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INTERSTATE SHIPMENTS OF LIQUOR.

What Some of the Delegates Think of Chances for a Change.

That national legislation will soon be enacted forbidding the blind sellers to supply themselves with liquor under interstate commerce laws, is believed by all those who attended the recent conference in Washington, D. C.

Read the following statements from some of our representatives: "I was well pleased with the Washington meeting. It was the only meeting, yet held, that really impressed the congressmen, in my opinion. Congressmen who have heretofore been silent were outspoken in the advocacy of some measure that would bring the desired relief to prohibition territory. It would be a good plan to hold all national meetings in Washington."—J. J. Farris, delegate from a mass meeting of citizens in High Point.

"Words are inadequate to express my impression of the convention. I had attended the one in Norfolk, Va., in 1907, and I was astonished to see the dimension reached in the work since then. The lines upon which the work is executed are somewhat different and more telling. Different classes are being enlisted now that were not then. The leading men of our land, jurists, statesmen, editors, ministers, laymen, and women and boys are working to succeed. The cause cannot down, God is behind it!"—Rev. G. L. Bearden, delegate from the North Carolina Conference.

"The greatest convention of the world ever expressed regarding the recent convention at Washington. The convention and conference represented the most thoroughly combined forces of temperance determined upon unrelenting war against the most completely united forces of the liquor traffic. I was profoundly impressed with the conviction that more of our national leaders than ever have become aroused at the threatening peril of our nation's deadliest foe; and have determined upon an enlarged aggressive campaign of extermination. There is widespread, growing conviction that a crisis has arisen, when, as never before, national enactment is necessary for local option law enforcement, protection of states' rights and prevention of conflict between federal and state laws. A great Christian nation that prohibits interstate shipment of infected cattle can ill afford to ignore the righteous appeal of so many loyal citizens for protection against our most dreadful national pestilence, whose infection breeds poverty, disease and death. I believe a wisely directed campaign of united temperance forces can secure such national enactment."—Rev. S. B. Tarrentine, D. D., delegate from the Western North Carolina Conference.

"Do I believe our national congress will amend? Certainly they will. I believe the fairness of the non-political bill, which the national conference, which we have just attended, is placing before them, will receive the support of every member who is not fettered, and who believes in a square deal. However, if the majority are found fettered, in time a new breed, thoroughly inculcated with the "square deal" idea, will take their place."—B. L. Umberger, representative from some of the churches of Concord.

"I consider the convention and conference held in Washington, at the Anti-Saloon League of America, the most inspiring and enthusiastic meeting it has been my privilege to attend. The meetings were composed of leading men and women from almost every state of our union, also of Canada and Wales. There was a spirit of earnestness of purpose and determination to conquer. Hopefulness also characterized the meetings. The outspoken encouragement of congressmen gives hope of the relief being granted by this congress to prohibition states of our union, for the controlling of interstate shipments of liquor."—Walter White, delegate from the Friends Church.

"The convention of the Anti-Saloon League and the Conference that followed were great gatherings. Great for the reason that a great cause was being advocated. Great because composed of a large company of brave representative men from thirty-nine states. Great because of the conscience and brain power on the program and in the discussion. Great because of the impression it made. The hopeful indications for national legislation to prevent interstate shipment of liquor into dry territory are: The people are gathering together to go after

GENERAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Big Events Reduced to Little Paragraphs for the Readers of This Paper.

The peace conference held at Shanghai between the representatives of the Peking government and the revolutionary party Friday agreed that the form of government to be ultimately adopted for China should be decided by a national convention whose determination should be binding on both parties. It also was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention the Manchu government was neither to accept nor to attempt to obtain foreign loans.

Alexandria P. Moore, publisher of the Pittsburg Leader Friday admitted that he will shortly become the fourth husband of Lillian Russell. He said Miss Russell would retire from the stage and cease her magazine writing in order to take a prominent place in Pittsburg society.

