

WHAT WILL ASSEMBLY DO?

WILL IT PASS STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION OR NOT?

August Kohn Discusses Question, and Gives Vote of the Senate on "Compromise Bill."

Columbia, Sept. 12.—Is it a question of good faith? Will the prohibition majority and the tide overwhelm the legislature and force the enactment of a State-wide prohibition bill. The situation at the adjournment of the last session was that the ardent prohibitionists were dissatisfied and disappointed and the local optionists thought they had settled the question of further legislation for at least two years longer. The legislation passed was known as a "compromise." All through the discussion and arguments the present law, incorporating the fifteen-day prohibition situation and the elections without petitions, were regarded—particularly in the Senate—as a compromise.

The Senate directly and by a direct vote killed State-wide prohibition. It was a notorious fact that, while the House passed the State-wide prohibition bill, the Senate would not do so. The legislative tangle that ensued is recent history.

The "Compromise."

Then came the "compromise," as a result of which fifteen counties have been added to the prohibition column. Had the General Assembly adjourned without adopting the "compromise" bill, there would not have been such an addition to the prohibition territory. Some counties had not passed the period for other elections, and under the compromise bill no petitions were necessary, and the getting up of petitions has often proven a barrier. Under the "compromise" bill the elections were automatic.

Mr. Richards, and others who were leading the fight for State-wide prohibition, insisted that they would rather have had no legislation than the statute which resulted in fifteen new counties being added to the prohibition column.

How the Senate Voted.

But the fight in chief on the "compromise" bill was on the Senate side, the question now largely is whether the Senate will insist on the status brought about by the "compromise" bill being maintained.

There was strenuous objection to the bitter end to the "compromise" bill, but it became a law and as a result six counties retained dispensaries and thirty-six counties are "dry."

Here is how the Senate voted to pass the "compromise" bill—28 to 9. The 28 Senators are responsible for the compromise statute now on the books, and it is largely with them what will happen next year.

Ayes—Black, Clifton, Carlisle, Crosson, Griffin, Johnson, Lide, Otts, Smith—9; against "compromise" bill.

Nays—Appelt, Bates, Christensen, Croft, Earle, Forrest, Hardin, Harvey, Hough, Johnstone, Kelley, Laney, Mauldin, McCown, McKethan, Montgomery, Muckenfuss, Rainsford, Sinkler, Spivey, Stewart, Sullivan, Townsend, Walker, Waller, Weston, Williams, Wharton—28; (for compromise bill.)

There are certain Senators who explained their votes at the time, who did so on the ground that they did the best they could, all things considered.

Because fifteen counties accepted the opportunity and voted for prohibition, hardly involves State-wide prohibition. It was not intimated in the compromise and had the bill said "If three-fourths of the counties vote for prohibition, then State-wide prohibition is to follow," it would have involved further complications, and the Legislature would most likely have adjourned without enacting the "compromise" bill.

What Will the Dries Do?

The prohibitionists have gained very much by the compromise bill—more than they expected. If they force Richmond, Charleston, Florence, Beaufort, Georgetown, and Aiken into prohibition, it will run counter to the vote of those counties and prohibition will start out as did the old dispensary law, with hostile sentiment and lack of co-operation. Prohibition now has 36.42 of the State, and the gain has been steady and sure, and public sentiment has been back of the law. Other counties will no doubt voluntarily join the prohibition ranks, and the question is whether it is best to let them do so of their own accord or force it upon a people who have just expressed their views, under the most favorable condition.

The hope is that whatever is done at the approaching session will not involve such a legislative snare as was witnessed in 1909.

Girl's Condition Critical.

Spartanburg, Sept. 11.—There is considerable excitement here to-night caused by the announcement by physicians that Miss Elizabeth Morrow, who was brutally beaten by her foster-father, L. A. Matthews, Wednesday night, is in a critical condition, being threatened with blood poisoning. She is delirious and has been so all day. The doctors say the chances are decidedly against her recovery.

The whole police department is searching for Matthews to-night, but so far he has not been found. One of his bondsmen withdrew to-day and O. L. Johnson, who is now his sole bondsman, said to-night he wanted to surrender Matthews but up to midnight he has not been able to do so, for the reason that Matthews can not be located.

This afternoon Matthews gave to the morning paper here a very penitent note to be published to-morrow morning. Matthews beat Miss Morrow, who was his adopted daughter, because she permitted Chief Kennedy, of the local fire department, to talk to her at the window of a motion picture theatre contrary to his instruction. Miss Morrow is a young woman esteemed by all who know her.

