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## THIRD WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

### GOOD PROGRAM ALL ARRANGED

Each of Four Days Will Be Filled with Events of General and Special Interest.

RYAN AND CRAIG TO MAKE ADDRESSES Exhibits Large and Varied—Prospects for Record-Breaking Attendance from Far and Near.

The third annual Western North Carolina fair will be formally opened tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. D. Arnold of Waynesville, with Prof. R. D. McDowell of Canton, presiding. The fair will be in session for four days at Brierley park and judging from the general and attractive features, among which are speakers of national reputation; the large number of exhibits in the several departments and the record-breaking attendance which has been assured from all parts of the Western North Carolina, this will go down in history as one of the greatest and most successful fairs in this part of the state.

Since the preliminary work for this year's fair was undertaken in the early spring the management has at all times endeavored to lay the foundation for an event that would be representative of the entire western part of the state and with this in mind, the nature and variety of the exhibits and the features for the different days promise to fulfill the desires and expectations of the fair officials.

The opening day of the fair will be observed as Educational day, when no exercises will be altogether of an educational nature. The school children of Western North Carolina have been invited to participate in the exercises and as an encouragement of educational work it has been decided to admit school children to the fair grounds on this day without charge.

The introductory address will be delivered by Rev. W. A. Newell, president of Weaver college, following which the Hon. James I. Britt of this city will deliver the principal address of the day, his subject being "Educational and Popular Government."

Mr. Bryan a speaker.

Secret orator men throughout western North Carolina are looking forward with great interest to Brotherhood day, the second day of the fair, when Rev. Dr. John S. Rutledge, the Irish orator, platform lecturer and reformer, of Cleveland, O., will deliver his famous lecture on "Secret Orders and the Church." Dr. Rutledge, who has delivered a number of addresses in Asheville, will speak in the afternoon at 4:15 o'clock just after the Brotherhood parade, in which a thousand or more fraternal men of this section will join in a long parade in competition for a number of excellent silver cups. The Brotherhood features of the day, which will doubtless be the greatest event in the history of the "fraternism" of this section, will close with a reception at the Brierley Park hotel at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, when the grand officers of the lodges will deliver brief addresses of a fraternal nature.

One of the leading and most important events of Brotherhood day, although not in connection with the Brotherhood program, will be the address of Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan at 11 o'clock in the morning. Secretary Bryan, who has pleased a number of audiences in this section, will be introduced by Dr. L. B. McBrayer of this city. State Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. O. Shilman, grand master of the I. O. O. F. of North Carolina will preside over the morning exercises, while Rev. R. M. Wilcox, of Hendersonville, will preside during the afternoon.

**Military Day.**  
The Militiamen of Western North Carolina are preparing for a creditable exploitation of their forces on Military day, the third day of the fair, when the principal address will be delivered by General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, of Louisville, Ky. While General Young is personally known by only a few people in this section, he bears the reputation of being a most interesting speaker and his presence will doubtless be welcomed by the hundreds of Confederate veterans of Western North Carolina, who are anxious to see and hear the highest ranking official of the veterans who represented the cause of the South.

Gen. J. M. Ray of Asheville will introduce General Young and Major V. W. Blain will preside over the proceedings. An attention will be given to the opening the military forces of Western North Carolina, will terminate

### CONFESSES HE MURDERED 20

Police Believe They Can Confess Him Guilty in Many Crimes Admitted by Mrs. Rexroat's Slayer.

### TERRIBLE RECITAL LASTS THROUGH NIGHT

Mr. Spencer Tells of One Murder After Another, Saying Robbery Was the Motive.

Chicago, Oct. 6.—The police today began their investigation of the confession of Henry Spencer last night that he is the murderer of 16 persons. Possessing evidence to support his admission that he killed Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, the dancing instructor, on September 25, the authorities are convinced that they will in a short time confirm Spencer's guilt to many, if not all, the crimes of his career.

Following his arrest last night for the murder of Mrs. Rexroat, which was made at the home of a woman who had notified the police of his confession, detectives went to Spencer's room where they found the rafter suit case which the "tango" teacher had taken with her on her fatal trip to Wayne. She was lured there on the pretext that she was to instruct a class in the new dance. It was part of her clothing and not far away the revolver with which Spencer ended her life.

