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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1909.

THE RULE OF POLITICS.

Representative Julian, writing to his paper, The Salisbury Post, anticipates a busy time in both the Sensentative Harshaw's bill, providing for | four parts as follows: the election of county school boards from what Mr. Julian says that it is regarded as a purely political move, the scotching of the wheels of progress. If we could once get a Legislature not controlled by politics, the people would have a law-making body not to be afraid of. The day may come when politics will not dominate legislation, but we fear it is rather distant. The people ought to be given local option and local selfgovernment, but it would not be good politics to give it to them just now.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

prohibition-to make the United succeed. States dry for all time. As matters stand, there seems to be no diminution in the consumption of whiskey, as the United States Treasury Department reports no loss in revenue that is perhaps what he aimed to do. from liquor sales, receiving as much He made two speeches in Baltimore, money now as it did before the Sunday, and The Sun says that "al- this State, 4,103 to husbands and 2,drought set in. And it is argued fur- though his main theme at both ser- 944 to wives. In that period 190 dither, that in Maine, the government has issued between 2,000 and 3,000 on other topics, which he said were county. Wake lead all the counties liquor licenses. The prohibitionists important, such as enjoying one's self with 324 and Forsyth was a good sechave knowledge of these facts, and on Sunday, admitting ignorant for-It is to reverse this situation that they eigners into this country to despoil are working to make all the States our glorious civilization, the getting dry. This could never be done by a direct vote of the people, but it could be brought about by legislation. It is for that reason that more than ordinary interest attaches to the pressure that is beginning to be felt in Con-

THAT ADJOURNMENT.

The adjournment of the Senate in honor of the birthday of Samuel Gompers is attracting more attention abroad than in the State. The Charleston News and Courier takes it for granted that North Carolina has discovered a hero, and in the course of an editorial that bites takes occasion to say that "this country of ours has come to be composed of strange creatures. Fifty years ago in North Carolina a 'laboring man' was no better than a lawyer, or even than a devoted preacher or doctor, and yet was regarded quite as good as either. The North Carolina Senate did not yenture to adjourn in honor of Zebulon B. Vance, or 'Matt' Ransom when they were living, and we fancy that it would not dare to adjourn now in honor of the birthday of William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Bryan does not enjoy the spectacle of a body of fully grown white men making themselves ridiculous." But we want to call a halt on our critics. It is not yet certain that the North Carolina Senate did, in fact, adjourn in honor of Mr. Gompers. A number of Senators do not think so, and until the fact is established, we call for a truce.

THE JOSS STICK. Society in this country seems to be running to the jess stick, the incense implement of the Chinese, but the particular reason for the development of the fad is not known. At any rate, the Department of Commerce and Labor has become interested and is giving away the secrets of the manufacture of the incense sticks. The principal compositions are sandal wood, kung heuing wood, cedar, sik Hu powder, rhubarb, cloves, sheung spek, yellow powder, white sugar and Chinese wine. The method of manufacture is described as being very interesting. The various kinds of woods used are reduced by hand to a dust with rasps or files. The sugar and minerals used are ground to a fine powder in millstones. The materials, in the proportion mentioned, are then mixed in an urn, Chinese wine being used to moisten them, and are there thoroughly kneaded. When sufficiently mixed the mass is given to the man who rolls the sticks. This person sits before a table, sprinkled with sandal wood dust, with a basket in his lap, in his right hand a wooden trowel, and in his left a bunch of bamboo sticks. The mixture is worked down to a body about the size of a large wire, then a stick is put on to the table and with the trowel the substance is skillfully rolled on to the bamboo stick. The alcohol in the wine causes it to dry rapidly and the sticks are ready for packing almost immediately. The workers are paid at the rate of 32 cents United States currency per 10,000 sticks, and an experienced man is able to roll as toria Society of Tableaux Vivants many as \$,000 per day, while the gverage is about 6,000 per day. It is entirely a Chinese monopoly, as some of the woods used grow only in

ROOSEVELT AS A CIRCUS AT-TRACTION.

