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THE BIG GIN MILL HAS LOST ITS FIGHT

Raleigh Dispensary Overwhelmed at Polls--How the Vote Stands

NOT ONE PRECINCT GOES FOR WHISKEY

Majority Against Dispensary at 4 O'clock This Afternoon, As Indicated by Returns at This Office. Will Be From 300 to 500--Not the Slightest Doubt of Result, Dispensary Men Wagering That Majority Will Not Be Over 300. Old Dispensary Draped in Mourning--Election Unusually Quiet, No Demonstrations Attending the Voting.

For prohibition, 800; for dispensary, 400. These figures, which are approximate, may not be absolutely correct, but they show how the result is at 4 o'clock.

First Ward, First Division--For prohibition, 109; for dispensary, 22. Second Division--94 cast out of 168--count lost.

Fourth Ward, First Division--99 majority for prohibition. Second Division--For prohibition, 55; for dispensary, 45.

Third Ward, First Division--For prohibition, 183; for dispensary, 81. Second Division--For prohibition, 116; for dispensary, 18.

Second Ward, First Division--For prohibition, 190; for dispensary, 23. Second Division--For prohibition, 115; for dispensary, 50.

When the polling places are closed at 5:06 this afternoon--when the sun has set--the Raleigh dispensary will have been voted out. The voting all day has been rather light, probably not more than three-fourths of those registered casting ballots either way. Of course a change may come at the eleventh hour, but this is not likely. This afternoon somebody has draped the dispensary door in mourning. As pedestrians pass by the institution they can see the signs of mourning. At 2:45 o'clock, when this was written, it is a foregone conclusion that the dispensary has lost. Some few dispensary men are willing to bet that the majority for prohibition will not be over 200.

Vote at 2 O'clock. How vote stands: First Ward--First Division: Registration, 280; for prohibition, 81; for dispensary, 26. First Ward--Second Division: Registration, 168; for prohibition, 69; for dispensary, 22.

Second Ward--First Division: Registration, 183; for prohibition, 60; dispensary, 22. First Ward--Second Division: Registration, 230; for prohibition, 105; for dispensary, 44.

Third Ward--First Division: Registration, 330; for prohibition, 153; for dispensary, 78. Third Ward--Second Division: Registration, 220; for prohibition, 105; for dispensary, 75.

Fourth Ward--First Division: Registration, 294; for prohibition, 95; for dispensary, 66. Fourth Ward--Second Division: Registration, 294; for prohibition, 45; for dispensary, 25.

No Demonstrations. No bells tolled today. The women of the city, however, are holding a prayer service in the First Presbyterian church. From early morning until sundown today these women will remain in the church, praying that prohibition may win. Dinner hour was not observed by them, only a few leaving the building at a time and returning for refreshment. On the streets everything is quiet. One could not tell an election is going on. Indeed one must be within twenty yards of the polling places to realize that the question of dispensary or prohibition is being determined. No excitement prevails at the polls.

SPANISH WAR MONEY READY

Governor Glenn has received the pay-roll for soldiers of the Spanish-American War for service in camp before being mustered out. The sum amounts to \$28,000 and will be distributed to these soldiers when they are properly identified. The sum to be received ranges from \$2.63 to \$50.00, according to time of service and rank of men. The amount paid is subject of course to cost of collection, since a suit had to be instituted to recover this money.

GALA DAY AT PORT OF SPAIN

American Fleet Bedecked in Christmas Green

OFFICERS ENTERTAINED

Officers of Minnesota Receive Other Officers--A Turkey Dinner Given to Bluejackets and Tars Live Life Landlubber--A Pretty Race Won by Louisiana Crew--Other Events of Day.

Port of Spain, Dec. 26.--The American battleship fleet, at anchor in the harbor here, presented a beautiful sight on Christmas day. Each of the ships, in honor of the occasion, was decorated with Christmas greens from the mainland to water line. The decorations, however, did not consist of the fir, hemlock, and spruce, the evergreens of the north, but of the tropical palms and bamboos.

The day was one of jollification among officers and men. There were Christmas trees in the ward rooms of all the ships, bearing gifts for the crews from wives, children, sweethearts and friends, to show that though many miles from home, they were not forgotten.

The ships continued to take on coal from the colliers until late Christmas eve, but there was no work of the kind during Christmas day. Coaling was resumed with energy this morning, and it is hoped all the bunkers will be well supplied long before the date of sailing.

Yesterday's regatta was watched with keen interest by Admiral Evans and other officers of the fleet. The weather was fine and the water had the placid appearance of mid-summer.

