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Weather Forecasts.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—For North Carolina fair and slightly warmer tonight. Thursday fair.

THE MULE VINDICATED.

The army mule has been placed upon trial and his abounding virtues and merits again achieve for him victory. The mule stands vindicated. An effort was recently made to supplant the army mule with the traction engine. Experts were summoned to testify as to the comparative merits of the engine and the mule, with the result above named. Science goes away limping. All the combined efforts of modern-day genius have failed completely and irretrievably to invent any sort of mechanism able to cope with him.

The hearing brought out the fact that while the traction engine would best the Patron of Perversity on good roads on level country, the mule had the engine beat to a frazzle in mountainous country, where army experts have spoken and Science must accept the answer. Again the mule carries off the blue ribbon.

While the News does not profess any superabundant affection for him of the long ears and fleet heel, it is willing to give the devil his dues, and it cannot be gainsaid that when there is a difficult task to perform, when the aristocratic horse tries and fails, when all human agencies are spent in vain, then it is that Balaam rises like a towering Colossus and saves the day. The mule is renowned for the heavy loads he is able to draw, as well as the enemies he makes. Like a great many people, he is insidious, illusive, hard to locate, but face to face with duty, he rarely ever shirks or implores quarter. The mule is not much of a mixer. His greatest pleasure is found in silent communication with himself, and woe is the man who attempts to disturb the reveries of a reminiscent mule. Neither is the mule of a sociable turn of mind. If he were a woman no one could ever call her a coquette. As a snuggler she would be a dismal failure, and the last state of the man who attempted to make advances would be worse than the first. Fiery, high strung, bubbling over with the exhilaration of robust health, the mule is, after all, a pretty good exponent of originality and substantial worth, and while the mule has never had any special reason to exult over a proud ancestry, the unanimous opinion of the army experts must be flattering to his ears.—Charlotte News.

Maybe if you care to learn anything more about the mule, Wm. J. Bryan could help you out.

NORMAN MACK IS SUMMONED.

Will Appear as a Witness in Case of Government Against the New York World.

Buffalo, Feb. 1.—Norman Mack, Democratic national chairman, was served with a subpoena by a United States marshal commanding him to appear in the United States Court in New York to-morrow morning in the action brought by the United States government against The New York World in connection with the Panama Canal articles.

Mack leaves for New York tonight in answer to the summons.

Sees Daughter Wed and Dies.

Pottstown, Pa., Feb. 1.—Within fifteen minutes after Mrs. Elmira A. Egolf had witnessed the union of her daughter, Miss Martha A. Egolf, a belle and talented pianist, to J. Clyde Brown, of Williamsport, Pa., she died. The marriage was set for next summer, but the mother, as she lay on what she believed to be her deathbed, requested that it take place while she lived, and arrangements were made for it. Mrs. Egolf had scarcely uttered the last syllable of the blessing on the marriage when death came to her.

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PRICE OF EGGS BOOSTED AGAIN

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Chicago, Feb. 2.—Another advance of 2 to 3 cents in the price of all grades of eggs has lifted the values far above the high points of recent years. Retailers are charging 45 to 47 cents a dozen, while wholesalers' prices varied around 47 and 38 cents. Prices in the last three days have scored an advance of 8 cents, and dealers say that with a continuation of cold weather still higher prices were in sight tomorrow.

IS HOP BEVERAGE BOOZE?

Test Case Goes up From Winston-Salem to Supreme Court.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 1.—A test case of what is known as hop beverage in order to get the Supreme Court ultimately to pass upon whether its sale is a violation of the prohibition law was tried here to day in the recorder's court, the defendant being J. Dannenberg Bros, wholesale dealers of Goldsboro. The recorder imposed a fine of \$50 and the costs upon Mr. Dannenberg, who promptly took an appeal through his attorneys, Watson, Buxton & Watson.

One witness, Policeman Clarke expressed the opinion that ten bottles of the beverage would make a man "sing." The defendant testified that the liquor contained only one and one-half per cent. alcohol, and was therefore not barred by the prohibition law.

Young Roosevelt Weaving Carpet Now.

Winsted, Conn., Feb. 1.—Theodore Roosevelt jr., who started at the foot of the ladder in Thompsonville a few months ago to learn carpet making, has been advanced to the loom where, under the instructions of Ted Connors, he is "making good." He has not met with a weaver's smash yet. The Thompsonville Carpet Mills are rushed with orders and are running until 9.30 at night. Young Roosevelt does not work at night, his hours being from 7 A. M. to 5 P. M.

RED BANDANA HIS WEAPON.

Trapper Brown, of South Norwalk, Chased Bear Into River With It South Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 1.—A genuine brown bear hunt right on the outskirts of the city is at present causing more excitement in South Norwalk than would a Presidential wild west show. A posse of fifty men is hot on the trail of bruin, and everything from flintlocks to Gatling guns have been brought out to take part in the hunt.

Harry Brown, the best known hunter and trapper in these parts, while going the rounds of his traps this morning, walked right up on a brown bear that was making a breakfast of muskrat that was caught in one of Brown's steel traps. The bear paid no attention to the hunter until Brown, by throwing sticks and stones and shaking a red bandana at him drove him to the Saugatuck River. The bear plunged in and swam to the other bank.

Brown got a posse and they have chased bruin to Kellogg's swamp, an almost inaccessible retreat back of Westport.

WILL PUSH THE FIGHT.

Anti-Saloon League, Jubilant Over Success in Six States, Plans to Dry Up the South.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 2.—Jubilant at having driven the "rum demon" from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi and Tennessee, the workers of the Anti-Saloon League are gathering here today for a conference at which they will agree upon plans for carrying the warfare into the remaining "wet" States of Dixie. The Alabama State Anti-Saloon League will hold a jubilee meeting here the latter part of this week.

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