We had been looking for it! The circus agent is endeavoring to secure Theodore Roosevelt as an attraction. The offer is made in dead earnest by James M. Atlas, proprietor of a hotel in Bridgeport, a wrestler who is an old friend of Roosevelt and who has Three Months \$1.25 tried conclusions with him. Atlas' offer, according to a Bridgeport dispatch to The Baltimore Sun, is brief to Roosevelt as President and reads: "Will you accept an engagement of 30 weeks, at a salary of 10,000 a week-\$300,000 in all-commencing the first day of May. 1909, to head a 'Wild West' exhibition entitled 'Theodore Roosevelt's Congress

of Rough Riders?"" Atlas is a man of original ideas and if he succeeds in landing the ate and House, this week. One of President he will give the country a the chief things of interest in the show worth the price of admission. House will be the killing of Repre- His programme is mapped out into

Part 1.-Grand assemblage of "Theodore by the respective counties, instead of Roosevelt's Congress of Rough Riders." by the Legislature. It is a good meas- | Colonel Roosevelt rides out on spirited ure and a step in the direction of mustang and bows gracefully to the local self-government, but we infer audience in style made popular by

Part 2.-Battle scene, San Juan Hill. and will be killed for that reason. Some of the original Rough Riders are Politics is responsible for much of led up the hill in the face of a galling \$8,000 while Governor probably Colonel Roosevelt heads the

> Part 3.-Hunting in the Wild West. Mounted on his favorite bronco, Colonel Roosevelt rides around the arena, shooting glass balls and performing other difficult feats of marksmanship. Part 4.-The inauguration. Reproduc-

tion of the famous scene in Washington, where the popular idol took the oath of office for the second time. Part 5 could be easily added as a The prohibition crusade is attract- round up, in the shape of a represen-

ing attention at the national capitol tation of the Ananias Club and a lecand Congress is being pressed to sup- ture on the same by the distinguished press the sending of liquor into dry architect of it. We would suggest States, a Kentucky Congressman hav- that Mr. Atlas make this addition to ing introduced a bill to that effect. his programme and add \$200,000 to This is but another step of the Anti- the offer. We are rather interested Saloon League, leading up to national in his scheme and want to see him

THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE.

Ex-Governor Glenn is attracting attention as a missionary speaker and together of too much money in the hands of too few people, the lack of respect the people are now showing for the various religious institutions and the uplifting of the negro. The speaker incidentally paid his respects to the liquor trade." What he comes in for criticism for is his deliverance on conditions existing in the mountains of this State. He goes a bowshot beyond the Waldorf-Astoria philanthropists in depicting the wild, savage and heather life our mountain people are living, "the majority of whom," he declared, "know little or nothing about God, thousands having never heard of the Saviour or the Bible. They can neither read nor write and their domestic life is far from ideal." Mr. Glenn's conscience must have given him a twinge when he said that "the few teachers and preachers in the mountain section are almost as ignorant as the children." The ex-Governor will at least admit that these people he is holding up to fashionable audiences as little better than heathen, were intelligent enough to give him the nomination for Governor and to aid in electing him to rule over them for a term of four years. We cannot but feel that they deserve a better consideration at his hands. We are sorry to see this gifted speaker adding to the humiliation of a people poor by force of circumstances, but of sturdy character, of rugged honesty, and possessed of sensibilities like the rest of us.

AS TO ADJOURNMENT. Representative Julian is hopeful of an early adjournment of the Legislaand machinery act is hard at work measure being sent in for consideration this year earlier than ever before. Early work was inaugurated by the committee to hasten the adjournment, if possible, of the General Assembly and it is not among the improbabilities that by the expiration of the sixty days after January 6th the General Assembly of 1909 will of both Senate and House have been cleared and unless some unforeseen hitch occurs both bodies will be the while. There is, of course, some very important legislation yet to be of destruction or haven of safety without ceremony and there is a determination on every side to do busifrom Rowan is entirely too sanguine. ing of the Central Pacific Railroad, and that money I wrote you for?" Hashaway A cleared calendar is, if anything, a bad sign, for it only gives room for bills that otherwise would be crowded out. We are not expecting to see the Legislature adjourn until pay day

Ex-Governor Glenn is now qualified for membership in the Waldorf-As-Yamyammers.

