

THE FIRST YEAR OF PROHIBITION WAS SPLENDID SUCCESS

The Police Records Show that Only About one Third as Many Arrests were Made for Drunkenness as There Were During the Year of 1904.

All the Other Crimes Traceable to Liquor Influences Show a Decided Falling Off. Some Interesting Figures Given Out by the Police Office To-day.

Desk Sergeant George F. Duke, has compiled some interesting figures bearing on the records of two years, in the city police court.

The year just passed was the first in the history of prohibition in Charlotte and the records of crimes committed are compared with those of the previous year—1904.

The most interesting comparison and probably the best index in the entire category of crime, is that of "drunks." During the year 1904, the police records show that 915 arrests were made because of drunkenness.

It is a noticeable fact that throughout all the records of crimes committed during the year 1905, those usually directly traceable to the evil of whiskey drinking show a wonderful decrease.

In 1904 there were 188 cases of affairs—in other words fistfights. During the past year the records show only 100 of these cases docketed.

Under the head of "violations," which covers all the minor ordinances of the city, the records of 1904 show 248 cases against 160 for 1905.

A dangerous habit which is that of carrying concealed weapons, generally provoked by drinking whiskey, shows up on the records of 1905 as very much on the decrease. In 1904 there were 195 cases docketed for carrying pistols. During 1905 there were only 67.

Another item shown by the comparison of figures for the two years, is worthy of note—that of "disorderly conduct" cases. In 1904 there were 200 cases on the city docket, whereas, in 1905, there were only 122.

It is also noticeable that the crime of larceny, vagrancy, profanity, trespass and gaming, have depreciated wonderfully.

It was expected that the crime of whiskey selling would increase, for with the advent of prohibition there comes the era of "blind tigers." The police records show that during 1904 there were 32 cases and in 1905 the record shows there were 152 of these cases.

By way of recapitulation it is noted that during the year 1904, there were 2418 cases docketed while during the year just passed, 1905, there were only 1520.

The records of the two years for all classes of crimes follows:

Table with 2 columns: Crime Category and Number of Cases. Includes categories like Drunks, Assaults, Affrays, Larceny, etc.

STABBED TO DEATH.

Boy of Fourteen Stabs His Playmate to Death. Dallas, Texas, Jan. 6.—Ollie Claywell, fourteen, last night stabbed Carl Owens, thirteen, and is in jail charged with murder.

STILL A MYSTERY.

Police Find No Clues As To New York Murder. New Haven, Jan. 6.—The mystery of the shooting of Charles A. Edwards of New York, at the Hiller family home, last Tuesday, is apparently as deep as ever today.

BRYAN TO HAVE ESCORT.

Filipino Officials Travel With the American. Manila, Jan. 6.—W. Morgan Shuster, Collector of Customs for the Philippine archipelago, will accompany William J. Bryan on his visit to the southern islands of the group as the representative of the civil government.

Nephew of Semmes in Marines.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 5.—John E. Semmes, Jr., son of John E. Semmes, of this city, and a grand nephew of Admiral Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate navy, who commanded the Alabama during the civil war, has just received an appointment as second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Elizabeth City Hosiery Company.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 6.—At the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company the following gentlemen were chosen as the board of directors: Charles H. Brantley, D. B. Brantley, E. P. Ayler, Dr. O. McMullan, W. T. Old, J. A. Kramer and P. H. Williams.

WRIGHT ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

South Carolina Man is Found Not Guilty of Murder of Negro Barber. Lower Fire Insurance Rates to be Granted. Other News from the Palmetto State.

Spartanburg, Jan. 6.—After a two days trial on a murder charge, J. F. Wright, of Woodruff, was acquitted by a jury in sessions court this afternoon.

Wright was charged with having taken the life of a negro barber whom he was trying to arrest. The jury was out two hours.

There are two other murder cases that will be disposed of before the close of the court on January 13. Bishop Vincent of the Northern Methodist church has been secured to deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of Wofford College next June.

