

TEMPERANCE IN CAROLINA.

She is Only Keeping Pace With Her Sister States.

Saloon or distilleries are permitted by law to operate in North Carolina in only twenty counties—looking forward, of course, to the hour when the recently enacted Ward act shall go into effect. Dispensaries exist in a dozen others.

Moreover, saloons and distilleries may exist only in towns, distilleries in towns of more than 1,000 inhabitants; saloons in towns that maintain a municipal government with two policemen.

This condition is neither radical nor exceptional. There are only 35 license counties in Alabama, 29 in Arkansas, 13 in Florida, 33 out of 137 in Georgia, 35 with one license each in Kentucky and 19 with two license each, 9 in Maryland, 12 in Tennessee out of 96, and 46 in Texas.

We have had a great furore in North Carolina as if her policy were extraordinary. The foregoing information indicates that she is only keeping pace with her sister states in the south.—Biblical Recorder.

PEACE NOW IN THE AIR.

London, March 26.—According to arrangements which are still liable to revision, King Edward will leave London on April 6. He will join Queen Alexandra at Cologne, and from thence their majesties will go to Copenhagen for the celebration of the birthday of King Christian, April 8. A correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs that, so far as known, King Edward's visit has no connection with Russo-Japanese peace parlers, but that King Christian strongly favors peace, and should the Dowager Empress of Russia also come to her father's birthday celebration it will be regarded as a signal for a peace conference at Copenhagen.

It is reported that M. D'Isowsky, the Russian minister to Denmark, left St. Petersburg on Saturday for Copenhagen.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Reuter Telegram Company states that the majority of the council of ministers is agreed on the principle of the opportuneness of initiating steps in the direction of peace; and correspondents in all the principal European capitals all report that peace is in the air.

According to The Daily Telegram's correspondent, at Kobe, who reports having interviewed the American officers and foreign correspondents captured at Mukden, and who have just arrived at Hiji, they were all surprised that no armistice or peace proposal had been made. They confirm previous statements that nobody had the least idea that retreat was imminent till General Kuropatkin's order was suddenly received late on March 9.

To Meet in Raleigh.

The next number of the North Carolina Beacon, organ of the State Inter-denominational Sunday School Association, will be issued in a few days, and will continue the Official Program of the State Convention to be held in Raleigh, next month, April 4th, 5th and 6th.

From advanced sheets we discover that the sessions are to be unusually attractive, bringing together as they will many of the foremost men and women in this country engaged in the great Sunday School work. His Excellency Gov. R. B. Glenn, Dr. John C. Kilgo, President Trinity College; Dr. R. T. Vann, President Baptist University for Women; Dr. J. J. Harper, President Atlantic Christian College; Rev. Dr. J. C. Leonard, Lexington; Maj. B. E. Dixon, Prof. Geo. H. Crowell, Prof. T. Neil Johnson, Rev. Dr. A. H. Momen and others are among the speakers from our own state; while from outside the state Rev. Dr. C. R. Blacknall, editor Sunday School publications of American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia; Mr. W. C. Pearce, Secretary Training and Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Field Worker and Expert Primary Teacher of the International Sunday School Association, are to be present.

The meetings will be held in the beautiful audience room of the First Presbyterian church. A choir of 60 voices, under the direction of Prof. A. C. Jackson, is being trained for the occasion.

Every white Sunday School in the state, of every denomination, should be represented. Entertainment by the citizens of Raleigh free.

Send your name, if you expect to attend, to S. M. Smith, General Secretary, Raleigh, N. C. Reduced rates on railroads.

THE GOVERNOR MAKES RULING.

Writes Letter to Solicitors on the Subject of Rewards.

"State of North Carolina,
"Executive Department,
"Raleigh, N. C., March 23, 1905.
"Dear Sir:

"So many requests for rewards are being made, some of which do not seem to be in perfect good faith, that I deem it best to make a rule that no requests for rewards will be granted until it receives the endorsement of the solicitor of the district. I therefore urge you, before endorsing any application for reward, to look carefully into the case and see whether in your judgment a proclamation be issued.