David Hutto, a Confederate veteran about 65 years of age, who kept a small store on the extension of Greenville street, just beyond the city limits, of Anderson, S. C. was found dead in his bedroom Friday, and the left side of his face and head had been smashed to a pulp. The last time he was seen was Monday afternoon and, judging from the decomposition of the body, the murder must have been committed Monday night.

Fire in Franklin Township.

Lock Huffman, who lives in Franklin township had a very serious fire last Wednesday night about 8:30 o'clock, when his barn, feed stuff, four fine horses, two wagons, a wheat-grader and many other farm implements were destroyed by fire. Mr. Huffman had started to the home of his father-in-law, H. H. Wincoff's, when he discovered that his barn was on fire. He hurried home but was unable to save his barn or its contents. His barn was the only building burnt, although his crib caught on fire several times but the flames were extinguished. The loss was about \$1,700, and insured to the amount of \$550.

It to get it, it is right; is necessary; hence must be; a few senators and number of representatives in congress favor it from the heart and are not afraid."—Rev. T. M. Johnson, delegate from the Methodist Protestant church.

"The national convention, held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 1-14, was one of the greatest meetings I ever attended. The personnel was unusual. Men and women, whose faces showed clean life, high character and a strong determined spirit, were there for business. The addresses and papers were well prepared and impressively delivered. The presence of senators, governors and congressmen was encouraging. All were of one mind as to the evil of the liquor traffic and the shameful participation of our national government in it. Surely we shall get some legislation from congress to protect dry states from this lawless and iniquitous business."—Rev. Bernard P. Smith, delegates from the Christian (Disciples) church.

The spirit of harmony and determination seen in the recent conference held at Washington, D. C., gives us assurance that national legislation will be forthcoming. This convention shows that law makers and citizens are getting together on this proposition, each desiring that the present attitude of national government towards the enforcement of state prohibitory laws should be corrected. This was not a convention of preachers and women only, though they were both there and their influence felt, but a convention of judges, law makers, laborers, bishops, educators and citizens from every rank, and file, with the one purpose of securing national legislation that would be just to all sovereign states."—Rev. R. L. Davis, appointee of the governor of North Carolina.

Good Advice for Salisbury People.

People in Salisbury who have constipation, sour stomach, or gas on the stomach, should use simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as compounded in Adlerika, the new German appendicitis remedy. A SINGLE DOSE brings relief almost INSTANTLY because this simple mixture unimpurities the digestive organs and draws off the impurities. McPherson & Co. druggists.

Dr. M. M. Kinard spent Friday at Hickory and Morganton on business.

STATE NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered From the Atlantic to the Appalachians.

There was held Friday night at Raleigh a special meeting committee of the North Carolina child labor formulating plans for a campaign the coming year to bring about such legislative influences as will secure reforms that the committee stands for. These include the raising of the age limit for child labor and the prohibition of the working of women and children under 16 in the factories at night. A fight to this end was made in the last Legislature and failed with exception of the reduction of the hours of labor from 68 to 60 hours, effective January 1.

Another Ross negro has been arrested as a witness in the case against John, Will and Hack Ross charged with the brutal murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon in their country home near Shelby December 18. The witness, who related to the Ross negroes in jail and who is said to know something important in the case, he was brought to jail at Shelby and placed in a separate cell from the other witnesses. The special term of court begins January 8, with Judge J. L. Webb presiding.

The death penalty for wife-murder was paid in the electric chair at Raleigh Friday morning by L. M. Sandlin of Wilmington, and the body of the man was turned over to his brother, who carried it that afternoon to Wilmington for interment.

Chester DeBoard shot and killed Robert Wyatt Friday while returning from Troutdale, Va., where the former had been to get his Christmas whiskey. Details of the tragedy are meager, but it was learned from an authoritative source that all parties were drinking and shooting recklessly.

The Recall and Official "Dignity."

