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### THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION LAW.

#### What it Will and What it Will Not Do.

##### WHAT IT WILL DO.

It will abolish every licensed whiskey and brandy distillery in the State.

It will abolish every saloon and dispensary in the State.

It will stop the wine traffic within the State. For wine can only be sold at the place of manufacture in quantities of two and one-half gallons or more and not shipped anywhere in the State.

It will stop the sale of all those chemical mixtures by whatever name known that will produce intoxication.

It will place under the most stringent and binding regulations pharmacists and physicians, who may handle intoxicating liquors for medicinal purposes only.

It will allow the officials of any county or town to regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors by pharmacists in the drug stores.

##### WHAT IT WILL NOT DO.

It will not prohibit the farmer from making cider from fruits grown on his own land, and selling the same at home or in his market town.

It will not stop the manufacturer from making his own wine and shipping it out of the State.

It will not stop the sale of those medicinal preparations and essences that may have alcohol in them to preserve them or to hold the medical agents in solution, such as camphor, vanilla, etc.

It will not repeal existing prohibition laws.

It will not prohibit the sale of wine to ministers or church officials for sacramental purposes.

If this law fails to be ratified by the people at the polls on the 28th, 1908, it will not affect the present status of any existing prohibition law in the State. In other words, the dry territory will not be changed.

We are sure when you have studied this law you will agree with us that it is fair.

Under this law, Greensboro's voting wet would not make it wet, and Salisbury's voting dry would not make it dry. Under local option Greensboro has voted dry, and as a locality she must remain so until 1910, as such vote wet, while Salisbury has voted the other way. This vote on "the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" in North Carolina is quite a different thing from local option.

Again, this law is right. For the influence of liquor is never local. Salisbury is a Williamsburg citizen, while controlling the sale of the traffic, do not control the dangerous and damaging influence of this traffic. This influence is felt for hundreds of miles around. Every citizen in the State has a right to self-protection against the influence of this traffic, centered at a few points, and the only way of protection is the abolition of the traffic throughout the State.

#### A Curious Old Nigger.

A special agent of Oxford tells of an old negro whose curious life is observed by those who choose to ride to his place of abode four miles west of Oxford, on the Durham road.

The negro is aged in appearance. He built a wigwam of rough planks, covered with broomstraw, tied in a bunch on the pointed top, has no window, a small opening for a door; no stove or fireplace, only a fire in one side, under which he builds a very small fire of small sticks, in which he cooks his food. There is no floor except the bare ground; no bed, just a few old rags on which the negro sleeps. People who rode to the wigwam last Sunday found the old man there perfectly contented, with a large pone of bread for his dinner. He was barefooted and thinly clad, a pair of shoes was outside the wigwam. He refuses to go to the county home and does not beg, though he is seemingly grateful for help. He is wedded to the rude wigwam in which he has lived nearly ten years, and will walk as far as ten miles to reach the place to sleep there. He makes mats and rude chairs which bring him a little.

#### He Saw Grasshopper Pie.

Baltimore Sun.

In an interesting talk last night at the union missionary rally of the Baltimore and East Baltimore districts of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Homer C. Stuntz told of the moral and temporal progress of the Philippines since the United States annexed the islands. The meeting was held in Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church.

"In the first year of the American invasion," he said, "288 statutes were framed for the uplifting of the people, and many others have followed. Through the efficiency of the Health Board most of the dread diseases have been stamped out. The men have been separated from the women in the prisons and many other reforms introduced with great results."

The speaker also told of the many novel sights he had witnessed, and said that he had heard "There Will Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight" played as a funeral march and had seen grasshopper pie at a banquet.

#### From Goddess Community.

On the plea that Edward Turner, condemned wife murderer, had been reared in a Goddess community, 75 citizens of Breathitt county, Kentucky, have sent letters and petitions to Governor Patterson of Tennessee, asking for a commutation of the death sentence. Turner, who lived in Breathitt county, is sentenced to be hanged February 27.

The plea of the petitioners is that he never had any opportunity to know right from wrong; that his parents died when he was very young; that the wickedness of his wife unbalanced his mind, and that he killed her not because he hated her but because he loved her.

### MR. ALDRICH'S DANGEROUS CURRENCY BILL.

#### Progressive Farmer.

The emergency currency bill, which is fathered by Mr. Aldrich and which the Republican majority in the Senate will undoubtedly support, is viewed with distrust by many thoughtful men in all political parties. Mr. Aldrich appears to think that his party (in view of the panic) must not enter the campaign without the appearance of having tried to do something to remedy the defects in our financial structure—hence this hastily prepared "emergency bill" providing in brief for "an emergency bank note currency based on State, municipal and railway bonds, limited in aggregate amount to half a billion dollars and taxed at the rate of 6 per cent."

