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THE PROHIBITION LAW.

Senator McNeill sends us the text of the Prohibition Act just passed, which is as follows:

An act to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous and malt liquors, and to prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors in Cumberland county. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture in Cumberland county any spirituous or malt liquors, or in said county to sell, barter, exchange or dispose of in any manner directly or indirectly, for gain, revenue or anything of value any spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquors, brandy, peaches, bitters or any liquor of any name or kind which is intoxicating; Provided, that any person may manufacture and sell wine and cider made from fruit raised on his premises where the name is not prohibited by law.

Section 2. That any person violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned in the county jail or in the penitentiary not exceeding two years, or fined not exceeding \$500, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 3. That any person who shall, in any manner, directly or indirectly, aid, abet, encourage or assist any person in the violation of any of the provisions of Section 1 above shall likewise be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 2.

Section 4. That in all indictments or prosecutions for the violation of this statute, proof that the defendant has, since the passage of this act, obtained a license from the United States, either to manufacture or sell liquors in said county of Cumberland, shall be prima facie evidence of violation of this statute.

Section 5. That at the next general election for members of the General Assembly the question of the ratification of this act shall be allowed to vote upon said question as provided for by law.

Section 6. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 7. That this act shall be in force from and after July 1st, 1901.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, March 13.—Special.—The extra session of the Senate has adjourned without giving Teddy a change to show his strenuousness. If the election resolution had been discussed at length, he might have taken some step to prove that in the Vice Presidency he would not be as useless as the fifth wheel of a wagon, but the desire of the Senators to get home and attend to private business defeated him of this opportunity until next session.

Mr. Roosevelt, however, made a number of comical errors as presiding officer—errors which showed conclusively that his lion hunting exploits in the West had left him no time to study up on the rules of the Senate. He had, of course, a prompter, in the person of the clerk, who is an expert parliamentarian and accustomed to repeat the proper words to be said to the presiding officer in case he is ignorant of them. But Mr. Roosevelt is evidently too self-centered a man to follow the dicta of a mere clerk and therefore got more or less tangled up. He need not really have had any feeling in this respect, for the most accomplished and experienced presiding officers of the two houses of Congress have never distinguished themselves by their failure to do the clerk when getting into a parliamentary tangle.

Those who know the energy and the pride and the ambition which animate the Vice-President have no doubt he will "stand up" in the long run and when December comes he will be much better fitted to tackle the duties of the chair and will realize it is quite the thing to lean on the clerks now and then.

To the inexperienced observer it does not seem any very great matter to sit in the chair of a legislative body and, as has been so often said, "put questions." But there is a vast difference between a fine and a poor presiding officer. It is the difference between smooth and ill-running machinery. None of the many remarks by Mr. Roosevelt last week were serious. They were only such as make Senators laugh, but if the Senate had gotten into one of its parliamentary labyrinth, with excitement and political animosities raging, the new Vice President would most likely have found himself tied up in a pretty hard knot before he knew it.

It is amusing how some men disappoint expectations as presiding officers. The late Vice-President Wilson, for instance, had been for many years a Senator on the floor and a most active and constant participant in the debates. It might reasonably be supposed he was a splendid parliamentarian. Yet he failed pitifully in the chair of the Senate, and it was a positive relief both to him and to the Senate when he left the chair and put some one else in it. On the other hand, all the experience Mr. Stevenson had as an obscure member of the House for a term or two, but in his four years in embodiment of the chair in the Senate he never made a mistake, as was stated unanimously by Republican and Democratic Senators.

By the adjournment of the Delaware Legislature without electing a Senator either for the short or long term, that State deprives itself of all representation in the upper House of Congress. The intention of the Governor to appoint Addicks and Higgins will not alter the situation, for according to the principle established in the Gray case, when the Legislature once has a chance to elect and fails to do so an appointment by the Governor will not be recognized.

The Senate now starts out with three extra vacancies—two from Delaware and one from Nebraska. Senator Allen, of Nebraska, still holds by virtue of his appointment, which came to him upon the death of Senator Hayward, that if the Nebraska Legislature also adjourns without electing a Senator, the seat will be vacant, too, and two States will be deprived of representation in the Senate.

It is a curious fact that all four of these missing Senators would actually

be Republicans and the vacancies would be filled by Republican Governors in each State if the failure of the Legislature to elect did not prevent an appointment.

Addicks, however, will certainly try again, and will be backed by all the power of Senator Hanna and President McKinley. They and many other Republican leaders were strong in their opinion that rather than give the Democrats another chance it would be best for De Pont to compromise and accept the offer of the Addicks side that the two should be sent to the Senate. They are much chagrined and disappointed, and make no secret of their resentment against De Pont.

RALEIGH LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 11, 1901.

The great impeachment trial began at noon today, in the Senate Chamber, and will continue throughout this week and a portion (if not all) of next week. The speeches of counsel are expected to consume fully one week's time.

