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### SUCCESSION NOTICE.

No. 11,620—In First District Court of Louisiana: Succession of Mrs. Mina Utz Sutherland.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Caddo: Notice is hereby given that Dr. William K. Sutherland has this day applied to be appointed administrator of said succession, and unless opposition be made thereto within the time specified by law, he will be appointed as prayed for.

Witness the Honorable T. F. Bell, judge of said court, this 31st day of October 1907.

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SHREVEPORT, LA.

### COTTON MARKET

Office of The Caucasian, Shreveport, La., Dec. 10, 1907.

**SHREVEPORT MARKET.**  
The market closed quiet 3-8 off. Receipts 1090 bales. Sales to factors none.

Lo middling ..... 10 3-16  
Middling ..... 11  
Good middling ..... 11 1-4

### SHREVEPORT RECEIPTS.

Stock on hand Sept. 1 ..... 3,538  
Received this day ..... 1,090  
Received previously ..... 43,377 44,467

Total stock to date ..... 48,005  
Shipments to date ..... 36,447

Net stock on hand ..... 11,561  
Same day last year ..... 22,351

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

This yr. Last yr.  
Since yesterday ..... 1,090 1,235  
Same day last year ..... 1,873  
Thus far this week ..... 2,466  
Thus far last year ..... 5,821 3,086  
Since September 1 ..... 44,467 127,105  
Stock on hand ..... 11,561 22,351

### LOCAL RECEIPTS.

This Week  
1907. 1906. 1905.  
Saturday ..... 761 2,005 1,178  
Monday ..... 615 1,943 673  
Tuesday ..... 1,090 1,873 1,235  
Wednesday ..... 1,424 131  
Thursday ..... 1,806 622  
Friday ..... 2,174 1,259  
Total ..... 2,466 11,225 5,098

## WILL ASKEW ARRESTED

ARRESTED TODAY IN MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA.

## INDICTED FOR MURDER

He Is Implicated in the Hanson Case. Sheriff Flournoy Telegraphed to Many Points, and Success Has at Last Crowned His Efforts.

With the indictments against Henry High, Ella Montgomery and Lelia Twilley was an indictment against Will Askeew, which was purposely eliminated from publicity.

From the moment of the indictment, Sheriff Flournoy was active in securing his arrest. He was located at Pittsburg, Texas, but he was gone when the wire to hold him reached that place. He was spotted at other points and finally he was located at Muskogee, which is his home, and there he was arrested today before noon.

Will Askeew is a young man of good address, and a printer. He is one of the best of the craft. He was a close friend of George Hanson. He has professed little knowledge of the murder. On the morning of the finding of Hanson's body he intimated that High was the murderer. At first this statement was given no importance, but subsequent developments would indicate that he is possessed of information in connection with the crime of such character as to have entangled him with Henry High and the women already in jail.

The arrest of Will Askeew is all important, and will have a tendency in strengthening the case of the State against High.

It is expected that Will Askeew will consent to return without a requisition. Should he refuse to come willingly, his arrival in Shreveport will be a few days delay only.

Will Askeew has many friends in Shreveport.

Too much credit can not be given Sheriff Flournoy in his untiring efforts to secure the arrest of Will Askeew.

## NEGRO WOMAN MURDERED

Body, With Head Crushed With an Ax, Found Near Scene of Crime.

Sunday afternoon the body of Bettie Hicks, a negro woman, was found within three hundred yards from the cabin in which she had been last seen alive. The woman's head had been crushed with an axe. It is believed she was murdered Saturday afternoon. The woman was aged 45 years. Her husband, Albert Hicks, was arrested and is jailed on suspicion.

## WILKINSON CLUB

Regular Meeting Tonight in Armory Hall.

The Wilkinson Club will hold their regular meeting tonight in the Armory Hall on Milam street, opposite the Caddo Hotel. The meeting will be made interesting by several local speakers. It is intended to be an experience meeting. All citizens interested in the election of Theodore S. Wilkinson for Governor are invited to be present.

## MORALS AND MAMMON.

Candidate Pharr—running for Governor on the Republican ticket—believes that "prohibition is impossible and impracticable." Therefore he favors a \$1000 State license, to begin with. And then he adds that saloons and race track gambling are "gross evils and courses of the corruption and physical damnation of our youth."

The logic of Candidate Pharr is that the "corruption and physical damnation of our youth" is all right provided the saloons pay the State \$1000 per annum as a license to corrupt and damn!

