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A VAST AREA "DRY"

PROHIBITION WAVE HAS SWEPT OVER WIDE SECTION.

Results Are Far Reaching-In Many States Question Overshadows All Other Issues-Reports Show Decrease in Drunkenness and Crime.

A wave of prohibition has swept with such remarkable effect over the south and sentiment has so crystallized against the saloon and its kindred evils that the new year opens upon a vast stretch of territory absolutely bereft of liquor, while the area where the anti-prohibitionists have triumphed marks the battle ground for impending fights on the question.

Significant of the magnitude this problem has assumed is the fact that in many states prohibition obscures all other municipal and state questions. Other states have disposed of the issue temporarily at least, by the passage of statutory laws, whose efficiency must yet be tested. In still other states the elections have restricted the sale of liquors in the larger cities.

More than half the south's territory is "dry" absolutely, and in the remaining area the sale of intoxicants is restricted.

It is evident that the cities are the only remaining strongholds for the saloons, and it is unlikely that this condition will be modified except through a radical change in political thought, through failure to enforce the laws against the liquor traffic, failure to solve the problem growing out of deficits in county, municipal and state treasuries from a loss of the whisky stables which follow in the wake of prohibition.

The results of prohibition generally are gleaned from reports indicating a great decrease in the number of arrests for drunkenness, an increase in the bank deposits of laborers, fewer cases of wife abandonment, and a decrease in criminality generally. The difficulty of enforcing the prohibition laws, however, is conceded to be one of the chief obstacles to its absolute success in many states.

A SPECTACULAR ACCIDENT.

Automobile . Turns . Three Complete Somersaults in the Air.

One of the most spectacular accidents ever caused in an American automobile race occurred at Ascot park, Los Angeles, Cal., when the tire of a racer broke on a curve while Gus Seyfried, of San Francisco, was driving at more than a mile a minute, the car turning three complete somresaults in the air, a blazing ball of flame, and landing a broken wreck in the center of the track, where it was practically consumed by the flames.

Seyfried was thrown out with terrific force, landing clear of his car and sustaining only minor cuts and

The principal feature of the day was the winning of 25-mile event by G. Soules, lowering the world's record for stock cars, in the fast time of 25 min. utes 36 2-5 seconds.

ORDER JEWS FROM FINLAND

Thirty Families Have Been Ordered to Leave the Country.

One of the periodic expulsions of Hebrews is going on in Finland. Thirty families have been ordered to emigrate at once. The senate on the basis of a narrow interpretation of the law maintains the rihgt to issue individual licenses entitling residence in Finland for six months, being renewable at the senate's discretion.

According to the Finish statutes Hebrews are forbidden to acquire and hold property, are denied the right of citizenship and are permitted to reside in Fininad only under close restrictions. An exception was made in the year 1850 in favor of 200 families. The late diet declined to consider a proposition abolishing Jewish disabili-

READY TO INVADE SERVIA.

Austria-Hungary Has Large Force of Soldiers on Frontier.

A dispatch from Vienna says that Austria-Hungary has a force of 155,-000 men in Bosna and Herzegovnia ready to invade Servia at a moment's notice. Another correspondent says typhus has broken out among the Austrian troops in Bosnia and that the troops are suffering greatly from the cold and exposure. Many deaths have occurred.

A dispatch from Cettinje, Montenegro, announces the departure of the war minister and general staff on a tour of inspecaion of the Herzegovnia The Fryes are of Cherokee descent, frontier.

Fire Destroys a Hotel.

Fire destroyed the Arlington hotel and seven other buildings at Oneonta. N. Y., causing a loss of \$100,000. Many row escapes. The fire started in the Arlington hotel building owned by H E. Huntington, of Los Angeles.

Sioux City Live Stock Market, Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves, \$3.75@4.75. Top hogs, \$5.80.

SECURE \$180 BY TORTURE.

