

SITE FOR HOTEL. PROBABLY TO BE CHOSEN TONIGHT

General Executive Committee to Meet at 7:30 O'clock; May Set Date for Campaign Also

INTEREST IS KEEN

New Hostelry Probably Will be Ready for Occupancy in Time to Catch Tourists Headed North

The site for Elizabeth City's new hotel, and the date for the opening of the campaign to finance it, probably will be decided at a meeting of the general executive committee tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A number of sites have been under consideration during the last few weeks. Some have been eliminated, and better prices on others have been sought. The final report of the site committee probably will be received tonight, and acted upon.

Members of the committee have not disclosed what sites are under consideration, or anything as to the nature of their probable recommendations. Hence, the outcome of tonight's meeting is awaited by the general public with keenest interest.

Grover C. Winn, of the Hockensbury System, assisting in the hotel campaign, in discussing the revenue to be derived from a modern hostelry in Elizabeth City, declares carefully compiled statistics show that the average tourist or visitor attending a convention spends \$10 a day while in a city. Of this \$10, just about half goes to the hotel for room and meals. The other half is spent with the city's merchants.

Of the \$5 which goes to the hotel, Mr. Winn says, 85 per cent finds its way directly into the pockets of local merchants for supplies of various kinds. The other 15 per cent represents gross profit. Thus, if a hotel has a gross revenue of \$400,000 a year, the merchants can figure on another \$400,000 directly from its guests. In addition to that, these merchants receive 85 per cent of \$400,000, or \$340,000, from the hotel itself, making their gross income as a result of the hotel just about \$740,000.

With the opening of the financing campaign apparently only a few days ahead, it is declared probable that the proposed new hotel will be completed and ready for operation by next February, when winter tourists in Florida will begin their trek northward. By that time, also, the Chowan Bridge will have been completed, together with improved highways through this section, and Elizabeth City and other cities along the Atlantic Coastal Highway will be in a position to make a strong bid for this tourist traffic.

All of this should accrue to the advantage of Elizabeth City's new hotel, Mr. Winn declares, and should tend to assure that it will be a profitable investment from the very beginning.

DEMONSTRATION HELD FOR PHYSICS CLASS

A demonstration in mechanical refrigeration, the subject now being studied by the senior class in physics at the High School, was given at the Apothecary Shop Friday morning by W. E. Bratten, representative of the Frigidare Company, assisted by C. L. Simpson and by S. G. Etheridge, of the Apothecary Shop management. The class was served ice cream kept in condition in a Frigidare cabinet, and water cooled by ice cubes made in one of the company's refrigerators.

After the demonstration, the class was escorted to the plant of the Winkrean Company, and was shown how ice cream is made, packed and shipped without the use of ice.

THOMAS FELDER DIES WHILE IN SAVANNAH

New York, March 12.—Thomas B. Felder, who died in Savannah, was conveyed last year with Gaston B. Means, former Department of Justice agent, for conspiring to bring Government officials in the Crager System Glass case from Canada in 1923. Felder was fined \$10,000 while Means was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to two years in the Federal penitentiary. Savannah, March 12.—Thomas B. Felder of New York died suddenly here this morning. His death was due to heart disease. Mr. Felder came to Savannah yesterday in connection with the Savannah and Atlantic Railway of which he was co-receiver.

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS SUDDENLY CANCELED

Washington, March 12.—Travel reservations for Assistant Solicitor General of the State Department and other members of the American group to assist Major General Lassiter in conduct of the Tama-Arica Plebiscite were suddenly cancelled today.

Spring Like Days Heighten Interest In Country Club

Golf Course Worked Over in Line With Suggestions by Professional; Much Other Work Done; Opportunity Offered Fee Non-Members

Popular interest in the Elizabeth City Country Club, North-eastern Carolina's recreational center, is increasing rapidly these days. Days with a hint of spring in the air have brought out devotees of golf by the dozens, and the handsome Dutch Colonial clubhouse in a grove on the banks of the broad Pasquotank River is becoming a highly popular place for friends to foregather.

