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MEDICAL SOCIETY ENDORSES EFFORTS OF DR. C. P. FRYER

County Medical Men Request Commissioners to Investigate Resignation.

ACTION OF STATE BOARD IS SEVERELY CRITICISED

County Doctors and Public Wrought Up Over Radical Change of Office.

As surprising in its organization as a bolt from a perfectly clear sky, the report that was circulated throughout this section of the state late yesterday afternoon that Dr. C. P. Fryer, director of public health work in Pitt county had been requested by the State Board of Health to resign, was nothing more than electrical in its suddenness, as the thoroughly competent services and unremitting labor that the health officer has installed in the work among the people of this territory during the past few months in which he has been in charge of the health department, has made such an impression with the masses that such a thing as a request for dismissal from service had never been dreamed of in the slightest extent, and has caused no little indignation among prominent members of the medical profession of the city and county, as well as general mass of people who have watched with particu-

larly interested and hearty efforts in alleviating suffering and placing the health situation upon a higher plane.

The first intimation of the intention of the State Board of Health in removing Dr. Fryer from office was presented at the regular monthly session of the County Medical Society conducted in this city the past Thursday evening, and while it produced no little sensation among the majority of the members in attendance, none were in the least disturbed over the occurrence, being intelligently informed as to the conditions of the local health work, and the accomplishments of the health department under Dr. Fryer's administration. The meeting of the physicians was well attended, including some of the most prominent and best informed medical men of the county, and

after the conditions of the statement of the Board of Health had been thoroughly discussed, the past achievements of the county health department, while under the direction of Dr. Fryer, were warmly commended, with the entire representative body voting a resolution in direct conflict with the charges preferred against the health director, not a dissenting voice being raised in the action of the officials.

The meeting of the physicians was presided over by Dr. J. S. Ellen, of this city, with Dr. W. W. Dawson, of Grifton, acting in the capacity of secretary. The members present were: Drs. W. W. Dawson, Grifton; W. H. Dixon, Ayden; C. M. Jones, Grimesland; T. H. Basnight, Stokes; J. E. Nobles, Joseph Dixon, Joseph Smith, Wm. Fountain, L. C. Skinner, C. J. Ellen, of Greenville, with the names of others added who were not present at the time of this particular issue.

From the facts that have been gathered in the charges that have been preferred against Dr. Fryer at the Board of Health's request for his resignation, it seems that the only thing particularly stressed was negligence in the establishment of sanitary privies in various sections of the county last year when labor conditions were so accentuated, and it was an impossibility for

health work with a practically new director stepping into office shortly before made vacant by three predecessors within a period of eighteen months, to vie with other territories having their work carefully directed by men well informed and acquainted with environments, and it was this realization on the part of sympathetic medical men of the county causing them to take such direct and unreserved action against the efforts of the State office in removing an official just beginning to inspire the confidence of the people through competent services in every branch.

Dr. Fryer, since his association with the Pitt county health department has surpassed the expectations of public health critics of the section through the unremitting diligence, and in some

cases unrequited toil and sacrifice that has featured his efforts in the behalf of increasing the health situation in both the rural and thickly populated sections of the county, and during the beginning of the work, he was forced to overcome much adverse sentiment towards the health department promoted through radical changes of the directors, which he accomplished so gradually and surely, that at this time his efforts are a recognized force in the evolution of public health service.

The recognition is supposed to become effective the 10th of June, but the action taken by the Medical Society in presenting the resolution to the county commissioners for an investigation into the situation, may bring about developments that will completely exonerate Dr. Fryer from the slightest charge brought against him, and eventually revolutionize the public health situation in this county. The resolution drafted by the members of the County Medical Society to be presented the Board of Commissioners follows: "Whereas, it has been called to the attention of the Pitt County Medical Society, that Dr. C. P. Fryer, whole time health officer of this county, has been asked to resign or discharged from duty by an official of the State Board of Health, and

Whereas, it appears from all the information this society has been able to secure, the State Board of Health is not justified, if the interest of public health work in this county and justice to Dr. Fryer, are to be taken into consideration.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, since the present arrangement of employing a county health officer, dating eighteen months ago, the State Board of Health has sent us four different health officers all of whom have either resigned voluntarily or have been forced to do so, suggests to us the conclusion that it is a very difficult matter to obtain a health officer who is satisfactory both to the State Board of Health and the citizens of Pitt county including the doctors.

