machine Company, Hopedale, Mass., Resigns His Position—Will Be in Charlotte Soon. Southern mill men, particularly Charlotte manufacturers, will be deeply interested in the announcement of the resignation of Mr. George O. Draper from the secretaryship of the Draper Machine Company, of Hopedale, Mass., and his retirement from the active interest in the concern. Not only has he resigned his position as secretary, which he has held for a number of years, but he has withdrawn from the directorate as well. It is believed in cotton mill and financial circles that he retains most of his stock, but no official confirmation of this is possible.

Mr. Draper is now in the South on a pleasure trip. He attended the Mardi Gras festival this week in New Orleans and is expected to arrive in Charlotte some time this month to visit his brother, Mr. Arthur J. Draper, secretary of the Chadwick-Hoskins Company.

Cotton Manufacturers to Meet Next Month. A preliminary draft of the programme of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers' Convention, which is to be held in Boston, Mass., next month, has been issued from the office of Secretary C. J. H. Woodberry. The meeting will be held in the Huntington Hall of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and will be attended by the leading textile manufacturers of the North. The convention promises to be an exceedingly interesting one.

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IS THERE TO BE A FIGHT?

Rumors in Circulation to the Effect That the County May Enjoy a Lively Political Campaign This Summer—The New Crowd Against the Old—A Situation That May Be Well to Watch. The "knowing ones" declare that there are signs of stirring times in county political circles this summer. Little pointers have been cropping out from week to week which the well informed say betoken trouble. The forces have been quietly lining up with one faction or the other and the pot is beginning to boil. It has been several years since the county enjoyed a real live campaign and the prospect of one this summer brings pleasure to the old campaigners. Just what the issue will be cannot as yet be stated with any degree of definiteness, but it will be something on the order of the fight which was waged in municipal affairs last spring. Generally speaking, the alignment of forces will be the "new" against the "old," the "outs" against the "ins." Finding between the Monroe and Lawrence roads. There were 570 acres in the two tracts and the purchase price was a neat little sum. Mr. Logie lived on the Steele place and worked hard at farming. He attempted many innovations, but was never regarded as a success. One of his desires was that he tried to do was to canal Brier creek, which ran through a section of his property. The Steele house was burned and Mr. Logie died. Mystery surrounded the winding up of all his affairs and there are many neighborhood tales told of Mr. Logie's life, especially among the negroes, to this day.

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NEED OF GOOD TEACHERS.

Superintendent R. J. Cochran Talks of the Good Work That is Being Done in the County—Examples Cited. "The problem of education resolves itself primarily into the problem of being able to secure good teachers," declared Superintendent R. J. Cochran to an Observer man yesterday. "Good teachers are more in demand now than ever before; they are commanding better salaries, they are scarcer and harder to get and keep. There is no way to estimate the vast amount of good that a patriotic teacher will do a community. I am engaged now in working on the plans for a new, well-arranged building for the Pine Hill district in Crab Orchard township. The teacher there last year was thoroughly in sympathy with her work and this school building is the result. Wednesday of this week a special school tax carried at Derita by a vote of 23 to 11. I believe that a large measure of the success of that election was due to the conscientious work of the two lady teachers in charge of the Derita school. My experience has been that where there are good teachers there is never any trouble about raising funds for lengthening terms and beautifying grounds. Of course there are exceptions but this is the general rule. Mecklenburg county, I am proud to say, is unusually well supplied with first-class teachers and to this more than any other agency is due the educational progress of the county."

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