

THE STATE AND THE RAILROADS.

The crying grievance against the railroads in North Carolina is that in the past they have so controlled affairs that they could kill and make alive.

Usually those who favor the high rates the railroads have charged, start out by saying it is freight rate reduction the people need and not passenger rate reduction.

If these people would only investigate a little they would find that the Legislature not only provided for reduction of passenger rates, but also provided an appropriation of \$4,000 to be expended in an effort to prevent the further unfair and unjust discrimination against North Carolina, the act directing the Governor to press these matters before the interstate commerce commission.

PRODUCTIVE SOIL IN THIS STATE.

North Carolina has not only one of the finest climates in the world, but there are wonderful possibilities in the production of the soil, when intelligence and industry are used.

The Statesville Landmark learns that Marion Butler is now making large fees, at least \$50,000 a year as a lobbyist before the departments at Washington. The Landmark observes that his legal attainments count for little; he is the type of man who succeeds by craftiness and unscrupulous methods.

FARMER ITEMS.

Author Macon returned last Saturday from a trip to Jamestown. Rev. J. W. Ingle left last week for the Exposition and other places North. Mrs. J. W. Ingle returned a few days ago from an extended visit to her father near Charlotte.

OVERMAN COMMENDED

In an interview, Senator McEnery Gives Junior Senator Much Praise—His Record as a Senator.

The Cleveland Star of the 17th pays to Senator Overman a tribute that would be coveted by any man. It is a splendid appreciation of the junior Senator says the Star.

Words of praise are always pleasant to hear and are especially appreciative when coming from a high source; from one who occupies that position of advantage which makes the commendation of an authoritative nature.

A Shelby gentleman who spent a day not long since at a popular east Tennessee watering place had the pleasure of a rather intimate association with Senator McEnery of Louisiana. Learning that the former was a North Carolinian the conversation naturally drifted to the unfortunate railroad controversy which was then uppermost in the minds of nearly everybody, Carolinians especially.

The discussion of course led to political matters, and Senator McEnery took occasion to speak in the highest possible terms of Senator L. S. Overman. He said that by sheer force of ability he had risen steadily until he was now recognized as one of the brainiest, biggest men in that body of big and brainy men.

Speaking of possible opposition to his re-election, he was in earnest in his expression of the opinion that the retirement of Senator Overman would not only be a calamity to his state but to his nation as well.

He could scarcely conceive however, that the people of North Carolina noted for their sense of justice and fair play, could, for a moment, consent to the displacement of a public servant who has served them so faithfully and with such conspicuous ability, especially in view of the fact that Senator Overman is now serving his first term.

These words of commendation are indeed appreciated by Senator Overman's legion of friends throughout the state, not only because they are deserved, but because they are unbiased and unsought from one who knows whereof he speaks, for he is in position to know what manner of man he is. That he has fully measured up to every requirement of the high standard which the dignity of his office demanded is admitted by all. Then why displace him.

No North Carolinian has had a better name than this and none has more richly deserved it.

CHATHAM HAS PEACHES.

Items of Interesting News From Chatham County. (Chatham Record.)

W. J. Durham has marketed nearly \$100 worth of peaches this summer from a small orchard on his farm in Rock Rest township.

Green Brewer died here last Wednesday night, aged 76 years. He was the oldest white native resident of the town. During the war he was a sergeant of Co. D. 61st North Carolina regiment. He leaves two children, Mrs. J. E. Morgan, of Pittsboro and Willie T. Brewer, of Panama.

On last Sunday a son of John H. Cotten, of Cape Fear township, and a colored boy were "fooling" with a pistol, when it accidentally "went off" and young Cotten was shot in the side, the ball striking a rib and glancing around his body. It was a narrow escape from instant death.

The Humorous Side of Life.

A Kansas man is suing for a divorce because his wife took a tin whistle to bed to wake him when he snored. He should have greased the whistle and then she might have swallowed it.—Anderson Mail.

Tom Ochiltree having been hurt in a railroad accident, brought suit for damages. Walking with the aid crutches some months afterwards he met a friend who inquired, "Can't you get along without crutches Tom?" "My doctor says I can," said Ochiltree, "but my lawyer says I can't."

"Dad" inquired Freddy, "what is a figure of speech?"

"Where is your mother," asked Dad cautiously. "She is downstairs" answered the boy. "Well then" began Dad "a figure of speech my son, is a woman."—Exchange.

The way to get rid of a cold, whether it be a "bad cold" or just a little one, is to get it out of your system through the bowels. Nearly all Cough Cures, especially those that contain opium, are constipating. Kennedy's Lavative Cough Syrup contains no opium, and acts gently on the bowels. Pleasant to take. Sold by Standard Drug Co.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and TEMPERANCE.

(Continued from 1st page.)