The most pungent criticism of the bill that we have seen is that of the Charlotte Observer: "Its tendency to create emergencies would outweigh its possible usefulness in relieving them." If Wall Street gamblers understand that they may take risks and bring about panic conditions with the assurance of government help when they go too far, they will be ten times more reckless than ever before. Let your boy skate on the ice done and he will be reasonably prudent; put a life saving force on the banks to rescue him, and he will venture on such thin ice as to imperil his own safety and that of his benevolent rescuers as well.

Unless something better than the Aldrich bill can be evolved, therefore, the Republican party would do well to let currency legislation alone at this session. The situation reminds us of John Sharp William's famous cow. A few years ago one of his negro tenants took to him in Washington reporting the serious illness of a favorite milker and asking for advice. John Sharp went to the Department of Agriculture, detailed the symptoms, and returned with a medical fluid, fearfully and wonderfully concocted, which he sent to his tenant. Going home next week he asked if the cow had recovered from the disease, only to get the reply: "Dat ar cow got well o' de disease but died o' de remedy." And again we quote the Observer's criticism: "The bill would not only protect stock market boomers by supplying them with a flood of money at need, but it would also help by forcing heavy purchases of the securities boomed by them. Furthermore, this money, although plentiful, would be expensive, being able to stand for higher rates for short-time than legitimate business, would get the bulk of it. The Aldrich measure, in short, is a pro-speculation measure from first to last, codifying speculation and further centralizing an already over-centralized control of the country's currency."

#### Woman Drove Tack Into Child's Tongue.

Pleading guilty to the charge of driving a carpet tack through the tongue of Sampson Follower, seven years old, an inmate of the Tuscarora county children's home, at Canal Dover, O., Miss Clara Sterling, assistant matron, was fined \$10 and the costs by Mayor Diefenbacher on the 19th.

Although this action was taken Saturday, the punishment of the child, in what is said to have been an admitted attempt to wring from him a confession of the theft of a fellow-inmate's lead pencil, became known only Tuesday.

#### "Cards of Thanks."

Spartanburg Journal.

The Abbeville Press and Banner makes a sensible observation regarding the printing in newspapers of notices of death to friends and neighbors for kindness and attentions during fatal illness, which is practiced to an extent in some localities. The Press and Banner says that this custom is not followed in Abbeville because such attention and kind treatment would be of little use to the people of Abbeville that no newspaper publication is necessary to make acknowledgment of it.

#### God Out of Constitution.

The Santo Domingo Constitutional Convention, after a turbulent session last Thursday eliminated the name of God from the Constitution.

There was also a tendency manifest to vote in favor of complete separation of the State church from that of the Catholic faith. The clergy is highly indignant, while the people appear to be indifferent.

Doesn't it look reasonable that if the substitutes for cotton are worth 68 cents a pound, cotton ought to be higher than 15 cents? The statement that 15 cents looks big to the cotton growers because they have been taking five cents, expresses it about right. Let's think a little more about what a bale of cotton is worth. A \$40 bale of cotton manufactured into plow lines—just common rope—is worth \$120. It's worth \$140 made into common sheeting, \$400 a bale if made into bleached domestic, \$800 a bale made into lawn and on up to \$1,800 a bale made into mercerized silk. Isn't it about time to complete a system of warehouses and selling agencies to market our cotton crop intelligently and get what it is worth? We think so—Our Home.

Prohibition is a moral question addressed to the conscience of every individual voter. The Catawba County News truly says: "Let no one try to injure the cause of temperance by saying it is a Democratic measure. It is a Democratic and Republican measure. Not one single vote was against it in the Senate, and very few votes in the House. It is a bigger question than any political party."

Fortunately stupid people seldom realize that they are stupid.

### REDUCTIONS IN WAGES.

#### Mill News.

From several miles we get reports of a slight reduction in wages and some few mills which had reduced the working time to ten hours per day have gone back to eleven hours, without a corresponding increase in wages. Of course the reason assigned for so doing is because of the unfavorable condition of the markets; and it is considered better to do this than to shut down the mills and throw the people out of work for the whole or a part of the time.

This argument appears very reasonable, and where the salaries of overseers, superintendents and officers are reduced in the same proportion to those of the operatives in the several departments there will probably be little if any complaint, but it is a question whether the mills which do this will not a little later in the season find themselves very short of help.

There are not many mill operatives who are so firmly anchored at any mill that they will stay there when other mills near them are running on shorter time or paying better wages. Besides this, there are thousands of acres of land in the South on which they could easily find opportunity to raise a crop and the talk of high priced cotton and lower wages in the mills just at this time of the year, will surely carry a many of them back to the farm.

We are not advising any one to leave the mill for the uncertainty of making a crop on rented land, but if there seems to be a prospect of any general reduction in wages there will be enough that will go to the farms so that when all the mills are ready to start up again on full time the likely to be more scarcity of help than ever and those who stay will reap the benefit in steady work at good wages.