March winds, rapidly drying out the new road to the club, have proven a material factor in increasing its popularity. The road is being dragged regularly, and is kept in passable condition at all times, according to C. O. Robinson, club president.

Much work has been done at short notice this winter. The stumps which formerly marred the bathing beach have been dynamited away, the golf course has been worked over so on the basis of suggestions offered by L. A. Newman, golf pro of the Greenville, N. C., club, and the tennis courts are to be given a thorough overhauling in the next few days, Mr. Robinson announces.

FLORA SUGGESTS DISTINCTIVE WAR MEMORIAL PLAN

American Legion Representative Advances Idea of Erecting Handsome Chimney Tower Here

Formation of a World War Memorial Association, with a view to erecting an appropriate memorial here, was effected Thursday night at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, at which also various types of memorials were discussed at length. J. Kenyon Wilson, representative of the County in the last General Assembly, was chosen chairman of the association, and John Hall, secretary.

A suggestion by Jerome B. Flora, representing the American Legion, that a chimney tower be erected here in memory of the World War veterans, was given favorable consideration at the meeting, but no action was taken, the association preferring to wait until it could be ascertained what such a tower would cost, and how much money would be available for the memorial. An early drive for funds for the project is planned.

In offering his suggestion, Mr. Flora observed that, in his opinion, such a memorial would be distinctive and appropriate from every standpoint. He suggested that the chimneys be rung each day at sundown, and pictured the mother of the dead World War hero, sitting beside her window and listening to the strains of "God be With You Till We Meet Again," or another sacred number, the while her mind dwelt affectionately on her lost loved one.

There was some discussion also of a plan to erect a World War memorial library. Some of those present, however, held that many such libraries had been built, and Elizabeth City should undertake something more distinctive.

Organizations represented at the meeting included the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. Representatives expected from the Woman's Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Board of County Commissioners and other groups were kept away by the weather.

It has been suggested here that the grave of Corporal Seth Edward Perry, only Pasquotank County soldier killed in action in the war, and a recipient of the distinguished service cross, be moved from the courthouse lawn to a cemetery where it will be assured of proper care throughout the years to come. In this connection, a letter from the New Hollywood Cemetery Association here, tendering a lot for the purpose and offering its full co-operation in such a movement, was read at the meeting.

The association is developing a cemetery with an arrangement for perpetual care of the grounds, a feature which is expected to offer a strong appeal in the event it is decided to move the grave of Corporal Perry. Members of the Perry family, however, declare that in the event it is moved, they will insist upon its removal to the family burial ground in the vicinity of Okisko.

Negro Electrocuted In Texas Penitentiary

Huasterline, Texas, March 12.—While Vaughan, aged 23, negro, was electrocuted at 12:58 o'clock this morning at the state prison here for an attack upon a white girl at San Antonio.

Oil Portraits of President Renew Query of Many Kinds

Should Such Works of Art be Photographic Likenesses or Take Interpretative Liberties?

OF MANY KINDS

Portraits Handed Down From Previous Generations Show That Artists Had Own Ideas Great Men

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Washington, March 12.—Recent portraits in oil of President Coolidge have started a lot of discussion in both the artistic and official circles of Washington. The portraits have renewed the old question as to whether such works of art should be photographic in their treatment or whether the artists should attempt to weave his own conception of his subject's character into the portraiture.

Some portraits in oil are frankly idealistic. Some of those handed down from previous generations clearly show that the artists have been extremely generous in the treatment of the sitters. No one in this day or time can tell just what George Washington really looked like or possibly could recognize Benjamin Franklin from any of the existing oils or engravings.

In more recent years a number of the most famous artists of the world have become realists in their portraits as well as in their pictures composed entirely from fancy. The Swedish painter Zorn, is a type of the realist in portraiture. He did a realistic portrait of Theodore Roosevelt.