En route to the detective bureau, Spencer admitted to Chief of Detectives John J. Talpin.

"You've got the goods on me; I know I'll swing for this."

Then began his extraordinary recital of the murders he has committed, the list of victims growing longer as the questioning continued on through the night. By morning Spencer had asserted that he had sent the following to their graves, and told repeatedly the manner of their going:

Those He Killed.

One of two farmers, shot near Zion City, Ill., in the spring of 1902. Peter Niedmer, one of the car barn hinders, who afterwards was hanged, killed the other, he said. Obtained \$500.

Folliceman Timothy Devine and Charles Pennell, shot in August, 1902, when they surprised Spencer and a man named Murphy breaking into a house. Murphy now dead.

Fannie Thompson, body found January, 1908, gagged and bound in bed in a Michigan avenue rooming house. Robbed of diamonds worth \$1,000.

Former wife at Belle Isle, Mich. Beaten to death and body burned.

Former New York widow, name forgotten.

Former wife, near Fort Montgomery, N. Y. Beaten to death in woods. Robbed of \$200 and diamonds worth \$300. Former maid to Helen Gould.

Aged man in Washington park, last spring. Shot and body thrown in lagoon. Got \$200 in cash.

Two girls at Pawpaw Lake, Mich., in May of June. Beaten and bodies thrown in water.

Girl at Delavan Lake, Wis., in June. Killed with hammer and body thrown in lake.

Woman in house near county hospital, used hammer and burnt clothes. Got \$150 and rings.

Woman in house at Fulton and Halsted streets about eight months ago. Used hammer and burned clothing; robbed house.

Saloon keeper on Van Buren street, near Aberdeen. Shot man and wounded wife while robbing saloon.

Man shot and killed in alley under Southside Elevated railroad about a year ago.

Mrs. Mildred Allison Rexroat, shot near Wayne, September 25, and body placed on railroad tracks.

Ida Olive, killed with hammer, November 5, 1912. Body thrown into drainage canal and recovered May 29.

The man who claims this almost unbelievable record is a Chicago resident. He does not know his real name and the first he remembers he was in the home for the friendless, located within a block of the scene of his arrest last night.

He has spent half his 32 years in the penitentiary at Joliet.

Appears Unconcerned.

In a manner as unconcerned as though he was renegating the number of names he had strangled, Spencer sat with detectives and newspaper men in the office of Captain Hatpin and told of the lives he had taken. Details set to names and dates he could not always supply, but as to whether he "knew" or "did not know" his victims he said he did not think.

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### YUAN ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY

On Third Ballot Veteran Statesman Gets Votes Necessary to Elect Him China's Head.

### LI YUEN HENG QUITS AFTER SECOND BALLOT

First President of Newest Republic Has Had Long and Distinguished Political Career.

By Associated Press.  
Peking, China, Oct. 6.—Yuan Shi Kai was today elected president of the Chinese republic for a term of five years. He received the necessary two-thirds vote of the United House of parliament on the third ballot.

Of the 350 members of the house of representatives and senators, 759 were in attendance when the final ballot Yuan Shi Kai received 507 votes, only one more than the necessary two-thirds. Li Yuen Heng, provisional vice president, received 178 votes.

The other ballots were scattered among twenty minor candidates. Li Yuen Heng, it was declared, had asserted that he would not take the nomination.

The announcement of the result was received with enthusiasm. The proceedings lasted twelve hours.

Peking, China, Oct. 6.—Yuan Shi Kai failed to receive a two-thirds vote of the united house of parliament on the first ballot for president of China today.

The vote was: Yuan Shi Kai, 471; Tsai Yuan Heng, 153. The remainder of the 759 ballots were scattered among 20 other candidates. The casting of the second ballot was ordered at once.

The constitution of the republic provides that at least two-thirds of the members of parliament present must cast their vote for a candidate in order to accomplish his election. It also calls for the presence at a presidential election of three-fourths of the members of both houses.