"The sheriff, deputies and constables should be able to apprehend any criminal in their own country, and should see to it, that if the party is a fugitive in another county, that a capias be issued to that county and the arrest be made. Also if they can locate the fugitive in another state, they should ask the authorities of that state to apprehend and hold the criminal until I can make requisition. It is getting too common for them to take things quietly and ask for rewards, when by diligent search and inquiry, this cost to the state might be avoided.

"Having confidence in you, as an officer of the state, I will be governed largely by your recommendation.

"Yours very truly,
"R. B. GLENN, Governor."

WRITTEN BY JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Autograph Letter to Franklin Pierce Found by Letters Nephew.

Hillsboro, N. H., March 18.—Kirk Pierce, of this town, a nephew of President Franklin Pierce, has found an autograph letter written by Jefferson Davis to Franklin Pierce among other documents inherited from his uncle. Mr. Davis wrote from the Senate chamber under date of January 30, 1860, saying:

"The prospect of our country is not less gloomy than when you left. I will stand by the flag and uphold the Constitution while there is a possibility of effecting anything to preserve and perpetuate the government we inherited. Beyond that my duty and my faith bind me to Mississippi and her fortunes, as she may share them."

The Editors Appetite.

A country editor who had finished a remarkably good meal at the farm home of a subscriber remarked to the farmer: "If this is a fair sample of your meals I think I'll come here to board." The farmer who had noticed the editor's ferocious appetite with some dismay, replied: "If this is a sample of your appetite, I'll be glad to have you here."

Dying Child Saved by Prayer.

Caton, N. Y., March 20.—Saturday night the three-year-old daughter of G. C. Rose recovered from the stupor of death following the continued prayers of the parents and fifty of the townspeople.

The child, ill of bronchitis, was pronounced to be dying by the attending physician, the chill, pallor and rattle of death all being evident. A messenger was sent asking her friends to pray for the child's restoration and the family knelt about the bed. In twenty minutes the radiance of life had returned to the child's cheeks and she started even the faith of those who prayed by sitting up and exclaiming: "Give me a cookie and some milk." She then sank into a natural sleep.

At daybreak yesterday she slipped out of bed and going to a couch on which her father lay, worn out by his long vigil over her, asked that she might be dressed. All traces of her illness had vanished. Yesterday was made a day of thanks for answer to prayer in the child's behalf.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

A woman loves to give information, specially if it isn't.

Women mostly think about their children and men about themselves.

There is no use borrowing trouble when people will give it to you outright.

A man will always be better off for believing that he could be worse off than he is.

There is hardly anything so foolish as imagining that people are crazy to be reformed.

Eternal vigilance is the price of not getting found out.

Education is all the things you don't learn when you go to college.

It's queer how long it takes a man's wife to get over the idea that his lap was made to sit in.

Just before the mosquito season women begin to make openwork clothes so they can bite through.

WILL LOOK FOR BIG GAME.

President's Hunting Trip South Next Month.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—President Roosevelt will do some mighty hunting in Texas and southwestern Colorado from early in April until some time in May. He will not return to his office in Washington until late in May, and he will be here only a few weeks until he goes to Oyster Bay to spend the summer. He hopes to have a summer of out-door exercise and much sport. His hunting plans are not fully completed, as he will not leave here until about April 5, and Secretary Loeb continues to receive and lay before him invitations from his friends and admirers in the southwest to stop a few days with them, each furnishing assurances that he will have the finest chances of life to shoot real wild game, including bears, panthers and lions. Some of these invitations are to be accepted and others declined, and Mr. Loeb is making up the list now. He will make changes in it, and this prevents an accurate idea of the places to be visited.

The trip, as arranged so far, is for the president to leave here about April 5.

FRANCE IMPATIENT.

Embassy to Confer with President Roosevelt Soon.

Washington, March 17.—France has officially informed the United States of the action of the Venezuelan government against the French Cable Company, which she regards as far-handed and intimates that French patience is rapidly being exhausted by the conduct of affairs in Venezuela. It is probable that the French Ambassador will confer with President Roosevelt next week regarding the Venezuelan policy.