The races were participated in by crews from many of the ships and a number of exciting finishes resulted. The race of the dingies was won by a crew from the Louisiana, while representatives of the Kansas were victors in the race for officers. In addition to the races, comic athletics were held on the ships and there were numerous boxing contests.

In the afternoon the officers of the Minnesota entertained all the other officers of the fleet at a reception and in the evening many dinner parties were given. Great squads of liberty men landed in the afternoon, and at one time there were between 6,000 and 7,000 American bluejackets on shore. The turkey dinner for which the essentials were taken along, was appreciated by all hands.

The torpedo boat flotilla sailed during the day for Para on its way to the Pacific after a delay of twenty-four hours incident to the repair of damage done to the collier Pantuna and torpedo boat Whipple.

The itinerary will probably be decreased by gaining a day or two on bonded warehouses amounted to \$95,331,724 for the year now ending.

W. J. BRYAN IS NEW SENATOR

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 26.--Governor Napoleon B. Broward has appointed William James Bryan, of Jacksonville, to fill the unexpired term in the United States senate of the late Stephen B. Mallory. Bryan is a young man and a native of Florida. He was instrumental in carrying Duval, the county in which Jacksonville is located, for Broward when the latter was a candidate for governor. Since then he has been the governor's chief political adviser.

Nude Body Creates Sensation

New York, Dec. 26.--The nude body of a comely young woman found in a swamp in the Hackensack Meadows at Harrison, N. J., today is the chief piece of evidence in a murder mystery that is engaging the attention of the police of Harrison and Newark, N. J. Arthur Thompson of Elizabeth, N. J., is under arrest as a suspicious person.

WHY BROWNSON THREW UP JOB

Surgeon General Rixey Makes Statement

NAVIGATION V. MEDICINE

Admiral Wanted to Look After Bureau of Medicine and Others Thought His Duties Did Not Include This--Main Case of Friction--What Dr. Rixey Says.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.--That a serious breach exists between the bureau of navigation and the bureau of medicine of the navy, involving the question of the responsibility of the latter bureau, was made apparent last night in a statement issued by Surgeon General Rixey, chief of the bureau of medicine, after the circumstances leading up to the probable selection by the president of medical officers to command the hospital ship Relief were the subject of Rear Admiral William H. Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation, who "casually" sent his resignation to the president.

While admitting exact knowledge as to the cause of Admiral Brownson's resignation, the surgeon's statement leaves little room for doubt that the controversy he touches was a potent factor.

Surgeon General Rixey maintains that hospital ships, as a rule, always have been commanded by medical officers, with a sailing master and civil crew for purposes of navigation. This particular ship, he says, formerly belonged to the army and officers were commanded by a medical officer when used as a hospital ship.

Since the civil war, he says, all hospital ships and medical transports of the army had been placed under the surgeon general of the army. He says further that Japanese naval hospital ships were commanded by medical officers, after the officers were tried. These ships, he says, are strictly floating hospitals, properly under the control of the medical department and should be conducted in peace exactly as in time of war. This is especially so, he adds, because during war the officers cannot be spared and do not and should not desire the command of these ships.

"The internal administration of the bureau of medicine and surgery," says Surgeon General Rixey in his statement, "has been, in my opinion, too much interfered with by the bureau of navigation. This interference has at times caused grave concern as to how I could meet the needs of those under my care."

The hospital ship Relief, he says, should now be specially interested in the officers of hospital ships, as his duties lie in another direction.

EVELYN GOT A CHRISTMAS CHECK FOR MUCH

New York, Dec. 26.--Evelyn Nesbit Thaw received a Christmas present from her husband, Harry Kendall Thaw, which was out of the ordinary. Fearing that no one else could select what he desired, he sent his wife a check for a large amount, to be used by her in purchasing a handsome bracelet, or any other jeweled ornament that she might choose. Thaw himself spent a quiet day in the Tombs. His wife gave him a handsome cigarette case and a pipe and tobacco bag. The latter she made herself. A pre-Christmas present of Mrs. Thaw to her husband was a bibelot set, which Thaw loves and at which he has become an adept.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT CENTRAL CHURCH TONIGHT

The exercises meet the Christmas tree entertainment at Central M. E. church will take place at 7:30 o'clock tonight. There will be gifts for the poor, given by the children. Each member of the Sunday school will be handed a present by Santa Claus. Short exercises will be held. All are invited to attend.

NOTES ABOUT THE BRUISERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Len Amos, C. D., Dec. 23, M. E. (Cuba) Sullivan, who claims to have money and besides sufficient to fund his enterprise, requires to open a fight in the capitol at Lucky Bell's town, Arizona.