Governor Mann, of Virginia, is out in a statement denouncing the initiative, referendum and recall, on the ground that the recall, at least, would make a public officer a mere puppet in the hands of public opinion and that there would be no dignity in holding an office from which the occupant might be kicked out at any time. We confess that we can not see the force of his contentions. The majority of men who work in the United States today, great financiers, great educators, great editors, railroad presidents, etc., work under exactly these conditions. The man who owns the controlling stock in his business is becoming the exception rather than the rule, and any man who does not own such a controlling stock is subject to the "recall" of his business association at any time. Whenever any individual citizen hires a man to work for him, the afore-said individual citizen reserves the right to discharge the servant in case he becomes flagrantly unfaithful or untrustworthy. This "recall" means simply that so-called "sovereign people" are to have at last the same rights in dealing with their servants that the individual has always had in dealing with his servants. It does not help a man's dignity or good name to stay in office when public opinion is convinced that he is corrupt or unfaithful. So far from decreasing the dignity of faithful public officials, therefore, we think that the recall should rather increase their dignity. To keep an office under present conditions is no evidence of merit, but with the recall in operation, the retention of office would signify the approval or at least the confidence, of the public.—Progressive Farmer.

Smallpox at Bessemer City.

Bessemer City, Dec. 21.—The people of Bessemer City are very much concerned about the smallpox which has appeared in their midst. One James Caldwell, who was "baching" in the old hotel building returned from Shelby about ten days ago and soon became sick. He lay in his room for several days before medical attention was given. One week past today a physician was called and at once pronounced the disease smallpox. The patient has been, and is, still in a serious condition—with not much hope for his recovery. The town authorities are giving him the necessary attention, so also is the county physician, Dr. Glenn. Grave fears are entertained that the disease will spread.

The Sunday School Institute.

The Sunday School Institute for Rowan county held its initial session in the First Baptist church, this city, last Friday. Rev. J. L. Yearick, of Rockwell, opened the institute with devotional services. Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered the address of Welcome. Rev. M. M. Nocker, of China Grove, addressed the institute on "Importance of teacher training," and showed that the teacher must first be taught else he will not teach sound doctrine and little good will be accomplished by his teaching. He insisted that the Bible was the only ideal book to be used in the Sunday School. Rev. Louis Collins, D. D., of Asheville, was next introduced to the institute. Dr. Collins made an excellent address, and proved beyond a doubt that he was an able speaker by the manner in which he declared and proved his points. Dr. F. J. Mallett, of St. Luke's Episcopal church, was the next speaker to take the floor. He sounded a clear note for inter-denominational Sunday school work. He received hearty applause. Rev. J. W. Moore, of the First Methodist church, gave an interesting talk on the Bible and its teachings. Then after another talk by Dr. Collins the institute adjourned. It is believed that much good will result from this institute and the Sunday schools of the county will be blessed in their work.

Mail by Freight.

New York, Dec. 29.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock intends to extend the practice of carrying second-class mail by fast freight trains. He so stated in an answer he filed in the United States Circuit Court on the question of discrimination against magazines. The Postmaster General says the Government lost seven cents a pound on all second class matter transported from New York to the Pacific coast by mail trains in 1907-8, but that since early this year, when the fast freight rule was enforced on certain periodicals, issued at intervals of a week or more, a saving of \$1,400,000 has been made. The rule so far has been applied only to the so-called Bird Central Road, but as soon as contracts expire with railroads in three other sections the rule will be enforced there. This, say the Postmaster General, will make an annual saving of \$3,000,000 in the transportation of second-class mail.

Dr. Sun Is Elected President of China.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—Dr. Sun has been notified at Shanghai of his election and responded with the following message to the assembly: "I consider it my duty to accept the Presidency. My policy will be to obtain peace and a stable government by the promptest methods possible. My single aim is to insure the peace and contentment of the millions of my countrymen." Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who planned the revolution, was elected President of the New Republic of China by the provisional military assembly today. Eight thousand troops were sent from here yesterday to Mankin to enforce the guard and protect the Republic's officials. The election of Dr. Sun fore-shadows the absolute collapse of the monarchy. Advice from Peking say that members of the royal family are preparing for flight. Many revolutionists, however, are anxious to prevent the Manchu Princesses from escaping from Peking in order that they may seize the Manchu treasure.