Whereas, to the best of our knowledge and belief, after giving the matter careful consideration, Dr. Fryer is giving entire satisfaction to a great majority of people in the performance of his duty; in fact, so far as we are able to determine, there has been very little, if any, complaint from local people. Be it therefore resolved that

SHERIFF CAPTURES WHISKEY STILL AND OPERATOR SUNDAY

Still in the Beaver Dam Section Taken With Men and 17 Gallons Liquor

LAW WILL NOW DEAL HARSHLY, IT IS SAID

Traffic Must Be Stopped and Severe Action is Going to be Necessary

Sheriff Dudley and deputies again hit the liquor traffic of this section an effective blow early yesterday morning, when a stilling plant owned and operated by G. R. Eastwood and son, with white men of the Beaver Dam section, was completely destroyed with both distillers and seventeen gallons of monkey rum coming into the possession of the law. Five barrels of beer, in the first stages of distillation, were destroyed, while the thirty gallon capacity copper still was brought to the city with the officers, as were the men.

The capture yesterday followed a diligent search on the part of the officials in getting in direct touch with evidence showing the guilt of Eastwood in the sale and transportation of the beverage, and while they have been suspected for some little time, the slightest idea was not entertained that the traffic through this still embraced such a

From all information obtainable the Eastwood still has been in operation for at least 12 months or more, and during that

the Pitt county Medical Society endorse Dr. Fryer's health work.

Be it also resolved that inasmuch as the largest portion of Dr. Fryer's salary is being paid by the taxpayers of Pitt county, that the Board of County Commissioners of said county be requested to carefully investigate the matter referred to above, and act to the best interest of the public health work in the county.

Signed:
PITT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
DR. C. J. ELLEN, President.
DR. W. W. DAWSON, Acting Secretary.

time has been one of the principal sources for the disposition of monkey rum of the community. Sheriff Dudley was accompanied by Deputies Corbett, Caton and Policeman Brewer, and very little time was consumed in locating the still situated in a small tract of woodland in the rear of the home.

It is possible that the law will deal severely with the two men, as the whiskey traffic is assuming such an alarming scope throughout the entire county, that lenient action is no longer considered advisable, and therefore, is giving severe terms.

SPENCER-THOMAS.

The following announcement has been received by friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander G. Spencer announce the marriage of their daughter Betty

to
Mr. Luther Phillips Thomas on Wednesday the eleventh of June nineteen hundred and nineteen at Washington, North Carolina at home after July first Farmville, N. C.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left on an extended bridal tour north.

Christian Endeavor Meeting.

I am sure we all regret to a would not have our regular meeting last Sunday evening, but at the same time we were proud of having the privilege without duties, of staying from that regular meeting.

I did not go to our place for meeting at all because I thought it of no use. At least I venture the assertion that the election was postponed. Certainly since we have no vice president, who attends. Also I again wish to mention the Consecration meeting and its obligation on each and every one of you.

Outsiders, remember you have a standing invitation.

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MAY STRIKE AT BURLESON

Resolution Introduced Asks That He Be Removed; Prohibition Will be Discussed

Atlantic City, N. J., June 11—Prohibition seems destined to occupy much of the time of the American Federation of Labor convention during the next few days if the number of resolutions introduced on the subject are an indication. Several of them were said by delegates to deal with the proposal that light wines and beers be retained, and one provides that the entire convention shall go to Washington by special train Saturday to participate in the great labor demonstration it is planned to hold in front of the Capital.

Another resolution is one requesting President Wilson to remove Postmaster General Burleson. This was introduced by E. J. Gainer, of the National Association of Letter Carriers; T. F. Flaherty, of the National Federation of Federal Employees, and E. J. Ryan, of the Railway Mail Association.

The Postmaster General is charged in the resolution with having "ruthlessly invaded the rights of employees" and with having "interfered in defiance of law with proper functioning of their organizations, and has not only refused to recognize the accredited representatives, but has also sought to have re-

national right of direct relation to Congress."

The resolution proposes that the Federation, "representing four million organized wage-earners and firm in the belief that this protest reflects the sentiments of the vast majority of the American people," request the President to remove Mr. Burleson.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

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