In all parts of the country the greatest interest was manifested in today's proceedings, the first presidential election in the history of the new republic. The new president will hold office for five years.

The second ballot resulted in a vote of 497 for Yuan Shi Kai and 162 for Li Yuen Heng. A third ballot was therefore necessary, 556 votes being required for election.

Before the third ballot was taken, Li Yuen Heng, who is the provisional vice president, declared that he would not accept a nomination for the presidency.

Yuan Shi Kai, first president of the Chinese republic, is 54 years old. He was born in the province of Ho-Nan in 1859. During most of his adult life he has been in official life. At the age of 23 he was sent with a Chinese detachment to Korea and three years afterward became Chinese imperial resident at Seoul. He remained there 13 years, until he was expelled during the Chinese-Japanese war.

On his return to China, he occupied various provincial posts until 1902, when he became consulting minister to the government.

Yuan Shi Kai took a prominent part in the reorganization of the Chinese army on modern lines and in the closing years of the empire became its most influential and powerful statesman. He was always thoroughly practical in his methods of administration and by this means worked his way up to the presidency in 1911.

Early in 1912 it was he who was given full powers to arrange the terms of abdication of that throne and to organize a republican form of government in conference with the republican leaders. Shortly afterward, in February, he was elected provisional president of the republic by the national council at Nanjing and took the oath of office on March 10.

### PREPARED FOR WORLD'S SERIES

Everything Ready for First Game at Polo Grounds Tomorrow—Thousands of Fans Arriving.

### THE RESERVED SEATS ARE ALL DISPOSED OF

Detectives Looking for Ticket Speculators—Betting Has Been Light on Even Money.

By Associated Press.  
New York, Oct. 6.—Baseball enthusiasts arrived here on every train today at opening of the world's series tomorrow between New York and Philadelphia, pennant winners of the National and American leagues, respectively. With the exception of minor details to be disposed of by the national commission, everything is in readiness for the opening contest at the Polo grounds tomorrow afternoon. Today's weather was flawless and the Washington forecast for tomorrow called for another fair day.

Baseball writers from far and near trooped into the city today for their annual meeting this afternoon. There was the usual talk, this morning, that speculators had secured a choice allotment of reserved seats and signs were displayed in a number of ticket agencies announcing this. The casual fan who arrived today found all the \$300 reserved seats disposed of, and nothing left to do but get in line at the Polo grounds early tomorrow morning when the 30,000 unreserved seats are thrown open.

It was said again today that the series has been light. Some few big bets were recorded but neither team can be called the favorite and it was said that the wagering would be the smallest in recent years.

An even money proposition has been the rule in most bets.

At an exhibition game with the Philadelphia Nationals today the Giants had their final work-out. Both Mathewson and Marquard were assigned to twirl an inning or two. Athletics are expected here late today. Nothing had developed today to indicate that Connie Mack would vary from his regular line-up for the penning game.

How many tickets the spectators have been able to get was a matter of general discussion prior to the National commission meeting. It was said that if it developed that they had secured any considerable number of choice seats, the commission would initiate an investigation at once.

All police arrangements have been completed for handling the vast crowds at the Polo grounds. One hundred and fifty men have been detailed for the work.

For the opening game tomorrow two lines will be formed. One will consist of patrons who have reserved seats; the other for those who will buy at the gates.

**Macaroni Go Tonight.**  
Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 6.—Instead of taking the Philadelphia team to New York early this afternoon, as he had originally planned, Manager Connie Mack of the American League champions, will not leave here with his players until 8 o'clock tonight. It is his intention to take advantage of the fine weather today and give his men good work-outs this morning and this afternoon. Mack was at the park early this morning. The sun was then shining strong on the diamond.

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### GAZETTE-NEWS IS IN NEW HOME

### OPENING DAY OF SULZER DEFENSE

### Louis D. Sarecky, Governor's Campaign Secretary Summoned as First Witness.

By Associated Press.  
Albany, N. Y., Oct. 6.—This was the opening day for the defense in the impeachment trial of Governor Sulzer. According to the agreed Monday program only an afternoon session of the court was held beginning at 2:15 o'clock and lasting until six. Senator Harvey D. Hinman made the opening address.