At the present moment, however, it would seem that the artists favored by poses from members of the royal families or from chief executives have slipped back into the old school of idealism, or the setting down of a conception rather than a line for line likeness which the critics might term "speaking."

President Coolidge unquestionably is a splendid subject for portraiture. He is an unusual but distinct type. He is the first New Englander to sit in the White House in something like 70 or 80 years. There is something of the ruggedness of the North Country about the lines of his figure and his face. The President's friends would like to see these lines of New England character handed down to posterity. But in the canvases which have come from the White House studios in the past two and a half years there has been a certain sleekness which is anything but suggestive of the finely chiseled features, the nose, mouth and chin, of the chief executive. The firmness of the Coolidge physiognomy is lacking.

President Coolidge has been very obliging to the painters who have wished to portray him for one purpose or another, but as yet the artists inside there has been no real portrait developed.

Mrs. Coolidge is a far easier and more satisfactory subject for the painters apparently, or even in their first sketches they seem to catch the indefinable charm of the First Lady of the Land. There is a warmth of color and personality, some one of which eventually will grace the walls of the White House.

GOOD FRUIT YEAR
Hancock, Md., March 12.—Orchardists along the Eastern Shore of Maryland are counting on a heavy apple crop this year. In this section there are 100,000 trees in bearing and sixty thousand young trees.

Atlanta, March 12.—Several days of freezing temperatures in the Georgia peach belt have checked development and obliterated a possible loss from later frosts.

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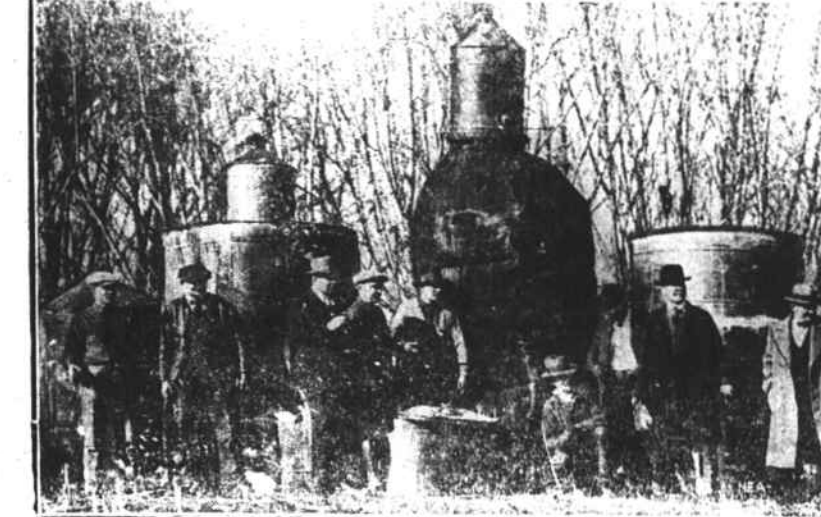
And you will find an especially interesting and amusing drawing by the famous cartoonist, Jim Williams, who draws "Out Our Way" for The Daily Advance every day.

Life among the cowboys, life in the work shops, kid life, and home life all enter in "Out Our Way."

DIES AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, March 12.—A Morris McDonald, State deputy tax collector for Mecklenburg and Gaston counties and leading political figure in this county for a quarter of a century, died today following a short illness.

A Million a Year the Income of This Still



The largest still in a field in the southern West was erected at Ida Grove, Idaho, by Federal prohibition agents who believe it was one of the main sources of supply for Omaha's liquor trade. The still could turn out 200 gallons of alcohol a day, the agents said, which meant a daily cash intake of \$4,500. During the two months it had been running, it is said to have made \$270,000, and in a year's time would have made \$1,620,000.

Elizabeth City Is Still Dry Though Nation Is Wet

Elizabeth City is still dry, if the poll being conducted by this newspaper may be taken as an accurate index, but not so dry as the vote on the first two days of the poll might have indicated.