It begins to look like somebody will be killed even before the jury is completed in the Carmack murder trial | players in control of the ball."

In Colonel Watson, South Carolina has an able and energetic Commissioner of Agriculture. His Wittekin venture is going to lead, eventually, to a good system of immigration and meanwhile, he is working on other lines. The State says that he "has received some marked concessions from the Department of Agriculture at Washington. The latest evidence of appreciation came yesterday in the visit of Mr. C. C. Clarke, the associate statistician and the acting director of the United States Bureau of Statistics. He and Colonel Watson had a conference, fasting nearly all day, on the matter of reporting and gathering agricultural statistics in this State. As a result they arrived at an during the past week, while local inagreement which will be beneficial to the State and the Department at Washington alike." Colonel Watson is a progressive man and is doing much to bring South Carolina to the front as an industrial and agricultural

The Chronicle is not one of the papers that criticised ex-Governor Glenn for putting to good use that \$30-a-month appropriation for servant hire. He was entitled to it by every right and it would have been picayunish in him not to have accepted it. His statement that he lost means that he could have made that much over his salary as Governor if he had not been called from his practice as a lawyer, but it shows that the State deals with its Governors with a niggardly hand. The Governor ought to have more pay, even if the Legislature does not think so.

The battleship fleet is now doing and receiving the honors at Gibraltar and expects to be home on February 22nd, Gibraltar being the last stopping place. It has been a remarkable voyage, nothing like it having been attempted before, and has given the world an idea of the powers of the United States as a sea fighter. It has also demonstrated our lack of colliers and transport ships and the complete overshadowing of our merchant marine.

While the Legislature is tinkering with the divorce laws, it is of interest to state that in North Carolina from 1887 to 1906, a twenty-year period, 7,047 divorces have been granted in vices was missions, he also treated vorces were granted in Mecklenburg

> Senator Frye has introduced a bill providing for the protection from fire of forests above the 2,000-foot evel, by wardens to be appointed by the Governor and paid by the landowners concerned. Any measure looking to the salvation of our mountain woods should receive careful consideration at the hands of the Legisla-

Mr. Taft's visit to Panama has set at rest the sensational reports about Gatun Dam, but they will soon spring something else. The canal is going to be built despite the discoveries of sensational newspaper writers, but if they should succeeded in bringing about the change of plan from lock to sea level, they would be doing a

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The school property of Cleveland, Ohio., is valued at more than \$9,000,000. The buildings cost upward of \$6,000,000 and accommodate 76,000 puplis.

An oil well in California has been sunk to a depth of 4,700 feet, the deepest ever drilled on the coast. Two oil wells in Pennsylvania are, respectively, 5,000 and 5,400 feet down.

A union of 18,000 milk producers who the bill is to have these rates just supply Chicago is in contemplation. It is hoped to form a close organization to regulate the price of milk and to buy feed and supplies on a co-operative plan. The London Mail says: "A sigular Christmas post was received from the North Sea on the Suffolk coast, a coast guardsman who was patroling the beach at Orfordness finding a small packet on the shingle, where it had been cast up by a wave. A piece of wood was attached to the packet, by which means it had floated. Unloading it, he found a number of letters, addressed to various parts of the country. It was found, on examinature and as signs points to these tion by the chief officer of the coast facts: "The committee on the revenue | guard, that the packet was the Christmas mail of the crew of the sunk lightship off Felixtowe. The letters had been and there is a likelihood of this all written on Dec. 20th, and were flung toward a passing steamer to post, but the throw was not long enough, and, fell into the sea and could not be recovered. They were not, however, lost, and redirected and escaled, were doilvered in the ordinary way."

