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METHODIST PROTESTANTS

WRESTLING WITH THE WHISKEY AND TOBACCO QUESTION.

ADRIAN, Mich., May 26.—The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church for half the day wrestled with the whiskey and tobacco problem. The temperance report declared the church to be "opposed to any form of license, high or low; that any minister or member who makes, buys, sells or uses liquor as a beverage or votes for others to do so is guilty of immorality and should be dealt with accordingly." The words "or sign a petition for license" were added. A motion to strike out all that referred to voting was carried. A delegate from North Carolina said that in his State the Democratic party were prohibitive and [laughter] the Republicans for whiskey. He could not see why he should vote for the third party and let Republicans bring ruin in rather than vote for the Democrats and shut it out. J. B. Cason refused to have his vote dictated by General Conference. W. E. Strayer, who is on his way to the Indianapolis nominating convention, took the middle aisle and got off a rattling prohibition speech. The object of the legislation given above is to compel every pastor to proceed by judicial process against every member of the church who is charged with the offenses named.

The second item of the report declared that because the liquor traffic controls both the great political parties the time has come when Christian men should rise above party prejudice and sectional jealousy, and give their suffrages to any party which has for its object the destruction of the traffic. Dr. Lewis contended that the judgment of conscience upon existing parties, however true, gives no force to the duty emphasized. The noble record of this church is that it has never meddled with partisan politics. It allows men of various views room to live in peace and live in liberty. The item was stricken out after a hot contention.

The third item rode into the use of tobacco rough shod, and recommended that no man be allowed to preach who did not abjure the practice. Dr. Bates said that to compel him to vote against the reception of such brethren into the ministry, with a show of tobacco in his own mouth, was carrying the joke too far. A West Virginia delegate moved that all who now used tobacco be turned out of the ministry. A Western brother said it was "a false and flippant underfootness" that heated to say the practice was a wasteful, filthy and wicked one. J. D. Kinzer denied the statement. Some people were fit by no means what they did, but there were men who used tobacco and were gentlemen. The paper was tabled.

Westminster, Md., was in the seat of the next session of the body.

The Way to Save.

There is a craze now going around which is becoming very popular. It is the dime craze and while it seems rather peculiar there is a vein of good hard sense underlying it. The craze is to keep every dime you get. Never ask for dimes in change, but when they do come, never spend one. If you have only a dime in your pocket and want a cigar or lunch, or anything else, go without it rather than spend the dime. At first it is hard, but after a while it is said real pleasure is taken in the selfishness. At the end of six months count your dimes, and you will be amazed at the sum you have saved.

State Politics.

They are talking about running Governor Seales for Congress in the 5th District. Experience they say shows that he is a hard man to beat and that the Democratic majority in the district increased during his several terms as representative in Congress.

The new chairman of the District Executive Committee, Mr. N. B. Broughton, is the leading representative of the labor element in the Democratic party of the district and developed no little strength as a candidate for the nomination for Congress. His great success in life, wrought out by his own unaided efforts, his intelligence, his earnestness, his ability, his soundness in the Democratic faith, are known of all men in North Carolina. The Convention made no mistake here.—*Raleigh News-Observer.*

AN EDITORS NOTE BOOK.

THINGS OBSERVED AND JOTTED DOWN WHILE ON A PLEASANT VISIT TO SALISBURY AND CHARLOTTE.

It does an editor good to occasionally lay aside the routine duties of office work and mingle with his fellow citizens. It is a pleasant relax from labor. Not only that it refreshes his mind, strengthens his thoughts and broadens his ideas. It gives him a true conception of what is being done in the towns of our State—it increases his pride in North Carolina.

It has been six months since this writer was in Salisbury, Concord and Charlotte. It was a source of pleasure and gratification to see, in so short a time, the numerous developments and improvements.

Salisbury is taking on new life. Salisbury is one of the oldest towns in the State. Many people suppose that old towns cannot grow. They labor under a mistake. Any place, no matter how antiquated or where located, can be built up if it has determined, energetic citizens. Salisbury has sought the improvement of her railroads it is of no varicolored type either. The new cotton factory is a topic of interest and there is universal desire for small manufacturing, and the desire is so great that we expect to see rapid strides in this direction. For one we are pleased to see Salisbury moving forward.

Concord shows signs of thrift in every direction. It was a treat to see the capital of Cabarrus so busy. Her enterprises and industries are set upon a hill and cannot be hid, and may be seen by all men who recognize the ability of a town to work out its own future and destiny.

We found Charlotte the same pushing progressive and stirring city she has ever been. The spirit of commercial independence was rife and not one whit behind her historic spirit for political freedom. Old landmarks are disappearing before the sweep of modern improvements and her people are full of business from the time you meet them until you leave them. The idea of home manufacturing and internal improvements is perhaps greater in Charlotte at this time than ever before. Two immense cotton factories are being built and they are the pride of the city. Every one wants you to go out and see the work progress.