This has been a busy week at the Advance office, the editor having had two speaking engagements to fill and the business of the office being still engrossed in the final throes of completing the income tax return required of all partnerships, whether they are liable for tax or not.

No effort, therefore, has been made to count the ballots, but most of those that have gone in the box have been seen by the poll holders and these poll holders are confident that the drys are still in the lead. However, since the first day the wet vote has been gaining, and it is probably up to the drys to bestir themselves, or else their lack of interest will spell their defeat.

Today is the last day The Advance will publish the Prohibition Ballot. Votes must be in The Advance office by nine o'clock Saturday night. The local vote will be published in Monday's Advance.

The second day's tabulation of results at Cleveland in the nationwide prohibition referendum sponsored by New Service found a grand total of 279,534 votes on hand, with the wets still maintaining the lead they had established on the first day, and the leading dry centers yet to be heard from.

Large as the second day's total is—it represents a jump of nearly 220,000 votes from the first day—it still is only a small fraction of what it will be later. Only 31 newspapers have forwarded returns, and all but a small minority of these have not yet completed their polls.

How The Vote Stands
The 279,534 votes now tabulated at the Cleveland office of New Service are divided as follows:
For prohibition 25,176
For repeal 109,145
For modification 113,960
It will be noted that these three totals do not add up to 279,534. In two localities, editors put the question differently, asking their readers merely to vote for or against prohibition, or for or against wine and beer. The totals against wine and beer came to 31,113. These votes could not be included in any one of the above classifications, and hence are given separately. It should be remembered that they represent dry sentiment not included in the dry total above.

Reports from cities throughout the country indicate a rebalancing of public interest. In cities where the wets were getting away to a good lead, heads of the dry forces were calling on friends of prohibition to vote. In many places W. C. T. U. leaders were canvassing neighborhoods. In others, pastors were using their congregations to take part in the referendum. In still other localities, where the prohibition forces rolled up majority wet organizations were bestirring themselves.

As more ample returns begin to be received at Cleveland, some unexpected developments are being made apparent. Thus, in Kentucky, ordinarily considered as rather a wet state, the first newspaper to report gave a substantial dry majority. The figures were: for prohibition, 516; for repeal, 102, for modification, 120.

One Wet, One Dry
Two editors declared that they were not taking poll in their territories because the sentiment was one-sided. But whereas one editor felt that his territory was overwhelmingly wet, the other was sure that his was overwhelmingly dry.

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WATERWAY PLAN IMPERILED BY QUESTION ROUTE

Ambitious St. Lawrence Scheme Tied Up by Proponents of New York Canal and Hudson Route

POLITICS IN DEBATE

Senator Wadsworth Up for Re-election and Think Sees Votes in Advocating All American Waterway

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, March 12.—The outcome of the controversy that has arisen as to whether American shippers shall use the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Waterway or turn to the new project for a canal to go through American territory entirely may be the failure of both.

The fight promises to be long-drawn out and intense and the usual result of a situation in which two rival proposals are presented is that one kills off the other.

Both sides now have presented their views to President Coolidge who keeps mum about which he will ultimately favor. The Army engineers are engaged in surveying the St. Lawrence project and a report is expected in April. Mr. Coolidge in the very nature of things doesn't want to comment till that report is available. Yet the secretaries of War and Navy already have approved the project which calls for a canal through New York State and a deeper Hudson.

Senator Wadsworth of New York was at the White House yesterday to urge the President to back up the recommendations of the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of War. Although Mr. Wadsworth is a Republican and the project is supported by a Democratic governor in the Empire State, the subject has so politics in it so far as New York State is concerned as New York naturally wants the waterway to go via the Hudson instead of the St. Lawrence.

Mr. Wadsworth is up for re-election this fall, and, of course, in the sense that he may be able to accomplish for New York State his friends see a political opportunity for him advocating the new waterway idea.

