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THE NEWS-OBSERVER notes the growth of temperance ideas in the South, and calls attention to the fact that five eighths of Georgia is under prohibition laws and that thirty-eight counties in Mississippi have also adopted them. This is the steady and substantial growth of sound moral ideas, developing through patient, healthy influences, and not the work of inflamed enthusiasm subject to exhaustion and reaction, and subsequent opposition and hostility. And the News-Observer properly corrects the prevalent impression that the Southern people are given to chronic intoxication and debauch law breaking. Every writer finds it necessary to garnish his stories with a red-moon of his own creation, and surround him with his gang of armed defiers of the law, and his coterie of hard and boisterous drinkers. With such writers what the exception is made the rule. Nothing is more untrue nor more unjust than the application of such rule to the people of Western North Carolina. No where on the continent is there a more abstemious or temperate people. As a foundation for their temperate habits there is a deep, all-pervading religious sentiment, and temperance, on such basis, is the almost universal rule. Outside of Asheville and one or two of the other towns, there is not a licensed bar in all Western North Carolina. There is not a single one to be found in the country from McInnis to the extreme Tennessee border. It would be untrue to say there is no drinking at all in Western North Carolina. Occasional terrible tragedies, the direct results of drunken orgies, prove the existence of direful exceptions. As a rule the people of the mountains have as nearly reached the desirable condition of honest total abstinence as can be hoped to be attained in human society anywhere.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, the largest municipal corporation on the continent, will always attract the attention of the whole country from the magnitude of the interests involved. In that city, in area smaller than many of our townships, is crowded a population as great as that of the whole State of North Carolina, and wealth ten times greater. A very vast and able machinery is needed to manage, direct, protect and expand such enormous concerns. Municipal offices are therefore the object of fierce party contention, and when obtained are often enjoyed as legitimate party spoils. And more than once in the history of the corporation have been exposures of corruption, rapacity, injustice and oppression astounding to an unsophisticated people like ourselves. The recent exposure of Ludlow street jail methods, leading back to the management of the sheriff and other officials, have stripped away the veil that had hid the reputation of trusted officials, and exposed some of them to very humiliating punishment as well as expulsion from office, either by the effect of law or the power of public opinion. Among those disgraced officials was the sheriff of the city, Plack, and we take advantage of that incident to commend the act of Governor Hill in investing so prominent a man as General Sikes with the duties and responsibilities of the office. We confess to no special partiality for that gentleman, but do not deny to him the attributes of ability, character and wide experience. And Governor Hill did wisely to call to the helm a man like Sikes, whose influence of character was needed in a crisis when the whole municipal tendency was to shipwreck. For once important office has sought the competent man. The reverse principle has made private ends, not public service, the stimulus and the aim of all activity, the result being that offices are the prizes contested for, and the emoluments, legitimate and otherwise, the lawful spoil of successful competitors.

THE APPLAUSE OF THE audience in the court house at Raleigh on the announcement of the verdict of the acquittal of Boyle was as indignant as it was inconsistent. The same audience, perhaps, at the previous announcement of the verdict of guilty, were equally clamorous in their approval. The last verdict was the occasion for solemn reflection rather than for exultation. The accused was found only technically innocent. Morally, he was as deeply guilty dyed as it was possible for mortal man to be. He left the court house with the brand of the felon as deeply imprinted upon him as if the law had found him guilty of the heinous charge for which he had been tried. He left it, so far as the plaudits of the audience could express it, the innocent, injured, but vindicated man, another Barabbas, yielded to the clamors of the approving multitude. A few months ago the same multitude cried out that he should be delivered into their hands to be summarily dealt with; now they hail him as the liberated martyr. Such is the stability and consistency of human purpose.

RAILROAD PROGRESS in North Carolina has been recently marked by another achievement. The road from Scotland Neck has reached Greenville, having crossed the completed bridge over Tar river. The grading on the same line has been finished to Kinston on the Atlantic and North Carolina road, and will eventually be extended to Wilmington. This new route is the enterprise of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company. It is roughly parallel with the main stem, the termini being the same; but the new line bears farther towards the East, passing through towns and territory remote from the other, giving them facilities denied before, and opening to the company a new and rich mine of business. The work of development in this State goes bravely on.

