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PROHIBITION IS WELL OBSERVED

INTERVIEW WITH MR. POE WHO HAS BEEN MAKING A TRIP IN THE INTEREST OF THE ANTI SALOON LEAGUE.

TAX FOR REPAIR ON ROADS

Annual Report of the State Labor Commissioner Filed, Judgeship Appears to be Between Judge Conner and Mr. Hicks. Military Commissions Charges Against Chief of Police Mullins Heard.

Special Correspondence.
Raleigh, April 27.—Your correspondent today had a very interesting interview with Clarence H. Poe, who is at the head of the State Anti-Saloon League and who has just returned from a special visit to Georgia to study conditions there. He remarked that the prohibition law generally was being very well observed in North Carolina and that in Savannah and partial in Augusta. In Savannah the law is openly defied. The state and city license near-beer saloons and these simply sell everything. Yet on the whole, Mr. Poe, said prohibition is doing good for Georgia. A leading Savannah man assured him that he believed that eventually something would be done there though now the prohibitionists had been able to get no enforcement of the law.

Mr. Poe said the law is not defied in any community in North Carolina. Wilmington has recently elected a strong prohibition mayor and aldermen. Georgia is going to make a strenuous effort to put out near-beer saloons and the abuses which have come into these have set the near-beer manufacturers to work to see what they can do and at Atlanta they intend to prosecute all dealers violating the law by selling things other than near-beer and that they intend to take away every license from those who are convicted. Spouting of Georgia altogether, outside of Savannah, Mr. Poe said he was very much pleased at the general situation.

He asked people everywhere where prohibition was working and he went out of twelve said well and that was the greatest sort of thing to hear working people. Mr. Heriot Clarksons has prepared for the State Anti-Saloon League a compendium of the state laws and decisions now in force bearing on the manufacturers sale, gift or handling of intoxicating liquors.

This is being circulated by Mr. Poe as the chairman of the state executive committee and Mr. Clarksons being the President of the state Anti-Saloon League Convention held at the solicitor of the 12th judicial district. Mr. Poe said that he really did not believe there was now an more moonshining in North Carolina than before this prohibition law was into effect. In those times men could sell the liquor they made to low groggeries which are now shut out.

In the course of a conversation with Wake's superintendent, Mr. William G. Allen he said that there has been an increase in the road tax of the county from 15 cents to 25 cents of the \$100 valuation by recent legislation and that this would increase the road fund to something like \$50,000 of which it is estimated that \$40,000 would be required for bridges and road repairs, leaving \$10,000 available for grading and laying gravel roads. He estimates that 100 miles of these roads can be put down for this money the cost being \$200 per mile. He says that an election on the issue of \$300,000 of road bonds will be asked for and his opinion is that sentiment is more strong now than ever before (grog) roads. Several farmers who heard what he said declared his statement to be true. Superintendent Allen said that an extremely fine macadam road of track rock would be built from the state fair grounds to the city and that no road in the state will be finer than this. A few hundred feet of it was built in 1907.

Today the street talk among some of the leading Republicans was that as to the Federal judgeship the choice was between Henry G. Conner of the State Supreme Court, Democrat, of T. T. Hicks of Oxford, Republican.

Today the state labor commissioner issued his annual report covering last year's work and remarked that this appeared fully four months earlier than usual. The public printer is now better than ever before to do work in a hurry, owing to a very complete equipment.

Commissions are issued the fourth company of Coast Artillery at Salisbury. Captain Charles E. Smith, a very

MAY MUSICAL FESTIVAL

The Pittsburg Festival Orchestra will be heard in Charlotte during the Twentieth, An Event for Lovers of the Higher Grade of Music.

