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The Provisions of The Bill. The House Passed Bill Prohibiting Manufacture or Sale of Whiskey in Burke Co.

By Bell Telephone Raleigh, N. C., January 17.—The House today passed a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor in Burke county, including Morganton.

A bill was passed prohibiting the manufacture and the sale of whiskey in Littleton. A resolution passed the House, calling upon each member of that body to write some county official in his home county and get the exact number of insane in each county, now being cared for in jails of county homes.

Just before adjourning Mr. Preston, of Mecklenburg county, by unanimous consent introduced a bill, providing for a reformatory. The bill provides for an institution to be called "Reformatory and Manual Training School for the Benefit of Vagrant, Depraved and Criminal Children."

In the Senate a resolution was passed, conveying to the Federal government, titles for sites for public buildings in Winston-Salem and other towns.

There was a lengthy discussion this morning of a bill by Graham, providing as to how passengers shall enter and leave cars. The bill was referred to the committee on judiciary.

DEATH OF DR. WOODROW. Former President of South Carolina College Died Today.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 17.—Dr. Jas. Woodrow, formerly president of South Carolina College, died this morning at 6 o'clock, after a lingering illness.

SCARLET FEVER. Epidemic of Dread Plague Broken Out—Many Cases Reported.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17.—Scarlet fever is an epidemic in Evanston, well nigh so in Oak Park, a menace in several North Shore towns, and the source of concern to the Chicago health authorities.

Testify Against Thaw. Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 17.—A special to the Post says Otto Reinecker, the eldest son of Gen. John Reinecker, of Switzerland, has announced he will appear at the trial of Harry K. Thaw and testify in behalf of White.

Commemorate San Juan. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Katherine Tingley, owner of 100 acres of land on the San Juan Hill battlefield, near Santiago, Cuba, announces she proposes to erect there a monument to mark the line of the trenches.

Corporations Fined. New York, Jan. 17.—The MacAndrews & Forbes Co. was fined \$10,000 and the J. S. Young Co., of Baltimore, \$8,000 by Judge Hough in the Federal Court for combining to monopolize the trade in licorice paste.

Rate of Discount Reduced. London, Jan. 17.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was reduced today from 6 to 5 per cent.

EMERSON CONVICTED.

He is Found Guilty of Murder at Anderson, S. C. Special to The News.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 17.—Allen Emerson was found guilty of murder at Anderson last night, with a recommendation to mercy.

Emerson, it will be remembered, was found one night last summer in the house of Mr. Drake, a farmer, in his daughter's room. Both men commenced firing at once and Drake was killed.

German Inventor Wants to Sell 45-Caliber Revolver to United States. New York, Jan. 17.—On the steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm which arrived here from Bremen, came Hans Taucher, husband of Mme. Galski, and George Luger, inventor of the magazine pistol.

Luger said that he had contracted to furnish the government with 1,000 pistols of similar construction, except that they carried a bullet of .28-caliber. The larger pistol, he declared, was a much more effective weapon, since it had been shown in recent wars that a man shot with a small-caliber bullet had gone on fighting, whereas a big bullet, though it may not reach a vital spot, was more than likely to put him out.

The Reason Contest. The school children are very much interested in the "Reason Contest." A large number of answers have been received and it is very evident that every school child will be able to give five good reasons why The News is the best paper.

Mr. Fite Victim of Assault. Charlotte Man Attacked and Robbed by Band of Negroes in Augusta, Ga. Is Now in Critical Condition.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 17.—Mr. O. G. Fite, who claims Charlotte as his home, was clubbed and robbed by a gang of negroes here last night. As a result of injuries inflicted he is in a serious condition.

Mr. Fite is a brother of Mr. W. J. Fite, in the mercantile business in Sevierville, and of Mr. C. M. Fite, a grocer at 800 East Seventh street, and of Fite Brothers, in business in Dilworth.

BAN ON MOLASSES. Cane Juice and Molasses in Louisiana Unmarketable.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 17.—The fact that probably nearly all the sugar cane syrup and molasses output of Louisiana last fall is unmarketable under the strict interpretations of the pure food law is brought out in correspondence between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Louisiana dealers.

