

## CITIZENS OF ASHEVILLE IN MASS MEETING DECLARE THAT THE PEOPLE SHALL RULE.

### BY OVERWHELMING MAJORITY ADVOCATES OF COMMISSION GOVERNMENT REACH POLLS

Meeting at The Court House Last Night Was Featured by One of The  
Largest Crowds in The History of Local Public Movements.—  
Judge Jones Submits His Majority Report.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF 19 CARRIED WITH CHEERS

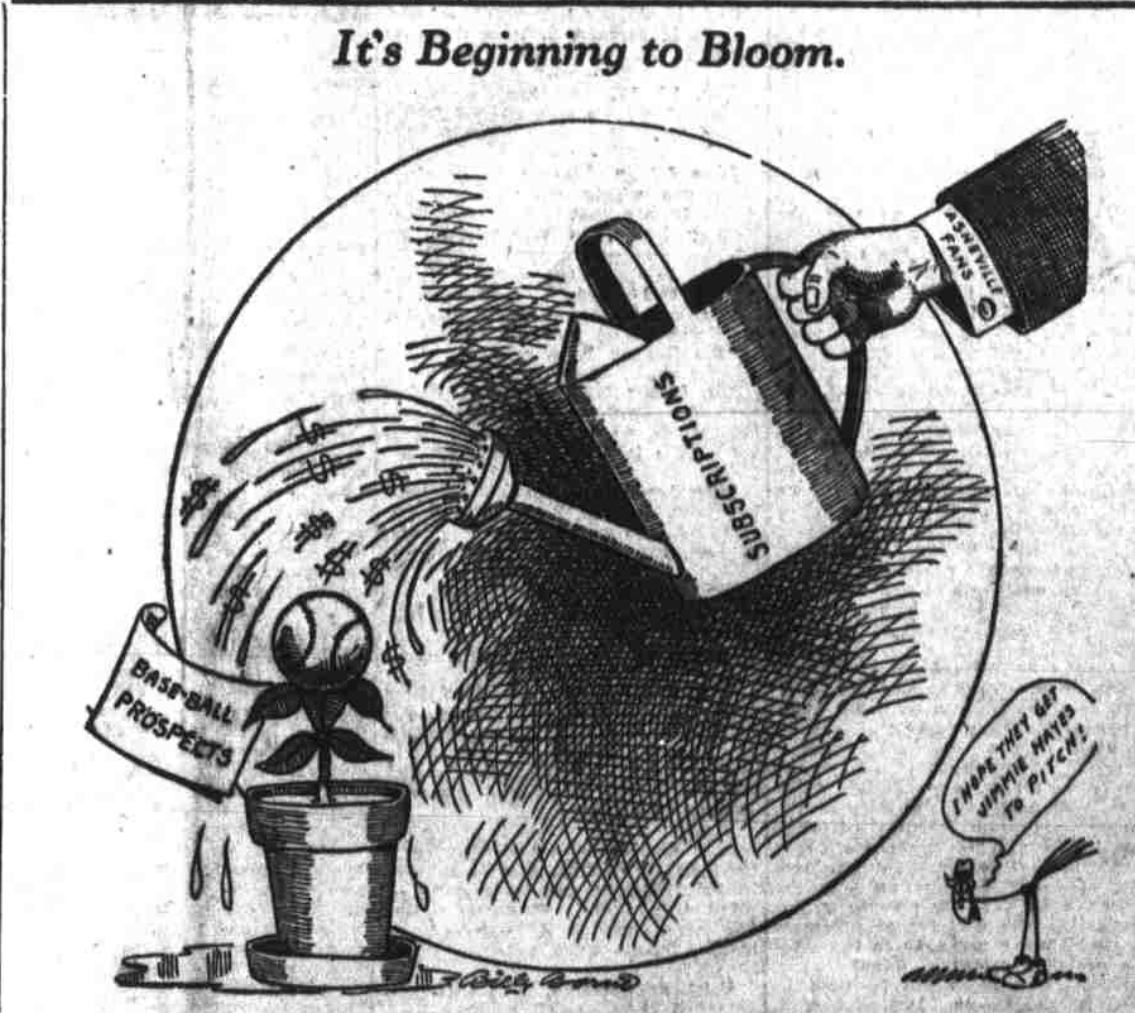
Business and Laboring Interests of City Represented in Mass Meeting Which Came to  
Close Without Unpleasantness.

The advocates of the commission form of government were in a vast majority at the mass meeting of Asheville citizens at the court house last night, and it was decided by an overwhelming majority to ask the Buncombe representatives in the legislature to introduce a bill providing for an election to be held in this city to permit the citizens of Asheville to determine whether or not this city shall have this form of government.

At 7:30 o'clock last night the county court house was well filled; at 7:45 the seats were all taken and at 8 o'clock window sills, radiators and balcony rails were serving as seats, while standing room was limited. Much "lobbying" was in progress and many groups were congregated discussing the question to be decided. It was hard to tell just how the spirit of the audience was, and every man in the house seemed to be saying his expression of opinion "for future use."

all present have the same end in view—the good of the city—personalities should be avoided and business attended to.

Judge Jones read the proposed charter, this consuming over an hour. This was a repetition of the charter read at the meeting of the committee of 190. After fifty minutes of continuous reading, and while reading that part of the charter which contains the details, Dr. H. P. Weaver interrupted the reader, and suggested that these matters be skipped. Mr. S. G. Bernard was on his feet in an instant and demanded heatedly that nothing be skipped. "You have no right to shut us off like that," Judge Jones replied with fervor "You shall have it." The charter was read verbatim with the exception of two or three places filled with details concerning forms of ballots, etc.



It's Beginning to Bloom.