On last Wednesday the accused Judge was given the floor for the first time, in propria persona, with their counsel, and filed their answer to the charges. The reading of this paper consumed nearly two hours, and makes sixteen columns of the average newspaper. It is an exhaustive document, in which a general denial of the main charges is made; states that the mandamus was against a Special Appropriation, and that the great majority of cases decided by these two Justices (and the late Chief Justice Furche) involving this in office were against the claims of those affiliated with the party to which the Judges belonged and in favor of the Democrats—including the charitable institutions four years ago.

On Friday, 8th instant, the House managers filed their replication in the case, which brought the progress of the trial up to where it began today.

There is a wide difference of opinion hereabout, among public men and the general public, as to whether the Court will convict or acquit the defendants. You can meet men at every turn who are equally certain that it will or will not.

THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Secretary of Agriculture Patterson is probably highly pleased with the result of the efforts of his partial friends to make him supreme in the Department of Agriculture.

The several bills passed not only make his chairmen of the board of directors, as well as Commissioner of the Department, but he is given authority to appoint the Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture and the Secretary (positions now held by J. W. Thompson and T. K. Brewer) and all other officers and employees of the department, down to the spittoon-cleaners, and remove any of them at will. In addition to this he and Prof. Holmes of the geological department may give additional powers, and may survey roads and the like and travel without expense of the Government, and other common carriers of the State.

The members of the board of agriculture (who must now all be practical farmers) will really have very little to do but to sign bills.

Mr. Hester Smith, the well-known surveyor, has been in town right much in the last few days. He is surveying the public lands, by his man partner in coming to this place was to lay off the incorporated limits of our town.

Mr. James Adams is erecting a handsome dwelling on Stewart street.

The large residence of Mr. Worthington is nearing completion.

Mr. John W. Gibson is replacing his store house, which was burned recently.

Peole Bros. have opened up a new store on Main street, and are making quite a nice beginning.

The firm of McDiarmid & Henderson, who opened up some time ago, are also doing a good business.

Traveling men tell us that our town is building faster than any they have ever seen. That is saying a good deal for us, is it not?

Mr. John Mauley and wife of Fayetteville, spent several days in and around Rockford last week.

Mr. Benjamin Omer Webb, who recently came here from Laurinburg, is clerking at McDiarmid & Henderson's.

Mr. Webb seems to be a very bright young man.

The Institute boys have organized a new place, and moved away with their whip some team yet.

Mr. Ryan McBrady of Ryan, N. C., was in town last week.

Mr. Murdoch McDuffie of Spring Hill, N. C., with his mother and sisters, have moved here, and will make this their home.

McGill & McNeill, of this place, have opened a store at Rock Hill, N. C., at the end of the A. & E. railroad.

Mr. Blos has received his new engine and has it at work. It is strictly up-to-date in every particular.

Dr. Dickson, who has been very ill with his grippe, is able to be at his post of duty once more. He looks somewhat thin, but he don't look bad at all. Nothing hurts the Doctor.

Mr. John Moore, of Moore Bros., of this place, has moved away with his family from Kirtland, N. C., where he has been doing a mercantile business.

RAM.

MINOR MENTION.

\$500,000 were voted the public schools Saturday. The anti trust bill (by Senator Ward) was passed Friday night.

The committee has reported recommending that no "labor legislation" affecting cotton mills be enacted—relying upon the agreement (signed by over two-thirds of the mill men) not to employ children of tender years, and not to work over 60 hours week.

It is reported that Capt. S. A. Ashe of Raleigh will write a history of North Carolina. No man in the State is better qualified for the task, and the work is a greatly needed one. No history of the State has been written within the last 50 years, not since Wheeler's History was published in 1851 or 1852. Moore's work (published some twenty years ago) can hardly be said to be a history, except in a modified and abridged sense.

A bill has been passed making it optional with county treasurers and other officers as to whether they shall use State or National banks in depositing county funds, after giving bond in each case.

The bill was at last reported favorably by the House Judiciary Committee, after striking out sec. 2.

Witnesses, as well as the Senators (who are the jurors in the case) and clerks are to be paid for attendance at the Court of Impeachment. Witnesses get \$10 a day and 5 cents mileage.

Among the last bills passed last week was one by Senator Aycock designed to raise a fund to buy school books for the children of the poor in the public schools, by the levy of a tax of 25 cents per head on dogs.

Unlike other bills affecting the "rights" of canines to live and roam unmolested, it did not meet the death of utter defeat, but passed the Senate by a decided majority.

A game fight was put up by Senators Arrington, Brown and others against the sixteen judicial district bill at the close of the week, an attempt to reduce the number of judges in the public schools, but it proved unsuccessful.

The more one hears of the new Congressional districts, the more and stronger the assertions that three or four of them are likely to elect Republicans next year. It is said, however, that Speaker Moore desires the Democratic nomination in the 10th district, and is confident that he can carry it if nominated.

Fayetteville town and Cumberland counties will have a prohibition for the next year, and a bill having passed to that effect—unanimously in the Senate, and by more than 2-3 in the House—following the defeat in the House of the first bill to abolish the dispensary after it had passed the Senate.

Prohibitionists in securing the last bill's passage, but most of the dispensary acts are greatly chagrined thereat.