The inherited tendencies of one generation, it affects the birth-stock to be bequeathed to the offspring of said generation; so that an evil birth-stock may be gradually reduced or eradicated by the influence of beneficent environment upon passing generations; or conversely a noble birth-stock may be vitiated by an unwholesome environment.

Therefore it is possible that man, through wise cooperation with these two laws, may, with their aid, attain the loftiest ideals of the race; or by ignorance or neglect of them may suffer automatic execution by their inexorable operation.

Now we will turn again to the question of intemperance and endeavor to view it in the light of these considerations. By the law of heredity, intemperance has become a race tendency or disease. By the law of environment, in its broadest sense, this tendency may be diminished or eradicated, or it may be developed and perpetuated. Therefore any adequate scheme of temperance reform must be in accordance with these laws; indeed it must use these laws, for they will either be the most powerful ally or the most deadly foe.

The mistake of the friends of temperance is that they have devoted themselves almost exclusively to one feature of the temperance issue. The super-abundance of their force has been directed toward the abolition of the liquor traffic as such, and as an immediate end. This is good so far as it goes. But its weakness and ineffectiveness is in the fact that they have sought and expected an immediate cure of a constitutional disease by applying only a partial remedy. It is asserted that prohibition does not prohibit, and all observing men admit this, though they may not realize that the failure of prohibition as such is due to an exact scientific principle. I do not disparage the movement for the abolition of the liquor traffic. All honor and love to our noble women, the temperance forces of the land, and our peerless Governor who is leading the host in this righteous crusade. But this is not all that can be done. It is not the greatest nor most effective thing that can be done. Indeed it is but one element of an adequate scheme of temperance reform.

Another element of supreme importance is the proper training and teaching of the rising generations.

To grasp the situation and set the force of environment at work upon our tender offspring in the formative and most plastic period of life is a work worthy of the angels of light, and shall have for its fruitage a checking of the evil tendencies of the generation now rising, and the improvement and ennobling of the birth-stock to be bequeathed to the generations yet unborn.

D'Lois Albert Banks has said: "The last battle in the war against strong drink will be fought at the ballot box; and at that point will King Alcohol meet his Appomattox." This I do not believe. Nor do I believe that it would be best if this battle could be fought and won today. Victory would be an illusion. The stupendous work of eradicating from the human system the inbred disease of intemperance must be done before the final battle can be fought and true victory achieved.

The chief work of the temperance forces has been destructive—a tearing down process. This alone can never bring about true and lasting temperance.

The principle, "Overcome evil with good," is scientific as well as Scriptural. Temperance reform must be positive. It is not sufficient to remove the distillery and saloon as elements of our environment, but a great positive force is necessary to counteract in the human system the ravages already wrought. The temperate must not only be deprived of his damning beverage, but he must be given something better—especially different thoughts, ideals, and sources of pleasure.

Now in this way the Sunday School has done and is doing great good, and can do infinitely greater good. The Sunday School, though seriously handicapped, can create a positive environment which shall make for righteousness in the present generation and minimize the cursing tendencies to be entailed upon those of the future, by teaching the needful truths concerning temperance and intemperance, imbuing tender minds with wholesome ideals, and creating a purer atmosphere in which the rising generation shall live.

HOME TRAINING IMPORTANT.

Lamentable is the fact that ef-

icient training and instruction in the modern home is rare, while inferior and even vicious ideals are held aloft in precept and example. The public schools are doing much in this line, but are hindered by political impediments and expediencies; and by lack of understanding and vision on the part of those who teach and those who control. The Church is woefully negligent, deeply prejudiced, and withal densely ignorant of the real issue.

The Sunday School, just now rising into recognition and power, and manned by a younger but virile generation with truer ideals and clearer vision, has before it, in the matter of positive temperance reform, a field of unlimited usefulness—a field on which a victory may be achieved which shall bring a benediction upon mankind and challenge the halcyons of the hosts which sang, "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth, peace, good will to men."

The vast army of Sunday School children (I say children because I believe that the hope of all moral reforms lies with the rising generation and their successors), carefully instructed in the true doctrine of temperance, imbued with correct ideals, and inspired by a sympathetic vision of the race redeemed from the curse of intemperance, rallying beneath the banner of lofty manhood, shall by their own wholesome living and by the consequent virtue of their offspring, achieve true and lasting victory over the demon of intemperance. It is ours to be leaders in this campaign,—ours to do and dare, to labor and to wait.

Does it seem that I would postpone victory to the distant future? So it must be. It shall require time—much time. The great moral reformations of history have covered centuries in their movement.

The movement which resulted in the abolition of human slavery in America during the last century, was born fully two thousand years ago.

The German Reformation, which has given to mankind the priceless heritage of liberty of thought and action, issuing in the manifold civilization of our day, was rising for centuries before the great Luther nailed his immortal 95 theses to the door of the Church of Wittenberg, on the 31st of Oct., 1517.