#### A Strange Sight in Greensboro.

Stateville Landmark.

The Telegram tells of an exciting street scene in Greensboro on Monday. A great crowd gathered and that paper says the interest manifested was "of an unusual character" and indicated "extraordinary happenings of some kind." The "extraordinary happenings" that excited Greensboro was the presence of two wagons with four bales of cotton each. This was something new for Greensboro and people from cotton localities flocked to the scene and carressed the cotton as if they had met a long-lost friend, while those to whom cotton is a stranger stared with interested curiosity. To add to the interest had been raised in Guilford county and the offering of it for sale from wagons in Greensboro was so unusual that the Telegram gave three-fourths of a column to an account of it. It seems strange to us in Iredell, or instance, farther west than Greensboro, that cotton should not be raised in that vicinity, but while much cotton is manufactured in that section little is grown.

#### Robbers had Unique Feast.

Robbers enjoyed a feast of fried snake eggs in the barn of Henry Burks at Rising Sun, Md., one night last week. The night previous thieves emptied his feed-boxes, and desiring to punish the suspected intruders, Burks spread an invitation broadcast that, if they would return that night he would not only provide food for their stock but include a supper for themselves.

In sawing down an old tree early in the week, Burks found nine snake eggs and packed them away in cotton, intending to present them to the Philadelphia Zoological Garden.

Before retiring last night he partly filled the feed box and, frying the snake eggs, made them into sandwiches which he wrapped in a napkin and placed on top of the feed. In the morning the feedbox was empty and crusts of bread on the floor showed the lunch had been eaten.

If you want to sell or buy anything, if you have lost something, or if you want to reach the public for any reason whatever, use our Penny Column. Everybody reads it.

If you have not yet received one of our 1908 Vest Pocket Memorandum Books, come in and get one.

### OVERMAN'S RECORD.

#### It Has Been Good for Twenty-Five Years

##### —He is in Position to Aid the Cause.

Overman's Record.

For the benefit of those people who have expressed a doubt as to United States Senator Overman's attitude as to the question of temperance (or prohibition) the Patriot takes occasion to say that the junior Senator from North Carolina was a prohibitionist when it required real courage on the part of a public man to espouse that cause. More than a quarter of a century ago Senator Overman, then a young lawyer with out political prestige or influence, stumped the county of Rowan for prohibition when he and his friends knew that his advocacy of the principle would not increase his political fortunes. We are informed and believe that he is the same temperate and prohibitionist today that he was 25 years and more ago. He did not wait for prohibition to become a popular political issue, but went forth to battle under the white flag of the temperance forces because he believed in the righteousness of the principle involved.

By virtue of his position as a member of the Senate judiciary committee, Senator Overman has a far greater opportunity to advocate the cause of real temperance than the mere casting of a vote or the making of few speeches in North Carolina would give him. Any temperance measure that may come before Congress must be ratified and approved by Senator Overman's committee before it can be passed upon and become a law. Senator Overman favors the enactment of an anti-jug law that will prohibit the transportation of whiskey from a "wet" to a "dry" State—and all men know that this is the only way to make prohibition effective.

It is true that Senator Overman has not been conspicuous in urging prohibition upon other communities while his town remained "wet"; but we observe that, when a prohibition campaign was inaugurated in Salisbury a short time ago, he was one of the first men invited by the prohibition managers to make a speech before the citizens of that town. It was a speech that was well received. Events that have transpired since indicate that the Legislature will save the Salisbury people the trouble of voting their town "dry," but this does not alter the fact that no public man in North Carolina has a more well defined temperance record.

#### Kills Brother's Slayer.

Rock Hill Special to Observer, 26th.

Grover Welch, brother of Steve Welch, who, with another man, was killed during a row in a barber shop in Kershaw last Christmas, shot to death Berry Mobley to-night on the train from Camden to Rock Hill, just as it was reaching Pleasant Hill, a station nearly midway between Camden and Lancaster.

It was the first time that Mobley had been able to get out, he having been badly wounded by Steve Welch at the time the latter was killed by Mobley. Both men were on their way to Lancaster for a preliminary hearing of the Kershaw tragedy.

Without warning Welch shot Mobley in the back and as he fell between the seats four more bullets were fired into his body, death resulting instantly. It was a cold-blooded and cowardly murder and was evidently in revenge of the killing of Steve Welch by Mobley.

Conductor Bostell, who was in charge of the train, turned the dead body of the murdered man over to the coroner at Pleasant Hill, while Welch voluntarily came on to Lancaster and gave himself up to the authorities.

Bad blood has existed between Welch and Mobley since the shooting Christmas and this is the first time that Welch had seen Mobley, and he took advantage of his first opportunity, when Mobley had his back turned, to avenge the death of his brother.

