

STATE WIDE PROHIBITION OR NOTHING

Convention to Vote The Opposition Strong to Delays Seen in Report of Committee—Things Becoming Live-ly in Virginia.

RESOLUTION APPLAUDED

Richmond, Va., Jan. 20.—The calm before the storm. This best charac-terizes today's session of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League. It was not an impressive session and this, despite the fact that many members of more or less prominence took opportunity to vent their oratorical prowess and told in no uncertain language what they would be able to do in the event that a fight was precipitated.

It was verily a war of words. Napoleon, hemmed-in by hordes of Eng-lish and German troops, never man-uevered more desperately to no less effect than did the warring clans of the Anti-Saloonites, and that there are clans is obvious to even the casual visitor.

The report of the legislative com-mittee of the League, which has thrown local option to the four cor-ners of the earth, and now adopts the policy of State-wide prohibition or nothing, will be placed before the convention. Rev. James Cannon is at the head of the legislative committee. It would probably be unfair to say that Rev. James Cannon drafted this report, but it is but telling the truth to say that Rev. Dr. Cannon would be greatly pleased if the convention found the report to its liking—and adopted it.

And right here is a funny story. When all of this debate was started the argument at once put Dr. Can-non on the side of the conservatives, while State Senator A. F. Thomas, of Lynchburg, was the radical leader, Senator Thomas wants a State-wide prohibition act passed by this legisla-ture, while Dr. Cannon is in favor of the legislature passing a bill—which will give to the people the right to vote for State-wide when twenty-five per cent of the electorate ask for the privilege.

Here is Senator Thomas' resolu-tion: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention in the event that the General Assembly enacts a law sub-mitting the liquor question to the voters, that the Anti-Saloon League should take steps to call such elec-tion at the earliest practicable time during the present year."

All this live-long day it has been a case of shifting and re-shifting; planning and then planning again; of stacking arms and viewing the en-emy; of counting noses and figuring just how each of the opposing war-riors would measure up at the grand finale which comes tomorrow when the report of the legislative com-mittee will be voted upon.

Among the more brave of the con-vention there are those who are not afraid to speak right out in meeting—the opinion is held that the league has made a serious mistake in com-ing into the political arena as brazen-ly as it did during the recent cam-paign for governor.

Judge Mann, some of the leaders said today, was an officer of the or-ganization—a very prominent officer, by the way—and it was not quite politic for the league to so openly espouse his cause. Then there are other reasons, but they have little to do with today's session, though in-fluencing the stand taken by some of the members no little. A whole book might be written about the Virginia Anti-Saloon League and then the story would not be told.

THINKS MUCH OF HOOKWORM TALK IS MERE POPPYCOCK

New Orleans, Jan. 20.—Dr. Joseph A. Dana, house surgeon of the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, thinks there is a good deal of hum-bug about the hookworm.

"The very fact that Rockefeller gave a million dollars to help stamp out the hookworm, had added much to the talk of the disease. Candidly I think much of this talk is poppy-cock."

Such was the opinion rendered by Dr. Dana here today. "An Italian physician," continued Dr. Dana, "re-cently told me that reports of the prevalence of this disease had the effect of scaring Europeans away from the South."

MRS. W. H. CALL ILL.

The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Call regret to learn of her indisposi-tion. It is to be hoped she will soon be on the road towards recovery.

BILLIE TAFT DELIVERS HIS ULTIMATUM

He Is Fighting Mad He Will Keep Pledges Even at a Cost of Second Term—Warns Party Rebels That They Must Accept His Reforms.

MR. TAFT BOILING OVER

Washington, Jan. 19.—President Taft today set his back against the wall, bade defiance to foe and too solicitous friend and the country at large, and announced an ultimatum that began with the statement that a second term is an indifferent matter to him and that he is not looking for it, but that while he is President he is going to "do something." That something, the President made clear to regular and insurgents Republi-cans, is to carry out the pledges of the Republican party, and his test of Republicanism will be a vote for these measures that he regards as pledged by the party in the party platform and the last campaign.

The limitation of the use of the in-junction power by the Federal courts. The enactment of amendments to the Railway Rate law and those to the laws which regulate interstate commerce.

The establishment of a system of postal savings banks.

Separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

The President mentioned two im-portant bills of legislation as debat-able and consequently no test of Re-publicanism. He submitted that these two matters were questions on which there could be reasonable differ-ences of opinion. These he men-tioned as:

Conservation of the natural re-sources.

A Federal incorporation act.

Representatives Hayes of Califor-nia, Murdoch of Kansas, and Gardner of Massachusetts, got this infor-mation today, but what they did not get was the other part of the Presi-dent's ultimatum when, boiling over the split in the party, opposition to some of his measures and wagon-loads of gratuitous advice from well-meaning friends all over the coun-try, the President shoved his hands deep in his trousers pockets, lost the fa-mous smile and stated the case con-cisely.

One may not quote the President. It can be said however, the Presi-dent's plan for the rest of this first term is:

1. That the pledges of the Republi-can party, made in the platform on which Mr. Taft was elected and in the campaign for election that fol-lowed, must be fulfilled.

2. That he doesn't care a (this is not a quotation, remember.) about a second term, and is not look-ing for it.

3. But that he does want the ap-proval of his countrymen, and this he feels sure he will receive, if not now, then at some future time.

4. He is not in sympathy with the idea that he is to stop all activities and make enemies of Congress lead-ers and of all those who in the present Congress have the power to do what he wants done.

The President believes that many men who are making trouble within his own party are honest in their be-liefs, but that they do not realize the responsibility on him as leader of the party and as President to "do things." They expect him to enact laws without party, whereas, under the American system, laws can be en-acted only by party.

CHOCOWINITY WAKING UP

Betterment Association Organ-ised Last Night.

Chocowinity school district No. 7, better known as Moore's Schoolhouse, had an enthusiastic meeting last night when a Betterment Association was organized. Miss Ruby Hines is the efficient teacher and doing good work.

Messrs. W. L. Vaughan and Joseph F. Taylor addressed them on the necessity of a general school im-provement, in order that that section might keep pace with the other sec-tions of the county. A snug sum was raised. Old Chocowinity is waking up and it is only a matter of a short time when her school system will be as good as the best.

Engagements are of a high temper-ature, marriages of a low.

CAUSE OF THE SUFFRAGETTES IS HEARD

Governor Intercedes Delegation of Women's Rights Advocates Ask to Be Heard and the Governor Grants the Request.

MRS. BLATCH SPEAKS

Washington, Jan. 21.—The cause of the suffragists was presented to the governor's conference, which met this morning at 10:30 o'clock, by a delegation of women representing the combined women's rights orga-nization of New York. Governor Spry, of New York, interceded for the suf-fragists, asking that they be heard. "I am not expressing any opinion on the movement," said the governor, "but the ladies deserve this cour-teesy."

Governor Shafroth, of Colorado, a State where women vote, moved that the delegation "be heard immedi-ately." "That is the intention," re-plied Governor Hughes, whereupon Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, presi-dent of the self-supporting suffragists league, was allotted five minutes in which to speak. She only took three minutes.

Asking for uniform laws on suf-frage she said in part, "between these extremes our States illustrate every stage in political evolution, from a complete sex aristocracy to a free self-governing people. Between these extremes there are States in which women have the school vote, the tax vote, and in Kansas the mu-nicipal vote. This divergence causes constant unrest in our women."

The governors applauded when she concluded.

Governor Shafroth made himself sponsor of the suffragists cause and will champion in executive session their request that the governors desi-gnate a committee to study the suf-frage question and provide for its consideration at the next annual meeting.

Dough Wizard Attracts Scores to Demonstrations

Great crowds are watching the cake wizard over the store of the J. H. Harris Plumbing & Supply Com-pany each afternoon. Professor Beck-er is one of the biggest attractions ever put on in a store as a free at-traction. He is one of the most fa-mous chefs in the United States to-day. There is scarcely a country on the globe in which this noted ex-ponent of the gentle art of cooking has not traveled in his capacity as the world's greatest chef. This after-noon and tomorrow the professor will have his Majestic Range elevated in the middle of the room so as to afford everyone present a chance to see his demonstrations without the trouble of standing all the while. This af-ternoon the wizard will bake his famous "Walking Cake." This is one of his greatest stunts. This wonder-ful cake is 19 inches square and 7 inches high and it is baked in 20 min-utes time. After the cake is baked a board will be placed on top of it and then 20 ladies invited to stand on the board. Naturally the cake as-sumes the shape of "the proverbial pancake." The cake is then taken from between the boards and becomes its natural size and shape, and as the professor expresses it, "You can't do everything in the cooking line, be cut and served to those present."