Lowell's new mayor, former policeman Brown, whom the people have placed at the head of the city's affairs, has appointed Mrs. Henry L. Tibbetts, widow of a Boston lumber merchant, Chairman stand adjourned. In fact, an earlier of the City Board of Charities. Mrs. adjournment would not be surprising Tibbetts is said to be capable, and there as matters now stand. The calendars will be disapointment if she does not make a success in a place where the intelligent service of women is much to be desired. Mayor Brown has been in a controversy with the Board of Charities, within two days' of their work all and hence one of the members resigned. The mayor's action in filling the vacancy

There recently passed away in Ogden, considered but all the committees are Utah, a remarkable man in his way. working hard, trivial measures are Lorin Farr, 87 years old. He was one of heah?" "Yes, I kin. It's about what being hurried along either the path the pioneers of Utah, and among the your head ought to be." "What ith that first converts to Mormonism. He was the husband of seven wives and the progenitor of 300 children, grandchildren St. Louis Times. and great-grandchildren. Mr. Farr was ness and quit." Our young friend one of the big contractors in the build- away-I wired the old man, "Where is was one of the figures at the driving of -Get an answer? Dashaway-Yes. His the golden spike on the completion of the snswer reads, "In my inside pocket." first transcontinental railroad in 1869. He was Ogden's first mayor and widely Philadelphia Record. knowe in the West.

Likes Double Umpire System.

Speaking of the double umpire system which will be tried in both the Chicago News. American and National baseball cagues this year, Umpire Connelly and don't worry," she said. "It doesn't sa'd: "I believe it will improve the do any good to borrow troubles." game wonderfully. Just as soon as the "Borrow Caesar's ghost! I ain't borrowumpires understand what plays they ing trouble; I've got it to lend." ere to take, now that it will be a regular thing, the men in charge of the game will work around like well oiled

AFFAIRS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DAILY INCIDENTS, FACTS AND COMMENT GATHERED FROM THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE

ASBESTOS IN IREDELL.

Pennsylvania Man May Organize a Stock Company to Mine the Miner-

Charles Lambert, of Pittsburg, Pa., says that the asbestos mine in Iredell county is now considered more of a success than ever before. A large amount of prospecting has been done o'clock yesterday morning in his terests are on the increase. Charles Lambert, of Pittsburg, has been in this county during the past week. looking over the local field, while local people are gleaning information of a nature which is entirely new to this section, relative to asbestos produects, mines and minerals.

stock company. This will be taken rear of the corner of the stove, he up a few days later and a meeting heard a sudden lumbering noise in will be called for that purpose as soon as possible, at which time a complete warm his hands at the fire box, there report of market conditions, govern- was a startling gurgling noise followment report, reports of all and everything will be fully given. The estimate given by Mr. Lambert

is not of the wild cat variety, but follows closely the actual lines of the The explosion was caused by the esproduct and at the final call the information which will be given will no from the fire box to the water-back doubt prove that the State of North by a freeze-up. Carolina is as productive of minerals of commercial value as any State in High Point Enterprise. the Union.

\$5,000 for Seduction Under Promise. Statesville Mascot,

Mr. W. L. Smith, a well-known white man of this city, was arrested soon as steam formed in the frozen this morning by Sheriff Deaton, on pipes the range exploded, tearing out papers sworn out by Miss Maggie a door and two windows. The range Millsaps charging him with seduction was torn in pieces. Three persons under promise of marriage, and the who had been around the range had defendant was required to give a \$5,- just left a minute before the explo-000 bond for his appearance at the sion. If they had remained a few sec-May term of court, when suit will be onds longer all would have been killinstituted against him for damages ed, no doubt. amounting to \$5,000.

Did He Finish His Shave?

Salisbury Post. A shooting affair in which brothersmlaw were the participants, occurcoming out near the elbow.

Will Ge One Story Higher. Lumberton Robesonian,

It has been decided to add ton Mill on Elm street, the original but the fire had gotten in its deadly intention having been to erect a work and at 11 o'clock yesterday the building of only two stories.

SOUTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Bill to Repeal Lien Law May Be De-

feated in the Senate.