Frightful Polar Winds.

blow with terrific force at the far north and play havoc with the skin, causing red, rough or sore chapped hands and lips, that used Bucken's Arnica Salve to heal them. It makes the skin soft and smooth. Unrivaled for cold-sores, also burns, boils, sores, ulcers, cuts, bruises and pimples. Only 25 cents at all druggists.

LOCAL NEWS MATTERS.

Short Items Concerning our People and Their Doings.

The members of the Salisbury band are arranging to give a minstrel at the Grubb theatre at an early date. They are preparing to give a performance that will last three nights. The equipment and scenery have been ordered and the boys are intending to make the minstrel the feature of the season.

Arrangements are being made for the Dokie banquet, which is to take place February 1st.

Misses Cora and Maggie Linker entertained a few friends at their home on East Bank Street from 8:30 to 10:30 o'clock last Friday night. Interesting games and contests were enjoyed by the guests, after which delicious refreshments were served, consisting of fruits, cake and ambrosia.

Rev. A. Peeler, who had been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents near Rockwell, left for his home at Lenoir, Saturday.

J. S. Henderson, Jr., of Pittsburg, Pa., is spending a few days with his parents in this city. He is with the Westinghouse Electric Co., of Pittsburg.

Rev. Geo. W. Lee, of Winston, who spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carroll, returned to Winston Saturday.

Last Friday, Deputy A. L. Nash, caught Will Garner, colored, with 24 chickens he had stolen. The negro was sent to jail after the chickens had been identified by three men. This is the second time Garner has got himself into trouble for stealing chickens in less than a year's time.

M. E. Elliott, janitor at the city hall, went on a visit to his father-in-law, M. J. Bost, near Salem church, last Tuesday to spend a few days, and he was apparently in good health when he left Salisbury, however, Wednesday night Mr. Elliott received a stroke of paralysis and was in a very serious condition for a while. His left side was affected. Reports received from his bedside state that he is getting along all right.

Train No. 33 from Salisbury to Norwood now leaves Salisbury at 9:30 a. m., and train No. 21 from Norwood arrives here at 7 p. m.

L. R. Carter, a representative of Socialism, spoke at the court house Saturday night. A good audience was present and report that Mr. Carter is a powerful speaker, and able defender of the Socialist party.

Dr. F. R. Preston addressed the Spawyer Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening at 4 o'clock.

Rev. E. C. Cronk who is secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Convention to be held in Salisbury, February 7-9, spent the holidays at his home in Columbia, S. C. He states that practically all the speakers are accepting the invitations to address the convention, and they include the ablest speakers in the country.

The Spencer Baraca class held a very interesting meeting last Thursday night. The business to be transacted was the election of officers. After officers had been elected to fill all of the different positions of the class a barbecue was enjoyed by all the members, which consisted of barbecued pork, bread, pickles, slaw, fruits and candy. Everyone had plenty and to spare and good cheer prevailed.

The Salisbury Council United Commercial Travelers gave a banquet in their lodge room Saturday night. There was music, addresses and many other interesting social features. The exercises began at 8 o'clock when a class was received and initiated and taken into membership of the council. The initiation was followed by a smoker.

HOW TO AVOID CONSUMPTION.

Keep Perfectly Healthy, the best Defense, Some Valuable Information.

The best defense a man can have against consumption is a perfectly healthy body. We are all more or less exposed to the dangers of consumption much of the time. The dust we inhale is often laden with the deadly germs. The disease may also be transmitted by means of fly infected foods and milk and meat from tuberculosis cattle. While these possible sources of infection exist and will probably continue to exist largely beyond our control, we can only do the next best thing which is to avoid the disease despite these conditions.