Special to Journal.
Charlotte, April 27.—Arrangements have just been completed with Mr. W. L. Radcliff of Richmond, Va., for bringing the Pittsburg Festival Orchestra and the celebrated artists, Florence Hinkle, soprano, Adah Campbell Hunsay, contralto, Edward Strong, tenor, and Frederick Martin, basso. With the orchestra will be Franz Kober violinist, Fritz Goerner, cellist and Jos Schneckler, harpist, all three of whom have toured with the principal orchestras of Europe and have played under such eminent conductors as Richard Strauss, Edward Lassen, Victor Herbert and Emil Paur.

The music festival will open on the night of May 19th, with Rossini's Stabat Mater to be sung by a chorus of 230 voices under the direction of Prof. H. J. Zehm of Elizabeth College. On May 20th an orchestral concert will be given in the afternoon and the festival will close that night with a splendid grand opera program.

STRAWBERRIES MOVING

Thirty-Eight Cars Sunday and Six Yesterday—Rain Was Welcome.

Thirty-eight refrigerator car loads of berries were handled through the Union office at South Rocky Mount Sunday, representing shipments from the belt Saturday, and six cars were being yesterday according to the telegraphic bulletin of Business Agent Sauman last night. The six cars were distributed two to Philadelphia, two to Albany and one each to New York and Boston.

The rain on Sunday was quite welcome in the berry belt and it is said will improve the crop wonderfully. Yesterday there was requisitioned about 60 cars from the Chadbourn belt and 19 for the Wilmington and Weldon section, so that the loading today is expected to be quite heavy. Prices are said to be not so good as during the last week but an improvement is expected with the gradual improvement of the quality.

Religious Fanatics Work.

New Orleans, April 26.—That the explosion of a bomb in the St. Louis Cathedral here yesterday was the work of a religious fanatic was the opinion expressed here tonight by District Attorney Adams, who is conducting a minute examination of the occurrence.

After surveying the immediate scene of the explosion experts announced today that there was no question that a dynamite bomb was the instrument which caused it. The theory that a Black Hand plot was responsible for the explosion is not credited by the authorities.

An Honor for Mr. Henry.

At the meeting of the Albemarle Presbytery in Endell last week, Mr. F. A. Henry was unanimously chosen a commissioner to represent that body at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church to be held in Savannah in May. This is the highest honor that denomination gives to a layman and it is a fine recognition of Mr. Henry's worth and ability to take so important a part in the deliberations of the highest assembly of the church.

12,000 Victims of Earthquake

Lisbon, April 27.—Official figures give 12,000 homeless persons as a result of the recent earthquake. They are camped on the countryside and despite the efforts of the authorities are beginning to feel the pinch of famine.

In addition to hunger, hundreds are suffering from serious injuries which the physicians have not as yet been able to attend.

Belgrade School Commencement.

Program: Exercises will begin Friday evening, May 7th, Saturday, County Superintendent W. M. Thompson and other notable speakers will address the school, after which there will be an educational rally and picnic.

HELD AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND

The Great Henry Blount, Charms the People of Trenton and Makes Them Laugh or Cry at Will.

Trenton, N. C., April 24.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the people of Trenton showed their appreciation of North Carolina's greatest humorist and one of her most gifted speakers, by attending the magnificent and instructive lecture "Beyond the Alps lies Italy" delivered in the court house last night by the Hon. Henry Blount of Wilson, North Carolina.

For two hours this distinguished speaker held the attention of his audience, and with his closing remarks the countenances of his hearers showed that they had been highly entertained and felt like crying out "en masse," "go on." Henry can make you laugh till your sides crack; he can make you weep; and a good Methodist would say, "why Henry can almost make you shout."

While there might have been some diversity of opinion, among the main audience, as to his being the handsomest man in North Carolina, all agreed that he was a great lecturer.

THE BUCKING N. C. MULE.

An Eccentric Creature That Will Describe the Name of Male and Every Other Approbrious Epithet.

The cowboys on the frontier have mastered the bucking pony and the wild steer of the plains, but with the Gentry Brothers show, which will give two performances in New Bern Wednesday, May 5th is an animal that never has known a rider. This creature is a North Carolina mule. Like all of this kind he has developed an eccentricity, and his peculiar eccentricity has taken the form of aversion to the saddle.

