

ANTIS WOODS ELEVEN VOTES

Vote at Election Yesterday Canvassed by Board of Aldermen at 10 O'Clock This Morning—Nine Votes Cut Out.

IT APPEARED THAT THERE WAS DISCREPANCY IN 2ND.

Nine Votes Against Commission Were Found Together—Vote Was 173 While Only 164 Voters Were Checked as Voting.

THE board of aldermen met this morning at 10 o'clock in City hall and after canvassing the vote cast yesterday for and against commission government officially declared the election was carried against commission government by 11 votes. The face of the returns showed a majority of 20 against but upon the statement of Capt. W. W. West, registrar of the Second precinct, the board changed the vote of 22 against to 73 against, this dropped off nine votes. Capt. West stated that the board of judges had authorized him to appear before the board and state that the total vote of the precinct showed nine more votes in the box than the checking of the judges and the polls showed had been cast. Capt. West stated that when Mr. Miller, one of the judges went to take the votes out of the box he noted a little pile of votes, not folded, against commission, but lying smoothly upon one another in the box. He said the officials watched the box carefully and they did not notice any irregularities and felt pretty sure they had checked each man that had voted. He thought circumstantial evidence indicated that nine more votes were in the box than should have been. Upon motion of Alderman Young, seconded by Alderman Wood it was ordered that upon the representations of Capt. West, the registrar of the Second precinct, that the returns of the Second precinct be so amended as to show 73 votes cast against commission government instead of 82 votes.

Table with 2 columns: For, Against. Rows: First (63, 158), Second (91, 73), Third (244, 121), Fourth (208, 127), Fifth (85, 172), Sixth (140, 191), Total (831, 842), Majority against com. (11).

A total vote of 1673 was cast—an even larger vote than was predicted would be cast. A big vote was cast for the opposition. For since they were the opposition hoped for, made great effort to get it. The deciding votes were cast by the great body of laboring men late in the afternoon and it is due to the support of that class that the commission people were defeated. It is estimated that about nine-tenths of the republicans voted for the commission government, and the outcome is regarded as an endorsement by the people of the democratic administration.

Both the commission people and the anti-commissionists are well organized, however, the superior organization of the anti's coupled with their knowledge of the city, proved the greater in the final round-up. Some talk of policemen taking part in the election has been heard, yet it is fair to state that they did not make themselves offensive; those few who did appear around the polls were in citizens' clothes and even among the members there was a division; some few of them worked for commission government.

Girl Killed Becomes Insane. New York, March 22.—Brooding because she said her sweetheart had been unfaithful, Miss Frances Alston, 19 years old, went suddenly insane yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lewis Newell, in Myrtle avenue, Painesville, N. J. After driving away from the home and smashing furniture, she climbed up to the roof, where she was overpowered by two men as she was about to jump after fastening one end of a rope to the building and the other around her body. The girl was taken to the county jail and probably will be removed to the state asylum at Morris Plains. Two years ago, it is said, she was killed.

New Furniture House For Hickory. Special to The Gazette-News. Hickory, March 22.—The growth of Hickory is evidenced by the organization of new furniture firm under the name of the Buchanan and Martin Furniture company. The place of business will be the Shuford building at the head of Union Square, and the company will handle a complete line of furniture, carpets, rugs, curtains, etc.

He Planted a Tree; He Gets Basket Oranges. Riverside, Cal. March 22.—When the Riverside train stopped here on its way to Los Angeles yesterday, Col. Roosevelt was presented with a basket of oranges planted from a tree planted by the colonel on his last visit to California.

Homesteaders Hit the Trail



Edmonton, Alberta, March 22.—Between two thousand and three thousand canvas-covered huts of wood and canvas on bobbed-down drawn by oxen—now are on the way from this city to what is called the Peace River district, or Grand Prairie. Thousands more will start from here this spring. These canvas huts are the travelling homes of settlers or homesteaders who will take up many thousands of acres of government land in the newly opened district.