Charlotte is deeply interested in the contemplated railroad from the city to Weldon. They say it will be built, and as an evidence of their earnestness \$200,000 has been pledged in Mecklenburg county alone. It is proposed to run the line by Durham and questions were first put in every direction as to what Durham will do, or what interest our people were taking in the road. Just here we desire to insert an inquiry. What are we going to do about it? On the 1st of June a corps will begin the survey from Charlotte to Weldon and their decided action will be taken in the matter. Charlotte is in dead earnest and the people of Durham cannot stand idly by. They mean business and they earnestly desire the co-operation of our progressive town. They want to be linked to us with steel rails and increase the ties (railroad ties) now existing between us.

We trust our readers will pardon us for a personal allusion. It is a pleasure to visit Charlotte. Her people are always cordial, open-hearted, and the shake of their hands is not a cold, motionless ceremony. It is warm, hearty, and makes a fellow feel that they are glad to see him. Charlotte has a tender spot in our affections and her citizens are ever kept in pleasant remembrance. Salisbury is no less hospitable. The recent Episcopal Convention was entertained in a royal manner. Speaking for the Durham delegation we desire here and now to express their individual appreciation of the warm reception and kind attention accorded them by Mr. Joseph Horah, Mr. J. D. Gaskill and Mr. J. S. McCobbins. Their hospitality lingers with us in the most enchanting manner and will ever be one of the pleasant recollections of Salisbury and the Convention of '88.

A Russian official now in this country says that another attempt to find Noah's Ark is about to be made by a company of Russia's explorers. The Ark is in Russian territory near the eastern end of the Black Sea. Its summit is more than 17,000 feet above the sea level and is constantly covered with snow and ice.

BURN THE NOMINEE.

RESULT OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION IN RALEIGH YESTERDAY.

The work of the Metropolitan Congressional District, at Raleigh yesterday, summed up briefly, is that it was harmonious throughout. The best of feeling prevailed and there were nearly four hundred present. The Chairman of the District Democratic Executive Committee, Capt. E. J. Parrish, called the Convention to order. A permanent organization was effected by the election of Mr. Oscar Rand, of Johnson, permanent chairman and Messrs. Joseph Daniels and F. B. Arendell were elected secretaries. B. H. Bunn, Esq., of Nash, was nominated by acclamation. E. W. Poul, of Johnston, was elected district elector. Delegates to the St. Louis Convention, Capt. E. J. Parrish, of Durham, elected by acclamation, and F. S. Spruell, of Franklin, by ballot. Alternates, E. Chambers Smith and W. L. Holt, of Alamance.

N. B. Broughton was elected chairman of the District Executive Committee, and the following committee selected: Alamance, Capt. E. S. Parker; Chatham, T. B. Womack, Esq.; Durham, J. S. Manning, Esq.; Franklin, C. M. Cooke, Esq.; Johnston, B. S. Abell, Esq.; Orange, A. J. Ruffin, Esq.; Wake, W. C. Stronach, Esq.; Nash, R. A. Cooley, Esq.

Asheville Star: We learned by a special telegram from Sylva, last evening, that Mr. Logan Bumgardner, who was wounded in the shooting affray near that place Tuesday evening, a full account of which appeared in yesterday's Star, was still living, but there was really no hopes of his recovery.

Carthage Blade: In the last few days a most deadly, ravaging, virulent and contagious disease has broken out in our town. From here it has spread, until almost every portion of our country has been infected. It has baffled all science, learning and medical skill. The disease is what is generally known by the medical profession as the "office fever."

Pittsboro Home: We are pleased to learn that Dr. Shepherd, President of South Carolina College, at Charleston, will bring his family to our town for his summer vacation.

Greenville Reflector: The meeting in the Methodist church closed Sunday night. During its progress there were forty six conversions and twenty-six accessions to the church. A good work.

Tarboro Southerner: This, the fifth week of the protracted meeting in the Methodist church, marks continued interest. Bishop Key, of South Carolina, preached Monday night a most excellent sermon. He was on route for the District Conference at Washington, which commenced yesterday.

Weldon News: On Monday, May 21st, Joshua Robinson, who lives near Pleasant Hill, Northampton county, started to Weldon, but while near the old Cursarphen place, about five miles above Garysburg, dropped dead in his buggy. A colored man was walking along the road talking to him at the time.

Goldboro Headlight: The protracted meetings in the St. John's M. E. church continues with much interest. We are reliably informed that our townsman Mr. Jas. Brooks has taken charge of the Dunn Enterprise as editor and proprietor. Mr. J. J. Stone, formerly connected with the Wilson Advertiser, will be its local editor.

Washington Progress: We regret to learn of the death of Mr. H. N. Waters, one of the Commissioners of this county, which occurred at his residence on the 14th instant. It has been currently reported here that Messrs. Skinner & Latham of Greenville, have failed for \$92,000, but there is some doubt as to the correctness of the report.

Wilson Advance: The closing exercises of the Kinston Female school, LaGrange, take place May 30th and 31st. This annual address will be delivered by our Congressman, F. M. Simmons, Esq.—Commencement exercises of Henderson College takes place June 3 to 5th. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. J. H. Cordon, of Wilson.

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