Lighted Matches.

over \$180.

the barn, stealing a horse and buggy, \$50,000 each. the bandits then operated undisturbed. show to the court that it has taken will recover.

ing Schabow with the matches the other kept him covered with a re- their affairs in the state. volver, threatening to kill him if he a Toledo insurance company.

and the surrounding country for the its interests March 1, 1907. two robbers.

of the robbery was when the children rushed to their father's room to wish him a merry Christmas. He was not hands and feet tied and a woolen mitten stuffed in his mouth. On regaining consciousness Mr. Schabow said that hearing a noise in the office he went to investigate and was attacked by two masked men, who demanded money. He refused to open the safe. whereupon they bound and gagged him and then applied lighted matches to his feet. He endured this torture for awhile, but finally gave in and opened the safe and then became un-

DESTITUTE REMEMBERED.

New York Sets a New Mark in Christ-

mas Charities. New York City celebrated Christmas of 1908 in a way that not only lived up to the best of its traditions, but set a new standard. Favored with tax, or inability to cope with the illicit abundance which the year brought sale of whisky, and perhaps other ob- forth, the rich, well to do and the moderately circumstanced had placed at the disposal of active workers in philanthropy ample funds with which to go at the work of making the day one to be remembered. The unfortunate in the jails, the ill in the hospitals, the poor in their homes and the destitute and helpless in institutions, all were remembered. That not far from 100,000 persons were assisted by means of donations of dinners and the like is estimated.

Mostnotable of the Christmas beneficiaries were those of the Salvation army and Volunteers of America. The "army" had the vast floor of the Grand Central Place auditorium for its Christmas storehouse and drew upon its supply to send out fully 5,000 baskets, each containing a Christmas dinner for some poor family.

MYSTERY IN BANK ROBBERY.

California Officials Find \$29,000 Miss-

ing from Los Angeles Concern. The fact has just been made public that the First National bank, of Monrovia, Cal., was robbed of a sum said to amount to \$29,000 some time between last Saturday and Monday night. Detectives have been at work on the case, but it is stated that no clews to the robbers have been found and no arrests have been made. The loss of money was discovered when the bank opened for business Monday morning. Whether it was taken by an expert thief after the close of the bank on Saturday, or was removed after the vault had been locked for the night, has not been determined. All the officers of the bank refuse to discuss the matter. President John Bartle admitted that the robbery had occurred, but said that in view of the fact that the bank was insured for \$25,000 with a casualty company the loss to the stockholders would be less than \$5,-000. The bank is capitalized at \$100,-000, with a surplus of \$90,000, and has undivided profits of \$20,000.

Vessel's Crew Mutinies.

The crew of the yacht Della, owned by Jacques Lebaudy, "Emperor of the Sahara," mutinied off the coast near Teneriffe, Canary Islands, and hoisted forced to put into Santa Cruz, however, owing to lack of coal, and on arriving there the mutineers were ar-

Water Gauge Bursts.

The bursting of a water gauge in he cab of a mogul engine running fifty miles an hour and pulling the fast through stock train on the Lake Shore ailroad from Chicago to New York ngineer.

Deputy Sheriff Shot.

Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Mitchell was shot and killed at Hogan institute, Okla, when he attempted to quiet a disturbance at a Christmas celebration. Sam and Henry Frye are under arrest and a posse is seeking George Frye wealthy and prominent.

Farmer Ends Life.

Because he did not have money nough to provide the usual Christmas toys for his children, C. A. Eastop, : of the occupants of the hotel had nar- farmer near Quietman, Ca., committed suicide by shooting.

Business Section Burned.

Practically the entire business section of Ravia, Okla., a town of 1,200 nhabitants in Johnson county, was about \$55,000.

OIL TRUST OUSTED.

Robbers Burn Victim's Feet with Missouri Supreme Court Renders Sweeping Opinion.

By burning his feet with lighted Declaring that the Standard Oil matches two masked robbers at 4 Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil o'clock Friday morning compelled H. Company of Ohio and the Waters-A. Schabow, of Curtice, O., to open Pierce Oil Company of Missouri, had a safe in his farm house and turn conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in that state, the su-After tying their victim to his bed preme court of Missouri Wednesday with strips of a sheet and placing a issued a decree ousting all three from gag in his mouth the bandits went to the commonwealth and fining them

and escaped. On battering in the front The decree against the Watersdoor the robbers placed an unknown Pierce company is tempered by the substance on a heated stove which proviso that it may continue in busiovercame the family of seven, and ness if by January 15, 1909, it can Schabow is in serious condition, but steps to operate as an independent concern and has satisfied the judgment While one of the robbers was tortur- against it. The other companies are given until March 1, 1905, to wind up