The seeds of consumption take root and grow in our bodies best when we are physically "run down." It is at this time that our physical resistance is at its lowest. To avoid consumption, therefore, it is of the greatest importance that we do not become "run down" by over work, loss of sleep, poor ventilation or intemperance of any kind. On the other hand we should strive to build up a perfectly healthy body by breathing only fresh air and lots of it, by moderate eating, by regular habits in regard to sleeping, eating, working and bathing, by avoiding constipation, colds, malaria, hook-worm disease, alcoholic beverages, worry, or anything that tends to lower our stock of physical vitality. Get the fresh air and sunlight habit. Windows in bed rooms are to exclude rain and snow only and should otherwise be open. Screens are to exclude flies and mosquitoes.

A careful observance of these suggestions and the usual laws of hygiene will greatly increase our chances of avoiding the great white plague.

Married 75 Times.

New York, Dec. 20.—The police started a wide search today for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Keller, who it is believed, have been married no less than seventy-five times in New York and vicinity at a net profit of \$750.

The Rev. W. S. Korney complained today that he married the couple the other day, receiving in payment a bogus \$20 check and giving the bridegroom \$10 in real money as change.

The police declare Mr. and Mrs. Keller have been married twenty-two times in Manhattan, eleven times in the Bronx, three or four times in Staten Island, a few in Queens, and thirty-five times in Brooklyn, averaging \$10 on each ceremony.

A Hero in a Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahoe, So. Haven, Mich., a civil war captain, as a light-house keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck, himself, if Electric Bitters had not prevented. They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50 cts. at all druggists.

There are thousands of people who have lost everything they valued in the world, all the material results of their lives' endeavor, and yet because they possess stout hearts, unconquerable spirits, a determination to push ahead which knows no retreat, they are just as far from real failure as before their loss; and with such wealth they can never be poor.

\$100 Per Plate.

was paid at a banquet to Henry Clay, in New Orleans in 1842. Mighty costly for those with stomach trouble or indigestion. To day people every where use Dr. King's New Life Pills for these troubles as well as liver, kidney and bowel disorders. Easy, safe, sure. Only 25 cts at all druggists.

WOODROW STEPS LIGHTLY.

He Is Willing to Believe Something About The Initiative and Referendum.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—The following letter from Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey to Prof. R. H. Dabney of the University of Virginia is published in The Richmond Times Dispatch:

My Dear Heath: We did not have a chance when I was with you to have our talk about the initiative, referendum and recall: it may be worth while, therefore, in view of the importance of the subject, for me to summarize somewhat more formally what I said to you in scraps.

In the first place, with regard to my own state of mind, I surrendered to the facts, as every candid man must. My whole prepossession, my whole reasoning, was against these things. But when I came into contact with candid, honest, public spirited men who could speak (with regard, for example, to Oregon) from personal observation and experience, they flooded me flat with their narration of what had actually happened. I found in the men who had advocated these things, who had put them into operation, and who had accomplished things by them, not critics or opponents of representative government, but men who were eager to restore it where it has been taken; these means to recover for the people what they had unquestionably lost, control of their own affairs.

In short, they were not trying to change our institutions. The initiative, referendum and recall were in their eyes (as they are in mine) merely a means to an end, that end being the restoration of the control of public opinion. Where opinion already controls, where there is now actual, genuine representative government, as I believe there is in Virginia and in the South in general, they are not necessary. Each state must judge for itself. I do not see how it could be made a subject of national policy. The people will, in my opinion, demand these measures only where they are manifestly necessary to take legislation and the control of administrative action away from special, hopelessly entrenched interests. They are no general or universal panaceas.

The recall of judges I am absolutely against, and always have been. It is a remedy for a symptom, not for a disease, the disease being the control of the system by influence which general opinion has ceased to control. It interested me very much to find that even in Oregon literally no one thought of these new methods of action as a substitute for representative institutions, but only as a means of stimulation and control. They are as devoted to the idea of our representative institutions as we are, and are bent upon realizing these ideas in practice. That is their conscious object.

As for the recall, it is seldom used outside the municipalities. I do not remember an instance of its use on a State officer. It is merely "a gun behind the door."

Faithfully yours,
WOODROW WILSON.

A Girl's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horse-back at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. "It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease" writes W. E. Patterson, Wellington, Tex. "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.