...Prohibition.

...Editor of The Observer:

...trust you will indulge me with a final and last word as to Mr. ... Bailey and his arguments ...st State prohibition. I desire to ... denial that I wrote in haste ... a bad temper, when speaking of ...osition. I read his article in The ...st Recorder several times and ...d it with me for ten days or ... before I wrote. I did not how... see his pamphlet until after I ...ritten. I conversed with at least ...n of our Baptist ministers and a ...k of laymen and I did not hear ...gle man who approved of Mr. ...y's course or endorsed his posi... I desire to reiterate my state... that he acted with indiscretion ...n bad taste to attack State pro...ion while chairman of the anti...n league, knowing as he did that ...clared in its platform of princi... that it was unalterably in favor ...olute State prohibition and op... to dispensaries and licensed sa... Then Mr. Bailey knows that the ... tried that night when he re... to elect a man of its way of ...ing, but who insisted that it be ...with the executive committee. It ...evident to many of the league ... it met in Raleigh that Mr. Bai...d his utmost to forestall it in its ...se to ask that the liquor question ...ubmitted to the people of the ... State and he knows that he had ...ite in its platform of principles ...olution declaring for absolute ...prohibition against his own will ...esires. Mr. Bailey not only ought ...e resigned but to have stayed ...ed.

...id in my first article, and reit... it here, that Mr. Bailey's course ...ffended the great body of tem...ce people of the State. As an ...nce of this fact I quote the ... in a personal letter of one of ...ost consecrated women of the ...ar's Christian Temperance Union ...as devoted her life to the great ...rance cause. "I have ...times had doubts of Mr. ...'s sincerity in desiring ...ition for the State, but I could ...agine he would show so much ... Judas spirit outright. It seems ... he will lose his prestige." ...s like these coming from one of ...best women in North Carolina ...d make Mr. Bailey stop and ...ier.

... issue is not a personal one be... Mr. Bailey and myself, but one ... embraces every man and wo...n the State who is fighting the ... devil and the demon of drink ...who is fighting the licensed sa...n and the open dispensary as a foe ...ety and an enemy to the home. ...ocor question is a moral issue ...ne which involves the whole ... This point in my letter Mr. ... passed over in silence and I ... repeat it here. "If the licensed ... liquor is morally wrong in one ... it is morally wrong in every ... Would Mr. Bailey extend his ...of local self-government to oth...estions of moral right and ...? Would he take the same po...as to gambling, lotteries, ...ights, polygamy, bull fights, and ... houses? If not, why not? His ... of self government of letting ...owns settle the liquor question ...emselves because they are the ...ns would hold good for a ... as well as a town and why not ... so for the people of the whole ...The State is a larger unit than ...al town and besides the local ...erives its corporate power and ...e from the State. Then again ...uor business is not local in its ...ons. It extends out into all the ...nding country. One liquor town ...rupt a dozen counties around ... Bailey will remember how ...on and Moore counties went to ... with strong delegations ... Hoffman and Hamlet because ...ere a constant menace to these ...tion counties. The good people ...h county went to Raleigh with ...igners out of about 1,700 voters ... county to get liquor out of ...boro and it is openly charged ...esboro that Mr. Bailey helped ...at these good people in their ... before the Legislature. One ... to Wadesboro said he did ... a particle of confidence in ...ey's sincerity as a prohibition-

... of us were fighting liquor be... Bailey was out of knee pants ...e of the strongest opponents ...tate writes me that Mr. Bailey ...not advanced a single new ... of argument on the liquor ... More than 25 years ago we ... same argument that "Prohib...es not prohibit," Every con...bad thing about prohibition ... and the evasions of the law ...ed at us. I repeat again, the ...s of the liquor cause and ...an who would fasten the li...affic on the country does not ...y better stuff than Mr. Bailey ...ng out. High license and local ...ave been the shibboleth of ...en through all the years. They ...e issue of their business being ... as a great moral wrong, as ...to society and as unworthy a ... decent community. To li...e saloon is to license evil and ... can license the open and pub...of liquor without doing vio... the moral conscience of its ...ple. To tax the right to sell ...d put it under State protec... go into partnership with the ... and puts all the people of a ...ate behind it. Mr. Bailey's ...akes the majority of a com... governing rule which would ... the individual as well as a ...ple. If then the individual is ...ed and corrupt that he wont ...ed by general law you must ... his mean and devilish dis... making a law to suit him. ...was somewhere in the coun...mmunity where the sentiment ...w that the people endorsed ...iting, the government must ... that depraved community ...se the business. Great ques...moral right are not to be set...ocal towns or even single ...they relate to all the people ...t State.

