

BEST IN THOUSANDS

Physician Has Never Seen Equal of Jeffries.

NO DEFECT IN BIG FIGHTER

Physician Declared He Has Never Seen Anything So Wonderful as the Heavyweight Champion's Muscular Power.

Ben Lohm, Cal., June 2.—James Jeffries is now in magnificent condition, and if no accident or sudden illness befalls him, he will enter the ring July 4 for his championship battle with Jack Johnson in perfect physical trim.

That is the gist of a statement issued by Dr. Chas. V. Cross, United States examining physician of San Francisco, who yesterday made the most complete and painstaking examination Jeffries has had since he began training for his coming battle. For nearly two hours the physician watched and worked over Jeffries in his rubbing room at the local camp, and he gave out this statement:

"In the course of my practice I have examined 25,000 or 30,000 men, and I have never seen anything so wonderful as the strength, power and perfect condition of this man. His eye is steady and clear, indicating a cool and well-balanced judgment. His heart action surprised me. For after his vigorous exercise and while he was being rubbed and kneaded by four pairs of hands, his heart pulse was only 55. In the average man it would have been 90 or over."

"I was especially careful to search his lungs for any trace of pneumonia with which he was seriously afflicted some years ago. The lungs showed absolutely no evidence of pneumonia and his respiratory organs are entirely free and normal. His breathing machinery is excellent, too. Six parts of the physical man must be right for him to be strong enough to enter a strenuous athletic contest—his brain, heart, lungs, stomach, kidneys and liver. Every one of these organs in Jeffries is perfectly sound and free from ailment. I found nothing in my searching examination to indicate that the stories of hidden disease in Jeffries are true."

Johnson Sound, Too.

Dr. Cross, who recently attended Johnson, took occasion to compare the former champion with the negro. "As to a comparison of the physique of Johnson and Jeffries," he said, "there is not a large margin of difference. Both men are in fine bodily trim. Johnson like Jeffries, is sound throughout. He has considerable more fat on his body, but when the pair step into the ring I believe they will be almost an even match so far as condition goes. I am convinced that Jeffries' great reduction—he must have rid himself of at least fifty pounds—has not impaired his stamina."

The physician noted that Jeffries' muscles have been massaged and handled with scientific care and he said that the fighter's muscular condition is little short of marvelous.

Dr. Cross concluded: "He is practically in fighting condition now and needs only to watch with extreme care that he does not overreach himself before the day of the battle."

FAIR PLAY

President Taft Will Make Statement to Railroads Assuring Them of Fair Treatment.

Washington, June 3.—It was reported here today that President Taft intends issuing a statement shortly in which he will reassure the railroads throughout the country that there is no intention on the part of the government to treat them otherwise than fairly in the proceedings that have been brought against them or that may be instituted later.

It was also said that the presidents of a number of more important roads will call on the President next week and discuss the situation.

HOLDS LUCKY NUMBER.

Mr. W. M. Bell held the lucky number at the Gaiety theater last night and received a month pass to their shows.

FISHING GOOD. Mr. Seth Bridgman has returned from a vacation spent at Ocracoke. He reports a pleasant trip and that the fishing is good.

MAYORS' MEETING

State Association Holding Two Days' Session.

HAWKINS CHIEF SPEAKER

Leads Discussion on the Inequitable Division of Taxes—To Fight Freight Rates—Want to Change Date of Tax Listing Taxes to January 1st.

Winston-Salem, June 2.—The first day's session of the Carolina Municipal Convention which convened here today at noon was abundantly profitable to the members of the association and to the thousands of the people it represents. Fifteen of the most progressive cities of the State were represented by either the mayor or members of the city councils.

Matters of the most vital importance came before the convention and discussions which in many instances will revert to the ultimate upholding of the State as a commonwealth of great cities. The organization of its infancy has already accomplished a vast amount of good and what in the next few years the majority of North Carolina towns shall have gone into the organization and its aims begin to materialize, great changes for advancement may be expected.

Mayor Hawkins speaks. Probably the most important matter before today's session of the convention was the question of co-ordination of municipal and county governments, the discussion of which followed the address of Mayor Thomas W. Hawkins of Charlotte, on "The Economical Co-ordination of Municipal and County Governments." Mr. Hawkins said in part:

"Mr. President and Members of the Association: The subject you have assigned to me today is 'The Economical Co-ordination of Municipal and County Governments.' I ask that you take a good notice of the subject for I may not refer to it often. I may follow the example of the colored preacher who pleased his congregation because he took his text from the title of the Bible, read it to the congregation and never let it bother him again."