Saturday afternoon (tomorrow), the dough wizard will roast a 3-pound roast, two rows of Irish pota-toes, one row of sweet potatoes, pan-anips, dressing and three dozen bak-ing-powder biscuits all in one pan in the space of an hour. The demon-strations are made on the Great Ma-jestic Range, of which the J. H. Har-ris Plumbing & Supply Company are the agents. All the ladies are invited to bring their note books and pencils with them; as he explains how he hold a good thing down." It will then Tomorrow afternoon closes the exhibi-tion.

Miss E. H. Mosely, of Nashville, Tenn., is also giving a demonstration at the same place of the "Maxwell House Blend" coffee, which is sold by Mr. J. F. Taylor. Her exhibit and demonstrations are given each after-noon from 2:30 to 5:30. Miss Mosely is making a tour of the Southern States in the interest of this famous brand of coffee. All the ladies and others are invited to call and get a sample cup. Her demonstrations will also close Saturday afternoon.

UNCLE JOE OUT WITH THE BOYS

His Wings Clipped! In Caucus James, of Kentucky, Who Was Opposed by Cannon Is Allowed to Remain on In-vestigating Committee.

HE IS NO LONGER BOSS

Washington, Jan. 21.—Speaker Cannon now realizes and quite thor-oughly appreciates that he is no longer an absolute "boss"; that his ap-peal which in other days rallied his supporters, now falls upon unrespon-sive ears. In other words his wings have been clipped.

This was proved at the Republican caucus last night when "Uncle Joe" made a personal appeal to his col-leagues to turn down Representative Ollie James of Kentucky, one of the minority selected by the Democrats in caucus for membership on the Bal-linger-Pinchot investigation com-mittee.

It was discovered that President Taft's objection to Representative Rainey, of Illinois, serving on the investigating committee, would have weight sufficient to cause the rejec-tion of the Illinois congressman, al-though like James, he had been se-lected by the Democratic caucus. But even the President's request was not unanimously accepted by the Republi-cans holding to the principles that the Democrats should have the right to say who they wanted to represent them on the special committee.

The President won his point, however, so far as it applied to Rainey, but he lost out in his opposition to James, who were accepted by the caucus. The substitution of Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, chairman of the Demo-cratic congressional committee, in lieu of Rainey, was approved by a pronounced vote in the caucus.

As forecasted, the insurgents at-tended the caucus and took a lively part in the proceedings, but before the adjournment insurgents Cooper, Lenot, Lindbergh, Cary and Nelson, of Wisconsin, and Davis, of Minne-sota, left because of the interference with the Democratic caucus selec-tions.

It was made clear at the caucus that the Republicans are far from being united, notwithstanding the Presi-dent's appeal for party harmony.

The committee to conduct the Bal-linger-Pinchot investigation as was agreed on in the caucus last night consists of Representative Olmstead, of Pennsylvania; Deiby, of Michi-gan; Madison, of Wisconsin, and Mc-Call, of Massachusetts, Republicans; and James, of Kentucky, and Lloyd, of Missouri, Democrats.

Madison represents the insurgents. The six members are well known and stand high in the house. They are recognized as men of ability.

Mrs. L. T. McGowan Has Narrow Escape From Being Burned to Death

There came near being another tragedy in the county yesterday when Mrs. Cottie McGowan, wife of Mr. L. T. McGowan, who resides on the farm of Mrs. Lucy Myers, about two miles from this city, was severely burned on the back and arm. She only es-caped with her life by a hair's breadth.

PREST M'NEIL TO SPEAK HERE

Firemen and Others Invited to Hear Him.

Mr. J. D. McNeil, of Fayetteville, N. C., writes Mr. Joseph F. Taylor that he is arranging a trip through this section of the State for next week. He will speak in this city next Tuesday evening at the city hall. His subject will be, "The Responsibilities Of and Necessity For an Efficient Fire Department in our Cities and Towns." The main object of Mr. McNeil's visit to Washington will be the organiza-tion of a State Firemen's Fire Insur-ance Company. Already quite a num-

TAFT AGREES TO CANDIDACY OF BIG STICK

Roosevelt a Candidate Report, Current That Former President Will Be for Congress From the First New York District.