There are two journalists in Louisiana who never get on the winning side in politics. Should they by accident find themselves on the side that will eventually win, they are sure to flop on the wrong side. One is a rip snorting reformer of New Orleans and the other of Shreveport—Baton Rouge Truth.

The "rip snorting reformer" of Shreveport has never sought the "winning side" per se in all his life, and is quite satisfied to have done what he thought was right rather than to have done what he knew to be wrong, even if it was to be on the "winning side."

## PROHIBITION MOVEMENT

INAUGURATED WITH ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATION.

## FORCEFUL PRESENTATION

The Issue Is Clear-cut—The Line Is Drawn—No Middle Ground—It Must Be "For" or "Against"—The Antis Were in the Minority.

At the meeting held in the headquarters of the Progressive League, 214 Milam street, last night, the prohibitionists scored a surprising and overwhelming success.

Why was this meeting called, and in whose interest, may not be explained satisfactorily, but it was not by the friends of the prohibition movement.

The meeting as called was ostensibly for the discussion of the prohibition question by the taxpayers and business men. It was announced that the saloon as well as the dealers in whiskey and intoxicants would be eliminated.

Why was this meeting called to convene in the Progressive League headquarters which is also the headquarters of the State Fair of Louisiana, when it should have been held at the court house, which is a public place with seating capacity sufficient to accommodate several hundred people?

Why were printed invitations sent to a few?

If the anti-prohibitionists anticipated any advantage, they were woefully disappointed. The prohibitionists accepted the call and were there in such overwhelming numbers as to control the meeting from the beginning to the end.

The assemblage was called to order by Captain P. Youree, who named Mr. E. B. Herndon chairman. As there was no opposition Mr. Herndon was favored unanimously. Mr. Claiborne Foster was assigned the clerkship of the meeting.

Then followed an interval of silence, and some developments.

The first speaker was Col. John S. Young. He did not know by whom the meeting had been called, but stated that it was not in the interest of the prohibitionists. As chairman of the Prohibition League Colonel Young explained that he has sent telegrams of inquiry to various towns and cities where prohibition obtains asking for information as to what results have followed the elimination of whiskey, to which he had received replies as follows:

Jackson, Miss.—Free from lawlessness.

Ruston—Effect of prohibition for good can not be estimated.

Tyler, Texas—Effect good; business better; no increase in tax.

Minden—Better with prohibition than ever before.

Greenville, Texas—General effects on morals good; no effect on taxes; brick buildings being erected.

Wichita, Kas.—Improvement in morals; helps business; no effect on taxes.

Longview, Texas—Favorable in every particular.

Kansas City, Kas.—Taxes not increased; business better; morals generally improved.

Homer—Morals better; business all right; better class of negroes favor prohibition and white men would not see liquor return. Best wishes for success.

In strong and convincing words Col. Young met and shattered the argument advanced in support of the necessity of the license paid by the saloons. He charged responsibility on the breweries who paid the licenses of saloons and groggeries. The law, he declared, had been violated with impunity by the saloon men. He said: "They made a business of violating the law and trampling it under their feet. How much longer are we going to stand for it?"

"Taxes are now as high as they can ever be under the law, and prohibition will cut down the criminal expenses \$60,000. The expense of maintaining the parish jail is \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year. They say we can't enforce prohibition. Well, we couldn't enforce regulation."

In the course of his speech Colonel Young declared that the present municipal government had been reckless and lavish in unnecessary expenditures and cited the appropriation to the State Fair and the Confederate Veterans monument. He was cheered vociferously.

## A. QUERBES' SPEECH.

There were loud calls for Hon. A. Querbes. He stated that he would argue the question without prejudice and from an economic standpoint. He expressed the hope that no ill feeling would be engendered by the controversy. He referred to his efforts in the enforcement of the law when he was mayor. He suggested the adoption of the anti-screen, which had been defeated in the Council by one vote. He had urged the forfeiture of the license of saloons violating the law which on appeal to the Supreme Court had been decreed to be unconstitutional. He presented and analyzed the budget as fixed for the current year. He was of the opinion that little of the expenditures could be reduced. To curtail the appropriation for the fire department would lead to serious losses. The fire department was equal to the best in the South and this efficiency must be maintained. If prohibition carried it would not be possible to decrease the police as law breakers would be multiplied, and these would have to be watched and arrested and punished. The streets would have to be maintained. He declared that gambling should be suppressed, the screens removed from saloons and the doors be kept open day and night, that the broad light of heaven might shine and expose the interior of the saloon. He submitted the comparison as to the difference in cost to the taxpayers under prevailing conditions. He said:

Assessment \$1000, city tax 8 mills ..... \$8.00  
Parish tax 10 mills ..... 10.00  
State tax 5 mills ..... 5.00  
\$23.00

Under proposed conditions:  
Assessment \$2200, city 8 mills ..... \$17.00  
Assessment \$2200, parish 10 mills ..... 22.00  
Assessment \$2200, State 5 mills ..... 11.00  
\$50.00

Increase 120 per cent.