"We may as well at the outset recognize the fact that the city governments are entirely distinct and independent governments. The county is the unit of State government and like the State is protected from damages on account of the acts or omissions of its agents, while the city is but a creature of the State law and with very little power and on protection. The county owns the city; the city is a mere asset of the county. Under our present system of taxation there can be no co-ordinate management of city and county affairs, however much we may desire it for the constitution and the law of the State make the city merely an asset of the county. The county officials have the sole power to value property for taxation in the city and county. However inequitable and inaccurate the value may be, the city is compelled to accept such value as the basis of city taxation because the courts hold that there can be but one actual value and that is the value fixed by the county officials because the county is a part of the State government."

Conditions in Mecklenburg. As an example of the inequity of the distribution of taxes, Mr. Hawkins cited conditions in Mecklenburg county. Charlotte, he said, paid three-fourths of the taxes of the county. The city pays the expense of policing the city and the expense of the recorder's court and yet the fines collected in that court go to the county to be used in the school funds, and the convicts tried in the court and convicted are sent to the county roads to serve the county and not a lick of work is done by these convicts in the city that pays the expense of running them down and convicting them unless that city pays the county for their services. The suggestion of Mr. Hawkins as a remedy for this condition is the divorcing of the city from the county in cases where the cities are large enough to be materially affected by this evil and allow the city to receive and apply its own revenue to its own use.

Mr. M. M. John, mayor of Laurinburg, in the course of the discussion that followed stated that the remedy suggested was one that meant a long, hard campaign of education which it will take years to accomplish. The farmers, said Mr. John, are the men who have always been consulted in the making of the laws of the State and they are the ones who will as a whole, oppose such legislation.

Change Listing Time.

It is suggested further that a partial solution of the question might be obtained through a change in the time of tax listing, from June 1 to January 1, giving as a reason that on the 1st of June the farmer was as near out of everything taxable as one gets to be. His crops in the field cannot be taxed and the stock of supplies that he has on hand has been reduced to a minimum, thereby leaving him free of a vast amount of property upon which he might be taxed should the listing time be January 1. It was stated that this was in practice both in Virginia and North Carolina and was found more satisfactory.

OPENING BALL

Many Prominent Guests are Expected to Be Present—An Annual Feature of the Atlantic Hotel.

EXTRA SESSION

Governor Calls Legislators to Act on Bonds Matter.

WILL MEET ON JUNE 14TH

Chances Are, However, That the Call Will Be Revoked and Body Will Not Have to Meet—Treasurer Advertising For More Bids to Be Submitted June 10.

CYCLONE SWEPT

City in Darkness, the Streets Swarmed With Uprooted Trees and Prostrate Wires.

Augusta, Ga., June 2.—Augusta has been in darkness since 10:15 tonight, the streets are strewn with uprooted trees and prostrate wires; every telephone is out and the trolley system disabled as a result of a cyclone lasting about 15 minutes.

No fatalities have been reported, but half a dozen of more residences have been more or less wrecked and two or three warehouses blown down. The Casino building at Lakeview, where a night performance was just concluding, was completely wrecked but the audience escaped uninjured. Every enterprise depending on electric power is tied up and all business houses and residences using current are in darkness.

WINDY PILLS

Miss Lizzie Kelley held the lucky number at the Gem theater last night and received the beautiful value plate.

TO ATTEND SHOW.

Quite a large number of our citizens are intending to leave on the excursion Monday over the Norfolk Southern road for Wilson to attend the show there Monday night, presented by local talent from this city.

JOCKEY KILLED.

Two Other Riders Were in Bad Mix-Up, But Both Escaped. Gravesend, N. Y., June 2.—Jockey Langan, mounted on Stallwart Lad, was instantly killed today when his mount fell on the home stretch turn in the closing race.

The race was for 2-year-olds at five and a half furlongs and 12 horses faced the start. The start was good and the field went off in a close bunch to the stretch turn, where Warwick, Butwell up, stumbled and fell. Muff, Davis riding, stumbled over Warwick. Immediately following was Langan on Stallwart Lad. He turned a complete somersault over the prostrate forms of the two horses and his mount fell on top of him, killing him instantly.

When the big crowd saw Warwick fall a cry of dismay and horror went up that was immediately followed by another when Muff and Stallwart Lad tumbled over him. Davis jumped up at once, but Butwell lay still until he was picked up, and Langan never moved.