The County Treasurer of Spartanburg county announces that three-fourths of the tax payers have settled their State and county taxes up to January 1, when the one per cent penalty is attached.

Dr. E. O. Taylor, for 25 years a Baptist minister and a graduate of the Chicago University, is delivering a series of lectures on temperance, covering a period of four days.

The Southern Railway has had more wrecks and derailments in this section during the past three weeks than can be shown by any other Southern city as is known and today the ninth accident inside of twenty-one days was reported from Blair, where a half dozen boxes were derailed, causing a blocking of traffic for six hours.

To Meet With Miss McAden. The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Second Presbyterian church will meet with Miss Midge McAden, at her home on North Tryon street, Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

RAW SILK IMPORTS.

Almost Equalled in Value Those of 1904. New York, Jan. 6.—The importations of raw silk during the year 1905 amounted to 15,000,000 pounds, valued at over \$53,000,000, during 1904 the importations exceeded 16,000,000 pounds, valued at a little over \$55,000,000; in 1903 the total importations were a little over 11,000,000 pounds, valued at \$43,000,000.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the city platform amounted to 41 bales and the best price was 11 1/2 cents. For the same day last year the receipts amounted to 7 bales and the best price was 7 cents.

To Move to Shelby.

Mr. B. G. Shannonhouse and family, who have been residing at Belmont, will leave next Wednesday for Shelby, where they will make their home.

THE POLICE ARREST TWO SHOPLIFTERS

Officer Asbury Caught up With Two Negro Women To-day who Had Made Raids on Many of the Stores of Charlotte. Both are Now in the Toils.

Hattie Kirkpatrick and Blandina Gaddy, colored, were arrested this afternoon about 1 o'clock charged with "shop-lifting." Both were taken to the police station where they will await trial at the Recorder's court Monday morning.

The arrest was made at the Bee Hive and Mr. E. C. McClelland, chief clerk of the dress department is responsible for it. He noticed the women in the store earlier in the day and from their actions suspected something. However, he did not see enough then to accuse them, but they and two other women came in the store after 12 o'clock and his suspicion was again aroused.

According to a statement from the office of the State Auditor, the 23 saloons in Raleigh in 1903 paid to the State only \$576.65 as two per cent purchase tax, whereas, for the year 1905, the Raleigh dispensary paid \$5,702.65 as two per cent on purchases.

The January term of the Wake county superior court convenes Monday, Judge Ward presiding. One of the most notable trials will be that of J. C. King, L. R. High and Jack Peele and W. F. Durham, four attendants at the hospital for the insane here on the charge of having caused by cruel treatment the death of the patient Nell, whom they recaptured attempting to escape.

Mr. Nicholas P. Tredenick, Fellow From Buggy Yesterday Evening and Broke His Neck. Was a Well Known Veteran of the Civil War and was Popular.

Mr. Nicholas P. Tredenick of Sardis, one of the most highly respected veterans and citizens of Mecklenburg county, was accidentally killed near his home last night between 8 and 9 o'clock.

As he drove into the barn lot which is a short distance from his home, the wheels struck a pile of planks near the gate, upsetting the buggy and throwing the unfortunate man out. He struck on his head breaking his neck, from which injuries he died in a short while.

Those who know Mr. Tredenick will be shocked to learn of his tragic death. He was respected and esteemed by all who knew him and especially by the veterans, who were members of his company—First North Carolina Cavalry.

He was a true soldier anxious for orders and eager for the fray. He was always at the front and one of the first to respond to the battle call. He was about 60 years old and besides his wife, several children survive.

The funeral arrangements have not been made.

NEW CHARLOTTE CO IS CHARTERED BY SECRETARY GRIMES

Berryhill, Suther Durfee Co., is Chartered to do a Wholesale and Retail Shoe Business in Charlotte. Several Other Charters are Issued.

Dispensary Pays More Taxes than Saloons. Important Case to be Tried in Wake Superior Court. Charters Issued. Commissioner Patterson Returns.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The InterState Machinery and Supply Company, with the principal office in Wilmington, has been chartered for the purpose of handling all kinds of machinery and supplies and doing a general brokerage business.