WHITE SLAVES BEHIND BARS.

A Shocking State of Affairs Disclosed in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 7.—Iron bars are being ripped off the windows of disorderly houses by order of Chicago's new chief of police to whom the Woman's World committee furnished information of the places where white slaves were held prisoners and where white slavery, in its crudest form, glowered its menace to possible girl victims. Chief Steward had an investigation made of the facts reported by the committee and when the were confirmed he took prompt and vigorous action.

That a traffic in girls, their capture and sale by cadets and procurers to keepers of disorderly houses, not only existed but prospered on a great, even international scale was discovered a few years ago when barred windows were found in a house which had been used as a brothel. It was then proved that girls who were enticed or tricked into that place had been kept as prisoners, as slaves to commercialized lust and even as drudges. They had disappeared utterly from the knowledge of their friends and relatives. Their tears and pleadings had been in vain and no communication with the world outside the barred windows was permitted. Ernest A. Bell, secretary of the Illinois vigilance committee, made that discovery and he it was who showed Chief Steward photographs of place after place on Armour avenue where grim iron bars across the windows told of the white slavery within, and which resulted in energetic official measures.

Raids made by prosecutors for the state and federal government have confirmed the fact that girl captives, often daughters of excellent homes, were held by lock and forced to do the degrading bidding of their purchasers and procurers. Those methods were not followed in Chicago alone but in other cities. The barred windows, however, were a basis for the new Illinois act prepared by the woman's world committee against the detention of girls in such places by force or under pretense of debt, a law enacted in April and now in force. Investigations in Boston and other cities show that similar law is needed in nearly every state of the union and efforts are urged to secure both such law and its enforcement.

Davidson Abolishes Hazing.

Davidson, N. C., September 8.—At a rousing meeting of the entire student body of Davidson College, it was unanimously decided that hazing should be abolished in the College.

This decision was made after various speeches by members of the faculty and of the board of trustees had placed the matter before the students in its true light, and is the culmination of a movement begun several years since. It is, therefore, felt to be the outgrowth of principles rooted deep in the hearts of those most concerned—the students themselves—and its enforcement being left entirely to the students, under the honor system, which has proven so successful in the abolition of other evils, (notably the destruction of College property,) its success is considered assured.

Little Progress in Polar Dispute.

Little progress if any having been made towards settling the Peary-Cook controversy over the discovery of the North Pole, sentiment in this country and abroad strongly favors placing the whole matter before an unbiased scientific commission for decision.

Dr. Cook's adherents are standing firm, producing everything at hand to Commander Peary's discredit, while the Peary backers, encouraged by his repeated denunciation of Cook, acclaim the commander as the only discoverer of the pole, and defy Cook to establish his right to the achievement.

Both from Germany and France there came yesterday recommendations for deciding the famous quarrel by scientific methods.

Wireless dispatches last night told of Dr. Cook's homeward journey on the steamer Oscar II, gaily decorated in his honor. He mingled freely with the passengers and related more of his experiences. The Oscar II is due in New York on Sept. 21.

Commander Peary is still in the vicinity of Battle Harbor, Labrador, where the Roosevelt is being repaired before her trip to Sydney, N. S., where Mrs. Peary awaits him. Mrs. Cook remains in New York. Scores of newspaper correspondents are waiting Peary's arrival at Sydney, where elaborate preparations have been made for his reception.

In New York the Artie Club of America is completing arrangements for the banquet to Dr. Cook on the evening of Thursday, September 23, while the Hudson-Fulton commission congratulates itself on the prospect of having both explorers in New York during the celebration.

Dispatches from Paris indicate that France would not be averse to acting as mediator in the dispute.

DARLINGTON RESIDENCE BURNS

Mrs. J. M. James and Her Son Barely Escape With Their Lives.