So the temperance movement shall require time. But victory shall come; and when it comes as a result of the processes named, it shall come as a perpetual benediction to the race. Then there shall be no question of prohibition prohibiting, but the solidarity of a rescued and redeemed race shall stand as an impregnable and eternal bulwark against the enemy which has cursed the race so terribly. It shall require time; but if in a thousand years such a blessed result is achieved, the time shall be called short and the victory worthy of countless cycles of human endeavor.

Such a work challenges faith. It calls for profound consecration, infinite patience, heavenly wisdom, and all the strength that men can summon.

But the magnitude of the task, the glory of the results to be achieved, and the exalted privilege of working with God, by co-operation with his laws, for the restoration of the divine image in human nature should constrain us by their overwhelming power and promise to give ourselves in living sacrifice for the furtherance of the cause.

A PICTURE OF LIFE.

In the Vatican Gallery in Rome is the famous antique groupe, Laocoon and his sons in the coils of the serpents. The awful agony of the men, depicted in the straining and protuberant muscles, the look of despair, the futile fight against the inevitable, the slimy folds and hissing tongues of the monsters, are real as life and terrible as death. This group has been and by many is regarded as a true symbol of human existence. To them the serpents, which have come up out of the sea of unfathomable mystery which surrounds our mortal life, are the two great facts of heredity and environment, and in their silent and remorseless embraces, with griefs, struggles, agonies, despairs unutterable millions yearly are crushed, and crushed at length to death, and still the slimy folds coil on and on through the centuries, staining the earth with tears and blood.

Such may life seem to those who have not faith in God and in the justness and benevolence of His laws.

But another group in Rome is to my mind truer to the facts of human life, albeit, some of the greatest of these facts are in the future. It is Guido's painting of St. Michael and the Dragon.

Upon the angel's face the sunlight rests. Eternal youth flashes from his eyes and breathes from his body; beneath his feet, prostrate and



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helpless, is the dragon, with the spear of light in his head.

This is to me the symbol of the final redemption of the race. Between the two symbols stretch, no doubt, ages of toil and conflict of struggle and death; but God's laws are not merciless; they are the expression of His own character who Himself is love; and some time human nature shall realize the ideal depicted in the picture, and shall rise white and glorious above the prostrate form of vanquished sin.

Let us not despise the means nor forfeit the opportunity which God has given us in the Sunday School to co-labor with Him in this glorious work.

"This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream— There spread a cloud of dust along a plain; And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords Shook upon swords, and shields, A prince's banner, Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes. A craven lunged along the battle's edge, And thought, 'Had I a sword of keener steel— That blue blade that the king's son bears— but this 'Blunt thing!' he snapt and flung it from his hand. And lowering crept away and left the field. Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead, And weaponless, and saw the broken sword, Hit buried in the dry and trodden sand, And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down, And saved a great cause that heroic day."

As sons of a King, let us grasp the means at hand, and with it do battle for the Lord.

Fairview News.

Mrs. A. F. Laughlin and Mrs. Annie Lee of High Point were in town Sunday.

A. J. Blair spent last Saturday and Sunday at Guilford Battle Ground.

The delegates report a good time at the Convention, which was largely attended and the hospitality of the people of Asheboro was appreciated beyond measure, some of the Fairview delegates were joyfully entertained at the delightful home of Mr. C. C. Cranford.

Mrs. Robt. E. Gray departed this life on the third day of September.

She leaves a husband and three children to mourn their loss. She died trusting in her Savior, and without a fear, the body was entered at Hopewell Church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Harmon.

Business Locals.

I have two comfortable houses one of 10 and the other of 12 rooms located in West Asheboro, which I will sell at a low figure. Call on me at Asheboro Drug Store. J. D. SIMPSON.

Edison phonographs and records give the best results and we sell them as cheap as can be had anywhere. We have a new lot of records in this week. Asheboro Drug Co.

Those shopping bags are going out fast, they are too cheap and good to remain long with us. Asheboro Drug Co.

Wanted—Plain sewing to do by Mrs. A. M. Woodard, Park Street.

Have just opened a new lot of fine silverware and cut glass, all new styles and very handsome. Our prices are very low and you are invited to examine our goods, even if you are not intending to buy. Asheboro Drug Co.

Seed Oats—135 bushels Old Winter Oats, good, clean seed. 60 cents per bushel. Address: J. L. Bries, Caraway, R. F. D., N. C.

Good farm for sale, 120 acres, 1 mile from Railroad Station, two good houses and out-buildings. For particulars call and see the undersigned. Mrs. LENA MILLER, Sophia, N. C.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The BANK OF RANDOLPH,

at Asheboro, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Aug. 27, 1907.

Table with financial data including Assets and Liabilities.

Table with financial data including Capital Stock and Surplus Fund.

Total... \$1,140.08

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of Sept., 1907. J. D. ROSS, Notary Public.