The Republic Oil company, accorduttered a sound. Schabow is agent for ling to a statement filed with the secretary of state last June, has ceased to Toledo police are searching the city do business in Missouri, having sold

The decision, which was unanimous The first the Schabow family knew on the part of the seven judges, is so sweeping that Attorney General Hadley and Gov. Folk hail it as the end of the illegal commercial combinathere, and on entering a little front tions in Missouri, and the former asroom used as an office they found him serts that, in conjunction with the deon the floor unconscious, with his cision of the supreme court of the United States in the tobacco trust case, t will affect similar suits in other

Attorney General Hadley, who has prosecuted the Missouri case since its inception in March, 1905, will become governor in less than a month, and then will be charged with the enforcement of the decree issued Wednesday. The attorney general followed up the promulgation by the court with a statement in which he asserted that attempts had been made to compromise the suit.

MANY HURT IN A RIOT.

Factions in Church Have a Serious Clash Near Pittsburg.

Waring fractions of a Catholic congregation in Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburg, Tuesday night engaged in H. T. Bowers Loses Life While Skata riot in which four persons were serwere slightly injured. Twenty-five of the participants have been arrested and are in jail and warrants are being prepared for many other participants in the melee. After the Homestead riot had been quelled the rioters went to Municipal hall, where they destroyed the interior of St. Michael's Slavonic parechial school, home of the new eriest, Rev. M. C. Flagensky, whose life they vainly sought. The trouble was over the removal of furniture from St. Michael's Slavonic Roman Catholic church to the parochial school at Municipal hall, a nearby borough, by a new pastor.

LABOR CHIEFS FOUND GUILTY.

Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison Are Sentenced.

The famous contempt cases of the Buck Stove and Range company against President Compers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, was decided Wednesday by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, adversely to the federation officials. Compers was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment, Mitchell to nine months and Morrison to six months. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products and the putting of that company on the unfair list, and the federation's alleged violation of Judge Gould's recent mandamus, and has attracted wide attention.

BURNHAM IS FOUND DEAD.

Former Insurance Man is Poisoned by Gas. Frederick A. Durnham, of New York,

former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, was found dead in bed in his home Wednesday morning of gas poisoning. The police lay his death to suicide.

The Burnham family doctor, who reached the home a few minutes afhad escaped from a small stove, which was used to heat Burnham's sleeping the Haitian colors. The vessel was room. The physician said Burnham apparently had turned it on again after the flame had been extinguished.

The Mutual Reserve went into the hands of a receiver in February last,

Consumption Death Rate High.

According to a bulletin by the state board of health, of the 31,443 deaths in Illinois during the first half of the present year, 3,786 were from tuberresulted in the death of the head culosis. From only one other cause brakeman, the probable death of the were there more deaths, 4.117 from freman and the slight scalding of the pneumonia. The rate of death is 11.19 per cent of each 1,000 of population.

One Thousand Homeless.

More than 1,000 persons were made homeless and \$100,000 worth of proprty destroyed in a fire which burned out an entire block of department houses in Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday. Twenty persons who were overcome by smoke, were rescued by firement.

Baby Fell Five Stories.

After falling five stories down an elevator shaft and alighting on a cement floor, the 2-year-old baby of Cash Michum, a railroad agent, of St. Joseph, Wednesday, escaped with nothing more than a few scratches.

Five Injured in Wreck.

A local passenger train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railway collided with a freight train at Chaffe, wiped out by fire, the loss aggregating Mo., Wednesday night. Five persons There were over 200 entries and the were injured.

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STATE NEWS

KILLS CRIPPLED SON. Lincoln Father Then Commits Suicide.

Had Been in Ill Health. Herman Weidburg, of Lincoln, a hack driver, 35 years old, killed his 9-year-old son, and then shot is what Mr. Carter said: himself, dying aimost instantly. The murdered child, who was a cripple, never having been able to walk. was asieep with another brother. Aclittle Sidney out, placing him on the ! floor, and shot him twice through the was dead, the man turned the weapon

on himself. who gave him little encouragement. Brooding over his own ailment and that of the buy supposedly prompted

STRAIGHTEN ELEBORN RIVER.