Butwell broke his nose, but Davis escaped uninjured. Langan was under contract to R. F. Carman and rode with good success at the Jacksonville meeting last winter. He had been with the thoroughbreds only about a year.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. There will be regular Sunday services at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow. Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

POTATO MARKET SMALLER. Potatoes were bringing on this market today from \$1.35 to \$1.60, and receipts were somewhat smaller. Only 20 cars were shipped yesterday five of which arrived via Washington & Vandershire train.

HELD FOR BIGAMY

St. Louis Woman Acquitted of Murder Last Night Beheaded Today For Bigamy. St. Louis, June 2.—Mrs. Dora E. Doty, who was acquitted last night of the charge of murdering William J. Erdler, was beheaded today on a charge of bigamy. She was taken to Clayton and beheaded in jail. Her acquittal of the murder charge was received with applause in the courtroom. She had been held to jail to see her husband, who is held to an accomplice on the same murder charge.

THIRTY TRIALS

Among Them is the Standard Oil Disobedience Suit—Others of Importance.

KNIFE ASSAULT

Thomas Styron Viciously Assaulted By Ed. Buck—Assailant Placed Under Bond.

CRUSHING

Madrix Forces Defeated in Last Stand by General Mena.

Bluefields, June 3.—Madrix's army has been crushingly defeated in its last stand by General Mena, insurgent commander at Rama, according to advices received here today.

Regular forces at Rama have been routed and are fleeing after the scattered Madrix forces that attacked Bluefields.

It is reported that more than 100 were killed and 400 wounded.

MONUMENT TO CUSTER.

Monroe, Mich., June 4.—With President Taft as orator of the occasion, the equestrian statue of Gen. Custer was unveiled here today.

Mrs. Custer, widow of the martyr of Little Big Horn, unveiled the statue. A distinguished company was here to witness the unveiling.

TONIGHT AT THE GAIETY.

The Gaiety has another one of those laughing comedies for tonight, "The Stubborn Lover," a truly laughable courtship, and all lovers of good clean comedy should not miss this one. "Love's Awakening" is another pathetic love story of circus life and promises to be one of the best. Also Vintage of Languadoc, an educational picture. Artistic illustrated song will be repeated tonight.

The management desires to announce that he has secured Baby Ierne, the child with the wonderful voice, and Mille Tina, lightning change artist, for all next week.

STORES CLOSE EARLIER.

Beginning with today the James E. Clark Co. will close their stores each Saturday night at 10:45. Their action is to be commended and it would be well if others of our merchants would do likewise. It would be a great hardship on the clerks to be upon their feet 10 to 15 hours a day. The people can do their shopping before that time, and would do so were all to follow this example.

DAVIDSON WINS

Quarter Million Dollar Endowment Raised.

EFFICIENCY IS INCREASED

Albemarle Presbytery to the Front With Its Full Share of the Amount—Cheers of the Students on Completion of the Fund Were Inspiring—Opens New Era for Davidson.

FISHERMAN'S LUCK

Home Blown Into Splinters by a Cyclone, Broke Everything Except the Clock.

The plantation of Mr. Colon Grandy, an extensive planter, residing near Grandy in Currituck county, was struck by a cyclone last Thursday and great damage was done.

Mr. Grandy's dwelling house was blown from its foundation and damaged to some extent. Several out-houses were wrecked. A tenant house on the plantation was occupied by a Mr. Aydielt. This house was struck by the cyclone and was blown into splinters. The house was completely demolished and was scattered for a mile around. Mr. Aydielt's household goods were blown into smithereens and some of it has not been found yet.

Every piece of furniture and breakable articles in the house was smashed except the clock. That was found about 200 yards from the site of the house and it was still running, so the report says.

The hand of Providence seems to have interposed and saved the lives of the members of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Aydielt were away from home, having gone fishing. A little girl was left at home to tend to the baby. The black clouds frightened her and she went to a neighbor's house before the fury of the storm broke upon the home.

Great damage was done to the forest in the path of the cyclone, trees as big as barrels were wrung off at the ground and were piled up in confusion.

The informant did not state whether any other plantations were visited by the cyclone.

SAVINGS BANK BILL.

Will Be Reported in the House Next Week and Rushed to Vote.

Washington, June 3.—Representative Weeks, of Massachusetts, chairman of the house committee on post-offices and post roads, said today that the postal savings bank bill, agreed on in the republican caucus Wednesday night, will be formally called up in the committee next Monday and reported to the house next day.