TAFT SYMPATHIZES WITH WASHINGTON INSURRECTOS HAVE SURROUNDED TOWN

Writes Negro Educator to the Effect That "Your Friends Are Standing by You."

New York, March 22.—Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, whose assistant last Sunday night, Albert Ulrich, was held yesterday for trial on the assault charge, is at the Hotel Manhattan recovering rapidly from the effects of injuries sustained. Washington was gratified to receive a letter from President Taft, in the president's own handwriting, in which Mr. Taft expresses sympathy for and confidence in Washington.

"I am greatly distressed at your misfortune, and hasten to write you of my sympathy; my hope that you will soon recover from wounds inflicted by an insane suspicion or viciousness, and of my confidence in you; in your integrity and morality of character, and in your highest usefulness to your race and to all people of this country. It would be the nation's loss if this untoward incident in any way impaired your great power for good in the solution of one of the most difficult problems before us. I want you to know your friends are standing by you in every trial, and that I am proud to subscribe myself as one."

GASTONIA MAN MISTAKEN FOR A BURGLAR IS SHOT

Was Prowling Around Spate Elmore's House and Received Load of Bird Shot—May Die.

Gastonia, March 22.—George A. Jenkins, a prominent young man who was shot Monday night by Spate Elmore, is in a critical condition at the City hospital with wounds against his recovery. Elmore spent Monday night in the city jail by instructions of Solicitor George W. Wilson to await a preliminary hearing some time today.

Elmore is a single man, Jenkins has a wife and three children. There doesn't seem to be much question as to the truthfulness of the first claim that Jenkins and Thomas had stopped to get some chickens from Elmore's farm.

Elmore made no attempt to escape after the shooting, but was sitting by the fire in his home when the officers arrived on the scene.

According to John Thomas, a white barber, who was waiting in a carriage for Jenkins, he and Jenkins drove down to the Elmore home to get some chickens, for which Jenkins had made a bargain with Spate Elmore's father this afternoon. Jenkins had come up the steps and was on the porch when Spate Elmore opened fire. The full load took effect in Jenkins' lower left stomach, but he was able to stumble down the steps and out to the carriage. Thomas lifted him inside and drove manly to the hospital, over a half-mile distant.

Spate Elmore says that he saw some one walking around the house, and owing to a lack of light at the spot, he did not recognize who it was. Thinking the prowler was possibly a burglar, he shot.

GREAT DRAINAGE PLANS DISCUSSED

Those Interested in Mattamuskeet District Hold a Meeting in Raleigh—Contracts Soon to Be Awarded.

EIGHT CONDITIONAL PAROONS GRANTED BY GOVERNOR KITCHIN

Record Work by Supreme Court Disposing of a District Calendar in Space of Five Minutes.

Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, March 22.

The state board of education, the commissioners of the Mattamuskeet drainage district Hyde county, and a number of investors interested in the drainage scheme for Mattamuskeet lake that is expected to reclaim for agricultural purposes nearly 100,000 acres of the most fertile lands in the state, were in conference yesterday relative to details in connection with the drainage plans, the execution of which is soon to begin. The joint meeting at noon resulted in a decline by all parties to leave the matter in question entirely with the three drainage commissioners, J. S. Mann, J. P. Kerr and T. H. B. Gibbs, and they spent much of the afternoon hearing the matters at issue, principal among which is as to whether there shall be one pumping plant or two for the drainage scheme. The original plans by United States Engineers O. Wright called for only one pumping plant and when the exceptions by the Roper Lumber Company tied up the drainage movement pending an examination of the plans by another expert, Engineer Coleman of New Orleans being called in, the latter approved the general plans for the drainage recommended by Engineer Wright but pointed out some minor changes he thought advisable principal among which was the double pumping station. The issue now is as to which shall be adopted along with some questions as to some other details. True, the matter being left with the drainage commissioners there is no danger of the drainage scheme being tied up in any way by the differences. Engineers Wright and Coleman both appeared to present their differing views. There were also here for the representatives Mr. Graves of Boston, representing the new corporation that took over the state's interest in the drainage scheme involving the lake bed; Charles A. Webb of Asheville; President Millard of the Norfolk and Southern railway company; J. E. Wilkerson of Hyde county and others. The commissioners propose to 'proceed without further delay with the actual drainage work, the contracts to be awarded very soon now.

