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The Anti-Trust Law.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. Any corporation organized under the laws of this or any other State or country for transacting or conducting any kind of business in this State or any partnership or individual or other association of persons whatsoever who shall create, enter into, become a member of or a party to any pool, trust, agreement, combination, confederation or understanding with any other corporation, partnership, individual or other persons to regulate or fix the price of any article of merchandise or commodity, or shall enter into, become a member of or a party to any pool, agreement, contract, combination or confederation to fix or limit the amount or quantity of any article, commodity or merchandise to be manufactured, produced or sold in this State shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a conspiracy to defraud, and be subject to penalties as provided in this act. Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful for any corporation to issue or to own trust certificates or for any corporation, agent, officer or employee or the directors or stockholders of any corporation to enter into any combination, contract or agreement with any person or persons, corporation or corporations or with any stockholder or director thereof, the purpose and effect of which combination, contract or agreement shall be to place the management or control of such a combination or the manufacture of any such article, provided that nothing herein contained shall effect the present investments of charitable or educational institutions. Sec. 3. Any corporation or company, individual, firm or association violating any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit \$100 for each day it shall continue to do so, to be recovered by an action in the name of the State at the relation of the Solicitor; moneys, thus recovered to go into the revenue of the county in which the cause accrues. Sec. 4. Any contract or agreement in violation of any provision of the preceding sections of this act shall be absolutely void. Sec. 5. Any corporation created or organized by or under the laws of this State, which shall violate any provision of the preceding sections of this act shall thereby forfeit its corporate rights and franchises, and its corporate existence shall upon proper proof thereof being made in any court of competent jurisdiction in this State be by the court declared forfeited, void and of non-effect, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said court to certify the decree thereof to the Secretary of State, who shall take notice and be governed thereby as to the corporate papers of said corporation. Sec. 6. This act shall not apply to agricultural products while in the hands of the producer, nor to the lumber inter-

A FRIGHTFUL FIRE ON Fifth Avenue.

The Windsor, Seven Stories, One of the Finest Hotels in New York City, Destroyed. NEW YORK, March 17.—Flames which originated from the igniting of a lace curtain burst forth from the second floor of the Windsor hotel at Forty-Seventh street and Fifth avenue shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon, and in a few minutes they leaped up to the roof and enveloped the entire Fifth avenue and Forty-Seventh street fronts of the hotel. Ten minutes later the flames were roaring through the interior of the hotel and all means of escape by way of stairways and elevators were cut off and there was the wildest scene of excitement within and without the building. Hundreds of guests and employes were in the hotel when the fire broke out and for many of them to escape with safety was impossible. Probably from ten to fifteen lives were lost within half an hour, and thirty or forty other persons were injured in jumping from windows and rushing through the flames in the corridors and on the stairways. Many who were injured died later at near-by residences or at hospitals, and others who made wild leaps to the stone sidewalks were so badly injured that they are still hovering between life and death. It may be twenty-four hours or more before the complete list of fatalities become known, and it will be longer than that before it can be ascertained definitely how many charred bodies are in the mass of fallen masonry that marks the spot where the hotel stood. THE BUILDING IN RUINS. The flames could not be checked and in two hours from the time that the fire broke out the entire structure was in ruins and the streets on three sides of the building were filled with debris from the falling walls and tall chimneys, while the streams of water being poured into the interior of the ruins had no effect other than to fill the air with clouds of scalding steam, making it impossible for any one to approach near enough to search for missing bodies. The fire was the most spectacular that could be imagined. When it broke out Fifth avenue was crowded with people watching the St. Patrick's day parade, which was passing the building as the fire broke out, and every window in the front of the hotel facing Fifth avenue was filled with spectators, watching the marching men and floats in the streets. In addition to the regular guests of the hotel the windows were crowded with a large number of spectators, residents of this city, who had congregated there to witness the parade. Soon after the first alarm was given people in the lower floors of the hotel, those who had easy access to the street and the stairs, commenced to pour out of the building in great numbers, but it very soon became apparent that a great majority of the occupants of the hotel were either panic stricken or unable to make their way to the ground floor. Windows were thrown upon every side of the building and guests, mostly women, made frantic appeals for assistance to the crowd below. WOMEN DROPPED FROM WINDOWS. Finally some of them stood upon the narrow window sills and beckoned to the spectators that they were about to leap to the streets. The men collected upon the sidewalks ready to render any assistance they could. Some of the women dropped to the streets. In most cases the efforts to catch them and break their fall were unavailing, and broken limbs were the result. As soon as the firemen could get their scaling ladders into position they climbed the sides of the building and entered at every window where there was an unfortunate guest appealing for assistance, and many cases of heroic rescue were witnessed by the throng in the streets. At the corner of Forty-seventh street and Fifth avenue, directly across from the hotel, is the home of Miss Helen Gould, and at her direction many of the injured were carried there and treated by physicians and nurses, whom she had sent for. In the meantime the chief of police had telephoned to every hospital in the city, asking that assistance be sent to the fire sufferers. Ambulances forced their way through the crowds as quickly as possible and removed the injured to the hospitals. Several of the occupants of the hotel appeared at the windows of the sixth and seventh stories and even on the roof and leaped to the streets from those points. Very few of them escaped either instant death or injuries which resulted in their death a short time later. Sixteen persons are known to be dead and fifteen persons are missing. Among the dead is Miss Lascelles Grandy of Elizabeth City, N. C., who had been living in New York for some years. A great many prominent and wealthy people were in the hotel among them being Abner McKinley, brother of the President, his wife and daughters. The McKinleys escaped without harm but lost all their apparel and personal effects. One rich lady and her daughter who were burned to death, it is said, lost \$200,000 worth of jewelry.