Made Necessary by the Changes Made in Lagan Creek.

The plan of straightening the Elli hern river by cutting channels across of both Deuvlas and Surpy counties creek through Thurston, Burt and 1 miles in length, but if the cutoffs progineers are dug it will be reduced to mayor and with little advice or sugonly about sixty miles, and during gestion from him, the people here now high water it will empty a larger flow realize that it is time his honor was into the Elkhorn than that crooked I ming commuted. Therefore a number proposed contemplates a new drainage his office during the last few days to district under the Knowles law.

BROKE THROUGH THE ICE.

ing at Lincoln. Miss Janet Ramey, H. T. Bowers, 27 years of age, lost his life while skating at Lincoln park. He broke through the thin ice and drowned more than a hundred skaters witness-

ing the tragedy. Miss Ramey screamed for help and at the same time skated out on the thin ice and attempted to reach Mr. Bowers with a branch that she had eaught up. His body was recovered three-quarters of an hour after it sank. Powers was prominent in society and his family is well known his father being state secretary for the Cideons.

WOMAN AT DANNEBORG KHALLP

Fell Into a Cellar Way and Skull I

Crushed—Dies Instantly. While doing some Christmas shop ping in the store of the Dannebors Mercantile company, Mrs. Didrik Jon son stepped into an open cellar-way through the floor and fell to the floor below in such a manner that the skull was crushed, and she lived only a fee minutes after. She was one of the earlier Danish settlers, coming to Dannesborg in 1872. Her surviving husband has been confined to his infor a long time by serious illness.

VALENTINE MAN MURDERED

C. W. Massingale Killed at Eldorado. Ark., and Robbed.

C. W. Massingale, aged 50 years, 60 Valentine, Neb., who has been in Eldorado, Ark., for several months, was robbed of about \$200 Wednesday night and killed. His body was found near the school building in Eldorado. Les L. Coembs, a farmer living about four miles from Eldorado, who was arrested in Little Rock last summer, said to have been charged with larceny, is held in connection with the killing.

SHARE PROFITS WITH EMPLOYES

Divide More Than \$1,000 Among

Their Workmen. In addition to the distribution of 290 turkeys among its employes, the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of Reatrice gave added reason for a merry Christmas by declrains the semi-annual profit sharing. Divi ter Burnham was found, said the case | dends just distributed for the last hal undoubtedly was one of accident. Gas of the year are \$4,660.63. This year the rate is 8 per cent against 6 per cent last year.

Escaped Prisoner Returns.

James B. Dawson, who was in a altercation with William Heid at Mil ford last summer, in which Heid wa stabbed and who escaped from the county jail at Seward on the night of September 15, was returned to Seware county jail by Sheriff Gilan Thursday

New Opera House at McCook. McCook's \$50,000 Masonic temple opera house project is nearing the point of enclosure. It is hoped that

Machinery for Light Plant. The machinery for McCook's new electric light plant arrived last weel on Wednesday. The new buildings are rapidly nearing completion.

early spring.

For Farmers Institute. The county board of supervisors of Cuming county have appropriated \$100 for the purpose of holding

farmers' institute in the year 1909.

Held for Diamond Theft. Jutus Soudder of Grand Island is awaiting trail at Hastings on the charge of larcery and forgery. He is accused of having stolen a diamond from the Sims jewelry store while negotiating for its purchase with a forged check.

Ponltry Show a Success. The chicken and per stock show which closed Saturday at Nebraska \$8,000 for a new school building Four City, was a success in every way, attendance was very large.

BOGUS GAME LAWS.