The John W. Sowers Distillery Company, Milton, Caswell county, has been incorporated with \$10,000 capital, as a general whiskey distilling business. John W. Sowers is the principal incorporator.

Another charter issued was the North State Bobbin Company, Mt. Airy, with a capital of \$25,000. The incorporators are J. B. Sparger, R. H. Leonard and others.

The Lee Dupree Hardware Company is another new corporation, the place of business being Dunn, Harnett county. E. Lee and L. Dupree being principal stockholders.

Berryhill Suther Durfee Co., Charlotte, was chartered to do wholesale and retail shoe business in Charlotte. The capital is \$25,000. Incorporators are F. E. Durfee, Hendersonville; S. T. Hodges, H. H. Suther, J. A. Berryhill and others.

The North Carolina section of the American Chemical Society, in annual session here today, elected Dr. C. H. Herty, of the State University, President; Charles Walker, of the A. & M. College, Vice President; G. M. McNeider, Secretary and Treasurer; A. S. Wheeler, Committeeman to the National Society; Charles Brewer, of Wake Forest, and W. H. Pegram, of Trinity, representatives to the National Society.

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Grand Lodge Convened at Raleigh Next Tuesday. Report Will Show Gain of 1200 Members. Lieutenant Governor Winston to be Grand Master.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—When the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons convenes at its annual session here Tuesday night, the report of the Secretary will show the largest growth in the history of the grand lodge.

There are sixteen thousand members, a gain of 1,200 for the year and \$12,000 has been raised, which is \$2,000 more than any previous year and three hundred per cent more than ten years ago.

Mr. Richard F. Johnson has qualified as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Ivey O. Bennett, who died in December at her home in Back Creek. The property, which is valued at about \$500 is left to an infant daughter, Helen Erwin Bennett.

Deputy United States Marshal John Dockery whom he charged with the ruin of his daughter.

It is probable that R. H. Littleton and Clark, alias Morris, will be tried on the charge of shooting Chas Smith, of Petersburg, Va., on Friday of the State fair in the Union depot here.

Mr. Stone, assistant land and industrial agent for the Southern headquarters at Asheville, spent today here in conference with Governor Glenn and Secretary Bruner of the State Department of Agriculture, relative to a concerted undertaking for the bringing of desirable emigrants into the state, his efforts being especially to locate them on the lines of the Southern. He is just now getting out a very valuable pamphlet on the mineral resources of the state along the lines of the Southern railway.

A charter is issued for the Real Estate Trust Company, of Durham, capital \$100,000 by J. S. Carr, J. M. Gregory, E. L. Parrish, J. H. Southgate and others.

It is understood that preparations are being made for a general changing around and improvement of the Union Depot here. Among other things the old wood floor in the long car shed is to give place to a modern cement floor. There are also to be considerable changes in the waiting rooms with a view to convenience for the traveling public.

ROGERS REFUSED TO ADMIT CONNECTION

Declined to Tell if he is Stockholder in Standard Oil Co. of Ind. Woman Questioned as to Relations of Oil Companies. With Each Other.

New York, Jan. 6.—H. H. Rogers, vice-president and director of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, before the commissioner's hearing today, by advice of counsel, refused to say whether he is a stock holder of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

The first witness today was Mrs. Batts, of Marietta, Ohio. She testified that she is a daughter of the late George Rice, of Marietta, and has been employed in his office.

He is an independent oil operator and was engaged in litigation with the Standard Oil Company for nearly 20 years to the time of his death, about a year ago. She was questioned regarding the relations of the various oil companies to each other.

His testimony was constantly interrupted by objections of the counsel for the oil companies to the questions asked.

MADE SERVANTS OF THEM, CHARGES SAY

Hazing Trial Resumed. Marzoni Pleads Not Guilty to all Three Specifications in Charges. Practically Made Servants of Roberts and Tye.