Strange as it may seem this animal is a most docile worker when hitched to a baggage wagon. He even will haul a plow all day long without a protest. But when it comes to being ridden—then he balks. At tricks of bucking animals this mule could give a past master in the art a few lessons. In fact he begins where the other creatures of his kind leave off.

The Gentry Brothers show has made a feature of this mule. His antics are a source of great amusement to the patrons of the Gentry Brothers show. There is a standing offer of \$5 to any colored man in the world who rides the mule three times around the ring within the Gentry Brothers' tent.

Thousands have tried the trick, but never yet has any man ever ridden the mule around the ring. Instead of making the circle the mule goes in every other direction. Ten minutes is allowed to an aspirant at riding the mule, but generally he would be riding quits in disgust in much shorter time.

Lawn Party and Military Drill.

There will be a lawn party at the home of Mr. H. W. Dixon Thursday afternoon, and night, May 6th. Cream and cake will be served from four until twelve o'clock. For the benefit of Beach Grove Methodist church, a company of the North Carolina National guard will be in attendance and will give a military drill at night. Everybody cordially invited to come.

Mr. Simpson Honored

Mr. Herbert W. Simpson, who has been attending the State Undertakers and Embalmers' Association at Greensboro, was spotted one of three representatives of the State Association to attend the next meeting of the National Embalmers' Association, which will be held in Portland, Oregon, in September. The appointment is one which indicates the influence Mr. Simpson has and is a mark of respect to his worth as a member of the craft.

Death of Edward E. Roberts.

Entered into rest at his home in Kirkwood, Ga., on the evening of April 16th, Edward E. Roberts, second son of William Willis and Elizabeth McKintley Daves Roberts of New Bern in the 52nd year of his age.

Call for Bank Statements

Special to Journal.
Raleigh, April 29.—The Corporation Commission calls for reports of all State, private and savings banks to close of business yesterday.

CHIEF MULLINS BEFORE COMMISSION

RALEIGH'S CHIEF OF POLICE IN TRIAL FOR MAL-ADMINISTRATION OF HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES.

NEED OF A NEW CITY MARKET

Still Looking for Suitable Site for Auditorium: Clover Crop Being Planted. Hopes are Fondly Expressed for a Large Crop. State Officials Club Rooms to be Fitted up With Artistic Mission Furniture. The Police Commissioners Sat in Hearing the Case Against Chief of Police Mullins This Morning.

Special Correspondence.
Raleigh, April 28.—A meeting of the police commission was held today to hear preliminary proceedings on the charges against former Chief of Police Mullins. The session did not last long as the attorney for Mullins asked for further time in which to answer the charges. He was not present himself. The police commission adjourned the hearing until tomorrow and it is not positive if he will be heard even then. This case has attracted a very great deal of attention all over the state, the suspension of chief Mullins having followed rather quickly after the mutilation of his entry books or cash books which kept with a pencil the fines and penalties collected, these having been imposed by the Police Justice. With financial matters like these the police commission has nothing to do, its entire authority being over the personnel of the police; in other words their regulation, etc.

DETECTIVE WORKED ON CASE.
A detective was here and secured what evidence he could as to the mutilation and was seen by the chief of police and also over that of the police justice, both of which were mutilated. The entries of the fines and penalties in the books of the police justice were in ink and the very adroit who obliterated the figures showed very great skill in doing this. Instead of making pen marks all right angles to the figures, he began at the top with ink, and making a series of sweeping circles, close together worked towards the bottom of each group of figures, this piling up the ink of course and utterly obliterating everything. It is the general belief and everything seems to point to the fact that two men engaged in this work and that it required two or two and a half hours of the time of each to do it. In the case of the record of the chief of police ink was not used at all but with a wet cloth of some rough material like trash or burlap, the parts of the page where the figures were rubbed up and down.