DON'T WANT SENATORSHIP

Washington, Jan. 21.—That Theo-dore Roosevelt has agreed to run for congress in the first district of New York State, with the understanding that he will be supported for the speakership, is the report among the members of the house and senate.

Representative Cook, of the first district, is willing to step aside in order to make room for the former President. Several members of the New York delegation are avowedly in favor of his candidacy, while others think it would be an excellent way to keep him from causing trouble in New York State.

According to the report President Taft is aware of the plan and has agreed to be present at a great recep-tion to be accorded Mr. Roosevelt when he arrives in New York next June.

It will be at this public reception, it is said, that the boom of Mr. Roose-velt for congress and the speaker-ship will be launched.

It is known that the former Presi-dent refuses absolutely to accept the senatorship, and that before leaving New York for his trip to Africa he declined to permit his name to be mentioned for mayor of New York. It is certain that Mr. Roosevelt has no ambition to succeed Governor Hughes.

The speakership of the house of representatives is the one office in public life that is known to appeal to the former President.

According to the information cer-tain members of the New York dele-gations have gathered, many business men of New York, and especially Wall street, will not approve of Mr. Roosevelt. Timothy L. Woodruff and other leaders in New York State, however, are said to favor him.

MATINEE TOMORROW

At Gem Theater, Benefit of Baptist Church.

There will be a matinee given at the Gem theater tomorrow afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock, for the benefit of the First Baptist Church build-ing fund and the Delta Sigma soci-ety. The price of admission will be five cents.

The management will show four reels of attractive and interesting pic-tures. The occasion promises to be one of interest and pleasure to all who attend. Being for a worthy cause it should be liberally patron-ized, and no doubt will.

PAULHAN TAKES PASSENGERS UP IN HIS BIPLANE

New Records Made In Addition to the Long Trip With His Wife the Daring Aviator Takes Another Passenger on 12-Mile Flight.

WIFE ALSO MAKES FLIGHT

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 20.—By carrying his wife in his biplane on a 22-mile cross-country trip from Aviation Field to a point half a mile over the ocean and back, by taking another passenger on a 12-mile flight over the fields and by tak-ing three other passengers, one at a time, on short flights, Louis Paulhan today established new world's records for heavier-than-air flying machines. No other aviator has taken up so many passengers in one day and no other aviator has taken a woman for a high flight over fields and woods and villages and surf for more than 20 miles.

Paulhan flew at an altitude of from 500 to 1,000 feet over Redondo Beach, Venice-by-the-Sea, and other resorts toward Point Firmin. There were no life buoys tied to the ma-chine to save them from death in the ways should they fall. He made this trip and other perilous flights with ease.

Paulhan flew 33 minutes on his 22-mile trip with his wife. His 12-mile trip was made with Clifford B. Harmon of New York. Besides these, he took up Mrs. Cortland F. Bishop, wife of President Bishop of the Aero Club of America; Lieutenant Paul Hook of the United States army signal corps; William Randolph Hearst, a newspaper publisher, and a newspa-per reporter. The flights were made under perfect atmospheric condi-tions.

The other aviators did not accom-plish much. Charles K. Hamilton made three starts in an attempt to lower Paulhan's altitude record of 4,165 feet: On his first flight Ham-ilton rose 455 feet, on his second 300 feet, and on his third 700 feet.

The G.H. Dorsch machine, owned by H. W. Gill, of Baltimore, met with an accident that eliminated it from any work tomorrow. At a height varying from 30 to 100 feet it circled the field once and then came down with a crash that wrecked the left plane. Hillary Beachey, the driver, was not injured.

DURHAM CITIZEN SLASHES THROAT

W. H. Rowland Attempts to Take His Life.

Durham, Jan. 20.—Mr. W. H. Rowland, many years a leaf tobacco buy-er and one of the city's most likable men, attempted to commit suicide early this morning by slashing his throat half a dozen times with a razor.