The committee on rules, he added, will be asked to report a special order to consider the bill. This special order will limit debate and amendments and it is believed the vote on the passage of the bill may be secured next Friday.

The insurgents have not decided whether they will vote for any special order that would gage the house, for by voting for such an order, they say, it would stultify their position.

Y. M. C. L. Ladies' Day—Mr. N. L. Simmons the Speaker.

Tomorrow being the first Sunday in June all the ladies are invited to attend the services in the new Y. M. C. L. rooms. The following interesting program has been arranged:

Music by the League orchestra. Opening hymn, No. 185, "Draw Me Nearer." Prayer. Hymn No. 158, "Take Time to be Holy."

Scripture reading. Hymn No. 94, "The Story Must Be Told." Collection. Hymn No. 147, "Onward Christian Soldier." Address, "The Passion Play at Oberammergau, Bavaria," by Mr. N. L. Simmons. Hymn No. 100, "Never Give Up." Benediction.

RETURNED THIS MORNING. Rev. M. P. Pyle, pastor of the M. E. church in this city, returned this morning from a visit to his parents in Ireland. They are both in feeble health and his mother was confined to the bed. The News wishes for them a speedy recovery.

MILLIONAIRE JAILED

Is Worth \$20,000,000, But His Money Didn't Save Him.

TWO MONTHS; FINED \$500

Prison Sentence and Fine for E. H. Jennings, One of the Big Pittsburg Financiers—Penalty Imposed For Using Wealth to Bribe Councilmen and Steal Legislation.

Pittsburg, June 2.—His many millions unavailing and his great influence powerless to save him, E. H. Jennings, President of the Columbia National Bank and of the Colonial Trust Company, two of Pittsburg's big financial institutions, and also President of the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, an enormous gas and oil corporation, today entered a cell in the Allegheny county jail and must remain there two months. He must also pay a fine of \$500. This was the penalty imposed on him by the court for using his wealth to bribe councilmen and steal legislation from Pittsburg.

Jennings is rated to be worth at least \$20,000,000 and in addition to his corporation holdings is a large oil and gas operator individually and has been for years in the councils of Standard Oil. The question now arises whether under the national banking law Mr. Jennings can retain the presidency of the Columbia Bank. He has held steadily to this place, although it is within the discretion of the Comptroller of the Currency to remove an indicted officer of a national bank. Jennings has been convicted and is serving his sentence. The action of the Comptroller is awaited with great interest.

A minority element of the Colonial Trust Company tried to get Mr. Jennings to resign the presidency of that bank when the graft storm broke, but this resulted only in the minority being itself forced to sell out to the Jennings interest in the bank.

Frank A. Griffin, former cashier of the Columbia Bank, who was tried and convicted with Jennings, was sentenced to four months in jail and a \$500 fine.

LOST HIS ALL

Three Houses Burned, Loss About \$1,000—Much Delay in Locating the Fire.

Ethelbert Gullford suffered a total loss of three tenant houses yesterday afternoon by fire which originated in the building occupied by Frank Pearson. Owing to the high wind which was blowing at the time the fire burned rapidly and these people were unable to save their furniture and clothing, and the fire soon spread to the buildings on each side, occupied by R. W. Walker and Henry Boyd, all colored.

Boyd's people saved most of their furniture, while Walker was not so fortunate, being quite old he was unable to move quickly.

Gullford carried no insurance and his loss will exceed \$1,000. The loss is a severe one for him, as he is a day laborer at the Kugler Lumber Co. mill and these buildings were the savings from his earnings. He is an honest, hard-working negro, and has the sympathy of the entire community.

BALL GAME TUESDAY.

Strong Aurora Team Will Cross Bats With Local Nine.

Tuesday, June 7, the strong Aurora team will try conclusions with the local nine. This game promises to be one of the best of the season for the local boys are in better condition now than they have been any time this season, as they are practicing daily, and with the addition of some new timber in college players arriving home, are prepared to put up a game worth seeing.

It is to be hoped the boys will have a good crowd out to help root for them.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning service at 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor. Subject, "By the Rivers of Babylon." Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sermon subject, "A Sinking man." Everybody cordially invited to attend. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Regular morning and evening service. Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 5 p. m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gem Theater. Gaiety Theater. J. K. Hoyt—Ladies' Hats. Wm. Bragaw & Co.—Fire Insurance. Mrs. Sumners' Remedies. Doan's Kidney Pills. Cardul.

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