...iley most exultantly declared ...out of 23 States have tried ...

...GERS OF PNEUMONIA.

... this time if neglected is lia... pneumonia which is so often ...n when the patient has re...ngs are weakened, making ... susceptible to the de... consumption. Foley's ... will stop the cough, heal ...

...Wednesday night, in North ...Carolina, local option, prohibition ...and have gone back to licensed saloons, therefore local prohibition is a failure. His flourish of words and dogmatic assertions are really amusing to people who think for themselves and who are not willing to be led around by the nose by what any man may choose to assert or declare. I say and repeat my former utterance that the Year Book simply gives a list of States which since 1851 have had some kind of liquor law passed at one time or another by the different political parties. In some of these States the laws were declared void by the courts and others by weakening penalties. Some only prohibited liquor in part.

It has always been difficult to keep the liquor question out of politics and the Watts law was passed, as Mr. Bailey knows, largely as a political measure to clean up the revenue officers in the rural districts of North Carolina. A paper in his own town so declared which endorsed his position. This law is most heartily endorsed and supported by Mr. Bailey.

It is strange Mr. Bailey saw so much in the prohibition year book against State prohibition and did not see the splendid array of facts and figures given as to the working of State prohibition in Kansas and North Dakota and also the awful effects of local option in New Hampshire and Vermont which changed back to high license. There is a long list of towns on page 57 showing how crime increased in three months from 51 to 500 per cent. in these towns. But Mr. Bailey has a theory to foster and he shuts his eyes to all evidence as to the good effects of State prohibition. He is like a man who would pick out all the bad things he could find recorded in the Bible and undertake to build an argument against it. After reading what Samuel Pearson said on page 65 in defense of State prohibition it is astounding how Mr. Bailey tries to use him against the very thing he is defending.

The defense of prohibition in Kansas on page 71 is fine, both as the good effects and workings of the law and the wonderful growth of the financial condition of the State. The report admits the law was not so well enforced in a few border towns and one or two larger cities but says that "It is shown by distillers and brewers reports and journals that not one-tenth as much liquor is sold in Kansas as in high license States of the same population." But Mr. Bailey could not see this. In other words, Kansas is ten times better than local option or high license States. I do not charge Mr. Bailey with wilful dishonesty, but I do say that he seems awfully blind to these things in the year book.

If Mr. Bailey is fighting the liquor traffic in order to neutralize or to destroy its immoral and debauching influence, how is it that he has remained so silent as to the dispensary in his own town which has become a menace to the whole country around it. One minister near Raleigh said that the roads leading out from Raleigh were strewn with bottles and that they had cut the hoofs of the horses in the public roads and that the people were talking of asking the Legislature to make it a crime to throw bottles into the road. This great incubus of moral reform has been turning into the city and county treasury $85,000 net profits, so reported, and I have yet to read from Mr. Bailey the first word of condemnation of this hydra-headed monster. Jeroboam sinned and made all Isreal to sin and this great moral institution is sending out its corrupt influence throughout the whole State and is encouraging other towns to follow the example of Raleigh to raise revenue to pay debts and improve streets.

I do not owe Mr. Bailey any personal ill will, but I am sorry he has allowed himself to assume a position fraught with harm to the cause of right and an encouragement to the advocates of the liquor cause.

The prohibition year book, so prominent in this discussion, can be had of the United Prohibition Press, 92 La Salle street, Chicago, Ill, for 15 cents. Read it and it will help you to see the truth on this question.

S. F. CONRAD.

ASSAILANT TO JAIL.

'Squire Hilton Sends Sylvester Reid to Prison to Await Developments in Condition of Young Bailes, Whom He Assaulted.