Advertising Grafter Trimming Country

Merchants. Merchants out in some of the small towns of the state are patronizing a traveling advertising man, instead of their local newspapers, and consequently are liable to get innocent parties into trouble. The scheme being worked is to print on a card the game laws for 1908-09 and sell advertising space on the cards to the merchants. Copies of the card have been received by Game Warden Carter, who denounced the man who is doing the business as a mighty bad man. Here

"There are no game laws for 1908-09. The legislature which is shortly to meet may change all of the game laws on the statute books. The circucording to the story of the second lation of these cards might get innoson, the father came to the bed, lifted cent parties into trouble because they might think they are really the game laws of the state. The man who got heart. Satisfying himself that his boy up the advertising scheme did not even use the present game laws. I have written to several parties who have sent me cards and told they are all in poor health, and his condition lately wrong insofar as they relate to the confronting the American fishing indusbecame worse. He called a doctor, game laws." Mr. Carter received try is the failure of the States to afford some of the cards from Fairbury and they contained advertising matter from merchants of that town.

LINCOLN'S CITY CHARTER.

ayor Thinks Commission Should

Have Pay. not recently returned home from an theoree of wey put works at Excelsion many of its numerous bends which has Springs, where he went to rest up afbeen talked of for a number of years terelection, has been to look into the by farmers exping lands adjoining if maker of the city government by comis like'y to be realized. To accomp- calculate, alone frown is opposed to lish this will require the co-operation the bira of having a commission to ourse without pay. He believes such and it is made practically necessary by to commission will not attend to the the proposed straightening of Logan Junior of the city government and endrous mee dougld not be asked to Dodge counties. Legan creek is 165 | rive their time to the city for nothing While the making of the charter posed by the federal government cut | bas gone on in the absence of the

eratic stream can carry. The pixtu of leading citizens have dropped into get his advice.

BURGLARS ARE TAKEN.

Two Men Accused of Stealing Ostrich Plumes to Be Tried in Lincoln.

errived in Figur City, Ia., from Des Whites with regulation papers for Mauve and C. W. Silvers. These men were arrested about a week ago by sions City detectives and in their com were found several ostrich alumes and fars. A. H. Whiteworth, munazer for Alilber & Paine, at Linain, and Mrs. Compton, one of the ead clerks, arrived in Sioux City Sunby and identified two sable muffs and hat these men are guilty of burglaries is that city.

THE BY THE MILLERS. Minch Secretary Wilson's Bleached

Clour Order. The South Platte division of the Necasha Millers' ascociation in an ani- was seeking Miss Helen Gould. o the federal court for relief from Seutary Wilson's order against bleached our. The millions asserted the ukase

selfic acroed to seek relief in the

ourts. The millers also framed an

minuric protest against the increase a freight rates arked for the Nebras- idea of getting money a militiads.

Old Settler is Called. ng at his home near that place from stroke of paralysis which he suffered Saturday. Mr. Wymore had resided

Good Showing by Bank.

ituated. He was 73 years of age.

The First National bank of Shelby ill erect a two-story brick building the spring. This bank has been in ousiness twenty-three years, did not from crop failure, and was on a full ush payment basis during the recent ank panie,

Cenvict Returns to Prison.

Convict Russell, who has been out ack. He wanted to get in on that thristmas dinner. He has been paoled to a man out in Frontier county, our the cold weather drove him back

Poultry Show a Success, The Dodge county poultry show

losed a nest successful exhibition at and a greater number of visitors than the building will be completed by ever before. A. C. Collins, of Hanodrip rup for the highest scoring birds, which were of the White Rock variety, one scoring 96 %.

No Parden for Clements, Lieut. Gov. Hopewell has decided

that Fred W. Clements, of Sarpy couny should serve out the remained rof sixteen-year term for murder. He was convicted of killing Luke Golden in the outskirts of South Omaba about banks. He believes they are traveling in two years ago.

The store of J. L. Hopper at Gibbon, was robbed of money and goods. The robber was caught at Minden by Walter Sammons, of Kearney. He acknowledged the their and told where he had hidden the goods.

Robber Promptly Captured.

Vote Plands for School,

A school bend election was held Satunday afternoon at Shelby to issue thousand dollars has been accumulate ed in four years by taxation, which will be added to this fund.

STATES ARE WARNED TO PROTECT THE FISH

Annual Report of the Federal Come missioner Is Alarming to Anglers.

SOME KINDS ARE DISAPPEALING

Greed Said to Have Destroyed the Sturgeon on East Coast-Vast Output of Hatcheries.