NORTH ASHEVILLE PARK. ANOTHER PROMISING SUBURB TO THE CITY. One Hundred and Thirty Acres of Land in Ramoth to be Made into Residence Property—A Big Sale. A syndicate of gentlemen, at whose head is Mr. J. B. Bostic, have just completed the purchase of 130 acres of land in Ramoth, for which they paid \$30,000. The property is that formerly owned by Dr. and Wilbur Burnett and C. S. Cooper and is one of the most desirable tracts around Asheville. The intention of the purchasers is to improve it, lay it out in five and ten acre tracts and sell it to desirable parties for suburban residences. Two avenues will be run from the city to the top of Woodfin mountain, and at the apex will be erected a pavilion for the use of the residents and for dances and picnics. The dimensions of the building are not yet known, but it will be large enough to accommodate an immense number of people, and will be fitted and furnished in the latest plans. At the foot of the mountain at present is a spring of pure water. This will be forced to the top and received in a basin, and a fountain in the centre will make it a thing of beauty. Work will be begun on the improvements at once. They will be completed within the next sixty days and in July an auction sale of lots will be held. Already some of the more desirable building sites are being spoken for and one has been sold to a prominent banker. The property itself commands one of the best views around Asheville and is heavily studded with large oak trees. It is well adapted in every way for residential purposes. Lying as it does within a mile and a half of the city it is within easy access, and is just far enough removed to be of particular value to those people who wish to live near Asheville and not in the heart of the city. The property will no doubt be named North Asheville Park. North Asheville has always been the most prominent residential portion of the city and this name it is thought will be appropriate. It is the purpose of the syndicate, if possible, to have cars run to the property. The first sale of lots will be moderate in price. Mr. J. B. Bostic, who is at the head of the scheme, has long been a successful real estate dealer in Asheville, and his efforts will be an assurance of success. The sale itself is a large one, but is only one of the many that is showing just which way the straw is now blowing in Asheville.

DOWN TO WORK. The College Conference of the Y. M. C. A. The first meeting of the college conference of the Y. M. C. A. was held last night in the rooms of the local association. On opening the delegates were given an outline of what the conference is to be and instructions how to make the most of it. Mr. Ober gave a historical statement of the inter-collegiate Y. M. C. A. He traced it from its origin at the University of Virginia, in 1857 to 1888, when there were 273 college associations in the United States and Canada. He showed the wonderful change in the religious life of the colleges through the association and spoke of the three college secretaries, Mr. L. D. Wishard, now in China, J. R. Mott and himself. Mr. Mott also spoke. His subject was "The Inter-Collegiate Movement of Today." At the start he spoke of the magnitude of the work. His statement is that it includes 20,000 students in 335 associations scattered all over the world. Second, the working force, international, State and local, numbering over 400 young men who give all or a part of their time to directing this movement. He gave the different phases of the work which present themselves to the worker, and lastly, the possibilities of the movement, both at home and abroad. At the morning session to-day Mr. Ober gave a lecture on the importance of the organization, and Mr. Mott spoke of the organization of the individual college associations. Both gave very forcible arguments. Eighteen delegates are present, representing Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. There will be three sessions of the conference each day: from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., from 3 to 5 p. m., and from 8 to 9:30 p. m.

Real Estate Transfers. J. E. Brown and wife to W. J. Hughes, lot in Leicester, \$ 200 Marcus M. Jones and wife to J. R. Jones, 4 tracts on Swannanoa, 2,100 S. S. Hall and wife to J. F. Ponder, two lots in Doubleday, 3,500 A. Boyd and wife to H. L. Herren, lot on Hildebrand street, 400 J. M. Stevens, executor, to J. A. Reeves, eighty acres in this county, 1,520 G. Davis and others to Robt. Williams, three acres near Sulphur Springs, 1,000 J. C. Brown and wife to J. A. Reeves, three tracts in Leicester township, 1,250 John Embler and wife to Henry Brookshire, five acres on New-found creek, 160 Jas. Sluder and wife to Henry Brookshire, ten acres in this county, 200

A Day for the Ladies. The Carolina Athletic Club has added another feature to their rooms and one that will no doubt prove a pleasant one. It has been decided to extend the privileges of the club on Thursday afternoon and evenings to the ladies of the city, and the rooms will belong to them entirely on that day. They are expected to enjoy all the privileges of the apartments, make themselves thoroughly at home and to consider that they have the first right on that day.