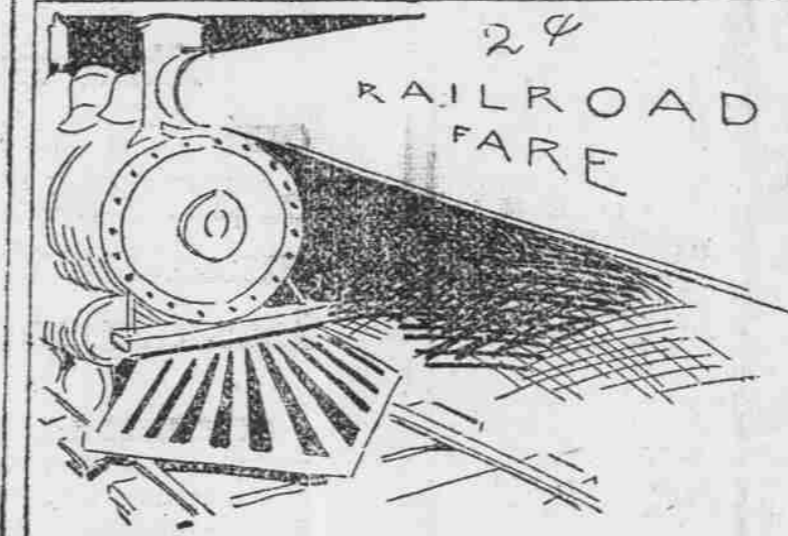
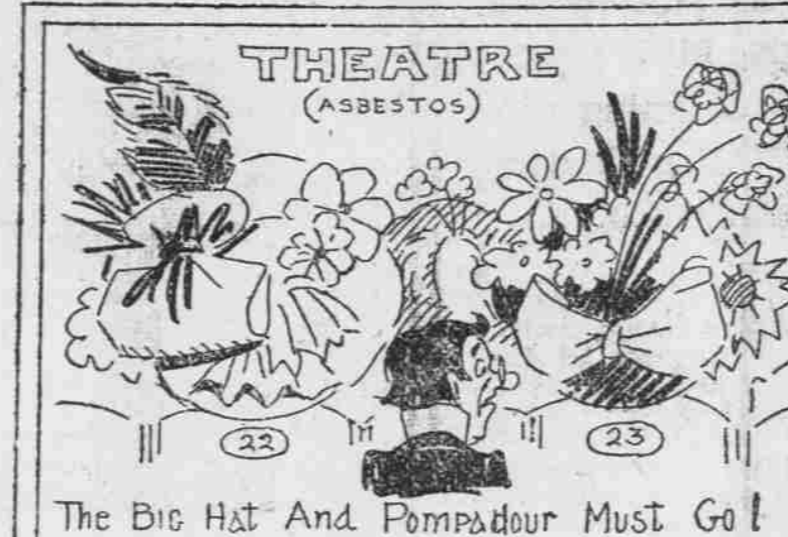
A Gigantic Corporation. Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—The Virginia State Corporation Commission issued a charter to the Kentonia corporation, of Big Stone Gap, Va., capitalized at \$10,000,000, to deal in, develop and sell products of coal and timber lands.

Ohio River Near Flood Stage. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17.—It is predicted the Ohio river will reach the flood stage of 1884 today.

A Correction as To Dr. Davidson. The reporter of The News fell into unintentional error in regard to the testimony brought out upon a trial of Mr. R. E. Henderson before the city Recorder Friday, January 11, upon which testimony a warrant was issued for Dr. W. S. Davidson.

To License Auctioneers. Lansing, Mich., Jan. 17.—The Michigan Association of Auctioneers, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the country, began its annual convention here today, with headquarters at the Hotel Wentworth.

Big Loss by Fire. Savannah, Ga., Jan. 17.—The plant of the South Atlantic Car and Manufacturing Co., together with 20 cars of material and many partly completed box cars, were destroyed by fire.



DOINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE. "Shall These Things Come to Pass?"