RELIVING ON CIRCUMSTANCES.
Some of the threads of the case, unless remained here and there. When found this book was wet, and what figures remained looked much darker than they did when the book dried, but then a great many never showed at all. Thus the Baltimore expert was able to get very little indeed out of this book and practically nothing out of the police justice. In both cases the persons who did the work went back several years to almost exactly the same date. Thus it will be seen how difficult it is to trace the criminals.

THINK IT CONSPIRACY.
A great many people believe that the work was done by persons who had a grudge against the chief of the police and deemed it a good opportunity to hit him a heavy blow. Some think it was done by over zealous friends of his, animated by a desire to make it appear that those who were opposing and the city administration had done the work. The charges, however, which the police board is investigating against Mullins had to do with his failure to give bond which is required before he takes office, though by an odd provision of the city charter, the city itself pays the cost of the bonds; in other words gives it for the chief.

NEEDS NEW MARKET.

The keeper of the city stockyard today about the great necessity of a new and modern one said it was simply impossible to keep the present market clean. He said that in the city, outside the market there were two scores or more meat and fish stalls or places where these things are handled and that by ordinance every one of these ought to be forced to come into the new market. This will not only add revenue to the city, but would insure proper inspection and sanitation and regulation. No doubt this very question will be taken up by the new administration of which so much is expected.

NO SITE OBTAINED YET.

The commission which has in charge the building of the city city administration building and auditorium which will be in rear of it and the ground floor, structure of large size, is not receiving as many offers of sites as is expected to secure but it has some very good ones indeed. A site next to the Yarrowborough where the building known as the Law Building stood for so many years and which used to be the old Cape Fear Bank branch of Raleigh is offered by the Grimes Realty company. The front is 80 feet in depth 210 but a little distance back from the front the width becomes 139 feet.

CONDITION OF CLOVER CROPS.
It is very seldom that such crops of small grain and clover are seen in this section of the state as now present themselves. The crimson or annual clover is simply magnificent; being now in full bloom. This clover is being introduced, but to a very limited extent in the Piedmont section where it ought to be a great crop. As yet the name has not been chosen for the club of State officials and their friends, which has leased the Women's Club building. The club rooms will be furnished with Mission furniture, state and Dr. Dixon having charge of this yet.

WILMINGTON STAR SOLD

Major W. E. Springer, with Stock Company Makes Purchase.

Special to Journal.
Wilmington, April 28.—The Wilmington Daily and Weekly Star, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, and always under the management of Major W. H. Bernard, has been purchased by Mayor W. E. Springer at the head of a stock company. The price paid was \$26,000 and the change of owners takes place next Saturday.

Cañaway Secures Bondsman

Late yesterday afternoon, J. R. B. Cañaway succeeded in finding parties to sign the bond which on Tuesday was raised from \$8,000 to \$15,000. It had been stated that he would be incarcerated in the county jail at Kinston if the bond should be defaulted. He was, however, fortunate enough to secure six men who became sureties for him. They were L. G. Daniels, J. S. Basnight, W. B. Planner, W. E. Ellis, L. J. Taylor, and E. M. Green.

Gone to Sell State Bonds.

Special to Journal.
Raleigh, April 29.—State Treasurer Lacy and Joseph G. Brown, President of the Citizens National Bank have gone to New York on business, in connection with the sale of half a million dollars of North Carolina bonds authorized by last legislature.

A SURE REMEDY FOR HORSE COLIC

Colic in horses is a very common disorder. More valuable horses die every year from colic than from any other complaint, simply because they have not been treated properly. Sloan's Sure Colic Cure is a safe and sure remedy for colic or tympanitis. It acts instantly on the stomach and bowels and gives immediate relief.

Mr. J. Albert Pabhan, Pocomoke City, Md., writes:—"Last November your fever Remedy saved my Percussion Stallion Jumbo. He took six on the cars the first day out; and on May 21st Sloan's Sure Colic Cure saved a fine work mare, but it took five hours to do it. It was a very bad case. I have used it on a great many horses for others and it always brings the results."