Views of a Northern Democrat.

To the Editor of The Observer: Seeing in Sunday's Observer a letter from Bishop Hood on the proposed amendment to the constitution, and having come here from the North and settled in Iredell county, in 1874, with very kind feelings for the negro, I thought I would give some experience and views on the subject. I have always been a Democrat and voted the Democratic ticket except in the electoral muddle. I was very much interested in your political problem of negro suffrage. In the election of 1875 in August I had a fairly intelligent colored man in my employ, who went to vote. I, not yet having a right to vote, did not go. Upon his return from the election I asked him the following questions: "Have you been to vote?" He said, "Yes." "Who did you vote for?" "I don't know." "How did you vote?" "He (naming a prominent negro reliable) gave me my ticket and I voted it." The said negro reliable is known as one of the most unreliable negroes in the country, except that he had the position of boss from his unreliable white leaders. Had a man owning property and having an interest in his country's welfare taken his mules to vote, would not it have been better for the country's good? My experience is that this is a fair average colored vote. About 1880 we were running a cotton gin and had a colored boy working for us, who sometime before election came to me and asked me how he should vote. I told him he had a right to vote as he pleased. He said he knew that, but that I knew better than he what was for the good of all. I told him that I always voted the Democratic ticket, and he said he was going to do so. A few days after, this same reliable negro came to see him and accused him of selling out for a pair of shoes. The boy told him if he would get off his mule he would show him what kind of shoes he got. On election day he went with me to the polls and went home and made a day's work. A few days afterwards I was reliably informed that this same reliable was getting up a party to give the boy a whipping. I gave him a pistol and told him to shoot the first one who molested him. I also told this same reliable that I could not stay at the man's house all the time and protect him, but I could assure him that if he ever laid a finger on the boy and we caught him or any one else at it, we could assure him that if he got off alive he would not be burdened with hide. After this they made an effort to put him out of the Church, and his wife threatened to leave him. I suppose this is the easy road which the bishop proposes for the colored man to travel in enjoying the privilege of voting the Democratic ticket and this is about the way the average one would be treated if he dared leave the Republican party. As to inviting the negro to participate in primary elections and allowing them any say in the political affairs of the country, the mere mention of it under past experience is enough to turn one's stomach. Is it any wonder the white man wishes to get rid of such a vote? These facts can all be proved to be very mildly stated. A NORTHERN DEMOCRAT in Charlotte Observer.

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Renick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 25 cents a box. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner, Druggists.

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Mr. Walter Aycock, a highly respected merchant and business man of Warrenton, met a fearful death last Friday night. He had undressed and had on his sleeping gown and had lowered a swinging lamp to put it out. The lamp burst and his body was enveloped in flames. His wife threw blankets on him and extinguished the flames but not until he was so badly burned that he died at 7 o'clock.

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STATE NEWS.

ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE. A ten year old boy was killed by a train near Hickory last week while playing on the track. A negro named Jake Jones sustained serious injuries by jumping off a Southern train at Raleigh last Friday morning. Two large cotton mills are in the course of erection at Greensboro. One of these will manufacture cotton flannels. Hon. A. M. Waddell was selected for re-election as Mayor for the city of Wilmington by the primary election held there. It is stated that a firm of Northern capitalists have purchased the large steel plant at Greensboro and will soon commence operation. The plant was erected in 1893 but has never been operated. Sig Einstein, aged 26 years, and a member of the firm of Einstein Brothers, of Kinston, committed suicide in his store Saturday by shooting a pistol ball into his brain. Mr. Silas Lucas, one of our most enterprising citizens, informs us that there is a probability of the establishment of a mammoth cigarette factory in this city.—Wilson Times. We learn from the Fayetteville Observer that a large silk mill will be erected in Fayetteville at an early day. A large silk plant from Pennsylvania has bought property there. Eight prisoners were taken to the penitentiary Saturday by the Sheriff of New Hanover county, all having been sentenced by Judge Battle at a term of the criminal court at Wilmington last week. It is reported that Col. J. S. Carr contemplates the building of a big cotton mill in Durham at a cost of \$600,000 to \$700,000. Col. Carr recently sold his interest in the Blackwell Tobacco Co., to the Union Tobacco Co., for half a million dollars. Ed Thomas, a colored brakeman, fell from an extra freight train moving at full speed last Sunday morning, landing on his feet. He did not receive a scratch or bruise, and was only a little stiff and sore from the fall.—Littleton Reporter. There is strong talk of a new railroad from Littleton to Rocky Mount being built in the near future. This would cut through one of the best farming, timber and mining countries in the South. Progressive capitalists are behind it, and the chances of the new road are excellent.—Rocky Mount Argonaut. W. E. Breese, president of the First National Bank of Asheville, was tried and convicted of embezzlement of the bank's funds and sentenced to ten years in the Raleigh penitentiary by Judge Purnell last week. Breese appealed to the United States Supreme Court and gave bail in the sum of \$30,000.

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