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Do your Thanksgiving shopping early.

Hobson will, probably find Underwood a tougher proposition than the Merrimac.

Only ten more days till the great Eastern Carolina Fair. Are you coming?

In order to make its passage sure, Uncle Nelse Aldrich, of Rhode Island, has denounced the currency bill.

Mr. Buyer, don't waste your money with the man who doesn't advertise; if he had a bargain to offer you he would let you know it.

Those who went to see "The Girl of the Underworld," expecting it to be full of immoral suggestions were doomed to disappointment.

Each day's developments vindicate the president's judgment in refusing to recognize the Mexican cut-throat Huerta.

No use of so much quibbling about admitting Sister Pankhurst. Let her in she's not going to tear up the whole United States.

The only information we have to offer congress on the currency question is that we are needing some awfully bad.

The joke of the New York majority race is that McCall claims to be independent.

A paper starts an editorial by saying "We have great confidence in the intelligence of the American people" which means that the editor is to be a candidate for something.

If currency reform is needed congress should pass the bill and cut out all this wrangling about adjourning. If it is not needed then congress should adjourn at once. It is up to congress. If the reform is needed it will do no good to put the matter off.

Just ten years ago this month Wilbur Wright was making the first short flights in the aeroplane, at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Since then marvellous progress has been made in the science of aerial navigation. The toll of human life has been great but perhaps it was worth the sacrifice. All great advances in the scope of human knowledge have their price and it must be paid.

PROHIBITION SAVING.

Our friends who say that prohibition has not done wonderful things for the State will have to sit up and take notice. Mr. Stringfellow, of the anti-saloon league, says that we are consuming about three millions gallons of whisky now, whereas before the law went into effect we consumed over twenty million. At \$2 per gallon, Mr. Stringfellow points out, we are saving \$34,000,000, which was formerly expended for liquor. The Statesville Landmark suggests that some of this money has been put into automobiles. Maybe so, but what is still more interesting to us, is the fact that men who used to go home without anything except a "jag" and a desire to beat his wife, now go home with a sack of flour and a pair of shoes.—Clinton Democrat.

And still there are those who insist that prohibition doesn't prohibit. If such were the case they wouldn't be saying a word because they would be entirely satisfied.

GO SOUTH.

A year or so ago a number of the leading men of the nation began advising the young men to go South and grow up with the country. These men professed to see an era of great industrial development in store for the South, hence the change from the old cry of "Go West."

The facts and figures show that these men were right in their belief that the South was undergoing an industrial awakening. The annual report of the Southern Railway, recently issued furnishes a striking revelation of the growth of wealth in the South in the past decade. The report shows that in the nine states traversed by this company's lines the value of farm property increased 103.3 per cent. The value of farm products increased 108 per cent. This is a greater increase than any other section of the nation shows along these lines and is truly remarkable. With such a showing as this we feel that the South is truly the land of promise and that the injunction of "Go South, young man" is good advice, indeed.

Sulzer now knows how Lazarus felt when he was "licked by the dogs."

If the weather man will only keep this up till after the Big Fair we never again intend to doubt his infallibility.

Perhaps Uncle Sam can induce Sister Pankhurst to go down to Mexico and straighten out those greasers.

Those of us who don't have beef-steak now care very little how high the price goes.

It was the irony of fate for Sulzer to be convicted of graft by an organization that lives by graft alone.

Some scientist is out claiming that the color red makes for energy which probably explains the antics of people tanked up on red liquor.

Editor Saunders, of Elizabeth City, is another who is continually in hot water because of his religious beliefs. They keep him in the courts about half of his time. We don't think much of some of his beliefs but think he should be allowed to express them if he wants to. His last case resulted in a mistrial and will be tried next here in New Bern.

The News and Observer urges all to study the proposed constitutional amendments well before the time comes to vote on them. It goes without saying that this is good advice. It is a serious matter when it is proposed to change the basic law of commonwealth and one that should not be gone into without mature thought and reflection. Too many people will vote for anything new that is proposed without giving it the least thought. And on the other hand too many vote against everything because of a dislike for change and not because they are convinced that the propositions are not good ones. Nothing like this should be done in this case. Those amendments should be thoroughly discussed that all may have a fair knowledge of their merits and vote intelligently when election day is at hand.