Death List From the Disastrous Earthquake and Fire Grows, as Fuller Reports Are Received

Victims of Dog Bites

Nine Victims, Bitten by Mad Dog Sent to Richmond for Pasteur Treatment. Seven were Children. Public to Pay.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 17.—Nine victims, seven children and two policemen, bitten Saturday by a supposed mad dog, whose brain after a microscopic examination has been pronounced by the government medical experts at Washington to have shown signs of rabies are now in Richmond for the Pasteur treatment, having been sent hence at a cost of \$1,200, which will be defrayed by public subscription, now being raised in Norfolk.

The last six victims, children ranging from four to eleven, were sent to Richmond this morning.

The other child had gone on before as a precaution.

PANAMA CONTRACTS. Oliver and Bangs May Get Contract for Construction.

Washington, Jan. 17.—In a statement issued by the Isthmian Canal Commission, Chairman Shonts announced that after a conference with the President and Secretary Taft, it was decided that the lowest bid for contract for constructing the canal was the percentage at which the government should be justified in placing the contract, and that if the lowest bidders—Oliver and Bangs—were found to be qualified they should have the contract.

Relief Ships Sent. Washington, Jan. 17.—A wireless to the Navy Department from Admiral Evans at Guantanamo states the battleship Missouri and Indiana will arrive at Jamaica today, the whiplike, having aboard Divisional commander Admiral Davis with a corps of surgeons and medical supplies has already arrived at Kingston.

Another Account. Buffalo, N. Y., January 17.—The Express publishes the following: "This cable despatch came through last night from Francis U. Kahle, evidently from a temporary cable station at Bull Bay, outside of Kingston.

The dispatch was no doubt filed before the despatches of the regular correspondents of the press services, who estimate the dead at much lower figures.

Jamaica, January 16.—Business is at a standstill. Five hundred are surely dead. Sixty-five thousand are homeless. The food is bananas. The troops are the police. Country houses were completely destroyed. One hundred and eighty were buried in the Catholic grounds, today and 130 yesterday.

Sir Alfred Jones says the natives will work in Panama, to take the place Continued on page 9.

Reports Received Though Conflicting, Place Death List Anywhere Between 100 and 1000. Reported that 350 are Buried.

Great Need of Medical Aid. Damage Estimated at \$10,000,000 and 9,000 People are Homeless.

New York, Jan. 17.—Definite advice as to the extent of the catastrophe at Kingston are still lacking. Conflicting reports indicated the death list might be anywhere from 100 to 1,000.

One dispatch reported 310 bodies had already been recovered from the ruins and buried.

From meagre advices it is indicated that there is no immediate fear of a food famine, as food is plentiful and the other Jamaican towns can send aid.

Doctors and medical supplies are needed.

Despatches from London say no further official advices were received at the Colonial Office and this is causing grave anxiety there.

The West Indian and Panama Cable Company received a despatch from its superintendent, at St. Thomas, announcing the situation at Kingston as terrible and that famine is imminent.

Reports from Austria and Switzerland show that seismic disturbances occurred there about the same time as at Jamaica, indicating the widespread unrest of the earth crust.

Wisconsin Y. M. C. A. La Crosse, Wis., Jan. 17.—La Crosse today capitulated to a band of enthusiastic young Christian workers of this and other States, who will remain in possession of the city during the next two days.

Regulate Blow Whistles. Washington, Jan. 17.—The Senate committee on commerce authorized a favorable report on the bill authorizing a supervising inspector for steam vessels to regulate blowing whistles.

The usual Friday afternoon story hour will be observed at the library Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All the children are invited to attend.

3rd Barn Goes Up in Flames

Eight Head of Stock Lost in Burning of Mr. W. B. Choate's Stable. Evidence Points to Incendiary in Steel Creek.

The third barn in a radius of a mile was burned last night in Steel Creek when that of Mr. W. B. Choate, one of the most prosperous farmers in that section, was totally destroyed, six mules and two horses perishing in the flames. The barns of Mrs. Brown Grier and Mrs. Agnes Knox were burned Tuesday night, the details of which were given in yesterday's issue of The News.

Mr. Choate's loss is considerably in excess of that of the two widows. His barn was a huge structure, recently built and was entirely filled with feed stuff, corn, hay, grain, etc. His loss is conservatively estimated at \$3,000. The stock alone was easily worth \$1,000. Mr. Choate carried some insurance; how much was not ascertained, but it is certain that it will not in any wise cover the heavy loss.

