



THE INDEPENDENT

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SOME may think that Senator Ferebee killed the Ward Sub-division Bill, but Old Man Mack has been telling it around that he killed it.

THE night clerks in Elizabeth City hotels seems most disappointed since Virginia runaways can no longer get married here at midnight.

THIRTEEN illicit distilleries were destroyed by county officers in the county of Wake during the short month of February. And they call us Dry.

ONLY one Senator was absent and not voting when the Woman Suffrage Bill passed the Senate the other day. And his name was Coward.

CRISP of Dare has shaved his mustache and beard since he entered the General Assembly and now Tom Bost of the Raleigh Times says every time Crisp opens his mouth he expects to see him lay an egg.

MUCH of the matter I had written for last week's issue of THE INDEPENDENT went astray in the mails and did not show up in time for publication. The force found itself ready to go to press and, among other things, they didn't have enough editorials. They got busy and tried to write a couple of editorials that would sound like Saunders. And they stuck the word "damn" in one of them. When I raked them over the coals for putting cuss words in my editorials they came back at me by saying they thought it would sound more like me. Now what do you think of that?

Prohibition With An If

THINK I can explain why the Poole prohibition bill was so overwhelmingly defeated in the House of Representatives last week. The Poole Bill proposed to make the consumer and purchaser of liquor as guilty of crime as the distiller and boot legger. It made the purchaser or possessor of illicit liquor a party to the crime of the illicit dealer. And the House voted it down with a bang.

Mr. Poole and the Anti-Saloon League failed to take into account the fact that their most influential supporters are not honest. The big manufacturing and business interests of the South lined up with the Prohibition movement, not because they wanted prohibition for themselves, but because they wanted it for the working class. They thought they would get better labor by taking liquor away from labor; but they never had any idea of taking it away from themselves. Who does not know hundreds of men who voted every prohibition ticket with a wink of the eye, willing to put prohibition on the other fellow, but sure all the time that they could get all the liquor they wanted for themselves. I was in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida in 1907 when the lumber manufacturers of those states lined up for prohibition. And they drank a toast in rye to their resolution. Or was it corn?

And now the dishonest prohibitionist finds himself in anything but his old time idea of a pickle. He has been trapped into voting himself Dry. That's why the General Assembly killed the Poole Bill—too few of them game enough to go the limit.

Yes! I voted for the Poole bill; I would have felt like a knave if I hadn't.

A New Issue In State Politics

A NEW issue will be injected into the next political campaign in North Carolina; an issue which we all thought to avoid for a few years longer, at least. Capital and Labor will lock horns in the next state-wide election. The contest will be bitter and this conservative, easy-going, self-satisfied old commonwealth will get many a jolt.

The conduct of the textile manufacturers in North Carolina in the child labor question before this General Assembly has challenged organized labor to combat. Organized labor has accepted the challenge. The manufacturers have no one but themselves to blame.

Way back in 1887 when the Populists were running the Democrats a close race, the Democrats made a deal with the Ben Lacy wing of the populist party, agreeing to create a State Department of Labor and give Mr. Lacy the sinecure if he delivered the votes. Thereby was created the Department of Labor in North Carolina. The office was a joke. North Carolina had no labor laws and no factory regulations or inspections to place in the hands of its Commissioner of Labor. The Commissioner of Labor was confined to the humble task of compiling certain statistics concerning industries and labor and publishing a voluminous annual report. Some years later the title of the Commissioner was changed to Commissioner of Labor and Printing and he was put in charge of the state's printing. For several years now he has saved the state a great deal of money on its printing bills, besides compiling its labor statistics and has managed to make his office more of an asset than a liability.

In meantime the 80,000 organized working men in the state have looked with more or less contempt upon the office of Commissioner of Labor and Printing, but aside from that, never gave it much thought one way or another.

But the textile manufacturers have given the Department of Labor a new standing with organized labor. The foolish effort of the mill men to abolish Commissioner Shipman and his office because of proposed child labor legislation has brought organized labor to its feet and it has taken its stand with Shipman. Henceforth the Democratic party in North Carolina has got to reckon with organized labor.

The mill men claim they have as much influence and can control as many votes as labor. That is well enough for a boast, but in state elections the party has no votes to spare. It can not afford to lose either group. And the present Democratic General Assembly has utterly failed to heal the breach between the two groups.

"The Woman's Wear Store"

The New Spring Suits And Wraps Are Now Here For Your Viewing



The return of gaiety and beauty to the design, color and pattern of both wrap and suit materials as well as decorative trimming is clearly shown in the new spring wear we are now showing.

Wonderfully attractive are the styles themselves in the deftness of drape and the simplicity of model in keeping with the new silhouette which has returned to the Classic Greek type of before the war days.

