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THE WEBB BILL.

The liquor crowd is fighting the Webb bill. That was to be expected. It is a pretty good indication that the bill, if passed, will be effective in cutting down the consumption of liquor. Briefly stated, the Webb bill would forbid the carrying of liquor by railroads from wet territory into dry sections.

Any one who has studied the situation will tell you that the prohibition law is chiefly handicapped by the system which allows the interstate shipment of liquor. It is difficult to keep down drunkenness in Charlotte when liquor comes in a steady stream from Virginia cities. The Webb bill will permit the wish of the majority in any territory to be granted without any handicap whatever. The News and Observer comments at length upon the activity of liquor dealers in opposing the Webb bill:

"That the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association is fighting the passage by congress of the Webb bill, which is to end the interstate commerce character of intoxicating liquors is a thing which was of course to be expected. In this fight the Liquor Dealers' Association is maintaining a publicity department, and is scattering broadcast over the country from Cincinnati, but under the Chicago date line, articles boosting the interstate traffic and condemning the Webb bill. In big black letters on the envelopes containing the articles sent to newspapers throughout the country there is 'Rush! News Matter.'

"In an alleged news article under date of February 7th, is the protest of President DeWine, of the National Liquor Dealers' Association, and the gist of it is that such a measure as the Webb bill would prove injurious to druggists in 'dry' territory, and that the individual purchaser of liquor for his own use might find himself charged with 'intent' to dispose of some of it illegally, that such a charge would cost him much in the courts in defending his case.

"The argument is a specious one, and is advanced only to catch the ear of the public with a complaint. States which by statute in the constitutions have prohibited the sale or manufacture of liquor are entitled to make their laws effective, and they can never fully attain this 'til there is an end of the evil of allowing one state to over-ride the laws of another state, and to debauch its people who have outlawed liquor. The Webb bill, or one which carries its provisions, should be enacted into law. The forces which stand for law and order and prohibition in states in which liquor has been carried should become active, and petitions to pass the Webb bill should be sent in increasing numbers to the congress of the United States.

"The Webb bill, which embodies the views of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League of America, and allied forces is now before the judicial committee of congress. Its purpose is to prevent the shipment of intoxicating liquors from any state into another when such shipment is intended to be used in violation of the prohibition law of the state into which it is shipped, and that contracts based on such shipments shall be null and void. It is a law that is needed, it ought to be passed. As it is now before congress the issue raised is as to whether that body will give more heed to the call of the liquor interests to defeat it, or to the forces standing for the best interests of the people of this country. The manufacturers and vendors of intoxicating liquors base their protests on the basis of the dollar. The advocates of the measure base theirs upon the conservation of manhood and womanhood. Which ought to prevail? Which will prevail? The states in which prohibition is the law are entitled to protection, and it is that which is being demanded. There should be no doubt as to the issue. If the congress of the United States will do that which is just and right."

The Greenville Daily Reflector sums the matter up correctly in the following brief manner:

"When blind tigers find out that the law is going to be enforced, there will be a diminishing of violators. And when a sufficient strong public sentiment gets behind those whose duty it is to enforce the laws, there will be more enforcements. Put these things together and it will be seen that upon every citizen rests some duty."

You will notice that where the laws are openly violated there is generally a lack of interest on the part of the

public. When aroused upon the subject, popular sentiment is effective in spurring officers to their full duty, and in aiding them in the discharge of that duty.

Editor Robinson of North Wilkesboro is shortly to start a semi-weekly newspaper in Morganton. Burke is a big county and a good one—and can easily support two good papers. Mr. Robinson's paper will be democratic, as is the News-Herald, now edited by Mr. Cobb. And by the way, Morganton is making more rapid progress just now than has ever been the case in many years past. Nothing helps a town so much as good, live, progressive newspapers.

A charity hospital is indeed one of the pressing needs of the city. Such an institution is now being advocated. We know of no better way for men of means to benefit their fellow men, than to get together and endow such an institution.

Mr. Crowson has charge of the editorial and business ends of the Durham Sun and we predict that he will make a live daily out of his new charge.

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Charlotte got more snow than any town in the state. When things come our way they come in large packages.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

"The speeches of Woodrow Wilson are the best now being delivered. If Thomas Jefferson should walk this earth again today, and should wish to acquire for himself in the shortest possible time a clear knowledge of the new issues which compose the present body of political and economic controversy, his most helpful means would be to read the addresses of Woodrow Wilson at Denver on conservation and publicity, at Minneapolis on big business and the boss, at Kansas City on the initiative, referendum and recall, at the Kentucky Bar Association on justice and the law, at the conference of governors on states' rights, at Minneapolis on corporations. A Governor Wilson translates the ancient and fundamental philosophy of the relations of men with other men into terms of the era of telephones, daily papers, universal suffrage and billion-dollar corporations. His most conspicuous quality is clearness—clearness in the use of English words, and the still more important clearness of thinking—an unusual quality in a day when four-fifths of the public men who discuss the Sherman law know merely that they are against the trusts, but have never thought out for themselves whether the remedy they want lies in competition or licensed monopoly or a combination of both. Governor Wilson's speeches are also more temperate than most of the current contributions to political thought, and reflect a more conservative man than the picture of him created in the public mind by his rather spectacular emergence from academic life into politics. The speeches contain less of argument than of exposition; they state both sides even when they advocate one. The reading of them is a convenient and satisfactory education for one who wishes to follow with understanding the coming political campaign."—Collier's Weekly.