Total expenses of city \$217,153.96 Receipts: Bature rents \$2950, city court \$3350, dog tax \$1500, licenses \$25,000, taxes \$93,080; total \$125,880. Deficit \$91,273.96.

Total assessment city \$11,635,000. Less railroad, telephone and telegraph and express companies \$2,075,036. Net assessment \$9,559,964.

He closed with the statement that he was actuated by the best interests of the community and was with the people. He was cheered lustily.

## COL. W. H. WISE'S SPEECH.

In answering to loud and prolonged calls, Col. W. H. Wise emerged from the front of the league room from a jam of people. As he took his stand by the entrance he was cheered to the echo.

It had been reported during the day that Colonel Wise would appear for the anti, and that he would demonstrate how the ruin of the city would be accomplished by prohibition. Naturally the anti in this anticipation were rejoiced. The pros were equally jubilant. The enthusiasm having subsided, Colonel Wise's first words were: "On which side shall I stand? With the men and women who are trying to bring about a better condition, or with the men who have been violating the law?"

Then followed a pause, during which a needle dropping to the floor could have been heard.

"My friends and fellow citizens, you can have no doubt where I stand. Need I say that I am with the women and the men who are trying to bring about a better condition?"

He was interrupted with a shout of applause which shook the building to its foundation. He had announced his stand. The anti were disconcerted, while the pros were radiant in their jubilation.

Colonel Wise then discussed "What Effect Will Prohibition Have on the City?" Is the saloon an important factor in the upbuilding of the town? He reviewed the years when the saloons were opened. How the saloon had defied the law with contempt. How the saloon was responsible for crime and disorder. How the saloon was accountable for the widespread misery resulting from intemperance. He had not always been in favor of prohibition, but the issue had to be met. The saloon had defied all law and was a powerful factor in the control of politics. He referred to the Lottery, which had been destroyed by an outraged people. The Lottery had offered a million dollars annually for the privilege of debauching the people. The saloon was now ready to compromise, to accept high license, to assist in the suppression of the groggeries, but the saloon was no less an enemy of the people and must be destroyed. He reviewed Mr. Querbes' presentation and punctured his fallacies until they had little to rest on. Colonel Wise's argument was a masterly exposition of the baneful influence of the saloon. He demonstrated that the city would be bettered by prohibition and that the money wasted in the saloon would be expended on the wives and the children at the grocery and the dry goods stores.

At the close of his speech Colonel Wise received an ovation.

## CAPTAIN YOUREE'S SPEECH.

Captain P. Youree yielded reluctantly to the calls of his friends. Captain Youree is against prohibition. He did

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Opening Day, August 20, 1906	DEPOSITS	TOTAL RESOURCES
November 1, 1906	\$300,362.93	\$552,866.35
January 1, 1907	\$460,279.42	\$776,595.10
March 1, 1907	\$624,852.15	\$955,904.52
May 1, 1907	\$757,508.78	\$1,101,671.77
	\$877,562.68	\$1,217,296.84

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not believe it to be possible to prohibit. He referred to "blind tigers" and to the disregard of prohibition in the places it was in force. He pleaded fair play for the breweries which had been secured through the Progressive League and which would have to close if prohibition carried. He concluded by saying that he would abide by the result and stand for the enforcement of the law. He was applauded generously.

## DR. SPEARING'S SPEECH.

On being called, Rev. J. H. Spearing of St. Mark's Episcopal church said he was not a prohibitionist in the sense usually applied, but the movement had been outgrown by a revolution for higher civic morals. The issue was for higher civic morals or lower civic morals. In this issue all men must line up. He stood for higher civic morals. He then detailed how the influence of the saloon dominated in politics and in business. He cited the instance when Colonel Young, a police juror, had voted for high license. He was the director of a bank in which a large number of saloon men were depositors, and these withdrew their deposits to a man. He cited the case of Chief of Police Gerrald who had incurred the enmity of the saloons simply because he had enforced the law.

