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JOINT BILL FOR PROHIBITION

Full Text of Law Submitted—
Election in August.

The most important measure before the legislature, was the Long-Dowd bill providing for prohibition, to become effective January 1st, 1909, after the people shall have voted for it at an election to be held the first Thursday in August of this year. This bill has the endorsement of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

This bill entitled, "An Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in North Carolina, is as follows:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person, or persons, firm or corporation to manufacture, or in any manner make, or sell, or otherwise dispose of for gain any spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters within the State of North Carolina: Provided, this act shall not be construed to forbid the sale of such spirituous, vinous fermented or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters by a medical depository or by any druggist for sickness upon the written prescription of a regularly licensed and actively practicing physician having the person for whom such prescription is made under his charge, which said prescription shall specify the amount of spirits required; Provided, further, that wines and ciders may be manufactured or made from grapes, berries or fruits raised on the lands of the manufacturers or other persons and sold at the place of manufacture only, and only in sealed or crated packages containing not less than five gallons per package; but no wine or ciders shall be drunk upon the premises where sold, nor shall the package containing the same be opened on said premises.

"That for the purpose of this act spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters are defined to be such spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters, or compounds of either or other medicines or beverages, as the United States Government levies a special tax upon, or for the sale of which a United States license is required to be taken out by the person or persons, firm or corporation proposing to sell the same, and all liquor or mixtures thereof by whatever names called that will produce intoxication shall be construed and held to be intoxicating liquors within the meaning of this act.

"That any physician who shall make any prescription (except in case of sickness), for the purpose of aiding or abetting any person or persons who are not bona fide under his charge to purchase any intoxicating liquors contrary to the provisions of this act, and any druggist who shall sell or otherwise dispose of for gain any spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors, or intoxicating bitters without the written prescription of a legally qualified physician, or who shall duplicate the prescription of a physician for intoxicating liquors for any person or persons not bona fide under such physician's charge, without the written direction of the physician who gave the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the Court for each and every offense; and all druggists selling intoxicating liquors by prescription as aforesaid shall keep a record thereof which shall bear the true dates of the sale, the names of all persons to whom sales were made, the names of the physicians upon whose prescription the sales were made,

which said record shall be subject at all times to the inspection of the solicitor of the district the sheriff and other peace officers of the country, the mayor and police officers of the city or town in which said druggist's business is located and all other persons; and any druggist failing to keep the record aforesaid, or refusing to permit the examination of such record by the officers named or other persons, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction be fined or imprisoned or both in the discretion of the Court.

"The place where delivery of any intoxicating liquors if made in the State of North Carolina, shall be construed and held to be the place of sale thereof and any station or other place within said State to which any person shall ship or convey any intoxicating liquors for the purpose of delivery or carrying the same to any purchaser, shall be construed to be the place of sale, provided that nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the delivery of any intoxicating liquor to druggists in sufficient quantities for medical purposes only.

"Nothing in this act shall be construed as making it unlawful to sell to any minister of religion or other officer of a church, wine to be used for religious or sacramental purposes.

"That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the county commissioners or governing body of any city or town from prohibiting the sale of spirituous, vinous, fermented or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters by druggists in their respective counties, cities or towns.

"That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby to the extent of such conflict repealed: Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall operate to repeal any of the local or special acts of the General Assembly of North Carolina prohibiting the manufacture or sale or other disposition of any of the liquors mentioned in this act, but all such acts shall continue in full force and effect and in concurrence herewith; and indictment and prosecution may be had either under this act or any special or local act relating to the same subject.

"Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

"That the foregoing provisions of this act shall go into effect on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine, if a majority of the votes cast at the election hereafter provided for shall be, Against the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors."

"That on the first Thursday in August, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight, an election shall be held in the several election precincts in each county in the State of North Carolina to determine whether provisions of sections one to eight (inclusive) of this act shall become effective. Said election shall be conducted and held under the same rules and regulations and in the same manner as elections for State officers; and unless otherwise provided in this act the general laws regulating elections as set forth in Chapter Ninety of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina and the amendments thereto shall be applicable to said election. At said election every person qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly shall have the right to vote.