Sylvester Reid, the negro laborer who struck Grenell Bailes, the 14-year-old son of 'Squire W. O. Bailes, of Pineville, in the head with a bridle bit Thursday, was brought to the city yesterday afternoon by an officer of Pineville and sent to jail. The man was taken before 'Squire Hilton, who issued a warrant for him and, on the officer's statement, committed him to jail without bail, to await developments in the condition of the boy.

The lad was brought to this city for treatment and is at the Mercy General Hospital. The heavy bit hit the boy on the skull, fracturing it and causing some of the brain to ooze out. His condition is precarious and it was for this reason that the negro is being held, so as to determine the nature of the offense for which he must answer.

The negro was arrested south of the city on the farm of Mr. Boyce Bell.

The Funeral of Mrs. Allen.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Richard I. Allen, who died Thursday night, were held at the residence on East Eleventh street yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Harold Turner, pastor of Brevard Street Methodist church, was in charge. "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Rock of Ages," were sung, being led by Mr. C. E. Hayes. A number of friends of the family attended the services and many brought flowers to go on the grave. The pallbearers were: Messrs. E. F. Howell, D. A. Redfern, C. E. McCorkle, W. E. Stewart, J. R Ross and J. P. Caldwell.

Mr. Richard I. Allen is with The Observer. He is one of the paper's most capable, and popular linotype operators.

Preparing for Mother Goose.

Mrs. Bessie Burkheimer, who will train the children for the Mother Goose Carnival to be given by the ladies of the Church of the Holy Comforter, will meet the little lads and lassies, who wish to take part in the affair, at the city hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Elizabeth Guild is backing this project, which is a worthy one.

In connection with the Shakespearean play to be given by the Ben Greet Players on the campus of Elizabeth College on the afternoon and evening of Monday, May the thirteenth, a criticism by The Chicago Record-Herald is most interesting:

"In a little woodland glade, where the painted foliage of autumn was the background and the soft wind of a hazy September afternoon made music for the interludes, Shakespeare's idyl of the forest, "As You Like It," was performed yesterday by the Ben Greet Players. The representation had charm and subtle grace and a touch of that quality of awe, almost, which ought to descend upon every player when he appears in any Shakespearean role save the frankly comic or blustering ones. Simplicity, reverence and the spirit of poetry marked the whole treatment of the Forest Scene of "As You Like It"—as the players from England acted them. They read Shakespeare as if they loved him, and the kind breezes caught up the words and bore them over from meadows and crimson woods as though they loved them, too, and were loath to let them go."

SOUTHERN AGENTS MEET HERE.

They Will Not Go to Norfolk But Will Assemble at the Selwyn on the 14th and 15th.

The ninth annual meeting of the Southern Railway Agents' Association will be held at the Selwyn on the 14th and 15th instead of at Norfolk, Va., as has been heretofore announced. This is due to the fact that suitable hotel accommodations could not be secured in the Old Dominion on account of the Jamestown Exposition. This meeting will mean a great deal to Charlotte, for 75 or more representatives will attend it. The association includes all local agents and officers of the traffic and allied departments. The Southern representatives here have been very active in trying to bring the convention to Charlotte. Mr. T. L. Black is now engaged in sending out circular letters to all of those interested, telling them of the change from Norfolk to Charlotte. The Selwyn will make special arrangements to entertain the railroad men in a most royal way.

Special Protection for Moving Picture Shows.

Apropos of the constantly increasing numbers of the moving picture shows in Charlotte, the total being at present six, and the three first that have recently occurred in these establishments, Chief of the fire dapartment, W. S. Orr stated last night that each one of the managers of these concerns has asked him to order for him a hand extinguisher which is highly effective and can be instantly applied. They desire this known that the possible fears of the nervous may be allayed. Chief Orr himself says he believes these will remove any possible danger arising from the combustible nature of the material.

Comparative Fire Record.

The month of March witnessed 21 fires, of large and small degree, in Charlotte, according to the statement of the chief yesterday. None were of especial importance, though there were several which would have resulted seriously, had not the department responded promptly and extinguished them. The month of April furnished the hoodoo number, 23, a slight advance. May is exceedingly young yet, but four have already occurred thus far. It has been a long time since the city has had a disastrous fire.