Next week Thos. E. Watson, a time candidate for President, goes on trial, in the Federal court, for an alleged sending of obscene matter through the mails. Watson's offense is not against the United States government; it is against the Catholic church and the Catholic church is really the prosecutor.

We don't believe in putting our nose into church affairs, but we think when a church devotes its time to hounding a private citizen it is time to call a halt. Such as that is a long way from Christ's injunction to turn the other cheek. It is admitted that Watson has said some pretty hard things about Catholicism, but this is supposed to be a country of free speech and to hatch up an indictment in the courts for the purpose of silencing him should be resented by every red blooded man, whether he be Catholic or Protestant.

Sulzer went the way we expected him to go. The high court of impeachment found him guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors and he will be removed from office. The matter has been nothing more than a mathematical proposition from the beginning. The tools of Tammany in the senate were guided as to their votes by Boss Murphy and not by the evidence. He stood guilty of defying Murphy and that was enough in their eyes. He would have been convicted on that alone.

Nor do we mean to say that there was no evidence against him. There was evidence against him and under other circumstances we would have advocated his removal, but in this case it meant the turning over of the reins of government to a crowd who are infinitely worse, in every respect, than Sulzer ever has been or ever will be. For that reason he should have been retained until his time expired and then the people could have selected his successor. Instead, his successor will be the tool of the worst political organization on earth and New York can expect nothing but graft and exploitation until next election.

What ever Sulzer may have been guilty of in the past, the fact remains that since his election he was championing the cause of the plain people and that was his sole offense to his prosecutors.

LIQUOR BUSINESS IS THE ROTTEST

CONVICTED REVENUE AGENT HITS OLD JOHN BARLEYCORN.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 17.—"From this moment I am done with the liquor business, and I desire to say that the liquor business is the rottest and most damnable in the world, and has been the ruin of thousands of men," said J. H. Barton, convicted store-keeper, gauger of the Beaver Dam distillery, concluding his statement to Judge Waddill in the Federal District Court why sentence should not be passed upon him.

"While it is my personal opinion that it is wrong for the government to get revenue from this source (the liquor business) I must also take cognizance of the fact that it does, and of the laws applying to it," was part of the reply of Judge Waddill as he sentenced Barton to twelve months' imprisonment.

With both men concerned in the case condemning the liquor business,

the trial of Barton in the District Court came to a rather unusual end. Barton, who defended himself, saying he was regularly admitted to the practice of law before the Pittsburg bar, was given his choice between spending the twelve months in jail or the penitentiary. He chose jail. Barton was convicted of having left his post of duty at the Beaver Dam distillery, permitting raud to have been practiced in keeping the government out of revenue.

In the case of Frank W. Harper, proprietor of the Beaver Dam distillery at which Barton was stationed, the Court imposed a fine of \$500 and gave eighteen months in the Federal penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va. Robert H. Talley, counsel for Harper, announced that Harper expects to take an appeal in his case. Harper was convicted of having defrauded the government of revenue.

Both men were sentenced in the Federal District Court yesterday morning, and were returned to the Henrico county jail as United States prisoners.

When Judge Waddill asked Barton if he had anything to say as to why sentence should not be passed upon him Barton entered his plea. He declared: "Of all cases which ever came before you, your honor, I think this is certainly one in which sentence should be suspended. The testimony has shown merely that I have been guilty of making mistakes, and surely there can be no very vulnerable crime in making a mistake. Letters, of which I could have produced a thousand, have shown my previous good character. The mayor of Pittsburg himself, who has known me all of my life, has testified to my good character—and I have shown the Court other letters from people equally prominent in my home town.

"I have never been accused of a crime before in my life. From this moment I am done with the liquor business, and I desire to say that the liquor business is the rottest and most damnable in the world, and has been the ruin of thousands of men who would have otherwise had a chance for a better life."

In passing sentence Judge Waddill said: "I am well aware that the fact that the government derives revenue from the liquor business is not conducive to the principles underlying civilization, and while it is my personal opinion that it is wrongful for the government to get revenue from this source, I must also take cognizance of the fact that it does, and of the laws, applying to it.

"You have been guilty of negligence in the performance of your duties as an officer of the government and for this a penalty is prescribed. I cannot do otherwise than pronounce sentence. However, since the jury has recommended leniency by asking for the minimum penalty, and has convicted you on but three of the counts, I will suspend sentence on the first count and impose the minimum on the other two counts. I therefore sentence you to twelve months in either the jail or the penitentiary. You are at liberty to choose which you prefer, the jail or the penitentiary. I leave the choice with you, so that you can take which will be most congenial to you.