By Associated Press. Annapolis, Jan. 6.—The trial of Midshipman Marzoni was resumed this morning. Marzoni plead not guilty to the charge and all the specifications. Of these, the first alleges the hazing of Midshipman Roberts, of Joliet, Ill., and the second and third, the hazing of Tye of Atlanta both of the fourth class; and the hazing alleged is that Marzoni compelled them to carry his meals to his room and to perform various forms of physical exercises.

It is officially announced today that Midshipman Stephen Decatur, Jr., has been found not guilty of the charge of hazing. He has been released from arrest and restored to his duties at the Naval Academy.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 6.—The record of the court-martial of the case of Midshipman Coffin, charged with hazing, has been received at the Navy Department. It is understood that the sentence of the court is dismissal.

"THE CLANSMAN" A HIT.

Dixon, the Author, Issues Challenge to Rabbi Silverman. Syracuse, Jan. 5.—"The Clansman," by Thomas Dixon, Jr., had its premier northern presentation at the Wieting Opera House Monday afternoon and evening.

Two immense audiences witnessed the performance, and aside from the interest taken in Dixon's audacious handling of the negro problem, enthusiastic approval was bestowed upon the stirring scenes and situations with which the play abounds. Numerous curtain calls greeted the climax of every act.

At the end of the third act, after twelve curtain calls, Mr. Dixon appeared before the audience and made a short address in which he claimed for his play that it had a mission to perform in the north as well as the south, and he said he looked forward with eagerness to the New York opening of the play at the Liberty theatre, where he anticipated a long and successful run.

He referred to the bitter attack on the play by Rabbi Silverman in New York last Sunday, and said that he stood ready to withdraw "The Clansman" from the boards if a competent committee decided that the rabbi was right in his contention. This was subject to the condition that if the committee should decide in Dixon's favor the rabbi must resign from the pastorate.

Now Recognized His Wife. Physician with Peculiar Mental Ailment Slowly Recovering. Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Dr. William H. Cate, of Lakewood, N. J., physician who disappeared on December 9 and was found at Springfield, Mass., is at the Inter-Pines Sanitarium, Goshen, where his condition is gradually improving.

It was in the Inter-Pines that his memory was restored to him after his first disappearance three years ago. Dr. Seward says that Dr. Cate is afflicted with some very obscure and rare mental ailment, which he thinks may possibly be a species of cyclic epilepsy. Dr. Seward regards it as very probable that this mental trouble, was the cause of Dr. Cate's first disappearance and that this mental trouble was the cause sandbagged as he claimed.

FEDERAL JURY FIND PATTERSON GUILTY

Gov. Aycock and Mr. Watson Argue the Case for the Defendant. Dist. Atty. Holton, Mr. Price for Government. Case Appealed.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Jan. 6.—After deliberating fifteen minutes, the jury in the case of A. S. Patterson on trial in Federal Court since Thursday for alleged false claims, returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Boyd this morning ruled that the defendant could not testify as to his intent or explain in justification of admitted false amounts collected under one item in his expense account that he had included other expenditures actually paid by him.

Defendant's counsel accepted this ruling and declined to introduce his testimony. The argument in behalf of the defendant was made to the jury by Governor Aycock. The conclusion by Mr. Watson. For the Government District Attorney Holton and Assistant District Attorney Price spoke. Judge Boyd charged the jury that if they believed the evidence, defendant was guilty of violating the statute directing how claims should be made out and filed, also if they believed that at the time the defendant made out a voucher as having paid thirty-five cents for meals he knew he had only paid twenty-five for that specific item he should be guilty. Court adjourned at 5 o'clock and in fifteen minutes the jury returned their verdict to the clerk.

Counsel file numbers of exceptions to this ruling as to the advisability of Patterson's evidence and to his charge to the jury and the case will go to the Supreme Court.

WOMAN AND SON IN RUNAWAY.

Mrs. F. E. Zapp's Horse Killed After Crashing Into a Beer Wagon. Washington, Jan. 6.—Mrs. F. E. Zapp, of Arlington, Va., was injured in a runaway accident yesterday. She and her son, Harry, were driving on Seventh street yesterday afternoon, when their horse became frightened and ran down the street colliding with a beer wagon. The horse was killed. The occupants of the vehicle were thrown to the pavement, and when picked up, Mrs. Zapp was found to be badly bruised about the body.