Rev. W. W. Orr to Address Y. M. C. A.

The speaker for the regular Sunday afternoon meeting for men held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association will be the Rev. W. W. Orr, pastor of the East Avenue Tabernacle.

The meeting will be held in the lecture room of the association building at 5 o'clock.

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When Mr. McGinnis left here several months ago and went to Nevada, he had a touch of the gold fever, but his temperature then was not a circumstance to what it is now. He not only carries a breeze with him but he fans others.

He is Getting Wise.

In discussing things in general with a playmate the other day a tiny boy, with sense beyond his years, said: "You know, Jimmie, I have looked into the Santa Claus business, and that is papa and mama; and the rabbit and the Easter egg, and the rabbit don't lay, and the next thing I'm going to investigate is all this talk about the devil and his desire for little children; I don't think much of that."

Every lady should have a copy of the Argo Red Salmon Cook Book. It tells you thirty-nine different ways of preparing Salmon. Ask your grocer for it.

A LARGE FUNERAL PARTY.

The Remains of Capt Bason Laid to Rest in Elmwood.

The remains of Capt. George F. Bason were interred at Elmwood yesterday afternoon. The funeral services were held at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Badham, on South Myers street, at 4 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, conducted the services and Mrs. Harvy S. Bryan, Miss May Oates and Mrs. Minnie Wriston Smith sang. Immediatey after the large and splendid crowd had assembled "We Would See Jesus" was sweetly rendered and following the reading of the scripture and the remarks of Dr. Hardin, "Abide with Me."

Among those who attended the funeral were many of Capt. Bason's associates at the bar from the neighboring counties. Many beautiful flower designs were sent to the cemetery and placed upon the grave.

The pallbearers were: Mr. W. C. Maxwell Col. W. B. Rodman, T. W. Alexander, Brevard Nixon, H. N. Pharr and T. C. Guthrie, of Charlotte, and Messrs. Oscar F. Mason, of Dallas, and A. G. Mangum, of Gastonia.

Judge G. W. Ward adjourned court at 3:30 o'clock for the funeral of Captain Bason. He and other court officers attended the services at the house and cemetery.

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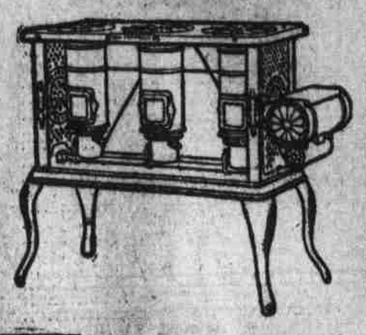

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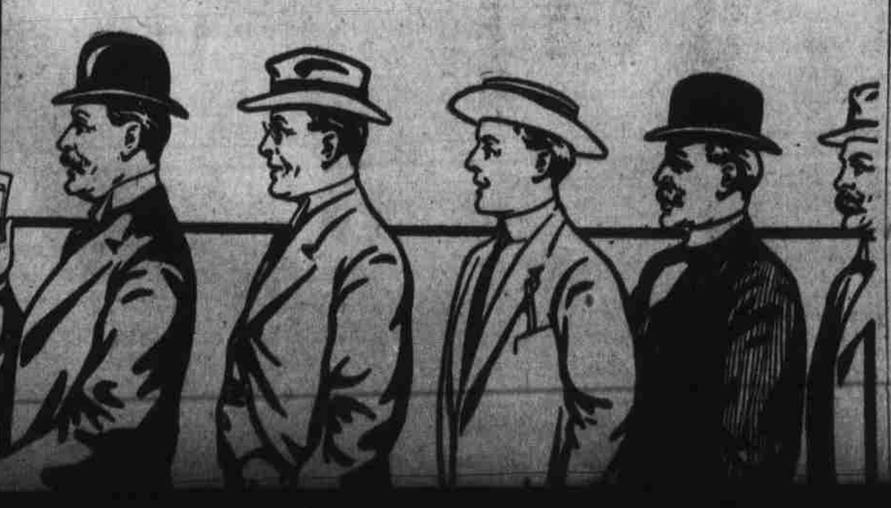

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