

## SPLENDID MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT.

### COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH CITY OFFICIALS.

**All Pastors Join in the Work to Secure Law Enforcement. — Good Speeches Made by Revs. MacLaughlin and Hutchins and Others. — Meeting No. Doubt Will Result in Much Good.**

Yesterday afternoon a call was issued by a committee of the Ministerial Association to all citizens who were interested in the enforcement and upholding of the law and improving conditions in Concord to meet at the Baptist church for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a law and order league. In response to this call a large number of citizens attended the meeting, many ladies being in the audience. The audience was composed of men engaged in almost every line of human endeavor and was truly representative of the best in the life of the city.

The meeting was opened by a song by the choir, which was followed by a prayer by Rev. T. W. Smith. Rev. W. L. Hutchins said that the meeting was for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a law and order league for the purpose of aiding in better enforcement of the law, especially the prohibition law. Mr. W. R. Odell was elected president of the meeting and called to the chair. In accepting the office Mr. Odell said that it was an unexpected honor and that he thought some younger man should have the place but that he was always glad to do what he could for the welfare of our city and community.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins was called upon to state the purpose of the meeting and he said that it was for the purpose of organizing a law and order league to stand behind the officers and give them their moral support in enforcing the law. Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin was called upon for a speech. Mr. MacLaughlin said in part:

"I have a hesitancy in speaking on this great subject at this time for two reasons because of ignorance of the real situation and the other reason is because of a sufficient knowledge of this subject. A few years ago the splendid citizenship of North Carolina decided that it should be a felonious crime to sell vinous and spirituous liquors by a majority of 44,000. Not only did the splendid citizenship take this stand but their action was re-enforced by the legislature, and I have been told that it meant death to any legislator in this state to dare change this law.

"The prohibition law is as much a law as the law against taking a human life. As much a law as the law against taking another man's property. As much a law as any other criminal law and the man who breaks it is as much a criminal as any other violator of the criminal code. I wish the spirit of this law would sink into our hearts and let us realize the enormity of the crime that is being perpetrated in our midst every day. We know this law is being violated and the best evidence in our senses. Only on the holy Sabbath day, yesterday, I saw a man drunk and staggering to the gutter. I don't have to see a man putting a bottle to his lips and a man being drunk yesterday is prima facie evidence that somebody is getting liquor in this town in an unlawful way.

"I have heard many things that are current upon the lips of our citizens and I have heard that this law is being violated with impunity. And if you will pardon me I will tell you what that means. It means without fear. You may not know it but everybody within reach of my voice believes it. I have heard that boys from 14 to 15 years of age had been drunk within the last few months, and they were furnished liquor by someone. And the man who furnished it is utterly without morals and does not seem to realize that there is such a one as God.

"We are sitting by with a certain indifference. There are those in this city who would use some club to silence the ambassadors of the Cross. I believe I am exercising the right of a preacher to raise my voice against anything that is detrimental to the community in which I live and in which I am interested in. There are a good many people who want to outline what a preacher has to say. The minute we touch upon some favorite sin or some protected interest there is a cry of preachers meddling in somebody else's business. I am glad that the preachers had the courage to call this meeting. I wonder how many of us mean business to so establish a spirit of law and order in this community as to have what we want or are we just passing through some present enthusiasm and after go back to our vocation and into lethargy. I have heard that the main reason why this law is looked upon with indifference is because that some men shout for prohibition and at the same time have jugs in their cellars. But if this is to be a movement of the church and the Lord Jesus Christ we should be consistent in spirit and in truth. But if we mean business it is high time that we get down to the rock



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bottom of the causes that create this disregard for the law and see that no church members who are owners of buildings allow them to be used by blind tigers. And by this movement do all we can to enhance the welfare of our manhood and womanhood and advance the work of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Dr. J. M. Grier was called upon and responded by making a short talk. Dr. Grier said that he was there as a citizen and not as a minister. "I have often preached on this subject in my pulpit throughout my ministry here. We know the conditions here and let us join together in the work and keep at it until conditions are remedied," said he.

Mr. W. R. Odell was called upon and responded by saying he had been fighting for prohibition about as long as any man present. Mr. Odell paid a magnificent tribute to the ministry by saying that they were doing more for civilization than any body of men in the world. "You are, as a great bishop said a short time ago, greater patriots than all the congresses and judges. And you are accomplishing more to build up the morals of this country than any other agency. And I would advise all laymen to stand behind the ministry."

"Some people say that Concord is the worst place on earth, but in my travels I see other places just about as bad as Concord. We are not here to abuse people but to find a remedy. We talk about liquor but there are other things going on here that are just as bad. There is gambling going on here and nothing is done about it. I see men pass along the streets that are wearing diamonds and they don't work. The People of Concord are as true a people as ever lived and a majority of them believe in the enforcement of the law."