Similarly the Senators from Western States who are opposing the New York waterway because they think it is too expensive are aware of the interest their constituents are taking in getting some kind of a project built. Some of the Middle Western Senators are saying that the New York State project will cost a half billion dollars more than the other and they fear the expense will kill it.

Broadly speaking, the subject promises to become a real issue as soon as the report of the engineers is available in April. The idea of a waterway which shall make it possible for trans-Atlantic steamers to lead at Chicago and Lake ports generally is one in which every city and competitor in the eastern half of the United States near the Great Lakes is bound to be interested. Just what effect the proposed waterway would have on rail traffic has not yet been definitely established. The waterways are usable of course only certain seasons of the year but the need for development of inland waterways has been so apparent since the freight congestion during the World War that it is not believed the railroads generally will use their influence to fight the projects, though here and there individual roads may oppose the new routes. At present writing if the advocates of the two schemes do not get together it looks as if the whole idea of a new route to the sea will be delayed in being put into effect. Long drawn out debates and rival projects have delayed a solution of the Muskegon Shouls question and the outlook for early action on the new canal is for a similar period of investigation, voluminous reports, debate and inaction.

MUSKIEGON SHOULS VOTE DEFERRED TILL SATURDAY

Washington, March 12.—Final Congressional action on the resolution for the leasing of Muskegon Shouls was deferred today at the request of Senator McKellar, Democrat, of Tennessee. Senator Hefflin, Democrat, of Alabama called upon the conference report on the measure and asked for immediate consideration but the Tennessee Senator said he wanted to examine the conference report and asked that it go over until tomorrow.

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 12.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 18.64, May 18.02, July 17.35, October 17.06, December 17.04.

New York, March 12.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 19.53, an advance of 30 points. Futures, closing bid: March 18.57, May 18.37, July 17.67, Oct. 17.33, Dec. 17.25.

PROHIBITION BALLOT

Prohibition Editor, The Advance, Elizabeth City, N. C.

I have marked below, with a cross my position on the prohibition question.

I favor keeping the prohibition amendment as it now stands, with strict enforcement.

I favor repeal of the prohibition amendment.

I favor modification of the prohibition law so as to allow the sale of light wine and beer.

Signed _____

Street address _____

City _____

Airtight Defense Proves Effective In Liquor Action

An airtight defense offered by Will Goodwin, in recorder's court Friday morning on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, resulted in dismissal of the defendant. H. D. Bateman, elderly man who was with him at the time of his arrest, was fined \$5 and costs on a charge of being drunk.

Goodwin and Bateman, both asleep in a Ford touring car stalled in a sewer excavation at Main and Byer streets, were arrested late Thursday by Chief of Police Holmes and Officer Anderson. The officers declared they discovered evidence that both had been drinking.

A young negro, one Alton Overman, was star witness for the defense. He testified that he drove the car into town with Goodwin and Bateman as occupants, and ran into the excavation in avoiding a collision. At Goodwin's suggestion, he continued, he went back then after a pair of mules to pull out the car. He asserted that neither Goodwin nor Bateman drove the car during the trip.

Goodwin told the court he had been up late the night before, and just naturally fell asleep while awaiting the mules' return. He admitted that both he and Bateman had had a few drinks.

JUDGE DECLARES PEOPLE TO BLAME

Gastonia, March 12.—Jesse Vandover, aged 25, Cherryville, N. C., today was sentenced to a term in the state prison of not less than 15 nor more than 25 years following his conviction last night of second degree murder in connection with the slaying last January of Chief of Police A. L. Palster of this place.

Judge C. C. Lyon in passing sentence deplored the lack of enforcement of the prohibition law and said the people and not the defendant were to blame. The case has attracted wide attention throughout this section.

SPAIN DEFINITELY DECIDES WITHDRAW

Geneva, Mar. 12.—It is learned from an authoritative source that Spain has definitely decided to resign from the League of Nations unless she is given a permanent seat in the Council.