

PROHIBITION CONVENTION

HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE AT LOUISBURG ON MONDAY.

W. Bickett Elected Chairman and R. B. White, Secretary—Permanent Organization Effected—To meet Again First Monday in April.

In accordance with the call published last week for a mass Convention of the advocates of the Prohibition movement, a number of representative men of the county assembled in the Court House in Louisburg on last Monday, for the purpose of effecting an organization.

T. W. Bickett was on motion elected temporary chairman and R. B. White, Secretary. The temporary organization was then made permanent.

The object of the meeting as stated by the Chairman, was for laying plans for the organization of the temperance forces in the county, with a view of carrying the election on May 26th for prohibition. The following plan of organization was adopted:

There shall be a County Executive Committee consisting of one member from each township, who with four other members shall constitute a township committee. There shall also be a Central Committee of five to be appointed by the Chairman—three by the Chairman and Secretary to be ex-officio members of said Central Committee. It was unanimously decided that the Central Committee shall select the names of the County Executive Committee and report them at a meeting on the first Monday in April. The meeting was thrown open to all who desired to make any remarks for the good of the cause, and the following responded: T. W. Bickett, F. N. Egerton, Rev. T. B. Justice, J. M. Thorne, and Rev. F. A. Bishop, who wound up his remarks with the suggestion that it took a little money to run all movements, and he therefore moved that a voluntary collection be taken to defray the necessary expenses that may occur in the way of postage, literature, etc. This was done and upon motion the convention adjourned until the first Monday in April.

All the townships except Hayesville, Dunns, Sandy Creek and Gold Line were represented.

A New Plan Suggested.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Much is being said and many efforts are being put forth to put liquor under the control of man instead of man under the control of liquor, (it now is). I have given this great question much study and this thought has suggested itself to my mind. If on the 26th of May this good old state of North Carolina should go for prohibition, as of course it will, let every town in North Carolina establish a Medical Depository. And let the County Commissioners appoint one man to conduct it and have full control of the buying and selling and other expenses connected with it. The County Commissioners also to appoint one doctor to write the prescriptions for each and every person either direct from the person or through the doctor attending such person, FREE OF CHARGE. Let these two men be paid a salary out of the proceeds of the Depository. After all expenses are paid the balance of the proceeds (if any) to go in treasury and distributed as now. The object is to centralize the business so if any law should be violated it can easily be located. This is not a perfect solution of this great problem but I thought it might start a line of thought that would lead to something better.

Very Respectfully,
W. B. COOKE.

A NEWSPAPER AND ITS SUBSCRIBERS.

An Intimate Relation Exists Between a Newspaper and Its Readers.

The Monroe Journal, in connection with the discussion regarding the recent ruling of the Postoffice Department, in regard to the time papers may be sent subscribers through the mail on time, talks very sensibly as follows:

"A newspaper and the subscribers who read it from year to year stand in very intimate relations to each other. They ought to be able to have a little talk with each other occasionally on business matters without misunderstanding each other. You feel very close to the editor whose words you read week by week, year in and year out. We know this both from our own experience, from what others have told us, and from the fact that unless you did have some such feeling, coupled with respect, you would not continue in the relation of subscriber. Presuming, therefore, that our subscribers will take what we have to say at its face value, we wish to speak a few words in candor.

"You have noticed from time to time the statement that after April the first the postoffice department will not deliver papers to subscribers who are one year in arrears with their subscriptions. Have you stopped to think why this rule has been made? It is no mere whim of the department, but a dire necessity, made so by the good of the public as well as by the needs of the department. Why are you able to buy a paper like The Journal and have it delivered at your door fifty-two times a year for the small sum of one dollar? One reason is that the government does not charge you anything for carrying it for you. Many people do not know this, but it is so, that is if you live in the county in which the paper is published. If you live out of the county, the government charges at the rate of one cent a pound for carrying the paper to you. Now, why does the government do this? Because it considers that the distribution of good newspapers and periodicals is necessary to the welfare and happiness of the people and that it is right for the government to aid in distributing these as cheaply as possible so that they will be within the reach of as many people as possible.

