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Today there are about eighty counties in North Carolina where whisky cannot be legally sold or manufactured.

All of which is true as gospel, and though we thought it unwise to bring the matter up at this time, and still think so, since it has been decided to leave it to a vote, we are heartily rejoiced that the whole business will be surely wiped out.

Gov. Jarvis started the ball. He's attorney for the Coast Line railroad, but we can't say that it occurred to him that it might be better for the rate settlement to divert the minds of the legislators with the prohibition question.

And there is old Br'er Fox, Jim Pou, a honing and a whetting his anxiety for prohibition, and just as we predicted last week, the rate question in a muddle, the Governor's agreement knocked to pieces, and the railroads likely to get higher rates than they even asked for.

Since the matter of prohibition was injected into the deliberations of the special session, the determination of the members to submit it to a vote of the people in August was the wisest thing that could have been done.

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John D. at His Favorite Colored Church.

John D. Rockefeller occupied his first Sunday morning in Augusta this winter in listening to a sermon in the Tabernacle Baptist church (colored) by Rev. C. T. Walker, the "black Spurgeon."

When here last winter Rockefeller attended this church before going to any other, and at that time gave Walker a neat sum.

Snake Working Overtime.

They tell some tall stories about the early days of prohibition in Kansas. At Eldorado a wicked Missourian went into a drug store and asked for a drink.

SUBMIT PROHIBITION TO PEOPLE

After a Stormy Caucus, the House Democrats Agree on a Compromise—Later the Senate Agrees in Caucus to Submit to a Vote in August.

After having been in session for two and one-half hours tonight the Democratic members of the House of Representatives in caucus assembled decided to consider a bill at this special session giving the State absolute prohibition, provided this measure is ratified by popular vote at the general election in November.

The Senate did not act as the House did and did not refuse to hear the representatives of the Anti Saloon League. Those who made speeches before that body were Solicitor Clark-son of Charlotte, James H. Pou of Raleigh, Rev. H. W. Battle of Winston, Settle Dockery of Rockingham, T. H. Vanderford of Salisbury, A. D. Ward of Newbern, John Oates of Fayetteville and others.

The action of the Democratic caucus of the two branches of the General Assembly in declining even to consider at this special session a bill providing for immediate State prohibition as urged by Governor Glenn in his message yesterday, was one of the prime topics of conversation in legislative circles this morning.

The special session at Raleigh is long enough for the gentleman from Pitt to get in a few bills on the stock law, and some of the gentlemen from the east are on the spot with fish and oyster bills.

It is safe to say that Governor Glenn was about the most surprised man in the State when he was informed of this action of the caucus. And there were others who must have wondered how the legislature could have acted as it did in the light of all the influence and recognized power brought to bear upon it.

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The sentiment of the majority was that this matter of great moral principle should be left to a vote of the people, the court of last appeal, whose decision would be final and impossible of contradiction or dispute.

Their Regrets. When a wedding guest fails to respond to his invitation, who should regret it, the guest or the givers of the invitation? When the Knapp-Hoover matrimonial alliance was in the making this question proved a disturbing one in the "best circles" of Caseyville.

Later—Yesterday the House passed the bill, but changed the date for the election from August to the last Thursday in April, 1908, and this is the way it will likely stand.

Ghost of Her Grandfather Showed \$4,000 to the Girl.

In a dream Miss Lucy Alford's grandfather, who has been dead seventy years, appeared to her in her home in Taylor'sville, N. J., and pointed out to her the hiding place of \$4,000 in gold which he had put away before he died.

Murder and Suicide in Cafe.

Stepping through the crowded restaurant which takes up the eighth floor of Macy's department store in New York and into the gentlemen's cafe last Wednesday a tall stylishly-dressed woman bent for a moment over the shoulder of a diner, who perched something to him, then drew a revolver from her muff, emptied the contents of the five chambers into his body.

Theatre goers will have something worth their time and money at the opera house tomorrow night—The Cowboy's Girl.

Give Him More.

A boy named Charles Raymond, living near Raleigh, N. C., broke a pitcher and his father gave him a good whipping for it. Charles went to bed and dreamed that a mule led by his father could be found in a certain place.

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His Good Advice.

Excited Individual—See here, Mr. Bangs, you're a scoundrel of the first water. When I bought that horse I supposed I was getting a good, sound animal, but he's spavined and blind and got the staggers.

TEARS.

Excited Individual—Well, I should say there ought to be done, that's a fact. Excited Individual—Well, I should say there ought to be done, that's a fact. It's a shame to allow the horse to suffer in that way.—London Mail.

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