

DAILY OBSERVER.

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Smith's Bill.

We noted some days past the fact that Hon. W. A. Smith of this State had introduced into the House of Representatives at Washington, a bill to repeal the internal revenue taxes on spirits and tobacco; and to collect an equivalent by imposing a duty of thirty per centum ad valorem on all articles now imported free or paying less than thirty per cent., except coffee and tea, which shall remain free of duty.

We fail to see the wisdom of abolishing the tax on whiskey and brandy. This is one of the most abundant sources of revenue to the government. Were it abolished the equivalent must be raised by tax on other comforts and luxuries or necessities. And where would be the good to the country?

The tax on spirits is a real hardship to nobody. It makes no difference to the manufacturer, the wholesale or retail dealer: the higher the tax, the higher the price; and the consumer only bears the burden of it.

Would it be to the advantage of the people to have cheaper whiskey? We think not, as its only effect would be to make spirits more plentiful, and drunkenness more common; whereas the true policy of government is to check the evil of intemperance.

The principle involved in this tax is correct. Whiskey is a luxury, and a dangerous one at that; a fearful promoter of misery and ruin—a dreadful scourge to thousands; and its manufacture and sale ought to be restricted as much as possible; it can only be restricted—never prevented entirely. The folly of strict prohibitory laws has often enough been demonstrated.

In taxing ardent spirits we but imitate the Governments of England, France and other European countries. With this difference, that the taxes on liquor in those trans-Atlantic nations are higher than here.

So it is well enough to keep up the tax on spirits.

Much the same reasoning applies to tobacco. It, too, is a luxury; and no harm is done the producer or the manufacturer by taxing it: because, as it is a luxury, the consumer, and not the manufacturer or the producer bear the burden of it.

On the other hand, there is a great underlying reason for the abolition of both these taxes. The practical working of the internal revenue laws is a nuisance to the country at large. To collect the tax, an army of revenue officials have to be supported; and a host of spies and informers hover around on all sides to annoy and be-devil whiskey dealers and tobacco manufacturers. And all sorts of fraud, speculation, bribery, blackmailing, compounding of offences, unjust exactions and oppressions, are practiced. And what is the effect? The government is brought into disgrace, and hated by a large class of citizens. Viewing the matter in this light it would be well perhaps for Smith's bill to become a law.

Hon. Zebulon B. Vance.

It is with great pleasure we chronicle the fact that our distinguished fellow-townsmen, Gov. Vance, was eminently successful in his lecture on the "Scattered Nation" in Baltimore last Friday night. Success in the lecture-field is something to be proud of; only men of pre-eminent talents and popularity can draw a full audience, in these times.

We publish in another column to-day a synopsis of the lecture. Below we give the comments of the Petersburg Index & Appeal:

"Our friends of North Carolina cannot fail to note with just pride how handsome was the reception given ex-Governor Z. B. Vance in Baltimore, on Friday night. We feel almost equally gratified at the tributes thus paid by a true-hearted and cultivated people, to one of the purest patriots and most remarkable orators of the country. Not only to his fellow citizens of North Carolina will the report of his remarks (elsewhere given) be intensely interesting, but to that all ancient and wonderful people, also, whose history and characteristics constituted the subject of the speaker's remarks. The address was in all respects admirable; and the Sun's report from which we quote, well deserves perusal by all our readers."

The Piedmont Press has a correspondent who writes an criticism on "The Merchant of Venice."

To-day the Taxpayers Convention assembles in Columbia, South Carolina, to consider the situation and devise means for the relief of the State. This gathering of the taxpayers will be an occasion of deep interest and deeper significance. It may inaugurate a revolution that will redeem the State from negro thralldom. It will certainly accomplish grand results, if the taxpayers will be bold and fearless in their determinations.

Spirit of the State Press.

The Greensboro Patriot thinks Billy Smith's card "shows more temper than judgment, and don't hurt anybody half as much as the one who stoops to this fishwoman way of talking."

The Tobacco Plant is warm for the impeachment of Judge Watts. It says:

"The impeachment of Greasy Sam Watts drags its slow length along—Have not our Legislators the nerve to impeach this man who would even be a disgrace to the humble position of a Justice of the Peace?—He is ignorant, and what is decidedly worse and more prevalent in this day and time, is not honest. We fear the plea of want of time is not the true cause of sloth, the loss of popularity is feared by many. Impeach him! Impeach him!"

The Raleigh Examiner, the Radical organ of the State, says the Consolidation Bill is practically a dead letter on the Statute Book, and might as well be repealed. The directors will not accept it. This, perhaps is authority.

The Wilmington Post, in commenting on the Grange movement, speaks a good word for the middle men, and wants to know "where the patrons propose to draw the line as to the utility of merchants?" It says further:

"The middle man has a reputation which is a part of his capital in trade, that credit is essential to his success and he must possess it. The Granger cannot do this work of selling as well as the man who makes it his constant business. If the Granger's time is employed in studying the rise and fall of markets he can no longer be a producer, but must become a middle man."

The Newberne Journal of Commerce in an excellent article on Consolidation, hopes the bill will be ratified by the stockholders; and thinks the card of Hon. W. A. Smith, only strengthens the conviction that the Legislature acted wisely in barring him out."

The Morning Star shines out on the Grange question in the following lucid manner:

The Grange movement, like other reform movements in our time, has a right tendency. It is honest, and means well. Its mistakes should be corrected, its errors forgiven, its noble purpose—the disenfranchisement of popular interests from the chains of monopoly—encouraged. We trust that it will never lose sight of those cardinal principles of justice, probity, charity it has incorporated into its constitution, for they might well be woven into the texture and become assimilated with the spirit and being of every noble enterprise, moral, literary and political, in our whole land.