"Now, here is the point: Under this ruling a great many worthless publications have sprung up that serve no useful purpose, but are printed and distributed for private gain. Most of them are no good, the people do not subscribe for them, and in many cases do not want them in their homes. Yet if your name ever gets in the hands of one of these sheets they will be sent to you forever whether you refuse to take them or not. The publishers do not expect you to pay. All they want is to get them into your hands for some ulterior purpose. Sometimes that purpose is to preach socialism, anarchy, or some other nefarious doctrine. Most often, however, the publishers expect to make money, and do make millions out of the fraudulent schemes which they advertise and expect you to bite at. These advertisers can't get in reputable papers that the people subscribe for and pay for year by year. Now the mass of this literature has grown so great that it is costing the government millions of dollars to carry it and is swamping the mail service. Therefore a ruling must be made that will shut these out and still let legitimate papers go to the people free or at a low rate. This ruling, requiring that no papers except those whose readers subscribe for and pay for them will be sent, is the only way the department can get rid of the evil. So you see the reason for the ruling. The govern-

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The Ruling of the Postmaster General regarding newspaper subscribers takes effect April 1st, and all who owe for the TIMES for more than one year, should not fail to DO SOMETHING by that time if they wish the paper continued to them. Come to see us or write. If you can't pay all you owe, pay what you can, and we will try and arrange the balance, by note or otherwise. But be sure to Do SOMETHING.

ment thinks that if you want a paper you want it bad enough to pay for it within the year in which it is sent. It is not a desire of the department to regulate your business or mine, but merely to protect the government during the year 1908. But a very careful count shows that there are on our books to-day many names whose dates are not paid up to the present. Will you look on your label and see that your name is one of them? And if it is, renew at once? It will help us not only to get our books in shape to meet the requirements, but will help us materially in making the paper and help you to enjoy it more. It will not cost you any trouble and it makes a great deal of difference to us."

Suspended Publication.

The "Franklin Progress" which has been published in Louisburg the past two years by Mr. W. W. Boddie, suspended publication with last week's issue, and the plant has been sold to Mr. T. W. Bickett. He informs us that he will not attempt to run a newspaper, but will sell the plant, as he only purchased it for good business reasons.

Mr. Boddie, who recently received assurances of the appointment of a Lieutenant in the United States Army, will give his time to preparation for standing the examination, which will take place early in the summer.

A Merited Present.

On last Sunday morning at the Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. F. A. Bishop, just before taking his text, stated to the congregation that he had been requested by members of the church to perform as pleasant duty, and in a few very appropriate remarks he presented to Mrs. J. S. Barrow, a ladies beautiful gold watch, which was given as a token of appreciation for her services as organist of the church for the past several years.

At the night service Mr. Bishop read the following note of thanks from Mrs. Barrow:

DEAR BROTHER BISHOP:—Will you kindly express to the church my warmest thanks, and deep appreciation of the beautiful watch presented me this morning? My surprise at the presentation of this lovely gift can only be measured by the happiness which accompanies its reception. While feeling very unworthy of such a token of appreciation of my feeble efforts as organist in the years now past and gone, I shall ever cherish its bestowal as one of the most delightful incidents of my life, and assure the kind donors, that my best service, weak though it be, is always at their command for the upbuilding of the dear old church that we all love so well.

Very sincerely,
MRS. J. S. BARROW.

AT TRIBULATION HALL.

THE MILL HAS BEEN GRINDING SLOWLY, BUT SURELY.

A Number of Callers Have Frequented Mayor Yarborough's Court the Past Few Days and Made Contributions.

The "Mill" of Mayor Yarborough, more familiarly known as "Tribulation Hall" has been grinding out some grit during the past few days, and in passing our reporter picked up the following:

A squad of negroes were caught by Chief High, under the Riverside Ware House one day this week, and from the noise they were keeping he presumed that they were engaged in a game of "craps," but not being able to secure sufficient evidence to this effect they were arraigned under "ordinance 18" and were assessed \$2.25 each by the Mayor. Their names were as follows: Watt Davis, Cas Hayes, Sterling Freeman, June Yarboro. Two others took "leg bail" and up to yesterday had not shown themselves.

Ressie Alston, who became too familiar with several pair of shoes from Alex Dunson's shoe shop, was required to give bond for his appearance at April term of Court, failing to give same he is now "boarding" in the county jail.

W. H. Moon, who was "akused" of being in a disorderly condition was very penitent, and insisted that he did not get it from the "Dispensary." Upon an intimation that if he came up again for imbibing in "moonshine" that he would let the "coat out of the bag," he was allowed to go upon payment of costs.