Sullivan says he has about 100,000 francs and that a pavilion will be erected near the race track. Great number of the city expect to witness the fight, which will be held inside the city.

Sullivan's proposed pavilion on the outskirts of the city is to prove an success of the race track. He says the first match they hope to put off will be a fight between his brother Jack and Harris for a prize of \$20,000.

FROLICHER KILLS BAGGAGEMASTER

White Man Held for Shooting Trainmen

TRAGEDY AT HOBBSVILLE

Twenty-five Men in Drunken Carousal, and One of These, John White, Fires Into Train and Kills Baggage-master--It Occurred in North Carolina.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 26.--Augustus B. Stevens, aged 18, baggage-master on the Virginia & Carolina Coast Railway, was shot and instantly killed yesterday by John White, aged twenty, while the train was passing through Hobbsville, N. C. White is under arrest and has confessed.

A group of about twenty-five men were in a field near the railroad track as the train was passing. A number of the men were intoxicated and a Christmas frolic was in full blast. Stevens was standing at the open door of his car when suddenly a gun was fired from the group, the charge striking Stevens in the head.

The train was stopped as soon as possible, but when the crowd reached the scene of the shooting the members of the frolicking party had fled to the adjoining woods.

Later, however, a posse from Hobbsville surrounded the woods and many of the fugitives were captured. Among those who were captured was John White, who confessed the shooting. He said he had been drinking and had no intention of killing anyone when he fired the shot. Stevens lived in Suffolk.

J. H. Oliphant, New York Broker, Shot Last Week in His Office Because He Refused to Loan Money



(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 26.--Ernest G. Stedman, one of New York's most prominent lawyers, rated to be worth in excess of \$7,000,000 and a brother of Edward Clarence Stedman, the poet laureate, today tragically committed suicide by leaping in front of a local subway train at the Fourteenth street station.

The J. C. Lyon Building and Operating Company, of which he was vice president, treasurer and director, failed for several millions of dollars last Friday when receivers were appointed and financial troubles are believed to be the chief causes of the failure.

Mr. Stedman was president of the American Cushman Elbow Company, treasurer of the Raitan Rival Clay Company, a member of several prominent clubs and had offices on Broadway, where he was a member of the law firm of Stedman & Larkin. His town house was at 1018 Madison Avenue. The suicide could not have selected a spot where his death would have created a greater sensation. The platform of the subway at Fourteenth street was crowded with persons, mostly women, waiting for trains and transferring between local and express trains, when Mr. Stedman, who had been observed walking up and down the platform, suddenly darted through a group of women, jumped to the tracks in front of a fast moving up-town train.

Six cars of the train had passed over the lawyer's body before the train was stopped and by that time the body had been terribly mangled. In the meantime the excitement on the platform had become a panic. Several women who had seen the man leap to death fainted or collapsed and for several minutes in the wild excitement they lay about the platform unattended.

It was more than three quarters of an hour before order was restored and the train had resumed their normal running order.

Mr. Stedman was from Hartford, Conn., originally, but had been practicing law in New York for most of the sixty-one years of his age.

The failure of the J. C. Lyon Building and Operating Company is believed to have affected Mr. Stedman more than anything else. He opposed the appointment of receivers in the United States district court last Friday and was defeated. The company was one of the largest and had extensive holdings of old-growth real estate.

Mr. Stedman was driving in Central Park when her husband killed himself and she knew nothing of the tragedy until she returned to her home, where she was completely overcome and physicians were called.

HOW THE CAPTAIN TWO MILLION FIXED UNRULY CREW OF MEN THIS MORNING

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 26.--The United States coast guard cutter, the USS Albatross, captured today the crew of a schooner, the USS Albatross, which was carrying a cargo of opium. The schooner was captured off the coast of Cuba. The crew of the schooner was taken on board the cutter and the schooner was towed to the cutter's base. The crew of the schooner was taken on board the cutter and the schooner was towed to the cutter's base.

FOREIGN TRADE AT N. Y. PORT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 26.--Despite three months of financial stringency and industrial depression, the annual report of the collector of the port of New York will show that the foreign trade of the metropolis for 1907 was the largest record since the opening of the local custom house, more than 100 years ago. Statistics for the eleven calendar months together with an estimate for December, places the foreign commerce of New York for the year now closing at \$1,595,332,962, or a gain of \$116,127,325 over the calendar year of 1906. These figures are exclusive of foreign merchandise exports sent out through this port, as well as gold and silver movements. The movements of gold and silver show \$121,665,769 imported and \$79,513,781 exported during this year. The gold and silver imports in the preceding year reached \$98,226,955 and the exports \$52,000,000. The withdrawals of merchandise from each leg.

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