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## TEXAS LOOKING DRY

### Prohibitionists Split and Anti-Candidate is Nominated.

### AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

#### Wet Man on Dry Wave—Vote on Prohibition Amendment to Constitution Carried by 20,000.

**\$450,000,000 Cotton Exported.**  
Washington, Special.—Cotton, copper, illuminating oil, wheat—these articles in the order named, formed the most important articles exported from the United States during the fiscal year just closed. The value of the cotton exported was \$450,000,000, of the copper \$83,500,000; of the illuminating oil \$62,500,000, and of the wheat \$47,000,000.

**Dallas, Tex., Special.**—Oscar B. Colquitt, an anti-prohibitionist, was Saturday nominated for Governor by a plurality which will probably reach 60,000. Cone Johnson and William Poindexter, the prohibitionist candidates, have only about a thousand votes difference between them. These are now in favor of Poindexter, but may change as some heavy ohson counties are yet to come.

Former Attorney General Davidson is about 20,000 votes behind Poindexter and Johnson. The proposition to submit to popular vote a prohibition amendment to the constitution has carried by probably 20,000. This presents the situation of an anti-prohibition Democrat being nominated with a party demanding the submission of a prohibition amendment confronting him. This was caused by the prohibitionist split on candidates.

**25,000 Less Bars.**  
St. John, N. B., Special.—There are approximately 25,000 less open bars within the jurisdiction of the national division Sons of Temperance of North America than existed two years ago, according to a report made at the annual convention of the organization in session here last week.

**"John D.'s Place" Cause of Protest.**  
Cleveland, O., Special.—Because he placed in the window of his saloon a sign reading "This is John D.'s place," John D. Schnapps was arrested.

The complaint was filed by Frank F. Marmann, who says he is a friend of John D. Rockefeller.

Marmann says Mr. Rockefeller is known as "John D.," and he asked what the oil man's Sunday school pupils would say if they chanced to pass the saloon and say that sign.

Schnapps argues as his name is John D., he has a perfect right to use it on his sign.

### Hit Bank for a Million.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—August Ropke, assistant secretary and book-keeper of the Fidelity Trust Company, one of the soundest financial institutions in Louisville, is believed to have made away with \$1,140,000, the entire surplus of the concern, according to a statement made by John W. Barr, president of the company. Ropke is in the county jail, where he has been for ten days, unable to furnish the sum of \$25,000.

Ropke was a heavy speculator and lost large sums, it is said, on Wall Street and the Chicago board of trade.

### Can Market Molasses Whiskey.

Washington, Special.—A complete agreement has been reached regarding the way in which molasses-made whiskey may be marketed by the internal revenue officials and all that is now necessary is the perfunctory approval of Acting Attorney-General Fowler.

### Church Will Operate Grocery Store.

Washington, Special.—As a means of raising funds, with which to erect a new church here the congregation of the Second M. E. church will operate a grocery store. The congregation has purchased a store and the pastor, Rev. William Hogan, has been put in charge. The name has been changed to the "Square Deal Grocery."

### Eight Hour Limit.

Washington, Special.—Attorney General Wickensham has ruled that the eight hour limit will apply to work done on and for a battleship in the government shipyards. This decision allows the manufacturers of armor which is intended for a warship to be built in a government yard to work their employes on such armor as many hours as the employes will stand.

The attorney general holds that the recent act making appropriations for vessels to be capable of no other construction.

## FROM COUNTY TO COUNTY

### North Carolina News Prepared and Published For the Quick Perusal of Our Patrons.

### Mastodon Skeletons.

In charge of State curator H. H. Brimley, who will have them on exhibition in the museum shortly, are parts of two giant mastodon skeletons, which were dug up in the eastern part of the State at Maysville and Jacksonville. In both cases parties were digging ditches, when they discovered the bones. In order to secure the part of the skeleton in Jones county (Maysville) it was necessary to dig for ten feet and only a skull, a set of teeth and the tusks were unearthed.