Gov. Frazier Succeeds Senator Bate

Nashville, Tenn., March 15.—Governor James B. Frazier was this evening nominated for United States Senator by the Democratic caucus of the State Legislature. The vote was by acclamation, no other name being presented to the caucus. When they couvened it was supposed the contest was to be a three-cornered one, friends of former governors Benton McMillan and Robert Taylor having been actively at work in their interests. Governor Frazier will succeed the late William B. Bate. Tuesday March 21, was the day set for the formal election by the general assembly.

Advisor, Gossiper And Friend.

Any man can take a newspaper. It is the cheapest thing he can buy. Every time a hen cucks and has laid an egg his paper is paid for that week. It costs less than a postage stamp, less than to receive a letter. It comes to you every week, rain or shine, calm or stormy. No matter what happens it enters your door a welcome friend, full of sunshine and cheer and interest. It opens the door of the great world and puts you face with its people and its great events. It shortens the long winter nights. It is your advisor, gossip and friend.

No man is just to his children who does not give them the local paper.

No man is good to himself who does not take newspapers.—Exchange.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

Sinner Returns \$12,000 Which He Received From U. S. Treasury.

Washington, March 16.—The largest conscience contribution that has been made to the government for many years was received at the United States this morning. There is no clue as to the sender of the money. The funds were in currency and amounted to \$12,000, enclosed in a plain envelope, postmarked Jersey City, addressed to Secretary Shaw.

The original amount of which the government was dishonestly deprived was \$3,000, but the sender explained his contribution in the following letter:

"Dear Sir:—I am sending you herewith enclosed \$12,000 which is to go to the use of the United States government. Years ago I defrauded the government of money, but have returned it all and now am paying four-fold in accordance with the teachings of Scripture. The way of transgressors is hard, and no one but God knows how I have suffered the consequences, and I would seek to do a bountiful restoration. May God pardon, while the United States government is benefited. A SINNER."

Milwaukee is threatened with a milk famine but who drinks milk in Milwaukee?

GIRL AND BABE STARVING.

Only Explanation is That She Fell Into Bad Company.

New York, March 16.—A young woman describing herself as Ida Fletcher, of Levy, 22 years of age, who says she came to this city from a Connecticut town a year ago, has been found dying from starvation in a small room of a Harlem tenement house. With her was a baby 8 months old. Quick consumption has seized the mother and she can live only a few days, but she refuses to tell the name of her parents.

Neighbors notified the police when they learned of her pitiful state. A friend had daily left a can of condensed milk for the baby. The girl shared this and this was all the nourishment she had in twenty days. The baby was emaciated and weak, but it is believed it can be saved. The girl will only say she fell into bad company. She had pawned everything of value and finally became too ill to leave her bed. An effort is being made to locate her parents in New England.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Whiskey is said to cause almost as many funerals as doctors.

Many a man would starve if his wife didn't keep a few boarders.

A spinster says that dying an old maid is easier than living one.

Don't imagine that a man can talk on any subject just because he does.

A man who is making a night of it never thinks of the morning after.

It's quite easy to convince some married men that it is good to be alone.

Many a man lives in the married state who isn't permitted to think in it.

A milliner is always suspicious of a woman customer who doesn't want to try on every hat she has.

POSITION FOR MRS. GORDON.

President is Anxious to Confer a Favor Upon Her.

A special to the Washington Post from Atlanta, says:

Georgia congressmen returning from Washington, report that President Roosevelt, as an evidence of his good will toward the south is prepared to offer a Federal position to Mrs. John B. Gordon, widow of the famous Confederate leader. That the president is considering the appointment of Mrs. Gordon to a remunerative Federal office, possibly that of postmaster at Atlanta, is an assured fact. It is possible, of course, that Mrs. Gordon does not care for and would not accept a political appointment, but President Roosevelt is known to have the appointment in mind.