Discriminating Clippers.

The anti-Wilson press—mostly republican—seized on a paragraph from the Asheville Citizen, written the day after the "explosion," in which the Citizen intimated that it didn't quite know what to make of the incident. It will be noticed that when the Citizen made up its mind, the anti-Wilson press strictly eschewed further quotations from its editorials.—Columbia State.

His Greatest Supporter.

The North Carolina press is solidly behind the Jerseyman, but the Charlotte Observer is rendering him the most efficient service.—Columbia State.

When Elephants Go Mad.

A mad dog or a mad bull is bad enough, but how would you like to face a mad elephant? When an elephant goes mad it is one of the most terrible animals to deal with. It is a living image of blind fury and destructiveness. When elephants are known to suffer from insane fits they are always guarded with strong chains and carefully watched. An elephant that becomes permanently mad is a hopeless animal to deal with. There is only one thing to do then, shoot it. If that is not done it breaks loose sooner or later, and vents its fiendish temper on anything or anybody handy. Like human beings, nothing makes an elephant madder than toothache. An army officer who recently returned from India, said he would rather be in a railway collision than run up against an elephants with the toothache. It is an extraordinary fact that when an elephant with toothache can be chained down, and the offending molar drawn, the animal always shows the greatest affection towards the dentist. It seems in some way to know and to appreciate the dentist's service.—Pearson's Weekly.

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Seven Homely Notables

NO. 2—JOHN WILKES.

Ugliness personified was the great English commoner, John Wilkes. His receding, scowling forehead, over his left, squinting eyes; his large, ill-shaped nose and wide, thick-lipped mouth, disclosing, as he talked, uneven, yellow tusks, made his countenance so repellent that the children fled from him in the streets.

Wilkes became prominent in English history at the time when the American Revolution had its inception and was carried through until the colonies gained their independence. The son of a distiller, he was born in Clerkenwell, London, in 1727. Early in life his ugliness became a byword. And, strange as it may seem, he had the power of attracting women to such an extent that he could have chosen for a wife almost any lady of England, of whatever rank or wealth. Wherever he went women forsook handsome men, of no matter how great distinction, to give their attention to him. He boasted that, with a quarter of an hour's start, he could win the hand of any lady against the handsomest man in England. And apparently his boast was well founded, for men of fine manners and courtly graces looked impotently on when he entered into a company.

When still a young man Wilkes obtained the rank of colonel in the Buckinghamshire Militia, and soon afterwards a seat in parliament from Aylesbury. Here he soon gained for himself notoriety and popularity and his unlovely, pock-marked countenance became known throughout all England and feared by those in power. The "North Briton," a paper which he conducted, commended a series of attacks on the Earl of Bute's administration and he was convicted in the court of the King's bench, after having been expelled from the house of commons. He succeeded in getting a verdict against

the secretary of state for illegal seizure of his papers, but in the meantime himself incurred another prosecution for printing an obscene poem called an "Essay on Woman." Wilkes did not appear to receive judgment, so was outlawed and fled to France.

Then the great hold which this evil-visaged man had on the people became apparent for in 1768, while still in France, he was again elected to parliament, and when he was prevented from taking his seat, and committed to the King's bench prison, it led to dreadful riots. And being rechosen several times, the election was as often declared void.

George III. hated thoroughly the very thought of his ill-formed, unseemly countenance, for he was known as the champion of popular liberty. Mobs, marching with banners in the streets, yelled his name, and the watchword of thousands was "Wilkes and Liberty."

When in the early twenties, his ugly face, with its irresistible fascination for women, won for him the hand of one of the most beautiful heiresses of the times. "Beauty and the Beast, they call us," said he once, in talking to a friend, and really, I cannot find fault with the description.

In 1770 he became an alderman and four years later lord mayor, of the city of London, and was eventually returned to parliament and allowed to remain.

Wilkes' morals matched his face in ugliness, for he was known all his life as a wild profligate character. But he was scholarly and able, and as the implacable foe of the arrogance and stupidity which marked the administration of the government at that period, he stands out as one of the strongest figures of his time.

TOMORROW—JOHN JAMES HEIDEGGER.