At Jacksonville the skeleton was discovered by a drummer, who reported it to the curator. Mr. Thomas Adickes was immediately sent to investigate and found that the skeleton was buried in the bed of a stream. With a great deal of difficulty a part of it was unearthed. To accomplish the task it became necessary to divert the waters of the stream and to build several dams, and even then there was great difficulty, as the water rose rapidly, the location being very low.

It is supposed that mastodons were once common throughout the country that now composes the eastern part of North Carolina. They are supposed to have existed 50,000 to 300,000 years ago and were somewhat larger than the average African elephant.

### Receiver For Electric Line.

Mr. Charlie A. Scott, a prominent banker of Graham, was Saturday appointed by Judge J. Crawford Biggs receiver for the Burghaw Interurban Company. The petition was made by the holders of the bonds, the Interstate Construction Company of Richmond, Va., and the North State Realty Company, of Burlington. The receivership proceedings were brought on by the great number of suits against general and petty contractors who got behind in their payments for labor and material.

The company was chartered to construct an electric line from Burlington to Haw River via Graham, and after grading the track the entire distance, placing the ties and laying the track as far as Graham work was stopped last October. Since then nothing has been done toward completing the line. A prominent officer of the company stated that he believed the company through the receivership would be enabled to go ahead and complete the line. The power plant, located between Burlington and Graham, is about seventy-five per cent completed and it is believed that work will soon be renewed upon the line and the power plant and rushed to completion.

### A Jewell Lost and Recovered.

The romance of Miss Rena G. Jewell of Charlotte, and Arthur D. Thomas of Washington, who eloped last Friday night from Washington, D. C., and were married early Saturday morning at Rockville, Md., has been shattered. After the return of the young couple Saturday with the announcement of their hasty marriage, Miss Jewell's mother and Washington relatives took the young bride from her husband and Sunday she was taken to her home in Charlotte.

Thomas's appeal for the parental blessing were unavailing. What further action the family of the young woman will take in the matter was not announced, the mother of the bride wishing to consult her husband. The couple had not known each other but 24 hours.

### 135th Annual Meeting.

The last Sunday in this month will be a great day at Rocky River Baptist Church, Anson county. From the surrounding counties and from South Carolina will gather the people who are looking forward now to the annual "July meeting" which has been held at this point for 134 years with hardly a break.

### A Strange Looking Bird.

Mr. John McDowell has on exhibition at his store at Morganton a curiosity in the shape of a young rain-crow. It is snow white and has pink eyes or in other words is a full-fledged albino. The strange bird was captured near town a few days ago.

### Second Hosiery Mill for Hickory.

Hickory is to have a second-knitting mill. A charter has been issued. The capital stock is \$25,000. Hickory already has one hosiery mill, the Hickory hosiery mill, which has had a very successful career under the management of Mr. Cline.

## NORTH CAROLINA EVENTS

### Life in the Land of the Long Leaf Pine

### Rates to Rockingham Unsatisfactory.

That satisfactory through routes and joint rates between Rockingham and various points in South Carolina, not only do not exist, but are refused by the railroads, is the burden of a complaint filed Thursday with the interstate commerce commission. The complaint was instituted by the manufacturers' freight department of Rockingham, representing the cotton mills at that place against the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. It is alleged that the rates charged by the carriers on cotton piece goods from Rockingham to points in South Carolina are unreasonable and discriminatory. The commission is requested to require the railroads to establish through rates and joint rates and schedules of charges that are lower than the present rates.

### Yeggmen Leave \$150 in Church.

A mild sensation was created at Catawba Tuesday. While several ladies were cleaning and rearranging the interior of the Methodist church, they found a stack of papers which they decided to destroy. In removing it one of the ladies saw a package that she was prompted to investigate. An Atlanta Constitution and Asheville Citizen, bearing date of October, 1907, were unrolled, in the folds of which a large number of sheets of postage stamps, of several denominations (mostly 2c) were revealed. A count was made, and \$151.25 was the amount.

How the stamps got into the church is a puzzle; but the supposition is that some yeggman passed that way and slept in the building, accidentally leaving his "booty" or purposely hiding it. It is recalled that about 1907 robberies of country stores and small postoffices occurred. The find has been reported to the department.