The Concord Sun after speaking in complimentary terms of Hon. W. A. Smith, says, "with one or two exceptions, we would rather see him Governor of North Carolina than any man within her limits."

QUADRUPLE MURDER.—Rutledge, a station on the Georgia Railroad in Morgan county, was the scene of a terrible tragedy Friday night. It seems that John Wood, who had been drinking heavily of late, got on a fearful bender the first of the week he abused his wife and family terribly, and the woman declared she would make away with herself. She accordingly left the house. Wood got somewhat sobered up Friday morning, and was half apprehensive that his wife carries her threat into execution. He went to her father's house and to several other places, but could not find her. That night he went home apparently sober. Yesterday morning a shocking discovery was made by his neighbors. Wood himself was found dead, having apparently shot himself through the heart. His three children were in their beds, but each was cold in death! There is no doubt that he first administered morphine to his children, and then raised a suicidal hand against himself.

Here is another commentary upon drinking, and more terribly illustrative than a thousand temperance lectures.—Augusta Constitutional.

Piedmont Press: Mr. H. W. Stinson, who moved to this place from Mecklenburg county, in North Carolina, has been some time seriously ill. Mr. Stinson has all the qualities of a good citizen, piety, intelligence and benevolence, and we trust the few masonic brethren he has here, will see that he has every necessary attention. We are induced to say this because Mr. S. has not been here long enough to form a very extensive acquaintance.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Ex-Cardinal Tarquini, of Italy, died Friday night.

The dissection of the Siamese Twins began Saturday, but is conducted in secret.

The women have "converted" two more whiskey dealers at Ripley, Ohio.

The President has approved the joint resolution to try Gen. Howard.

The woman's temperance movement in Ohio, has been inaugurated in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Julius Howe, of South Carolina, convicted of Ku Kluxing, was pardoned Saturday.

A telegram says 120,000 valentines passed through the New York post-office Saturday.

It is probable that the form of Government in Spain will be decided by Plebiscite.

A rumor is current that simultaneous upon his retirement from the ministry Gladstone will be created a peer.

The London Standard of Saturday said it had reason to believe that the government would resign yesterday or to-day.

A furniture expository in London, covering an area of ground was burned on Saturday. The total loss is \$15,000. There were a number of accidents. Two firemen were killed.

The whiskey war in Ohio continues with farcical fury. At Shelby one hundred ladies were grossly insulted on the street by a saloon keeper. At New Holland they were assaulted by a saloon keeper with a poker.

Gen. Sheridan writes Gen Sherman that a war with the Sioux Indians is inevitable. They have massacred two officers and several men at a Red Cloud agency.—Gen. Sherman replies, telling Sheridan to "wade in."

Mr. Sloan, ex-President of the Sandusky, Cleveland & Cincinnati Railroad, has been arrested for embezzlement. He was bailed in forty thousand dollars. His property has been attached.

The vault of the First National Bank of Quincy, Ill., was robbed Friday night of about \$100,000 in currency, besides a quantity of bonds, valuable papers and a large amount of special deposits. The burglars cut through three feet of solid masonry, and burst open the safes with powder.

Gov. Woodson, of Missouri, issued a proclamation on Saturday, offering a reward of \$2,000 apiece, dead or alive, for the men who robbed the passenger, express and mail train on the Iron Mountain R. R., at Gad's Hill, January 31st. In addition to this, it is understood that the Governor of Arkansas has offered \$2,500, and the post-office department \$5,000, making an aggregate of \$17,000.

A St. Louis dispatch of the 14th says:—W B Smith, Adams' Express Agent at Cranby City, on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad, was knocked down and robbed of his safe key, while going home, about one o'clock yesterday morning, and his safe robbed of about \$3,000. The robbers are supposed to be the same men who robbed the Iron Mountain train at Gad's Hill recently.

STATE NEWS.

Robberies are still frequent in Wilmington.

115 members of the Lodge of Good Templars at Hickory.

A plov factory is another enterprise to be started at Hickory.

All the small "fry" about Concord are scratching—measly.

There are several Republican aspirants for the Mayoralty of Raleigh.

Lewen W. Barringer, Esq., of Raleigh, was married last Tuesday evening to Miss Myers, of Philadelphia.

Dr. V. J. Palmer, of Duncan's Creek, Cleveland county, N. C., has just killed a hog, 30 months old, that weighed 601 lbs. net.

Two of the negro waiters in the Concord Hotel, Charles Hiegl and Jim Crowell, "mixed" the other day, and Jim took a mouthful off one of Charles' ears.

A white partridge was a curiosity which was brought into Fayetteville for sale last Saturday, and which sold for 50 cents in silver. Strange enough the name of the salesman was "Bob White."

We were from the Intelligencer that the "Eureka Literary Society," of Statesville on the 21st, settle the question whether or not "the sale of spirituous liquors ought to be prohibited by law."

A negro man in Wilmington, while rubbing down a mule on Thursday night was fired at five times in rapid succession, but was not hit. One of the balls struck the side of the mule just above the negroes head.

Oxford Herald: Our distinguished fellow-townsmen, Hon. A. W. Venable had an attack to severe indisposition a few days since that aroused very much the fears of his family and friends. We are pleased to announce that he is some better, though greatly enfeebled.

Raleigh Sentinel of Saturday: Mr. Vance, who lives in the Southern part of this town, had just had his horse harnessed and gone out to give it a ride yesterday when upon bringing it back he was struck in the forehead inflicting an awful wound, causing his brains to seep out. Drs. E. Burke Haywood and McKee were speedily sent for and the poor man placed under their treatment. We do not know their opinion, but we hear that there is scarcely any possibility of his recovery.

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