An ambulance was called, and she was removed to the Emergency Hospital for treatment.

WANTED TO LYNCH NEGRO. Negro Made Second Attack on Girl Deaf Mute. Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 6.—An unknown negro narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of the excited citizens near Barton avenue today. Yesterday the negro attacked Miss Savannah Cooke, a white girl, who is a deaf mute and was beaten off by the girl with a club. Today the negro again attacked the young woman, but was caught by the citizens. The police arrived in time to save the negro from violence.

MR. BRYAN RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY THE OFFICIALS

The Great American Traveller is Received With Great Honor and is Tendered Every Courtesy Possible by the Native Filipinos.

At Banquet, Natives Express Hope of Independence. Col. Bryan Responds by Bidding Them to Have Confidence in the American People.

By Associated Press. Manila, Jan. 6.—Col. Bryan was enthusiastically received by the provincial officers at the people of Bacolod occidental negros. At a banquet the hope of ultimate independence was expressed and the speakers presented the industrial and economy conditions and the administrative conditions of the province. Mr. Bryan's response was of the same tenor as his speech at Manila. He enjoined the natives to have confidence in the American people, adding that the work of the educational bureau was proof of the good intentions of the Federal Government.

WOULD BE INCENDIARIES. Man and Woman Detected in Act of Firing Building. New York, Jan. 6.—A naked and insane woman, directed by a man wearing a cloth, was detected applying a torch in the hallway of a five-story tenement in Eldridge street early today. The strange pair fled when discovered by the tenant, but the woman was captured. The man escaped. The woman gave her name as Helen Brauer.

THREE KILLED; SEVEN INJURED. Terrific Explosion of Dynamite at Corey, Ill., Today. Chicago, Dec. 6.—Three men were killed and seven injured by an explosion today at the Stone Crushing Plant at Corey, Ill., 20 miles from Chicago.

According to the reports, two employees of the company were warning dynamite preparatory to blasting, when it became ignited and exploded with a large quantity lying near. The force of the explosion was felt 20 miles away.

NEW SHOE COMPANY. The Berryhill, Suther-Durfee Co. Apply for Charter. Articles of incorporation of the Berryhill Suther-Durfee Company, a stock company that will succeed the well-known shoe firm of Berryhill and Bryan, were filed with Clerk J. A. Russell today.

The company is capitalized at \$25,000, of which \$8,000 is paid in. The organization is for the purpose of conducting a wholesale and retail shoe business in Charlotte, on West Trade street.

The incorporators are Messrs. F. E. Durfee and Samuel T. Hodges of Hendersonville, Mr. Homer F. Suther and Mr. John A. Berryhill, of Charlotte. The News yesterday afternoon stated that some changes were contemplated in the firm of Berryhill & Bryan.

All the parties connected with the new corporation are well-known gentlemen and successful business men.

Western Union Wires Down. Twenty-five of the hundred or more Western Union telegraph wires stretching between Danville and Washington were out of use this morning owing to an accident that happened somewhere along the line.

The amount of stuff to be sent was too great to be handled by the remaining wires on the line, so some of it had to take another route. The Associated Press dispatches due at the News office early in the afternoon had to take a trip around by Richmond, Va., and arrived very tardily.

The Western Union officials say that they feel certain that the line will be in the proper shape in a very short while, for the trouble is only local and easily remedied.

SPRINGFIELD BARS "SAPPHO." Mayor Decides that Miss Nethersole Cannot Produce the Play. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 6.—Mayor Dickinson today prohibited the performance of "Sapho" by Olga Nethersole in this city next Monday evening. The matter was referred by the mayor to a committee consisting of Rev. D. B. Hahn, Principal William Orr, of the high school, and Secretary W. K. Cooper, of the Young Men's Christian Association, who reported that, in their opinion, the play would be offensive to the good morals of the city.