There is everything to suggest that the burning of all these barns is the dastardly work of an incendiary. The dampness of last night made ignition almost impossible except at the hands of some fiend who deliberately planned and executed the deed.

Mr. Choate discovered the blaze about midnight and rushed immediately after giving an alarm to the scene. The main portion of the building was beyond the power available to save. By quick work several cows housed in a portion of the barn were gotten out.

The barns of Mrs. Grier and Mrs. Knox burned at an earlier hour. That of the former was discovered at 7 o'clock, and that of the latter at 10. It was first thought that both these buildings were accidentally fired by negroes smoking when they stabled the horses for the night, or thieves in search of chickens.

No trace of any guilty party has as yet been found. A telephone message received from that section this morning stated that those who have suffered know of none who bear toward them any ill-will. In its entirety the matter is shrouded in mystery.

Senator Foraker Stands in Way of Speedy Settling of Controversy

IT WAS A CLEVER THIEF. So He Had the Shoemaker Arrested as a Lunatic While He Escaped With Plunder.

Vienna, Jan. 17.—A dealer in antiques in Lemberg, in Austrian Poland, while in his shop, was visited a few days ago by a young man who represented himself as a nephew of Cardinal Puzyna, and expressed the wish to purchase a complete set of episcopal vestments, including mitre and crozier, of ancient manufacture.

The dealer showed the young man the best in his shop and was soon persuaded to don the vestments to show the Cardinal's nephew how they would look on his uncle.

When the dealer had donned all the vestments, including the mitre, the young man asked to be shown some pastoral rings, and the dealer opened a glass case, which contained many of enormous value. The young customer grabbed a handful and ran, followed by the merchant dressed in all the glory of a bishop.

In a few moments the young man met a policeman and had the dealer arrested as a lunatic. He was sent for observation to the insane hospital and had to remain there over half a day. In the meantime the young thief disappeared, and it is said he is running yet.

Mid-Winter Golf at Pinehurst. Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 17.—A large and high-class field marked the opening of the fourth mid-winter golf tournament here today. Special interest attaches to this tournament owing to the fact that it gives the first opportunity to test the new qualification. Under this system entrants are required to furnish their association handicaps and are classified in divisions according to these handicaps, the limit in each division being determined by the committee.

The best sixteen scores in each division qualify, instead of the best sixty-four medal play scores, as is customary.

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Sou Cotton Association

Third Annual Session of Cotton Association Opens with 11 States Represented. Mr. Johnson Scored Spinners.

Birmingham, Ala., January 17.—The third annual convention of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association began here, every one of the eleven cotton states being represented.

M. L. Johnson, of Georgia, president of the Georgia division, responded to the welcoming address.

He said that for forty years the South had submitted to being robbed on the price of its chief product, because of its poverty.

"For forty years," he continued, "we have paid tribute to Wall Street gamblers, spinners of Europe and the spinners of our own country. Are you ready for the battle against this robbery?"

The speaker scored the American spinners "for allying themselves with the interests of the foreign spinners to the detriment and impoverishment of their own people and their own consumers."

President Harvie Jordan then delivered the annual address.

Doom of Dispensary. Columbia, S. C., Jan. 17.—A bill was introduced to wind up the affairs of the State dispensary and close the institution today in the South Carolina legislature.

Story of Dire Cruelties

DAMAGES FOR DEAD HOGS. Demanded by Mr. R. L. Simpson of Mr. J. M. Wilson.

A unique case will be heard at the next term of Criminal Court in this city, Mr. John M. Wilson, of Clear Creek township, having been bound over this morning in the sum of \$50 for killing three hogs belonging to Mr. R. L. Simpson, another resident of the Clear Creek section. The defendant waived examination before Squire J. W. Cobb before whom the case was brought.

It has been a custom in this part of the county for the farmers to open their hogs after the "laying-by" of crops. The plaintiff, Mr. Simpson, alleges in the complaint that such practices have never hitherto provoked any of the residents to wrath, but the running loose of his hogs and their wandering to the plantation of Mr. Wilson incensed this gentleman. The plaintiff therefore demands damages for the dead swine.

Squire Cobb having no final jurisdiction in the case, and the defendant waiving examination, the case goes up to the higher court.