### Clark Defeats Congressman Godwin.

After a most turbulent session the Sixth Congressional Convention, at Wrightsville Beach Friday, on the 43rd ballot, nominated Hon. O. L. Clark, of Clarkton. Congressman Godwin was defeated.

### Book for Hookwormers.

"Hookworm Disease," by John A. Ferrell, M.D., assistant secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health, "for the Eradication of Hookworm Diseases," is the title of a booklet just issued by the North Carolina Board of Health. It is to be given circulation in every section of the State, with special effort to get a copy in every rural home. The booklet gives the history and the geographical distribution of the hookworm and a detailed presentation of its nature and characteristics and its attacks on the human system. The treatment for eradication and the sanitary precautions necessary for prevention of the disease are also given in a remarkably clear and effective manner. It is profusely illustrated.

### New Law Professor at University.

Prof. A. C. McIntosh, assistant professor of law at Trinity College, is elected to a law professorship at the University of North Carolina to succeed Dr. Thomas Ruffin.

### Values in Winston-Salem.

The exact figures for the valuation of real estate and personal property in Winston-Salem have been completed, and show a total valuation of \$11,741,605, against \$10,463,798 last year, an increase of \$1,277,807.

### The State After a Rascal.

The State is taking a hand in the effort to capture Levy Maynard, the young white man charged with being concerned in the death of Bessie Thomason, at High Point.

Governor Kitchin offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of Maynard, who has skipped out from High Point, and whose location is unknown. The authorities are making a fight to locate him.

### Chapel Hill Bank in Distress.

The business quiet of Chapel Hill was disturbed Thursday by the closing of People's Bank. Mr. J. K. Doughton, the State bank examiner, posted a notice on the door that the bank was closed by order of the Corporation Commission. The condition of the bank is by no means precarious and it is not thought that the depositors will lose a single penny. The officers of the bank are making every effort to straighten out its affairs. It is not known yet whether the bank will be reopened or whether it will be absorbed by its older rival, the Bank of Chapel Hill.

## DEMOCRATS IN DIVISION.

### Two Congressmen Nominated in Sixth North Carolina District—Godwin Faction "Independent"—Republicans Will Enter Field.

Wilmington, N. C., Special.—Because the chairman of the executive committee, and temporary chairman of the sixth district congressional convention in session here, refused to recognize delegates from New Hanover and Cumberland counties for the reason that they had been "appointed" instead of elected, in violation of the Democratic plan, it is claimed, the executive committee, during a recess of the convention, deposed the chairman and re-elected another chairman who admitted the delegates from the counties in question.

Oscar L. Clark, of Bladen, was nominated on the 143d ballot at 1:20 a. m. Friday, defeating Congressman Godwin and the other three candidates.

The Godwin faction held a "convention" Friday morning and by declaring that Godwin should have eleven of New Hanover's votes and six of Cumberland's, nominated Hannibal L. Godwin of Harnett on the first ballot.

Supporters of Godwin declare that no matter who makes the race for Congress in this district H. L. Godwin will be in the fight and that no effort will be made to have the matter submitted to the State executive committee.

There is no doubt about the Republicans putting out a nominee and it now looks like a three-cornered fight. Godwin's forces declare that he can win out over the field no matter how many are in the race and in fact this declaration was made by J. C. Clifford of Harnett in placing Godwin in nomination.

### Sheriff Kills Seven With Two Pistols.

Elliott, Miss., Special.—Five negroes were killed and two others were mortally wounded Thursday when Deputy Sheriff Cauley, who was endeavoring to take them into custody on a minor charge, advanced on the officer with farming implements as weapons and with the avowed intention of "cutting him down."

Bearing a warrant charging the seven with assault, Cauley and two citizens, deputized to assist him, went to the home of Henry Beck, a colored farmer, near Elliott. As the posse approached, the negroes ceased their work in the field and grabbing pitchforks and other farming tools, made for the deputy Cauley, however, opened fire with two revolvers before the billigerents came within striking distance, and, before the others of the posse had gained their wits five of the attacking party were dead and the remainder wounded. The deputy surrendered.

Several days ago an attempt was made to effect the capture of the negroes but the arresting officer withdrew when they employed similar tactics to those of Thursday.