REVENUE OFFICERS MAKE RAID IN LINCOLN COUNTY

Kanipe, Jones and Shell Surprise Moonshiners and Capture 65-Gallon Still—Much Beer Destroyed.

Hickory, March 22.—Revenue Officer D. A. Kanipe and two local officers, Capt. H. W. Jones and R. B. Shell, put in three days last week on moonshining trails. On the fifteenth, 21 miles from Hickory in Lincoln near three county corners, they captured an illicit distillery with a 65-gallon copper still and cap and worm, with 15,000 gallons of beer and 11 fermenters. The still was in full blast and the whiskey running from the worm into a four-gallon jar.

"It was 150-proof, too strong to drink," said Capt. Jones, "and so I struck it with the devil and we destroyed it."

"What's the devil?" asked the correspondent of the captain. "It's a revenue officer's instrument, axe on one side and pick on the other."

The next day in Cleveland county the same officer cut up 10 fermenters and the balance of the stuff that makes up a still outfit. They had the taste of blood—of mountain dew—and the day following, 15 miles south of Hickory, in Burke this time, on the headwaters of Henry river, they captured and destroyed a 50-gallon copper, nine fermenters, 1000 gallons of beer, etc. Seven men were at the still but only one was captured, John E. Cooke, and he was held for Statesville court by Squire L. H. Whitener on a \$2000 justified bond.

Thus ends the story of the stills hid in three county corners.

Dramatic Scene Today At Trial of Camorras



ANTONIO PARLATI, POLICE OFFICER.



MARIA CUTINELLI, CUOCOLO.

Viterbo, Italy, March 22.—Angry exchanges between opposing counsel at today's session of the Camorras trial provoked a demonstration from the prisoner's cage beyond control of court officials necessitating a suspension of proceedings. The accused men alternately cursed in rage and sobbed hysterically while their women friends in the audience screamed and fainted. One of the prisoner's wives was seized with convulsions.

An Industrial "Building And Loan" Association

Proposal Whereby if the People of Asheville Want Manufacturing Interests Established, They Can Show Their Faith by Their Works—At Same Time Thrift Would Be Encouraged.

WHY should not Asheville become a furniture-manufacturing center? Why should all the raw material from the forests to the westward be shipped through Asheville—why should not a considerable portion of it be hauled here and worked up into various finished products, furnishing employment for labor, increasing the city's wealth, and increasing the value of its business? Freights rates? Why should not Asheville be put on an equal footing in this respect with High Point, Lexington and Thomasville? If there were two or three furniture-factories here, more would be added rapidly, for the problem of labor supply would not exist to the extent that it does now. Where there are several manufacturing enterprises of the same sort, labor in that line is usually available to meet any sudden demand. Then, too, the opportunity for selling is better. What Asheville needs is to get some line of wood manufacturing, capable of indefinite expansion, started here.

Representatives of The Gazette-News have discussed these problems with a number of business men, mainly with relation to the feasibility of starting a furniture or other wood-working, factory by an industrial "building and loan" association; giving the people, rich and poor, those who earn little, a chance to co-operate in a venture that might be immediately profitable, that might be the nucleus of a great industry, and that might encourage thrift as the home building and loan association does.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION OF POWDER IN PORT CLINTON

Spark from Pipe or Cigarette Ignited 500 Pounds of Powder—Several Injured.