Rev. W. L. Hutchins was the next speaker. Mr. Hutchins said in part: "I am somewhat like Mark Antony, just a plain blunt man, and don't know how to shoot fancy shots. Some of my enemies say that I recently went off half cocked, but when the smoke of battle cleared away I found that I had hit the target. I hate liquor with all the hatred of my heart and I must fight it. I love to fight it and I feel that it is my business as a minister to fight it."

"The trouble here is, and we all know it, that the whisky interests run this town. They elect the officers and they have to obey their masters. The officers go in and out of places and see the law violated and they know it is violated with impunity. I say again that the whisky interests are running this town. You go up yonder where justice is supposed to be meted out and you find the amen corner filled with gamblers and even an humble minister cannot go there without being insulted. Yesterday we had a distinguished visitor at Forest Hill. He was very active and visited a number of young fellows. He said to one boy: 'You know I have always accommodated you and I want you to stick to me.' But the young man told him that he couldn't do it and said: 'Doctor, I have always paid you for every drop I got.' The character of the men who enforce the law should be just as far above reproach as that of a minister. The State is just as scared as the church. The way to break up this violation of the law is to put the law breakers on the chain gang. What do they care for a little fine. They can sell enough on one Sunday to pay whatever fine is imposed upon them."

Mayor C. B. Wagoner was called upon. Mr. Wagoner responded by saying that he was glad to see such a meeting and thought that from it the city might be able to get some good suggestions on the subject that might be put to practice. "As to Mr. Hutchins' statement that the liquor men run this town, as regards to me of course it is untrue and I don't believe any man here believes it." In speaking of the sentiment here on the enforcement of laws Mayor Wagoner said that there had never been an organized consistent effort here on behalf of the citizens for a better enforcement of law but that heretofore they had only made spasmodic efforts along about election times or when there arose some unusual state of affairs. The mayor also stated that no one ever came to the aldermen's meeting on such a mission and that the administration had always lacked the co-operation of its citizens. "The officers are your servants and are supposed to do your bidding

Your board is a good one and I believe they will do as much for you as any board, and if they don't change it, I promise you, not by way of defense, that if you will stand by the officials good results will be obtained."

At the close of Mr. Wagoner's speech Rev. W. L. Hutchins said that he did not mean for his statement that the officers of the city were elected and dominated by the liquor interest to apply to the board of aldermen and the mayor but that he did say the guardians of the law, the police; were elected and controlled by the whisky interests of this city.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane was called upon and made a short talk, saying in part: "I never see the law violated but I see evidences of it. How are the citizens going to find out if the law is being violated? The citizens can't be policemen and detectives. And the question is how are we citizens going to find out the law is being violated? We have policemen and they are elected to enforce the law. If the law is not going to be enforced by men in office who is it going to be enforced by? I am glad our people, especially the ministers, are taking an interest in this matter. They are our watchmen and if they don't sound the alarm the camp will be destroyed."

Upon motion of Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin it was decided to organize a law and order league. A rising vote was taken on the question and nearly all of those present voted in the affirmative. All those opposed to the question were called upon to vote in a like manner but no one arose, although there were a few who did not vote either way.

The election of officers was then taken up. Rev. Plato Durham moved that the present president and secretary be elected. The motion was carried. There had been no secretary appointed previous to the motion and therefore under it no one was elected. The president then appointed John M. Oglesby.

President Odell suggested that the matter of deciding upon the course the organization would adopt was up. He offered a suggestion that a committee of five be appointed to talk over conditions with the mayor, the recorder, city attorney and the police if necessary. In his remarks along this line Mr. Odell spoke most highly of City Attorney Hartwell, saying that he had known Mr. Hartwell since he was a boy in college and that he was an honest, conscientious and capable public servant, and that he knew his sentiments were in favor of enforcing the law and that that was a great asset in favor of law enforcement.

"Mr. Hartwell can't go out and rake up evidence," said Mr. Odell, "but if evidence is submitted to him of the violation of any law I believe he will prosecute to the fullest." In concluding his remarks Mr. Odell said that he did not want to see any one abused and that what he wanted to see was harmony among the people of Concord.

A motion was made and carried that the committee of five be appointed. Mr. Odell stated that he would make announcement of the committee later. The choir then sang the doxology which was followed by the benediction by Rev. C. P. MacLaughlin, and the meeting adjourned.