In a recent conversation with a prominent Georgia republican, the name of Mrs. Longstreet, widow of another famous Confederate general, was mentioned, and the fact spoken of that she had been appointed to a Federal position, that of postmistress of Gainesville.

"What about Mrs. John Gordon?" the president is known to have asked.

"Does she need any position? It would give me the greatest of pleasure to provide for the widow of the great Georgia general if she needed a position. General Gordon was my personal friend, and was one of the greatest of all Americans," the president said.

The president is known to have a deep feeling toward Georgia. His mother was a Georgia woman, and his parents were married at Roswell, where his mother's parents had a summer home. President Roosevelt has already announced his intention of visiting Senator Clay in the near future, and go with him to Roswell to visit the marriage place of his parents. What the outcome of the matter will be is, of course, problematical, but it is absolutely certain that the president is ready to offer a remunerative position to Mrs. Gordon as soon as he knows whether she needs or wants it.

The President of Bowdoin College says, "The Lord is constantly changing his mind about man."

The Bowdoin College President does not say just how he found it out.

No Pardons for Retailers.

Application was made to the governor recently for the pardon of John Stevenson, in Guilford county, who is serving a term for retailing liquor without license. The pardon was refused, the governor declaring that he would be especially slow to pardon any one convicted of this offense, as much of the crime that is committed can be traced to "blind tiger" liquor.

HOW TO TELL EM."

Liar Known by Handshake, Says Prof. Boger.

Chicago March 18.—Chicago credit men may never more take any risks. A hundred of them, representing the big great houses in trade, listened tonight to a phrenologist, who told them just how to decide between the goats and the sheep in the matter of paying debts. Prof. Boger, for that is the man to whom human nature is an open book, submitted these general rules:

There is not a bump for thieving, another for murder, but there is a general conformation of the head which characterizes the born criminal.

The man who keeps his hands closed as a "fist" while talking is a natural born liar. Don't give him credit.

A stung man in shaking hands will never press his thumb on the exterior part of your hand.

A person noted for his indecision will offer his hand with a thug. You have got to do the shaking.

A man who is forceful, energetic and a doer, never shakes hands in a listless manner.

Any person, male or female, who rolls the eyes while talking lies for effect. They are carried away by false pride.

The man who locks you in the eye, talks in moderate tone and modest manner, who shakes hands vigorously, who is neither nervous nor aggressive, can be trusted.

All women are a bad risk. This is due to inherited mental and physical traits, in which man figures as a Santa Claus.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE.

Historic Engagement at Mukden the Bloodiest on Record.

The estimate by a correspondent who was with General Kuropatkin that the losses on both sides at the battle of Mukden were not less than 200,000 men makes it appear that this combat was by far the bloodiest ever known.

The largest number of troops ever before engaged in battle was at Arabela, in 334 B. C., when 35,000 Greeks, under Alexander, put to route a horde of undisciplined Persians, believed to have numbered 950,000.

Before the present war the bloodiest battle in modern history was that of Leipzig, in 1813, when 300,000 Germans defeated 171,000 French. The Germans lost 47,000 and the French 60,000.

The greatest battle ever fought in this country was that of Gettysburg, in 1863, when 117,000 Federals defeated 68,000 Confederates. The losses, including prisoners, were 17,000 Federals and 27,000 Confederates. The Confederates lost 40 per cent. of their force, being the largest percentage of loss ever known.

Men engaged at Mukden, Russians, 400,000, Japanese, 500,000. Estimated losses: Russian, 100,000; Japanese, 60,000.

Russians taken prisoners, about 50,000.

Situation, according to latest advices: Japanese in possession of Mukden and Fushan, with all the Russian heavy artillery and practically all the enemy's stores and munitions.

Half, possibly more, of the remnants of the Russian army enclosed within the Japanese lines, the retreat of the remainder to Tie Pass, the nearest ease, partly cut off.

Result: Russian military power in Manchuria hopelessly broken. Manchuria and maritime provinces at the mercy of the Japanese and early peace on terms laid down by Japan seems inevitable.—Dispatch.