Louis Sarecky was selected as the first witness. As campaign secretary to the governor, Sarecky handled much of the money contributed to the campaign fund and many checks intended for Sulzer were made out to Sarecky. He said on his arrival here that he could prove that at least \$21,000 which the governor is charged with not having reported as a contribution really was not such, but came to Sulzer from an entirely different source.

Counsel for the governor have maintained since the beginning of the trial that attorneys for the board of managers were not anxious to have Sarecky testify, and today the legal advisers of the defense said they expected his cross-examination would be brief. Counsel for the managers asserted they searched for 21 days for Sarecky before he finally turned up here and was subpoenaed. Much was made of his discovery at the time, but they never called him to the witness stand.

Task of Magnitude Was Accomplished Without Mishap, Beginning Saturday.

### MEMBERS OF STAFF DID SPLENDID WORK

Goss Press, With Stereotype Equipment, Installed in the New Building on College Street.

The Gazette-News is now in its new home and has accomplished the very great task of moving—a task the magnitude of which cannot be understood unless it is experienced. The moving of a newspaper plant and office is not like most other moves. It differs in that everything has to be done according to schedule, and it has to be done without missing an issue of the paper. Therefore, the process of moving could not be started Saturday until the issue of the paper had been virtually put to press. Notwithstanding, the bulk of the heavy machinery and the office books and fixtures, the equipment of the editorial office and composing rooms had been moved before dark, and by noon today everything had been transferred to the new building erected for The Gazette-News on College street. This was accomplished only by reason of the fact that every member of the staff, the business force and the composing and press rooms worked with energy and cooperation. This morning the members of the composing room were solving about their ordinary tasks, which was true of every other department.

### MYSTERY SHROUDS WOMAN'S MURDER

### No Motive Found for Killing of Miss Ida G. Leegson, Found Strangled.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, Oct. 6.—Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Ida G. Leegson, an art student who was lured by a telephone call to the prairie southwest of the city Saturday and strangled with a silken cord. Following her identification little has been found to indicate a motive for the crime.

Hurried investigation has shown only that she led an exemplary life, had no men callers at any of the places where she is known to have resided, and she is not thought to have possessed any large amount of money.

Miss Leegson was a graduate of the University of Chicago, a sculpture pupil of Lorado Taft and a student at the art institute. Her murder marked the end of a long pitiful struggle to make her way as a sculptor. Her studies at the University of Chicago were to fit her for work by which she could earn enough to complete her art education. For several winters she taught school, returning to the city to resume work at the art institute.

Only a few hours before she was lured to her death she answered an advertisement for a domestic, saying she had to have funds to enable her to continue her studies and was not too proud to do kitchen work.

Late Saturday afternoon a man who gave the name of Wilson telephoned the residence where Miss Leegson lived and asked her to take a position as nurse in a maternity case. She was directed to go to Seventy-first street and Western avenue and walk to an address four miles west. The body was found three miles west of the street intersection in a clump of bushes. The address to which she had been directed does not exist.

### NEW COMPANY FILES INCORPORATION PAPERS

Incorporation papers were filed this morning with the clerk of Superior court for the Commercial Investment Realty company. The new company is authorized to do a general real estate, investment and brokerage business and the office will be located in this city. The incorporators are J. Frater Glenn, Fred L. Sale and George M. Priddy, all of this city, and the authorized capital is \$50,000, divided in 500 shares of \$100 each. The period limited for this purpose to business is 50 years.

### The Old Building.

The Gazette-News force did not leave the old building without a sort of feeling of regret. The building has been used for publishing purposes for so long that there was an atmosphere of newspaperdom, and many of the employes regarded it with a sentiment that possibly could not be defined. Doubtless the ghosts of "forms" will walk the floors for many a day. The building was used for printing purposes long before The Gazette-News occupied it—before "The Herald" was already a "Banner" and had published a paper there. It was also the home of the Mountain Home and the Journal. Most people recalled the old Gazette there. It was the home of the Gazette-News for years, since the third day of September. That was the day of the first issue of The Gazette-News. Ben Chubb, who is now taking care of his residence at the present at a hotel.

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