**Mrs. Overman Hurt.**  
Salisbury Post, 16th.

Mrs. Lee S. Overman was painfully hurt at the passenger station last night. She and her daughter, Miss Katherine, accompanied the Senator as far as Washington Tuesday night on his way to Panama and returned home on No. 35 last night. This is usually a long train and the car she was riding in stopped about the Kerr street crossing. Alighting in the dark she walked against an obstruction and was severely hurt.

Passengers arriving on this train as well as the other splendid night trains of the Southern are dumped out in the darkness at this crossing slightly and find it difficult to reach the station.

At the next regular state election in Colorado the voters will be called upon to select two United States senators—one for the full term of six years to succeed Simon Guggenheim and one for the unexpired term of two years, caused by the death of the late Charles J. Hughes.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

**Some of the People Here and Elsewhere Who Come and Go.**

Mrs. W. E. G. Robinson is spending the day in Salisbury.

Mrs. Louis A. Brown is visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Miss Mary Fountain, of Alabama, is visiting Miss Elizabeth Gilson.

Mrs. G. H. Rutledge and children are visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. C. W. Johnson, of Charlotte, is a business visitor in the city today.

Mrs. Gales Pickard, of Danville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sims.

Mrs. J. M. Odell has returned from Lancaster, where she has been visiting relatives for several days.

Miss Henrietta Ragan, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. J. H. Ragan, of Salisbury, returned home Sunday night.

Miss Sallie Castor has returned from Greensboro and North Wilkesboro, where she has been visiting relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. W. T. Klutz, of Salisbury, was called to Concord Monday morning to the bedside of her sister, Miss Blanche Boyd, who is dangerously ill of typhoid fever.

**Saved By Scream.**  
Rocky Mount, Oct. 16.—Only the fact that her screams were heard by passers-by prevented a criminal assault on Ethel Rice, the 11-year-old daughter of W. D. Rice, of South Rocky Mount, while the girl was returning from school this afternoon.

A white man named J. K. Jones is in the city jail. Excitement in the neighborhood of the Rice home was intense, but the police succeeded in getting the man to jail after the girl had identified him.

The child was passing a clump of bushes near the woods when the man walked out toward her. She says that he spoke to her and then took hold of her and attempted to remove part of her clothing. She screamed and the sound of her cries reached Officer S. D. Taylor and a companion, who was driving near the scene of the attempted crime.

**Held Up Gheddentes at Point of Gun.**  
Staunton, Va., Oct. 16.—Ten cars of Gheddent tourists reached here tonight from Gettysburg, Pa., after a day of wild sensations, including two holdups and one near serious accident. The first holdup came at Harrisonburg, where a policeman emphasized his admonition for the tourists to go slow by halting them at the point of a gun. At a toll gate, where they were halted for over-speeding, they were allowed to resume after leaving their number. When about 60 miles from Gettysburg the press car collided with a telephone pole, and although its machine was wrecked, its occupants escaped uninjured and made the rest of the journey in other cars. The tourists will leave for Roanoke tomorrow.

**Snake is Found in His Twist of Chewing Tobacco.**  
Mount Vernon, Ill., Oct. 15.—A local tobacco chewer had an experience today that caused him to give up the weed. As he bit into a twist of a popular brand of tobacco he struck a bony like substance, which he removed from his mouth to find that he had bitten off the head of a snake. The twist of tobacco was unrolled and the entire snake was found wrapped up in the tobacco.

The chewer has threatened to bring suit against the manufacturer. It is believed the person who rolled the snake in the twist did it for a joke.

**Bonah Buck Concert Company.**  
The Bonah Buck Concert Company, the second of the Lyceum attractions, will appear at the Central school auditorium tomorrow night. This excellent company has hundreds of testimonials from lecture committees, chautauqua managers and the press. Dr. F. E. Hawkins, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, Chicago, says: "We have engaged only the best talent at our church. For lectures we have had Gunsalus and Wondring; for musical attractions we have had Campanari and the Boston Quartet; for entertainers we have had Opie Read and Katherine Ridgeway; consequently much was expected of Mrs. Bonah Buck. She more than fulfilled our expectations."

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Charlotte Observer, 17th: Mr. J. A. C. Wadsworth, accompanied by Mr. James O. Walker, will leave this morning for Lenoir, where he will be quietly wedded to Miss Mary Henkel, the ceremony being performed at the home of the father of the bride-to-be, Mr. L. T. Henkel.

The Salisbury Federal Court convened at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning in the splendid new federal court room here, Judge Jas. E. Boyd, of Greensboro, presiding.

### MOB RAIDS HOSPITAL.

**Fury Aroused By Ignorant Belief That Cholera Infects Were to Be Poisoned.**  
Rome, Oct. 16.—Very grave disorders occurred today at Segni, a town of 7,000 population one-half hour by rail from Rome.