ST. LOUIS CHOSEN BY EPISCOPALIANS.

New York, Oct. 17.—St. Louis was today chosen as the city for the Protestant Episcopal convention in 1916. October 11 was named as the date on which the 1916 convention will open.

FELKER DENIES THE THAW RUMOR

THE GOVERNOR EMPHATICALLY STATES THAT HE HAS REACHED NO DECISION

Concord, N. H., Oct. 17.—Governor Felker today set at rest the rumor that he will decide regarding the Harry K. Thaw extradition papers today or tomorrow by declaring that the Dutchess county officials have sent him no word since the New York attorneys were granted until October 20 for filing additional papers in the case.

Felker announced for the first time today how he will make public his decision. The announcement indicated that there will be no formalities, inasmuch as Felker does not even consider it necessary to call the attorneys for both sides together. He will come to Concord from his home in Rochester some time after October 20 and quietly announce that he has signed or will not sign the extradition papers.

GHEAT FOOTBALL TEAM IS VICTORIOUS.

In a game of football at Gheat Park yesterday afternoon the football team of the Gheat Athletic Association defeated the high school team by a score of 27 to 14. This game, although only played for practice, was witnessed by many and proved very exciting.

And Bert Leigh will get a warm reception the next time he comes.

Always knew that the Goldboro rubes didn't know what a good show was.

If the law in Guilford applied to Graves also, the disorderly house prosecution would be easier handled.

We venture the opinion that many an

alibi is being prepared for use just after November 5th and 6th.

An exchange suggests old time religion as an excellent fire escape.

The trial was a political lynching says Sulzer. Well, it must be admitted they made a neat job of it.

If you should go into a man's house and swear before his wife and daughters you would most likely make connections with his boot, yet this man will go to the theatre and cheer the profraternity louder than anything else.

The Wilmington Dispatch disclaims any knowledge of Doc. Cook's whereabouts, but is of the opinion that he ought to be in a climate far, far warmer than the polar regions. We don't think the brother would go back on an old friend that way.

The following from the Sulzer statement to the Press is a clear, concise statement of the real reason of his impeachment:

"When I declined to obey the 'orders' of the 'boss' about patronage; when I refused to call off Hennessy and prevent further investigations of graft, and finally, when I set in motion the wheels of the machinery of the courts to bring the criminals to justice and to stop the looting of the State, then and not until then did Mr. Murphy threaten me with degradation. From that day to this all that money, all that power, all that influence can do to destroy me has been done."

MORE SNEAK LEGISLATION.

Our neighbor, the Washington Progress, is exceedingly "hot" up over what it terms an anarchistic law passed by the legislature during the special session. The law was passed at the instance of the senator from that district and the Progress proceeds to express its opinion of him in the following:

"In the opinion of this paper we believe had it not been for his wife and children and the high regard our people hold of them and her people, that he would have been met at the train upon his arrival here by a great throng of our best citizens and told to move on, that he was an undesirable citizen for prostituting his office to satisfy what seems to be personal grievances. As far as we know no man in the history of the State has dared to pass such a law, the purport of which must not have been known to either branch of the General Assembly at the time of its passage, and which shows how one may pass by sneak methods most any kind of local bills."

The main objection to the law seems to be to section five which reads as follows: "It shall be a misdemeanor for any policeman or chief of policeman to arrest any person for the violation of an ordinance of the city of Washington after six o'clock in the afternoon of any day, with the exception of drunkenness."

We are inclined to agree with the Progress that it is a foolish law and ought never to have been passed. It is a matter of common knowledge that it is at night time when the criminal stalks forth and then, of all times, is when police protection is needed. But what we want to call attention to is the fact that such a bill was ever allowed to get through the legislature unnoticed. We do not believe it would have become a law if the legislature had known what it was doing. It was evidently a "sneak" bill. The trouble was that the members were not on the job.

"North Carolina has had a special session of the legislature and survived it without the least trouble, while over in Tennessee every session of the legislature, regular or special, is an occasion for calling out the State troops. Which, as the Greenville Piedmont wouldn't say, shows how much better and safer place North Carolina is compared with Tennessee."—Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald.

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DON'T DESPISE A DOLLAR.
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