Charleston Ready For Mission Rally

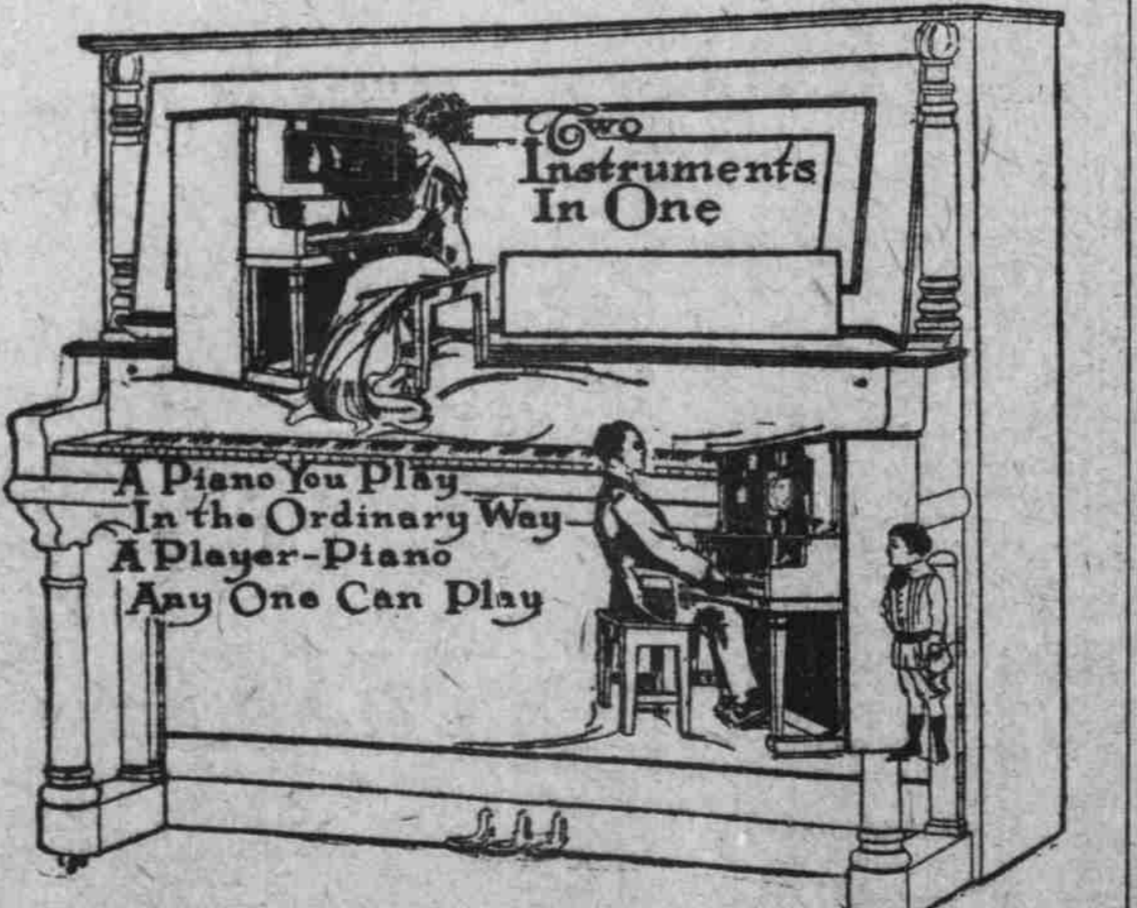
Special to The News. Charleston, S. C., Feb. 12.—Final preparations for the great Men and Religion Convention for North and South Carolina are practically completed. Charles Stelzle, of New York city, the social service expert and Dr. Allen A. Stockdale, pastor of one of Boston's largest churches, arrived here Saturday for the beginning of the eight-day campaign. Tonight at 8 o'clock, the other distinguished speakers representing the International Movement, will arrive from Birmingham in time for a rest prior to the opening of the convention at 9:30 a. m. Tuesday, February 13, at the Citadel Square Baptist church. These men include R. A. Waite, of New York city, expert on boys' work; H. F. La Flamme, Toronto; expert on missions; W. E. Biderwolf, Chicago, expert on evangelism; A. M. Bruner, Chicago, expert on community extension and F. S. Goodman, New York city, on Bible study.

Charleston has never seen such an unprecedented interest in religious matters as is being shown by practically every local Protestant church. The pastors and laymen of the city are practically united to make the convention the greatest in the history of religious work in the two states. Credentials are coming in by every mail and delegations are assured from more than 40 points in the two states. In point of population, Abbeville, Chester, Greer and Sumter are leading up to this time, with an average of ten delegates and more to follow.

College presidents, leading pastors and men who stand in the forefront in commercial and political life in the Carolinas, are already entered as delegates. The reason for this is the fact that it is generally understood that no such convention program has been offered in the two states since Indians roamed unmolested in these parts. Not only is the program impressively strong from the standpoint of the speakers, but the entire time of the two days will be given up to a study of the Man and Boy Problem in the individual church, and this affects every church in North and South Carolina.

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