Representative Richards' anti-lien

session over last year's vote. Argu-

ment on this bill consumed three

passing the House last session, was

killed in the Senate. It may pass

the Senate this year by a narrow

margin, but just what action will be

taken by the Senate, of course, is a

Cities to Fix Price of Water, Gas and

Senator Weston has introduced a

very important bill in the Senate that

will likely cause a great deal of dis-

cussion. The bill first went to the

engrossing department last week, but

was withdrawn for some necessary

changes, and will be read for the

first reading when the Senate meets

The measure provides for the al-

owance of city councils to fix the

rates for public utilities, water, gas

and electricity being the articles nam-

in this matter. The whole idea of

Palmetto Fronds.

There were five fires in Charleston

John Cuffy will be hanged in Green-

The residence of John W. Perry at

rille on Friday, March 19th.

Manning was destroyed by fire.

The chamber of commerce

programme advertising Charleston.

An effort is being made to locate

he exact county line between Lan-

caster and Kershaw counties over

which there has been a dispute for

Frank Dimery has been arrested in

Bennettsville on the charge of ab-

ducting Ellen Missimer, aged 14 years,

Governor Ansel has instructed

Preasurer-elect Mims, of Edgefield

county, to retain possession of the

keys to the treasurer's office and deny

admittance to all comers until the

SPARKLERS.

Gems from the Jewel Case of News-

paper Paragraphers.

Highly Descriptive-"Can you tell, me,

thir, if Mithter Joneth houth ith near

Not the Answer He Expected-Dash-

himself he ought to be a sign painter.

Birmingham Age-Herald.

has never put me to sleep."

comptroller general takes charge.

The young man claims the girl is his

Rock Hill Record.

matter of conjecture.

Rock Hill Record.

Tuesday evening.

and reasonable.

for good roads.

sometime.

Saturday.

Spartanburg Journal.

HOLTON CORRECTED

law bill passed in the House Friday tory:

little one died.

morning by a yote of \$3 to 35, the repealists having gained 10 votes this the following open letter, which is self-explanatory: New York, Jan. 29th, 1909. days in the House. The bill, while

Winston-Salem, N. C.

of a letter written by you to Mr. Marion Butler as follows: "I am under the impression that The New York World is arranging to buy the paper. Willis Dowd told me that he was on the staff of The World

would be run as an independent pa-Surely, my dear sir, the atmosphere

Restrictions are placed around both the councils and the companies World or any other newspaper and never had any purpose to subserve in holding myself out as such and never intimated that I had any connection with that paper whatever. What I did say was that Mr. A. R. Parkhurst gentlemen who would buy The News upon proper terms and make it an independent newspaper in cordial sup-

Charleston has issued an attractive Nat Anderson, a well-known farmer of Greenwood, was found dead in his cow pasture. Death was from natural The citizens of Newberry county will ask the Legislature to authorize an election on a \$200,000 bond issue

make the statement above quoted. If this is not sufficient to exonerate me, however, surely one other circumstance will do so. You remember that the petition which was filed in bankruptcy against the paper disclosed the amazing situation of a name subscribed thereto of a party who had not signed it and it was sworn to apparently before a notary public who did not have the affiant before him at the time of the execution of the jurat. This state of affairs was disclosed in open court where, I remember, you sat in dumb astonishment, as all the other lawyers present did also. Of course, the shock of this disclosure was enough to addle your memory for a whole year, and on that account I excuse you for having made the above mentioned mis-

LIFE THREATENED IN DEMAND FOR MONEY

Baltimore Man Ordered to Send Certain Sum to "G. K. B.," General

wealthy Baltimore man, who has been stopping at.a Cincinnati hotel One Sure Way-If a fellow wants to for several weeks, complained to the be absolutely sure of making a name for police to-day that he has received four letters from Baitimore demanding money from him and threatening Too Much on Hand-"Cheer up, John, his life if the money is not forthcoming. The letters are signed with the initials "G. K. B.," and Henning is ordered to send the money to the Baltimore general delivery.