The saloon had not only succeeded in defeating him for chief of police but had hounded him until it has been impossible for him to secure employment. They had declared that he would be driven out of town, but he was still here, doing his duty as a good citizen. The issue is very simple. The saloon or the people must control, he said. "The saloon men have no fear of God or man. The citizens did manage to get rid of a judge who only fined these law violators \$25, and put in Judge Webb, who has covered himself with glory. The saloon men, before this, made up a fund among themselves to pay the fines of those convicted of violating the Sunday law."

"Mr. Fullilove is a candidate for city judge. He will enforce the law. I figure that there is one million dollars spent in the saloons for the \$130,000 license they pay the city. Shreveport, all around the country, has the reputation of being a bad place. I have received many letters from mothers, wives and sisters, telling me that they had heard Shreveport was an awful place and they had tried so hard to keep certain male members of their families from coming here. It is for us to do away with the bad name of Shreveport."

## DR. SPEARING'S SPEECH.

When Mr. S. B. Hicks of The Hicks Company, Limited, responded to the calls of his friends, he stated that he was no speaker, but he addressed his audience with earnestness. He said he had not been a prohibitionist, but since he had given the question all due consideration he could no longer oppose it. It was not a question of license, but of humanity. He entertained no ill feeling against the saloon. He referred to the time when he was a member of the City Council and favored high license. One of his salesmen reported to him that the saloon man had refused to buy cigars from his firm. It was the saloon man's privilege to buy their cigars wherever they chose, and it was his right to have and express his opinion as became a free born American citizen. He said:

"I don't blame them, for I may have injured their business by sticking for high license."

"I always speak to the saloon men I know. I have nothing against them. They are, for the most part, good men, and should be in some other business, but I can't fight prohibition."

"It is like murder. You have to hang murderers to reduce the per cent. You might as well give it to the people for they are going to have it."

Mr. Hicks was greeted with prolonged applause.

It was evident that a number of the audience were disappointed when Mr. S. B. Hicks answered the call to speak and did speak, as they had not anticipated. They were disappointed, as one of the anti exclaimed, "D—n it, we got on to the wrong M. Hicks."

## W. F. TAYLOR'S SPEECH.

The last speaker was Mr. W. F. Taylor of the W. F. Taylor Company. He announced that he had not been a prohibitionist, but that under existing conditions he would be recreant to himself and the people if he did not align himself on the side for higher civic morals. He conceded the fact that prohibition would not prohibit, and that there would be infractions of the law, but there was no law which could be enforced absolutely. The present condition was due to the saloons, who have brought it upon themselves. They have always been violators of law. In politics, unlike

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## BEN HOLZMAN'S

### SPECIALS

TRUNKS, SUIT CASES AND HAND BAGS.

For the benefit of the Holiday travel we will offer for the next ten days our entire stock of FINE TRUNKS, SUIT CASES and HAND BAGS at TWENTY PER CENT DISCOUNT. It will pay to see our stock before buying.

### Monday and Tuesday

GINGHAMS and PERCALES.  
500 yards Best Grade Gingham and Percales, worth 12 1-2c and 15c yd, special price Monday and Tuesday, 10 yards to ..... \$1.00  
10 yards to a customer.

### UNBLEACHED COTTON FLANNEL

29 inches wide, long nap, extra heavy quality, worth 15c yard, special price Monday and Tuesday 10 yds for .85c

### BLEACHED DOMESTIC

Yard wide, soft finish, good grade, worth 12 1-2c yard, special price Monday and Tuesday 10 yds for .85c

### LADIES WHITE NET WAISTS

AT COST.  
We have 13 white Net Waists, Marquise Brand, varying from .65 to \$1.50, which we offer for Monday and Tuesday at cost.

\$6.50 Waist for ..... \$4.90  
\$9.00 Waist for ..... \$6.90  
\$10.00 Waist for ..... \$7.90  
\$12.50 Waist for ..... \$8.90  
\$15.00 Waist for ..... \$9.90

### COLORING OUTING.

1000 yards Colored Outing, best grade worth 12 1-2c yard, special price for Monday and Tuesday, yard... 7 1-2c

### Specials for This Week

#### LADIES TAILOR MADE SUITS.

We will offer for this week 25 Ladies Tailor Made Suits, black and colored, Panama, Cheviot and Chiffon Broadcloth, worth up to \$15.00, to close out for ..... \$4.85

#### DRESS GOODS.

25 pieces yard Wide All Wool Flannel Suits, pretty colors, worth 50c yard, special price for this week, yard ..... 36c

#### OPERA CLOAKING.

50 inches wide, all wool, cream white, worth \$1.25 yard, special price for this week, yard ..... 90c  
\$1.50 value, yard ..... \$1.15

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