FOUND AT LAST

In Time to Receive The Rich Legacy Left Him

New York, March 18.—After a search of twelve years James Travis, of Flushing, L. I., has been located in Australia. He ran away from home fifty-three years ago in a whaling vessel, and had long ago been given up for dead by his brothers and others of the family.

Twelve years ago a wealthy relative of the family died and willed James \$90,000. Advertisements for the missing man were inserted in newspapers all over the world. The State Department also made attempts to find him. Travis finally saw an advertisement in an Australian newspaper and wrote to his family.

He had been married, was the father of eleven children he wrote, and had prospered financially. The legacy he will now receive has almost doubled in value.

WARNER GETS PLUMB.

Elected to U. S. Senate to Succeed Senator F. M. Cockrell.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 18.—Major Wm. Warner was elected senator on the seventh ballot today. He was the republican candidate for governor against Governor Francis and is now a United States district attorney. Ex-Senator Cockrell came within three votes of securing the nomination.

Major Warner was elected on the sixty-seventh ballot this afternoon. He received ninety-one votes. His closest competitor, Senator Cockrell, received 83 votes. The joint session dissolved soon after the election of Maj. Warner.

Wild excitement, in which members fought one another, smashed the clock to prevent adjournment and made attempts to pull President McKinley, of the senate from the presiding officer's chair, marked the last hours of the Missouri general assembly. For more than half an hour the house chamber, where the joint session was held, was in the possession of a mob of legislators who seemed to have lost control of themselves. Such a scene of disorder has never before been witnessed in the Missouri legislative halls.

QUICK WORK FOR CUPID.

Divorce and Marriage the Same Week.

Asheville, N. C., March 23.—Special. Granted a divorce one day and license received for marriage the second, is the record of Mrs. Susanna Willis Eller, of Buncombe. Mrs. Eller is 17 years old. She left her father's home on Weaver Dam to become the wife of Arceus Eller when scarcely 15. She and her husband lived together for eight months when the man suddenly disappeared, going west, it is thought, and has not since been heard from. In the interim between the abandonment and the divorce proceedings J. F. Green wooed and won the young woman. With the lapse of two years suit was instituted for divorce, and at this week's term of court the jury granted the plea of plaintiff.

Yesterday license were secured from the register of deeds' office for the marriage of Mrs. Eller and Mr. Green and the second ceremony followed.

RECORD OF A DISTILLER.

Made Liquor For Years And Never Tasted a Drop.

Mr. N. Glenn Williams, in his open letter to the legislature, begging them not to destroy his business, made the statement that he had never tasted a drop of whiskey in his life nor allowed any of his employees to drink. Coming from a distiller this temperate argument grins tremendous force. Mr. Williams needs a clear head to run a business like that which has had 37 years to work, and his men need steady hands. They make an article to befuddle brains and tangle legs, but their own mind is unclouded and reliable. We have heard that the railroads and big business houses are becoming our best temperance societies but this is the first time we have had a liquor manufacturer to discredit and condemn his own business. We think more of Mr. Williams because of the frankness of his letter, but he made the best speech of all for the Ward bill, without intending to do it. We hope Mr. Williams, who is evidently a man of sense, will follow out his own logic and be glad in his heart the Legislature has forbidden him to flout upon others the evil he so carefully sinned himself. No man ought to be a better judge of the devilment there is in whiskey than the man who makes it, and we gladly accept Mr. Williams' testimony that he even refused a little for his stomach's sake, and his often infirmities. Let the paid attorney and played out politicians prate as much as they please about the necessity of having a little liquor about the house, here is a man who has lived forty years with never a drop going down his throat, and he in the business of making and selling it at that.—Biblical Recorder.

When Convenient.

There was once in a North Carolina court a case that has gone down as history in the judicial annals of the State. It appears that a doctor named Jenkins, when solicited to close an old open account by note, agreed to do so provided he should be allowed to draft the instrument. This was granted him, whereupon he presented the creditor with the following:

"I, Samuel Jenkins, agree to pay J. L. Huggins \$200 whenever convenience is. It is understood that said Jenkins is not to be pushed. Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of —, Samuel Jenkins."