### R. R. President Left Scandal.

Chicago, Special.—Death came to Ira G. Rawn, president of the Monon Railroad, supposedly from a bullet fired by himself, but certainly on the eve of possible exposure as a central figure of what is declared may be one of the greatest railway scandals of the country.

Counsel for the Illinois Central Railroad when confronted with verbatim copy of questions and answers at a recent investigation of the company's affairs, admitted that the foundation had been carefully laid with intent to show Mr. Rawn as primarily responsible for years of crooked car contracts. His answers, however, had been steadfast denials of the implied charges.

### Flour Jumps Fifty Cents a Barrel.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Special.—The high price of wheat and prospects of a poor yield in many localities are the reasons assigned by dealers for the jump of 50 cents a barrel on flour, which has been announced here. Farmers say that orchard grass has begun to sprout in the shock because of the recent heavy rains, and that the loss will be heavy.

### Boy Dives Upon a Stingaree.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Special.—Death in an almost unheard-of form waited for Laurence S. Baker, an 11-year-old Jacksonville lad, when he dived from a boat while in Lake Worth Thursday. A stingaree, a huge, flat-bodied and gruesome species of warm-water fish was lurking under the boat. One of the barbed spines which this fish carries on its whip-like tail, pierced the boy's neck, cutting into the jugular vein. He rose to the surface, crying for help and bled to death within four minutes.

## BANK ROBBED \$600,000

### Cashier Erwin Wider is Badly Wounded By Police—Description Given.

New York, Special.—"Wanted: Erwin Wider, about 32 years old, 5 feet 5 inches in height. Weight about 135 pounds, swarthy of complexion with a small black mustache curled at the ends. Wears rimless nose glasses, talks with a German accent and is timid in address."

Such is the general alarm sent out by the police for the missing cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank, although, oddly enough, the district attorney's office says that no aid has been asked of it by the bank and that no application for a warrant had been filed.

But this contradiction is only one in a series that have kept step with every development of what is now admitted to be at once the most puzzling and the most serious defalcation in the history of Wall Street since Cornelius Alford stole \$600,000 from the First National bank, served a term in Sing Sing and then retired to the seclusion of a princely country place.

When the Russo-Chinese bank first made public the fact that its strong box was short, the amount was given as \$80,000, all in negotiable bonds, a list of which was furnished. Monday afternoon the amount suddenly jumped to \$600,000, of which the additional \$520,000 is said to be in stocks partly owned by the bank and partly by its customers.

### Bids Opened For Building Sites.

Washington, Special.—Bids for the sale of sites for the erection of Federal buildings authorized by act of the recent session of Congress were Monday opened by the supervising architect of the Treasury of the cities of Rocky Mount, Wilkesboro and Burlington. There were fifteen offers of property in Rocky Mount, the prices ranging from \$10,500 for corner of Main and Thomas streets to \$26,000 for property on corner of Washington and Hall.

There were two offers of Burlington property, each for \$10,000 and located on Davis street.

Three offers were made of Wilkesboro lots along Main street at prices from \$6,000 to \$7,500.

No selection will be made for these sites until the towns are visited by an agent of the Treasury, who will personally inspect each offer. The visits will probably be made early in the fall.

### Virginia Ex-Mayor Assassinated.

Ridgeway, Va., Special.—Ex-Mayor A. H. Bousman was assassinated by a dynamite bomb, which was thrown Sunday evening. He died an hour after the explosion. No clue to the identity of the murderer, or the cause of the crime, has been found.

Mr. Bousman had been spending the hot evening in a hammock swung between two trees on the lawn in front of his residence. The dynamite bomb was thrown about 10 o'clock by some one passing along the street. It landed on the hammock at his feet and in another instant exploded. The ex-mayor's feet were torn away by the bursting shell and his legs frightfully mutilated. In great agony he died an hour later.

As mayor of Ridgeway, Mr. Bousman presided over the police court of the town trying petty cases. It is thought some person upon whom Bousman, in his court, had passed sentence of punishment, held a grudge against him.

### No State Taxes—Gee Whizz!

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.—There won't be any State taxes in Minnesota in 1911. The State government expenses will all be met by the huge surplus in the State treasury.