Come in and look these new Garments over. New Styles are Arriving Daily.

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Woman's Wear

SPRING IS HERE!

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You should by all means lay in your summer's supply of Silk Shirts, as well as many other things of equal necessity for Young Men, since the Federal law imposes a 10 per cent tax on them the 1st of May.

In fact, it's a good time to buy anything and everything in the way of Clothing and Shoes, since you can buy them of us now, just as cheap as you can buy them anywhere during the coming season.

We have got the Price Right! Therefore, we can speak with assurance. While they will not be any cheaper, they will be a great deal scarcer. Don't delay—buy now!

C. A. COOKE
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EXPERT ON GARDENING SPEAKS HERE SATURDAY

A government expert of gardening will speak at the Alkrama Theatre Saturday evening at 1:30 o'clock.

It is hoped everybody interested in home garden will grasp this opportunity to hear him. The Chamber of Commerce and the W. C. T. U. have been instrumental in securing this federal expert to speak here Saturday, and he will tell of many things that will be of profitable value to all who have or expect to have a garden this year. He will also be glad to answer any questions that may be asked him in regards to the work.

He will tell you how to make the "waste places beautiful" and also profitable to the cultivator.

Friendships Good and Bad.

There are three friendships which are advantageous: Friendship with the upright, with the sincere, and with the man of much observation. Friendship with a man of specious airs, with the fascinatingly soft, and with the glib-tongued, these are injurious.—Confucius.

Daily Thought.

If we encountered a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he read.—Emerson.

NOTICE:—If you have hauling of any kind to be done, give me a trial. Prompt Reason for selling, health failed him. Will sell on long time. See N. R. PARKER. cM7-2t

NOTICE! FOR SALE:—House and store combined. House 6 room. Store doing good business in a good location. Reason for selling, health failed him. Will sell on long time. See N. R. PARKER. cM7-2t

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NORFOLK MARKETS

Norfolk, Va., March 7, 1919. Reported especially for THE INDEPENDENT by Jarvis & Pentress. The following prices represent actual sales made to-day.

Items not quoted were not sold to-day and the Food Administration prohibits quotations other than actual sales.

Eggs	38c to 40c
Hens	35c
Young Chickens	35c to 38c
Geese, live	25c
Geese, dressed and drawn	35c
Turkeys, live	40c
Turkeys, undrawn	40c
Turkeys, drawn	45c to 50c
Oosters	20c
Ducks, live	30c
Ducks, dressed	40c
Hogs, small	18c to 20c
Hogs, heavy	18c
Calves, dressed	15c to 22c
Beef forequarters	12 1/2c to 15c
Beef hindquarters	18c to 22c
Sweet Potatoes, Nancy Halls and Cuban Yams	\$7.00
Haymays	\$6.50
Irish Potatoes	\$2.50

CAR LOAD COLUMBIA AUTOMOBILES JUST ARRIVED

1 Sport Model, Four Passenger Car.
2 Regular Five Passenger Cars.
These Cars painted in the following colors: Blue, Black, and Maroon, or can use any other color to suit the purchaser.

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.



MOUNTAIN Syringes, Bed Pans, Fever Thermometers, Rubber Tubing, Sterilized Absorbent Cotton and Gauze, Pain Plasters, Kidney Plasters, Hot Water Bottles,—in fact everything needed in the sick room is found in our stock. The price is moderate and the quality is THERE. The quality of our Prescription Work, too will be found adequate to the occasion. Ask your doctor if we may fill that prescription.

THE CITY DRUG STORE

Phone No. 288.

Cor. Water and Matthews Sts. Elizabeth City, N. C.

H. S. OVERMAN

V. K. OVERMAN

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ON AND AFTER March 1st, our Kodak Department will be conducted on a cash basis only, and the following prices will be charged for developing and printing.

FILM No. 127 @	04c	FILM No. 101 @	05c
FILM No. 120 @	04c	FILM No. 124 @	05c
FILM No. 320 @	04c	FILM No. 122 @	06c
FILM No. 116 @	05c	FILM No. 123 @	06c
FILM No. 118 @	05c	Prints 4 x 6	10c
FILM No. 318 @	05c	Prints 5 x 7	12c

Add Two Cents Extra for Mailing.

MONEY OR STAMPS MUST ACCOMPANY ALL KODAK WORK, OTHERWISE WORK WILL BE RETURNED C. O. D.

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ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

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We have the most attractive line you ever saw and the prices are right. You will also find every accessory such as the best fitting shirts, ties, collars, and headwear to be found anywhere.

We have a full line of shoes for every member of the family. Father, Mother, Sister and Brother.

Come and be convinced.

Benton & West

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