The rioting was caused by the action of the municipality in adopting measures to stamp out cholera. Believing that the government intended to poison quarantined cholera patients, a great crowd marched to the city hall and demanded their release.

The mob broke in the doors of the municipal building seeking the mayor, but failing to find him the rioters sacked the building and then burned it.

A woman seized the municipal flag from the burning structure and cried: "To the hospital, to the hospital, death to the doctors." This suggestion caught the fancy of the crowd and the mob of shrieking men, women and children rushed to the hospital. The doors were forced, attendants aside and the cholera patients lifted from their cots and carried to the street.

Meanwhile others broke into a house where suspects were quarantined and took them from the place. A procession was then formed and the sick were borne to their homes. Two of the patients who were at the point of death were passed from one to another, embraced and kissed by their half-mad friends.

The local authorities managed to send a message to Rome and the troops hurriedly sent from the capital restored order after many of the mob had been arrested.

**George Hall's Sentence Commuted by Governor.**  
Raleigh, Oct. 16.—A commutation is granted by Governor Kitchin for George Hall, who has served since August 1908, on a 15-year sentence for conspiracy to kill in Rowan county. The commutation is effective December 20, next.

Hall is the only man who was convicted as a member of the mob that stormed the Rowan county jail at Salisbury and lynched the negroes who murdered the Lylerly family five years ago. He has made a remarkably good prisoner, worked faithfully at the carpenter's trade and set a fine example for the other prisoners in discipline, according to representations made to the governor. Furthermore, there was no evidence to connect Hall with the crime beyond being a member of the party that attacked the jail. He got the extreme penalty of the law when it could have been as little as two years. The petition urging the commutation of that governor has been constrained to grant include the signatures of one hundred and twenty-five members of the North Carolina Legislature, men in every section of the State, the prison officers and numerous citizens of Rowan county.

**Attractions at Big State Fair.**  
Raleigh, Oct. 16.—With fair weather conditions this week the state fair gives every assurance of being a record breaker in every respect. There are exceptionally strong attractions in addition to the exceptionally extensive and attractive exhibits. There will be Judson Harmon as the star attraction Wednesday. There will be three flights daily by a Curtiss Aeroplane; and big wild west show with three hundred people and horses, a remarkable high wire man; midway features in exceptionally large numbers and high type; an automobile exhibit that has never been equaled in this state; and a racing program for horses that is exceptionally well filled.

Now close to his eightieth year, John P. St. John, who was the Prohibition candidate for President in 1884, is spending the evening of his life in quiet retirement at his home in Claite, Kas.

### ATHLETICS GET EVEN.

**Defeat Giants by Score of Three to One.—Baker's Bat Does the Work.**  
Philadelphia, Oct. 16.—When John Franklin Baker, third baseman pulled a home run over the right-field wall of Shibe park, scoring "Eddie" Collins ahead of him today, he put the Philadelphia Athletics on an even footing with the New York Giants and the two teams will now go to New York for the third game tomorrow in the series for the world's baseball honor. Score: Philadelphia 3; New York 1.

The big hit came in the sixth inning with two out and when the fighting Athletics had touched up Pitcher Marquard of the National League champion for only three hits: Baker's smash was the last in the game for the American Leaguers but it was enough. And just as important as Baker was on the offensive was "Eddie" Plank, the star left-handed pitcher of the house of Mack, on the defensive. The veteran southpaw never pitched a better game in his long career. Only one of the Giants reached second base and that was Herzog, who made that bag on a long hit to center-field, which O'Delinger either misjudged or lost in the sun. Plank was never in trouble and in the last six innings New York went out in order. The total attendance was 26,286.

The total cash was \$42,962.50 divided as follows: Players' share \$23,199.75. Each Club \$7,733.25; National Commission \$4,296.25.

**Opening Game in World's Series.**  
Attendance, 38,281.  
Cash Receipts, \$77,350.  
National Commission's share, \$7,735.50.  
Each Club, 13,929.62.  
National Commission takes 10 per cent. of gross receipts. Players receive 60 per cent. of gross (less commission's share) and clubs divide equally the remainder.

How spectators were distributed. Seated in #1 section, 13,500. Seated in #2 section, 14,817. Seated in #3 section, 8,503. Seated in boxes 136. Average per man, \$2.00.

**Methodists Appeal to Congress on Liquor Question.**  
Toronto, Ont., Oct. 16.—A resolution was passed at the Ecumenical Methodist Conference today petitioning the Congress of the United States to take steps to prevent the shipment of liquor from one state into the prohibitory of another state, in defiance of the law and "thereby bringing the Federal government into complicity with the liquor traffic."

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