LLEXWAM.

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Miscellaneous.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 9.—Francis O. Mathison of the American sugar company died in Paris today.

Reported Big Railroad Deal.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 9.—Reports are current in Wall street that the Pennsylvania railroad will lease the Chesapeake & Ohio for 99 years guaranteeing three per cent. on the stock.

Platt Stands Alone.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 9.—There was no conference today of Republicans as was stated there would be. Senator Platt seems to stand alone on the constitutional bill.

Treasurer of Philippine Archipelago.

By cable to the Observer.

Manila, March 9.—Frank A. Brannigan, disbursing officer of the American Philippine commission, has been appointed treasurer of the Philippine archipelago with a yearly salary of six thousand dollars. He furnishes bonds of two hundred thousand.

General Harrison's Condition.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 9.—Ex-President Harrison is ill with intercostal rheumatism. He suffers severely, but the attending physician says he does not fear complications now. This morning the General was slightly better, and though he had some pain, has no fever.

Anxiety Felt for the Germanic.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 9.—Incoming steamships from ports both north and south Atlantic Ocean, report exceptionally heavy weather along the lines of transatlantic travel. As a result a large number of vessels are over due. Some anxiety is felt for the Germanic which was 36 hours behind this morning.

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Fatal Boiler Explosion.

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Chicago, March 11.—The boiler of the Doremus Steam Laundry exploded this morning and it is believed that many lives are lost. Five to twenty five persons are reported killed in the explosion, which completely wrecked the one story building occupied by the Doremus Laundry. Twenty are known to be seriously injured. The frames of building for two blocks around were blown out or cracked. One hundred men, boys and girls were in the building at the time.

LATER.

It is now stated that five persons were killed and nine injured. The place is headquarters of the sanitary laundry trust and employs many persons. Several more are expected to die.

The latest estimate of the dead is twelve. Over ninety lives were imperiled. The barracks of the volunteers of America collapsed from the shock of the explosion.

The Illinois.

By telegraph to the Observer.

Newport News, March 12.—The battleship Illinois went out on the builders trial today.

Mr. Bryan to Philadelphia.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 12.—Mr. Bryan left this morning on the train for Philadelphia. He went to visit the newspaper offices there.

Five Thousand Boer Prisoners.

By cable to the Observer.

Calcutta, March 13.—The Government is preparing for the possible arrival of 5,000 Boer prisoners who will be located in batches of 1,000.

Cleared the Country of Boers.

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Bloemfontein, March 12.—Colonel Pitcher's column has cleared the country of Boers between this place and Orange River. The column has arrived here bringing 33 prisoners and 3,000 horses.

The Entire Plant Destroyed.

By telegraph to the Observer.

McKeesport, March 12.—Two men at least were killed in the explosion at the McKeesport Brewing Company's Brewery. How many more may be lost is not yet determined. The entire plant was destroyed. It is feared the number of killed and injured may be large.

To Establish Branches in America.

By cable to the Observer.

Sheffield, Eng., March 12.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of William Jessop & Sons today it was announced that the directors are about to establish works for certain branches of their business in the United States where the crucible steel makers had combined, compelling the British firm to take this step.

Introduction of New Machinery Causes Trouble.

By cable to the Observer.

Barcelona, March 12.—The workmen of the spinning and textile factories went on strike yesterday as protest against the proposed introduction of new machinery. The masters closed all the factories today and 15,000 workmen are locked out. At Malien the workmen made an attack on the manufacturing club and wrecked the interior of the building, threw the furniture in the street and burned it. They also attacked five private houses and wounded the owners. They afterwards burned the Mayor's house. Guardsmen have been called out to suppress the trouble.

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A Dating Attempt at Robbery.

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New York, March 12.—There was a daring attempt by a robber this morning to hold up the station agent of the Elevated Sixth Avenue at Eighteenth street. The robber knocked down the agent Joseph Lawless and broke his nose, and several teeth were also knocked down his throat. The ticket collector and employes fought gamely, however, and Lawless managed to shut and lock the door of the ticket office. The robber seeing his plans had failed made his escape before help could arrive.

Sixteen Cars Go Overboard.

By telegraph to the Observer.

New York, March 12.—The Long Island railroad train, conveying a float and containing sixteen cars from Jersey City to Long Island railroad wharf collided with an unknown craft today and the sixteen cars went to the bottom.

Sentenced by Court Martial.

By cable to the Observer.

Cape Town, March 12.—A court martial has sentenced to death two Rebels connected with the recent wrecking of a train at Table Mountain. Others connected in the crime were condemned to various terms.

Death of Mrs. James Holt.

By telegraph to the Observer.

We deeply regret to learn that Mrs. James Holt, mother of our highly respected townsman, Walter L. Holt, Esq., died Tuesday at her home in Alhambra county. We have no particulars, which will be given in a more extended notice hereafter. Mr. Holt had only returned from his mother's bedside on Sunday, with the assurance that she was better, when she was again summoned there yesterday. Our whole community join in expressions of warm sympathy with Mr. Holt and the rest of