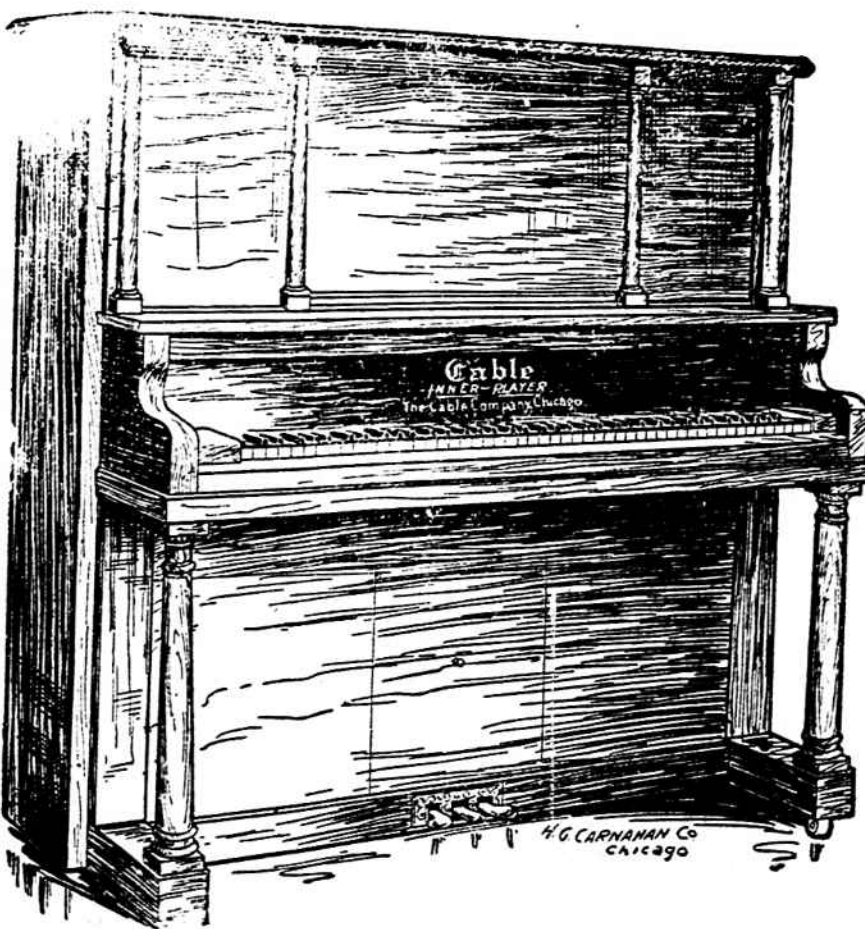
Darlington, Sept. 12.—Fire destroyed the large two-story frame dwelling located just in the rear of the City Hall, on Main street, this morning about 4 o'clock. The building was owned by Mrs. E. J. Price, and was worth about \$2,500. It has not been practicable to ascertain the amount, if any, of insurance carried.

The building was occupied by Mrs. J. M. James, and she and her son, J. Manigault James, Jr., barely escaped with their lives, not even saving a change of clothes. Mrs. James had some insurance on her household goods, but not nearly enough to cover the losses.

The alarm was not given until the fire had made considerable headway, but the fire department confined the fire to the one building, which is regarded as good work, because of the close proximity of other buildings.

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The city council of Darlington passed a resolution yesterday abrogating the contract between the Darlington Light and Water Company and the town of Darlington for lights and water, and this resolution was read at the sale to-day, so that prospective bidders would have notice of the action of the council. This resolution abrogating the contract was passed because of the inferior service given and the failure, after repeated promises, to improve the situation. P. A. Willcox, Esq., has been receiver for some time past for the Carolina Light and Water Company.

PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERY.

Young White Man Arrested at Greenville After a Chase.

Greenville, Sept. 9.—James Henry Davis, a white man, about twenty-eight years of age, was arrested to-day on a charge of forgery, after being hotly chased through the streets by the police, during which two shots were fired into the ground by the officers.

Davis presented an alleged forged note for \$40 at the People's Bank, and when the teller turned to ask about it, Davis fled out of the door. He was arrested after being chased three blocks by the officers and was carried to jail on a warrant sworn out by the bank authorities. He pleads guilty to the crime.

Poison Caused Woman's Death.

Lancaster, September 8.—The jury of inquest in the case of the woman in Union County, North Carolina, who died suddenly a few days ago, supposedly of poison, some days after swearing out a warrant against J. Wilson Aycoth, charging him with criminal assault, has concluded its investigation, the verdict being that the woman came to her death from poison administered by an unknown hand.

It will be recalled that the day after her death Aycoth attempted to commit suicide in his cell in the Monroe jail, where he has been confined since his capture in Lancaster county, a day or two after the alleged assault was committed, as published at the time. Whether the death of the woman had anything to do with Aycoth's attempt to take his own life is not known.

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