"The most serious condition now adequate protection to migratury fishes in State and interstate waters" This is the serious note of warning sounded by George M. Bowers, United States Fish Commissioner, in his annual report. Mr. Bowers graphically denicts the great destruction wrought to cer-Mayor Brown, of Lincoln, who has thin species of fish and an ke an ear-

nest appeal for their preservation Pointing to the history of the New England salaron fishery as a warming. the Commissioner declars' that some of the States seem yet absolutely indifferrent to the crying me ds of fisheries for species of similar habits, whose obliteration, he says, is certain unless radical corrective measures are taken. Mr. Bowers states that the fishes most in need of consideration are the snad, the striped bass and the simplest on the Atlantic coast and the salamas in the Pacific States.

The disappearance of the sturgeon from nearly every east coast river Mr. Bowers states, "shows how greet and indifference may in a single generation destroy a valuable fishery."

The report shows that the bareaus hatcheries in 1908 yielded 376 000,000 more fish than in any other year and delivered about 458,000,000 eggs to State and foreign hatcheries. The total output was over 2.871,000,000 eggs and fish, of which over 2,460,000,000 were

STRANGER SLAYS STUDENT.

Man Enters House of Rich Woman's Relative and Kills Youth.

Van Dwight Sheldon, an engineering nest of the plames as property which student in the junior class at New York had been stelen from the store about! University, was shot to death after a our weeks are. Omaha police believe struggle at 9:15 o'clock Wednesday morning in the cellar of the home of Charles II, Snow, dean of the school of arts and sciences of the university in New York City. While dying he gasped out an incoherent statement whose purport seemed to be that he had been killed by a strange man who

nated meeting at Lincoln Tuesday af- Dean Snow is married to a consin of emoon discussed plans for appealing Miss Helen Gould, and Miss thould has been in the habit of visiting her consin and remaining over night. There was would come the Nebraska millers a report that Miss Gould was in the very less and would rain the industry house Tuesday night, but this the dean the state. They accused Wilson of denied. He said, however, that the incatifying a private gradge. It was truder probably thought that the house belonged to Miss Gould, that she was in it and that he went there with the

Sheldon, who was 24 years old, was living with Dean Snow and helping him about the house. The young man Samuel Wymore, founder of the lived three hours after he was shot. own of Wymore, died Menday morn- When found his wrists and ankles were bound. Only a fragmentary story of the tragedy could be drawn from the n Clage county for forty-five years dying boy, and he expired while strugand at one time owned the land on gling to make an ante-mortem statewhich Blue Springs and Wymere are ment to Coroner MacDonald in the Fordham Hospital. The assailant made his escape in spite of searching parties of hundreds of students, mounted police and the reserves of the University

Heights station. Young Sheldon said that just as he becrew or discount any of its notes approached the furnace a man stepped during the three years of hard times out and said: "Is Miss Heien Gould in this house?" "No," replied the startled student. "Is this her house?" "No," repeated the young man, picking up the furnace shake for a weapon. "You He!" cried the man, springing at on parole for some months, turned up the boy's throat. Then began the strugit the penitentiary at Lincoln bright gle which the dying young man sought and smiling and asked to be taken in vain to describe. It was ended by a shot that penetrated the left side of the abdomen, passed through several organs and lodged in the spine. The police were unable to find traces of an intruder and were inclined to call it &

ease of suicide, ROBS A BANK A NIGHT.

Some Gang Believed to Have Gotten-Over \$5,000 in Nebraska. Robbers the other night mided the

State Bank of Ceresco, eighteen miles north of Lincoln, Neb., everpowered boy who surprised them at work, demolished the vanits, secured \$3,000 and escaped. Wednesday night a bank in Chase was robbed. Thursday night banks at Keene and Gibbon were looted, the robbers getting \$5,500. James Malone, chief of Burlington detectives, stated that the same gang undoubtedly robbed all the an automobile.

Hgiti's Revolution.

Nord Alexis' speedy departure will obviate the necessity of his making a financial report.—Detroit News,

With a little education those Haitians might be able to settle their differences through old-fashioned debating societies instead of revolutions, -Tolelo Plade,

Old President Nord Alex's has seen almost as many revolutions as a roulette gambler, and looks upon the freaks of fortune almost as cynically. - Atlanta Journal.