"At each election precinct there shall be a ballot box provided for the purpose of said election, which shall be labeled

in plain Roman letters. "For or Against the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." In all other respects said ballot box shall be in conformity with the general laws regulating elections as set forth in Chapter Ninety (90) of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina and the amendments thereto. At said election every qualified voter shall have the right to vote a written or printed ballot, or a ballot partly written and partly printed, bearing the words "For the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors" or a written or printed ballot or a ballot partly written and partly printed bearing the words "Against the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." The ballots shall be of white paper and shall be without device. The votes cast at said election shall be counted, compared, returned canvassed, certified and reported under the same rules and regulations and in the same manner as the vote for State officers as provided in the general laws of the State above referred to except that the board of State examiners shall, immediately after they have completed their canvass of the returns of said election from the abstracts transmitted to the Secretary of State, certify to the Governor a statement of the result of such canvass, and the Governor shall forthwith issue his proclamation announcing and declaring the result and such proclamation by the Governor shall have the effect to determine the result of said election.

"The State Board of Elections and several county boards of elections are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take all such actions as may be necessary to fully provide for the election to be held in accordance with this act. The several county boards of elections shall meet in their respective counties not later than the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight and arrange for the holding of said election by selecting and appointing a registrar and two judges of election for each election precinct in their respective counties, the duties and powers of whom shall be in all respects as provided in the general election laws of the State as above referred to. In making the appointments of judges of elections the county boards of elections shall, if possible, each appoint for each election precinct one competent person generally known to be in favor of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in the State of North Carolina and one competent person generally known to be opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in the State of North Carolina. The several county boards of elections shall make publication of the names of the registrars and judges of election and serve notice upon them as required by the general election laws of the State.

"The compensation of all officers engaged in the said election shall be the same as is provided by law for similar service in case of general State elections.

"In order to fully effectuate the purpose of this act and to carry out the true intent and meaning of the same it is hereby provided that that the State Board of Elections in matters affecting the entire State and the several county boards of elections in matters affecting their respective counties shall respectively have full power and authority and they are hereby directed to make all such rules and regulations and to do and

perform all such acts and things as shall be necessary to complete the details for the holding of said election and to conform the same as nearly as possible to the general laws of the State regulating State elections as set forth in chapter 99 of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina and the amendments thereto now or hereafter adopted.

"This act shall be in force from and after its ratification."

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Punishing Children.

Our quotation about the training of tiger cubs and its application to the punishment of children has created quite a breeze. We concede the right of every man to his own opinion but we must insist that the free use of whip in the schoolroom for children is little short of barbarity. We have even known cases where the older children of a family were allowed to punish the younger children without leave hindrance. In our humble judgment this is nothing short of a crime on the part of parents who are thus sowing the seed of hate and bitterness that will last as long as life itself. The indiscriminate punishment of pupils by teachers is nearly, if not quite, as bad.

The child who obeys through a sense of fear obeys in the wrong spirit and such obedience does him no good.

It has been suggested that the Bible speaks of the necessity for whipping. But such wisdom was written for another day than ours. In the age of force, when parents had the power of life and death over their children, and when every man's chief aim was to be a soldier and every woman's chief duty to bear children who should make soldiers, that was very good. But we are living under a new dispensation.

Does the New Testament anywhere enjoin the whipping of children? We have also seen it stated that if children are not to be punished, then we ought not to punish criminals in the first place we don't think a young and innocent child stands on the same footing with a criminal.

In the next place we are in favor of whipping neither children nor criminals. Some better method of punishment can be enforced.

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Teachers' Association.

The teachers are requested to attend the Association at Newton on Feb. 1st, 1908, to be held at the Court House. We hope all the teachers will be present.

Subjects for discussion. "When should a pupil take up the study of North Carolina History?" Profs. S. S. Keisler, and Cox.

Give the Natural order of Teaching Geography," Profs. C. O. Smith and A. P. Whisenant. "How to Prevent a pupil from Selecting his own books of Study." Profs. Lee Setzer and Chas. M. Staley.

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MONDAY, Feb. 3rd 1908, offer of sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Residence of the late Thomas Setzer near the town of Hickory N. C., the following described land in Hickory township, to-wit:

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