No State taxes is an unheard-of thing. The condition is supposed to be without precedent in the United States, as it is in Minnesota.

### Plenty Money.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Forty-one new banks, capitalized at \$2,612,000 in the aggregate, commenced business or completed organization in the South during the past month. Six existing banks added \$470,000 to their capital, making a total of \$3,082,000 new banking capital added to the South's resources in the past thirty days.

### Would Be Postal Bank Depositories.

Washington, Special.—Among the applications for designation as postal savings bank depositories which have been received, are those of the First National Bank of Gastonia, N. C., and the National Loan and Exchange Bank of Greenwood, S. C., and a bank at Rock Hill, S. C.

### The Proper Way.

Montreal, Special.—Vice President Murdoch of the Order of Railway Trainmen, has wired to the department of labor at Ottawa accepting Minister King's suggestion of arbitration by a board to be named by the government.

## NEW CONGRESSMEN

### On Census Returns South Gets Increased Representation.

### NORTH WILL MAKE OBJECTION.

#### South's Population Figures Creating a Sensation—Presage Political Power and Importance—Probable Fight Ahead Between Sections.

Washington, Special.—The amazing growth in the South and Southwest already is becoming the sensation of the 1910 census.

Fifty-one counties in Texas show a population of 817,475 in 1910, as compared with 552,906 in 1900, a gain of 46 per cent.

This percentage maintained throughout Texas will mean a gain of 1,403,606 people in the State, or a total population of almost 4,500,000.

For Nueces county the Census Bureau reported a population of 21,955 in 1910, as against 10,434 ten years ago, an increase of 110 per cent.

Knox county showed a 500 per cent advance, and Tom Green county close to 400 per cent.

Returns from other States are scattering. Without exception, the figures from Oklahoma and from the "Old South"—Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama—record startling increases.

On the present basis of representation in Congress, a member to every 194,000 of the country's population, the returns from only forty-one counties entitle Texas to another member of the House. If the ratio of increase is maintained, Texas will get seven additional members, and have a delegation consisting of twenty-three.

The scattering figures from other parts of the South and Southwest, most notably Oklahoma, presage a like advance in political power and importance.

For this reason, talk of renewing the Northern demand for limiting Southern representation is becoming general. The Northern Republicans are practically sure to make another effort to pass a force bill, under which representation would be based upon the vote cast instead of upon the census returns.

A bitter sectional fight is sure to follow.

### Finger Nail Growing on Nose. . .

Washington, D. C., Special.—There was a man in Washington Friday with a finger nail growing from the end of his nose. His name is J. B. Norris, and he hails from New Orleans.

Some months ago he had the greater part of his nose cut away, and the surgeons endeavored to mend the defect by grafting his little finger into the gap.

After several months the root of the nail which the surgeons had failed to remove, began to sprout, and now the patient is afflicted with a claw on the end of his phobosic.

He left for New Orleans, where he will re-enter the Torro Infirmary to have the surgeons rebuild his nose with their planes, saws, and chisels.

### Well, What is "Fitten T'eat"?

Washington, Special.—Prosecutions against manufacturers of ice cream cones containing borax are to be instituted by the government under the pure food law.

Large seizures of cones were made recently in different parts of the country by inspectors of the department of agriculture. Analysis of the cones seized disclosed the presence of borax, a property which has been held to be deleterious to the human stomach.

### Buck's Stove Co. Surrenders.

Cincinnati, O., Special.—A peace agreement has been reached between the Stove Founders' National Defense Association and President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. This, it is believed, will end the prosecutions by the Bucks Stove Company against officers of the American Federation of Labor.

### Biz Gun Causes Another Accident.

Fort Monroe, Special.—Eleven artillerymen are dead and a number of others seriously injured, including two officers, as the result of the blowing out of a breech block in a 12-inch gun at the De Russey battery during the coast artillery practice Thursday. The accident happened while student officers were endeavoring to sink a fleet of towed targets, representing an imaginary hostile fleet, proceeding toward Washington. The battery was under the immediate command of Sergeant Harry Haas, of the 69th company, United States coast artillery.