Thought It Was an Invitation to Warm His Hands—The High Point Stove Went Off Without Notice,

out of his warm bed and gone to the kitchen where he made a fire in the stove-one of the modern No. 8 Buck ranges. After the fire got well under way he returned to the sleeping room The general wish of the people of and built a fire, returning shortly to Statesville is the organization of a the kitchen. While standing just in the stove and when he bent over to ed by a terrific explosion, which sent parts of the range in all directions, making a total wreck of everything connected with it except the boiler.

On account of frozen pipes at Mrs. Jones, the Bascom Hoskins place, yesterday, there came near being a fatal accident. The fire was built in the range and breakfast was cooked. As

cape being cut off in the pipe leading

FUN IN THE KITCHEN.

Mr. Gaffney Heard It Gurgle and

Mr. L. V. Gaffney, the city electri-

cian, had quite an experience about 9

kitchen at the M. P. Cole house on

North Spring street. He had gotten

Concord Tribune.

Little Child Burned to Death,

Concord Tribune. Saturday afternoon Mrs. M. H. Lefler stepped out of her house near the Bala, or Patterson Mill, to get some red on Long street, near the Vance water, and closely following her was Cotton Mill early yesterday morning. her six-year-old daughter. The weath-One of them went to the home of the er was extremely cold, and the child other to get a shave. They fell out. getting too cold returned to the house A knife was used. The man ran home to warm. She stood before an open and returned with a pistol, firing up- grate and while there her clothing on his brother-in-law, the bullet en- caught fire. She ran screaming into tering the left arm near the wrist, the yard, but before the flames could be extinguished the clothing had practically all burned off, burning and charring the flesh of the child in nearly every part of the body, including the head from which the hair had er story to the office building which been burned. The little one was ten-

BY WILLIS DOWN

The Observer is requested to print

Hon. A. E. Holton,

Dear Mr. Holton:-I see by the Charlotte papers of January 26th that you have given out a statement concerning The Industrial News, of Greensboro, in which you quote part

and is now trying to negotiate the purchase of the paper. He said it

of Greensboro must be surcharged with confusion and distortion of ideas, if you did indeed understand me to say at any time that I was on the staff of The New York World. Whatever else I may be, I am not a liau. I never was on the staff of The port of Mr. Taft and the incoming administration.

If you will rack your memory and consider the perplexities of the local situation wherein you were greatly pied so long time without yielding the stipulated stipend for the landlord. you will admit, I suppose, that there is some chance of your having been mistaken when you were prompted to day.

take concerning me. With best regards, I remain,

Yours very truly, WILLIS BRUCE DOWD.

Delivery.

Cincinnati, Feb. 2 .- Peter Henning,

While Henning ridicules the possibility of any harm coming to him, he Not Yet-"Is money a drug on the mar- wants the police to investigate. The nicated with.

EFIRD'S

The greatest lot Embroideries er story to the office building which been burned. The little one was tenis being built by the Lumberton Cotderly cared for and the burns treated,
but the fire had gotten in its deadly
but the fire had gotten in its deadly our store now, and will go on The following open letter is of considerable interest and is self-explana-

> High class fine quality Em broideries no cheap stuff in the

All the lots will be devided into three parts one-third for each now connected with The New York Times, would be one of a number of day, Friday, Saturday and Monday and new fresh Embroideries will perturbed about the rent of your building which the paper had occu-We expect every customer who comes to have a fair show and to get choice of the very

DEPARTMENTSTORE

The Always Busy Store The One Price Cash Store Cor. Trade & College Streets suiomatons, close to every play of the suicomatons, close to every play of the players in control of the ball."

Not Yet—"Is money a drug on the market wants the police to investigate. The Baltimore authorities will be communicated with the police to investigate. The Baltimore authorities will be communicated with the police to investigate. The Baltimore authorities will be communicated with the police to investigate. The Baltimore authorities will be communicated with the police to investigate. The Baltimore authorities will be communicated with the police to investigate. The Baltimore authorities will be communicated with the police to investigate.