### WATSON OF WEST VIRGINIA BY HIS ABSENCE LETS SHIP SUBSIDY PASS

For First Time in History of Government Vote in Senate Was Tied and Vice President Cast Deciding Vote—Democrats and Insurgents Combined Against Ocean Mail Subsidy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—For the first time in the history of the government the vice president of the United States today exercised his constitutional prerogative of casting a vote to break ties in accordance with three successive roll calls in the senate. By the first of these he saved from impending defeat the ocean mail or ship subsidy bill, and by the third forced an adjournment of the senate on a vote having direct bearing on the resolution looking to the election of senators by direct vote of the people. The vote of the passage of the ship subsidy bill, both in committee of the whole and in the senate proper, stood 39 ayes and 39 noes, and on adjournment 37 ayes and 37 noes. On all three occasions the vice president voted in the affirmative.

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Indiana regulating the aggregate expenditures which may be made under the terms of the bill. On this provision the new West Virginia senator cast his vote in the affirmative, thus indicating his opposition to the measure. After casting this vote he disappeared and when the next ballot was taken Mr. Scott, his republican colleague, announced Mr. Watson's absence, saying that he may be away "on important business."

### TELEMON SMITH CUYLER, DEMENTED ATLANTA MAN PLACED IN SANITARIUM

Canadian Cotton Company  
Garnishes His Bank  
Accounts

### ABOUT COTTON DEAL

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 2.—Telemon Smith Cuyler, the Atlanta broker who led his friends a lively chase through North Carolina mountains after he jumped off a Southern railway train last Sunday, only to be recaptured at Toecane, N. C., on the Tennessee line, was brought to Atlanta this morning and placed temporarily in a sanitarium.

### ASSISTANT TREASURER OF WESTINGHOUSE COMPANY DROWNS HIMSELF IN SURF

Short in Accounts About  
Fifty Thousand  
Dollars

### WALL STREET DID IT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The body of Edward St. John, assistant treasurer of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company of New York, Pittsburg and other cities, was found in the surf off Coney Island today. It was fully dressed and there is no theory advanced other than that he committed suicide by drowning himself some time during the last 24 hours because of shortage in his accounts, believed to be due to speculation in Wall street, with the company's funds. The amount is estimated to be not greater than \$50,000.

### DYNAMITING RAILROADS TO PREVENT INSURRECTOS FROM REACHING JUAREZ

Rebel Train Runs Into Mine  
and Many Are  
Killed

### JUST ACROSS BORDER

EL PASO, Feb. 2.—Cuidad Juarez, across the river from here, is practically depopulated tonight, the residents having fled to this city in fear of an attack from insurgents which is expected before daylight tomorrow.

### HOUSE DEMOCRATS WANT GENERAL CONFERENCE HELD

For Discussion of Proposed  
Canadian Reciprocity  
Treaty Before House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Some of the democratic leaders in the house today expressed themselves in favor of a general caucus of the house democracy to determine the party's attitude on the Canadian reciprocity agreement legislation. So far, however, no definite step in this direction has been taken but fifty signers are all that is necessary to bring such a conference which may be called within a few days. Some of the state delegations are divided in their views. Georgia democrats, for instance, tried to get together on the question today, but split, six voting for reciprocity and four against. Kentucky and Indiana and other state delegations also met in the main favoring reciprocity.

### EDITOR OF LIBERATOR IN STATEMENT ATTACKS TRIAL

Asserts that Trial of Mylius  
Was Illegal and He Won't  
Apologize

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Edward H. James, the editor of The Liberator, whose article was the basis of the suit against Edward Mylius, convicted in London yesterday for libelling King George, today issued a statement declaring that the trial of his branch agent was illegal and the proceedings a "whitewashing." The statement proceeds:

### STRAIGHT LOCAL OPTION BILL LIKELY FOR ALABAMA

Prohibition Question Reaching  
Point Where Settlement  
is in Sight

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 2.—Aside from consideration of the state banking bill by the house, there was little of general interest done in either branch of the legislature today. This bill came from the state bankers' association and has for its purpose the protection of depositors. An amendment seeks to eliminate the provision which does not allow banks to lend money to its officers or employees.



WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair; colder Friday; Saturday fair, moderate variable winds.

### RAILROADS MAY BE COMPELLED TO PULL MILEAGE ON TRAINS

Legislative Committee Now  
Holding Hearing on Mileage  
Nuisance

### ORANGE COUNTY MAN OBJECTS TO FASHIONS

Quick Bill Relieving Rail-  
road Employees Passed by  
Lower House

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 2.—The house passed the substitute Kent bill to prohibit the sale of beer, beer, and other like drinks in North Carolina tonight with amendment by the author of the bill substituting "or" for "and" in the section exempting medicinal preparations, so it shall read "or which are manufactured and sold as medicines and not as beverages."

A joint committee of railroads and public service corporations gave hearing this afternoon on two bills which would require railroads to have mileage pulled on trains. Testimony was given by conductors of the Seaboard Air Line, Southern railway, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk and Western that to pull mileage on trains required much more time than taking tickets and that with greatly increased travel in recent years this would make their work too heavy to properly look after duties in caring for passengers and carrying out train orders. Amendments for exemption of roads less than one hundred miles long were accepted. The hearing will be concluded tomorrow.

### JEALOUS OF SWEETHEART YOUNG MAN KILLS GIRL THEN TAKES OWN LIFE

Shoots Girl Through Heart  
In Lonely Church-  
yard

### DIED IN AGONY

HARRISONBURG, Va., Feb. 2.—"Flinging on the steps of the country church at Naked Creek near here today, Fitzhugh Comer, a young farmer, shot and killed his betrothed, Miss Corn Turner, aged 20 years and then committed suicide.