Dr. J. E. Neal, of Plymouth, N. C., writes:—"A gentleman brought me his horse last Thursday night. He had the colic proper. I gave him Sloan's Sure Colic Cure and in three hours he was all right."

Send for Dr. Sloan's free book of horses, cattle, hogs, and poultry. Address Dr. Earl S. Sloan, 615 Albany St., Boston, Mass., Station.

A Chance for Bargain Hunters

Durham Sun.
A Baltimore undertaker offers to "bury anybody for \$49". The offer is so generous that it seems a shame to stay alive.—In Baltimore.

Largest Corporation of the Year.

Special Correspondence.
Raleigh, April 29.—One of the largest corporations chartered this year in the state took out its papers today, this being the Escon-Granite Company, Salisbury, capital stock million and a quarter dollars, W. H. Ragland and four or five others being named as the incorporators. It will operate quarries in the vicinity of Salisbury, the Rowan granite being very noted for its high quality.

Sanitation and regulation. No doubt this very question will be taken up by the new administration of which so much is expected.

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Or, May be a Wishbone.
Goldboro Argus:
Two United States battleships have sailed for Turkey, and we may get their drumstick at least.

A temperance paper warns against the morning cup of tea. Its getting so that nearly everything is dangerous.

SEEK PARDON FOR GRIFFIN

Interesting Case of Police Officer Who Committed Himself to the Penitentiary for Shooting a Negro.

Special to Journal.
Raleigh, April 29.—There was an interesting scene in Gov. Kitchen's office today, Mrs. H. F. Griffin and her two little children and many friends from Hamlet, pleading for pardon for her husband who as a policeman there last July shot and killed Sandy Gilchrist, a disorderly and dangerous negro and who was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary. Two weeks ago Griffin surrendered himself, asked for commitment papers, telling the judge the sentence was harsh and unjust but that he had always obeyed the law, came alone to Raleigh and delivered himself to the penitentiary authorities.

Thirty of his friends, including leading people of his town begged the governor to pardon him. Hundreds of others join in the request.

A Modern Improvement

(From Success Magazine.)
Three doctors were operating on a man for appendicitis. After the operation was completed one of the doctors missed a small sponge. The patient was reopened, the sponge found within and the man sewed up again. Immediately the second doctor missed a needle. Again the patient was opened and closed. Then the third doctor missed a pair of scissors. "Gentlemen," said the victim as they were about to open him up again, "for heaven's sake, if you're going to keep this up, put buttons on me."

It Happened in New Bern.

A good story is told of a good minister of the city who was walking down the street the other day and was approached by a stranger who extended hand to greet the minister. "Good morning," said the stranger pleasantly. "It seems as if I had seen you before, your face seems familiar." The minister admitted that the stranger had the best of him, but thinking perhaps they had met at a time that had passed out of his memory, responded heartily, "Aren't you," continued the stranger a salesman for a big whiskey house in Norfolk? "The domestic gasped but immediately regained his self possession and replied "No sir, I am the pastor of yonder church." Then it was time for the stranger to gasp, but he made due apologies and remarked that the similarity of the two men was marked.

A Literary Evening

(From "Success Magazine")
As Jones wended his uncertain way homeward he pondered ways of concealing his condition from his wife. "I'll go home and read," he decided. "Whoever heard of a drunken man reading a book?"
Later Mrs. Jones heard a noise in the library. "What in the world are you doing in there?" she asked.
"Reading my dear," Jones replied heartily.
"You old idiot!" she said scornfully as she looked in at the library door and shut up that valise and come on to bed."

REACHES 1909 GUIDE

In the Twenty-seventh Yearly Official Hand Book of the American League the Reach Company Excel all Previous Efforts.