NORTH CAROLINA NOTES. Mr. Jesse Probst died at Newton, aged 80 years. The Oxford Western Union boys wear uniforms. The musical festival at Charlotte will be held on June 13 and 14. Adam and Eve Starnes are the names borne by man and wife at Concord. The colored people of Greensboro contemplate publishing a campaign paper. S. Drake is the name of the newly appointed postmaster at Rocky Mount. The first car load of rails for Winston and Salem's electric street railway has arrived. A vein of gold eight inches thick has been found on the Carl property near Concord. Dick Caldwell, a negro, was nearly gored to death by an infuriated bull at Charlotte. A forest fire near Lewis station on the O. & C. railroad destroyed much valuable timber. Mr. Amor Reeks, a 75 year old resident of Nashville, dropped dead from heart failure. New tan bark is on the market at Concord. It is something never before known in March. W. F. Carter, of Mount Airy, will deliver an address at the railroad celebration at Wilmington. The book publishing concern to be started at Durham will have \$15,000, not \$50,000, capital. The county jail at Wentworth was destroyed by fire. All the prisoners were removed to a place of safety. John F. Gallant, a farmer who lives near Charlotte, lost every house on his farm save the well house, by fire. An unusually large number of new turpentine distilleries have been put in operation in the counties south of Raleigh. Mr. J. W. Fry has been promoted to the position of general manager of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railway. The body of the negro Hairston, who was drowned in the Yadkin river, was found twenty miles below where he sank. Mordecai Hudson was sentenced at Trenton to five years in the penitentiary for the killing of Captain James D. Westcott. The Farmers' Alliance smoking tobacco factory at Dabney, Granville county has suspended all its machinery, etc., has been sold. There is a rumor that Julian S. Carr, of Durham, will make an offer of \$20,000, provided a permanent encampment of the State guard is located at Morehead City. J. W. Evans, keeper of the poorhouse of Durham county, has been convicted of cruelty to an aged negro pauper. Three other cases against him are yet to be heard. Miss Lill Morehead, of Leaksville, was robbed at Charlotte of \$25 in cash and a \$400 pair of diamond ear rings. She was boarding a train when she discovered the theft. In a window of the Racket store in Charlotte, is displayed the door that belonged to the house in which President James K. Polk was born, in Piceville township, eleven miles from Charlotte. When Father Boyle was acquitted at Raleigh the crowd in the court room cheered and now all the rest of the city is indignant over the action of his friends and denounce in loud terms their conduct. Rev. S. Farris, for a long time pastor of the Baptist church at High Point, and well known throughout the State, left for Orlando, Fla., where he goes to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church there. Dr. Edward Rondthaler has ordered a fine bronze fountain which he has decided to present to the First Female Academy as a souvenir of his administration. It will be placed in the park of the academy's play ground. Mrs. R. F. Webb, of Durham, blew out a light and it exploded and set her clothes on fire. She screamed for help, her husband responded and burying her in nut brown and luxuriant beard in the flames he extinguished them. It has been a widely circulated rumor that ex-Governor Scales, of Greensboro, would be a candidate for the congressional nomination in the Fifth district, but it is not known that he will permit the use of his name in this connection. An engineering party is now surveying a route for the Southern and Western railway from Grandmother Gap to Cranberry, where it will reach the famous iron mines. This is the railroad which, as proposed, is to run from Shelby to Cranberry. News reaches Charlotte of a peculiar case in Polk county. A little child of Thomas Qualls ran to its mother and said it was poisoned and in another minute fell dead. Physicians who examined the corpse found symptoms of poison and the child's death is rather mysterious. W. F. Bunn, special census enumerator, has finished his work of transcribing the Cabarrus county indebtedness, as shown by the Register's books of uncancelled mortgages on real estate. The number of this class of mortgages is found to be 1,608, and the estimated value is \$700,000. There was a remarkable electrical phenomenon at Sanford a few days ago during a severe hail storm. The air was so charged with electricity that many persons felt the shocks, and balls of fire raced along the railway tracks, while at other moments the tracks were luminous as far as the eye could see. It takes a bold thief to steal a guard dog and the property guarded, but it was done in Charlotte. Some one entered Coghill's meat market through a window in the rear of the building and stole a dog which had been left inside and took 65 cents which had been left in the money drawer, and enough steak for breakfast. In the superior court at Durham Carrie Chisham was tried for abducting her little sister Eloise, with intent to subject her to unmentionable crimes. She was found guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirteen years. This is the same case in which Mag. Bush, colored, was sent up for twelve years. The judge thought the sister more guilty than Mag. and acted accordingly.

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