Kindly bear in mind that the Post-office Department will not allow us to mail our papers to any subscriber who is in arrears nine months or more, and of course when Uncle Sam issues his orders there is nothing for us to do but obey.

### THAT'S THE GRIP.

#### Dr. Ivey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, has had the grip—and he knows it. He wrote about it in his good paper, and he spells it right, just as Bilhad Acry would spell it—g-r-i-p. He heads the article with two words, "The Grip," and says:

"Yes, that is the way we spell it—g-r-i-p." From the very first we have laughed to scorn the old affected Gallicized spelling—"la grippe." In fact, we deemed the thing itself an unmitigated fake and wondered why sensible people affected only by a "bad" or "worse cold," should fall in with a miserable fad, link arms with it, and obsequiously call it my dear friend, "La Grippe."

"No, we have never had it," were the words that issued confidently, if not proudly, from our lips about one week ago, in a conversation with one who had the temerity to speak of it in our presence. Little we knew when we spoke of the old saying: "Don't brag about your not having had a particular misfortune unless you wish to have it."

It peeped in at us about the middle of the week. It left us a kind of "cricky" feeling in the service of our nation. It was only a little while before, on giving that exasperating crescendo finish to "yes" or "no" given in answer to a question by our patient, hard working clerks. Then the thing came in the room and left us as sore a tooth as ever hid itself in one's mouth. It left also a kind of ringing in the head which we would at one moment call "neuralgia" and at another moment just plain old "headache." Our nerves were for a day all in a bustle and at the close they held a solemn convulse and proclaimed that work in an office is a delusion and a snare.

Was it any better outside? Nay, verily. A "colored gentleman" mellowed in the crisp atmosphere by a fine sized cough. We found ourselves questioning the sanity of one who laughs. Yes, there goes my meek, jovial friend across the street. He is a good fellow but why not halt him and ask him about that little slight he offered us about ten years ago? He didn't mean it but what business did he have in not meaning it? Is not now a good time to have it out with him? Is it so very bad after all to be mixed up in a row when it is all in the cause of righteousness?

This did our malign monitor poison our mind and heart as we quaffed the elixir of Gaius of doors. We concluded that a bed was the best place for us. We felt sure that we were going to have the worst cold we have ever had. We prepared emollients, soporifics, quinine, and tonics galore. Midnight found us feeling as if we had not slept in a year, and that we would never sleep again, while strange elfin pains pirouetted through our whole economy.

Sleep did come after a while, but for what good, if we were to be awakened by a terrible jowling in on between our lower row of teeth, every one of which was aching, and the upper row, not one of which was aching, while we seemed

to hear a voice from our brain crying out to us: "For goodness sake wake up and stop that fuss." We tried to stop it, but we did not succeed for some time.

Time and patience would not suffice us to tell of the many strange aches and epizotic disturbances hitherto unchronicled in the annals of our experience. Suffice it to say, in making a long matter short, we are firmly convinced that the "grip" is a stern reality, and that nevertheless will we felicitate ourselves that "we never had it."

#### Fleet Returns Via Suez?

Interesting and important news relative to the future movements of the American battleship fleet was made public at the conclusion of the Cabinet meeting Friday by Secretary Metcalf, comprising an invitation from the Australian government to have the fleet, or at least some of its units, visit that country.

After expressing his appreciation of the invitation, the Secretary says: "The eventual movements of our fleet have not yet been determined. While it is probable that the vessels will return by way of Suez, it would be glad if some of them could be sent by the Australian route, but it would be premature to promise this."

#### Commission Approves New Interstate Rate.

Special permission has been granted by the interstate commerce commission to the Southern Railway and to the Northern Alabama Railway, through S. H. Hardwick, passenger traffic manager, to establish on three days' notice to the commission to the public local passenger fares in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, based on a rate of 24 cents per mile.

The 24-cent basis represents a compromise reached between the authorities of the several States named and the Southern Railway official.

#### You Never Saw It in The Times.

Newton Enterprises.

It is generally conceded that the majority of the votes in the approaching election will be in favor of prohibition. But the size of the majority will not be enhanced by the fact that the papers who do the most talking about prohibition, as a rule, run the biggest advertisements of Peruna, the intoxicant that flourishes in all prohibition territory.

Farmers do not need any expensive fixtures, or machinery, to mix their own fertilizers. All that is needed is an ordinary wire screen, which can be obtained for an outlay of 50 or 75 cents. And even a wire screen is not absolutely necessary. Many farmers mix their fertilizers in a wagon body or on a barn floor by simply stirring with hoes or shovels until thoroughly mixed, thereby saving \$2.50 to \$4.00 per ton.—Our Home.

When William Jennings Bryan went into politics a good preacher was lost to the world.—Wilmington Star.

## JUST AS EXPECTED!



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