Port Clinton, Ohio, March 22.—Four persons were injured, none seriously, when five hundred pounds of powder exploded in the American Gypsum plant, four miles east of here. A shift of workmen was leaving the plant. It is supposed a spark from pipe or cigarette caused the explosion. The shock was felt four miles around. Every window in Gypsum was broken.

CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION MARRIED WOMAN

Guilford Farmer is Arrested at Mooresville on Serious Charge—Woman is Held.

Mooresville, March 22.—W. R. Self, of Stokesdale, Guilford county, was arrested here last night on a wire from Barber's Junction charging him with attempted abduction and alienation of Mrs. Dean, wife of Sam Dean, of Rowan county. A woman giving her name as Pauline Morgan was with Self and is held as an accomplice. The Morgan woman was hired by Self to assist Mrs. Dean in getting away. She is dark complected and looks as if she were an Italian. She is known in Greensboro under the alias of "Billie". Officers came in this morning from Rowan and took the couple to Salisbury for a preliminary hearing. Self is a prosperous farmer and is a man of means. Mrs. Dean had once before run away with Self and remained for four months. They are all originally from Guilford county. Self is fifty years old and has a wife and grandchildren. Mrs. Dean who returned home has a nuptial husband and two children.

RACING GAME ENDED IN N. Y.

Action of Jockey Club to the Effect That There Will Be No Racing in New York This Year Excites Keen Interest. THOROUGHBRED HORSES TO BE SENT TO ENGLAND Closing of Racing Tracks Will Mean a Loss of About \$20,000,000 Annually—Racing Parks That Are Closed.

New York, March 22.—The jockey clubs' announcement that there will be no racing in New York state this year is the chief topic of discussion in sporting circles. What effect the club's action will have on thoroughbred racing will now be confined to three states: Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland. Both Louisiana and California recently barred racing. Florida will follow suit April 1. England will benefit largely by present conditions. H. P. Whitney, James L. Keene, John E. Madden, August Belmont and other owners will probably send their stallions to race for the big English stakes. The Jockey club's action affects eight running tracks in this state. The aggregate value of the plants made idle is \$12,500,000. The racing parks closed are: Belmont Park, Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, Jamaica, Brighton Beach, Empire City, Aqueduct and Saratoga. Fully 1000 thoroughbreds will be thrown out of training. Forty thousand persons connected with the racing game will be thrown out of employment. The financial loss from the closing of the tracks is estimated by racing men at \$20,000,000 annually. This includes loss of interest on real estate and other investments. It is estimated the patrons of the game were accustomed to spend \$10,000,000 annually in New York city.

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MEN SHOT FINELY

Splendid Marksmanship Shown in the Destruction of the San Marcus in Chesapeake Bay.

Washington, March 22.—The secretary of the navy and members of his official party who observed the sinking of the antiquated battleship San Marcus in the mud of Chesapeake bay yesterday while at the mercy of experimental fire of the formidable modern battleship New Hampshire, have returned to Washington. Naval officers generally, are enthusiastic over the showing in marksmanship made by the gunners of the New Hampshire.

FORTY-FIVE KILLED IN CONFLICT IN HONDURAS

Conflict Was Between Divisions of Honduran Army—Cablegram From American Minister.

Washington, March 22.—Forty-five persons were killed in a riotous conflict between divisions of the Honduran army at Comayagua, Honduras, Sunday according to a cablegram from American Minister McCrery at Tegucigalpa to the state department.

Honor to American Woman.

New York, March 22.—England will confer an unusual honor upon an American woman next week when Mrs. Lewis Harcourt, J. Pierpont Morgan's niece, will christen the monster dreadnaught Canarot, the largest battleship ever built at Elswick.

The Great Flying Fox Is Dead. New York, March 22.—From Paris comes the news that the Flying Fox, a great rare bird, purchased years ago for \$250,000, is dead. He was 165 years old in years on the French list.