Immediately after the murderous attack upon himself, he was taken to the hospital and an operation per-formed upon him. The loss of blood was so great, coupled with the old gentleman's desire to die and his age, that his death is expected any mo-ment. This afternoon when he emerged from the anaesthetic, he be-gan tearing the stitches taken in his neck and expressed a desire, it is said, to die.

Mr. Rowland has been in declining health many months. This began with the loss of his wife more than two years ago. But he was withal the cheeriest sort of man and every-body liked "Bill Rowland." The non-resistance of death will prob-ably play the greatest part in his recovery or death.

Mr. Rowland is a Confederate sol-dier and has many relatives and the warmest sort of friends here. He is the father of three sons and one daughter of Durham, all popular young people. His attempt to take his own life, one that never failed to radiate its good in the community, shocked the community greatly to-day.

Mr. Rowland was discovered after the first attempt, standing before the mirror to make another gash. He was stopped, but was so badly wounded that he couldn't talk. Mon-day of this week he is said to have sharpened his razors for this purpose.

Mrs. W. C. Rodman Sick. The News regrets to announce the illness of Mrs. W. C. Rodman at her home, East Main street. A speedy recovery is hoped for by her numer-ous friends.

PROF. STEVENS, OF EXPERIMENT STATION, TO TALK

On Agricultural Fair Will Speak Tonight at the Cham-ber of Commerce Rooms—Evy-erybody is Urged to Be Present and Hear Question Discussed.

CHAMBER MEETS AT 7.30

Agricultural fair meeting at the Chamber of Commerce tonight. Let all be present. This being the regu-lar meeting night of the Chamber, and as Prof. Stevens of the Experi-ment Station will be here to make a talk on the advantages to this sec-tion of an agricultural fair, this meet-ing will be a very important one.

If Washington is to go ahead, its people must stop only thinking that everybody knows that they are fa-vorable to the things that are promot-ed by a few at the Chamber of Com-merce, and put their shoulder to the wheel, shoving the town upward and onward.

Some folk grumble about business, and say what should be done to de-velop the town, making business bet-ter; but when you ask them to at-tend a meeting to hear other people's views, and express their own, they cannot spare the time from the store; they must go back and work on their books to see if they cannot find some way to collect those accounts, or plan a cut-price sale to raise funds.

If some of these people would at-tend the meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and take a part in the town's development, they would find their business to be much improved as well as collections easier. The banks will show a greater balance, and this in itself will be an adver-tisement of the highest type.

Some people are sincere in want-ing an agricultural fair, but they ex-pect others to shoulder the work and go ahead with it, without them using a particle of exertion. If these peo-ple would go to the meetings and let the few who have all the work to do see that they have moral support, they would feel like doing something and they would feel more in sympa-thy with the move.

Do not fail to attend the meeting tonight at 7:30, as business of impor-tance is to be transacted. At 8:30 Mr. Stevens of the Raleigh Experi-ment Station will talk.

Annual Inspection of State Troops

The annual inspection of head-quarters of the Second North Caro-lina Infantry and Co. G, of that reg-iment, will take place here under of-ficers of the Army and National Guard on the night of March 1. While "headquarters" is designated, only three officers and two non-commis-sioned officers of the 20 or 25 com-posing Colonel Bragaw's staff reside here and will be present.

Company G, with three officers and 50 men, will probably be paraded in the new olive drab winter service uniforms, with caps, white collars, cuffs and gloves.

The National Guard having become a part of the regular establishment in the fullest sense of the word on January 1, when extensive orders went into effect, the inspection will be rigid beyond precedent.

In the State three regiments of infantry, with 12 companies and band each, and four companies of coast ar-tillery and one field battery, besides hospital detachments, will be in-spected.

TRAIN DASHED DOWN MOUNTAIN AT FULL SPEED

Denver, Col., Jan. 20.—Tearing down the mountain side at the rate of nearly 70 miles an hour, a freight train on the Moffatt road jumped the track at a point between Jenny Lake and Antelope, near the summit of the range, early today and the en-tire train plunged down the hill. Three men were killed and another fatally injured.

New Advertisements in Today's News

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J. H. Harris Plumbing & supply Co.—Free Lecture.
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Gem Theater.
Gaiety Theater.
Capudine.
Vick's Remedies.
Pazo Ointment.
J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Buffs.