Reach's official American League guide, for 1909, published by the A. J. Reach Company, of Philadelphia, and edited by Mr. Francis C. Richter, of "Sporting Life" is out, and is, as usual, first in the field, thus making it the harbinger of the base ball season. It can be said without any qualification that, excellent as all of the editions of the Reach Guide have been in recent years, the 1909 Reach Guide is the best hand book of the kind ever issued by this or any other publisher. The special distinction of the 1909 Guide, is next to the text, quality of paper used and the number, and beauty of the engravings furnished, the world's championship series being especially well dotted with splendid action pictures. The American League Guide for 1909 is in all respects a first class hand book of the National game and a decided credit to the American League and to the publisher, the Reach Company. This is the eighth annual issue of the Reach guide as the official hand book of the American League, and the twenty-seventh consecutive year of its publication as a book of record and reference to the entire base ball world.

A CLEVER PITCHER.

The Raleigh base ball enthusiasts are delighted at the great pitching done by Paul Stafford, a Raleigh boy, who until this season pitched on the High School team but is now on the A. & M. College. His father is for thirty years or more has been the superintendent of the grounds of the State Agricultural Society.

For Constipation

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. Price 25 cents. Samples free. For sale by Davis Pharmacy and all druggists.

N & S WILL NOT USE UNION DEPOT

THE RAILWAY COMPANY OBSTINATELY REFUSES TO PAY THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR EQUAL PRIVILEGE OF OTHER ROADS

Taft Con't Stop in Raleigh

The Judgeship Question Still Hot.—Positive Identification of Whitaker the Negro Who Shot Mrs. Collins.—Repairs on Government Building.—Much Enthusiasm of Paul Stafford the Young Rube Waddell.

Special to Journal.
Raleigh, April 29.—The commission had before it representatives of the Atlantic Coast Line, Southern and Norfolk and Southern Railways. The A. C. L., Vice-President Andrew Cluding general Manager Kenley of the Southern and Northern, Int. of the Norfolk and Southern, Int. of the new union passenger station at Goldsboro which has already been occupied by the two other railroads. A week ago the Norfolk and Southern railway asked for time for a conference with the other roads with a view to arriving at an amicable adjustment of the matter and it was then understood that everything would be arranged.

NOTHING DOING.

Nothing resulted from today's hearing of the Norfolk and Southern Railway under the receivership to do more than its interest charges and other expenses for occupancy of the station. The other roads demanded that the Norfolk and Southern pay \$500,000 of the cost of the station, and its approach. The Corporation Commission takes the whole matter under advisement.

Percut Taft has declined the invitation tendered him by the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce in which Governor Griffin joined to stop here on way to Charlotte, May 19th. He states that his time is so fully taken up that he'll be unable to comply with the request.

LOOKS LIKS HICKS.

Around the Federal building today and wherever there was a Republican all the talk is about the judgeship. One Republican said it was a 20 to 1 shot that Henry C. Connor got the place. A leading Republican declared that the president was bent on appointing a Democrat to this position which another Republican said he thought this had been given out so as to get the Republicans together; in other words to induce them to unite on a man. T. T. Hicks is possible, but that they had not gotten together, any more than the Democrats had this question.

NEGRO ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED

Today the hearing of the case of Washington Whitaker, the negro, who shot Mrs. W. H. Collins at her home here was continued. Whitaker made a desperate effort to prove an alibi. He shot five times at Mrs. Collins at her home and two bullets struck her. Mrs. Collins was very plucky and was able to describe the man very just indeed. Her description led to his arrest. When taken Collins had shown which made prints like those found at the house of Mrs. Collins. Whitaker is held on the capital charge, the case being very much like that for which a man was brought in Alamance county two or three years ago for shooting Mr. L. Banks Holt.

Contractors are here, making estimates of a great deal of work on the government building totaling some \$15,000, at least including a \$10,000 elevator, cleaning of the granite, painting throughout, repairing, and new decorations and carpeting, etc. of the court rooms which has for years been unsightly.

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