Willie and Charlie Williams, brothers, who for some reason only known to themselves, were acting in such a way as to satisfy the officers that they were not dwelling together in "brotherly love" were required to pay fines, the amount imposed on Willie being \$2.25, and Charlie being the aggressor, was fined \$5.00 and costs. Failing to pay same he was sentenced to the roads for 30 days.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll for Gatesville School for week ending Friday March 6th 1908:
1st grade—Clifford Sykes, Lucile Wheeler, Clarence Alford.
2nd grade—Euselia Vick.
3rd grade—Nannie House, Bettie Wilder, Frank Alford.
4th grade—Minnie Boone, Stephen Sykes, Ernest Wheeler, Elijah Wheeler.
5th grade—Blanche Sykes, Burtis Boone, Fannie House, Annie Wilder, Annie Culpepper.
6th grade—Pearl Hollingsworth, Mary White Sykes, Lizzie Alford.
ANNIE J. PERRY, Teacher.

Current Literature Club.

The Current Literature Club was delightfully entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Thomas B. Wilder. Mrs. Wilder is the most charming of hostesses and in spite of a very rainy afternoon few of the members were absent. Mrs. Wilder had also as guests Mrs. Childs, of Chicago, Mrs. Samuel Wilder, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. James Turner. Mrs. Wilder was delightfully assisted in entertaining by her sister Miss Annie Wilder.

In spite of the gloom outside, inside all was bright, and sweet and lovely. The golden glow of fragrant daffodils, and the soft light from the open fire made especially attractive this particular charming room. The subject for the afternoon was Charles Dickens. After the meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting read, Mrs. Wilder read a delightful paper on the writings of Charles Dickens, interspersed with extracts peculiarly illustrative of his humor and pathos in his case frequently going hand-in-hand.

A Recitation at "Do-the-boys Hall"—that most famous of academies of learning—for the description of which and its infamous master, Squeers Dickens came near being beaten by several dozen teachers each thinking he was meant—was read by Mrs. Bickett, as was also "an Interview between Nicholas Nickleby and his mother" most delightfully illustrative of that good, but tiresome woman's conversational endowments.

As we listened to Mrs. Malone's description of "Sara Gamp's night Vigil" how thankful we were that the Sara's are no more.

I am sure each one of us enjoys going back a few years and visiting those friends whom some of us no doubt have been neglecting for newer ones. I for one can say I had the best kind of time. I had forgotten how nice they were. I shall try to get them to take me back just the same—if they can.

Most delicious refreshments were daintily served and at a late hour our little party passed out and home, with a most grateful appreciation of the charming hospitality of the afternoon.

Our next meeting will be with Mrs. Cheatham, March 21st. The subject will be Thackeray. All the members are requested to read or re-read as much as possible from this gifted writer as a general discussion will be indulged in. The meeting will be at three o'clock.

A MEMBER.

Central Prohibition Committee.

By virtue of a resolution adopted by the prohibition mass-meeting held in the court house on the ninth of March, the following gentlemen have been appointed to act in connection with the chairman and secretary as members of the Central Committee: Jack C. Winston, Youngville; B. W. Ballard, Franklin; Rev. G. M. Duke, Mapleville; W. H. Yarborough, Jr., and C. B. Cheatham, Louisburg.

The committee will meet at the office of the chairman on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of March 1908. Steps will be taken to secure a speaker of state-wide reputation to address the convention which will be held on the first Monday of April. The first gun of the campaign will be fired on that day, and let everybody come out and hear it.

T. W. BICKETT, Chairman,
R. B. WHITE, Sec'y.

Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll for Mapleville Academy for the month of February:
5th grade—Aileen Boone and May Perry.
8th grade—Jennie Long.
JANET E. HAYES, Teacher.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Miss Mamie London is on a visit to her home from Raleigh.

F. L. Herman left Tuesday for a visit to Salisbury and High Point.

Mr. Charles Lewis, of Granville, is visiting at Capt. P. G. Alston's.

Mr. Bunnie Cooper and Miss Claude Aycocks spent last Sunday in Zebulon.

Mrs. Dr. B. F. Whiteside, of Hickory, is visiting her brother, Mr. F. N. Egerton.

Mrs. D. H. Taylor and little daughter returned Tuesday from a visit to Wake Forest.

Mrs. Cheshire, wife of Bishop Cheshire, was the guest of the Rev. John London this week.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants returned Saturday from Baltimore where she has been for treatment. Her friends will be glad to know that she was greatly benefited.

Mrs. Ida Pearce, and Mrs. C. H. McLaurin and children, who have been visiting relatives in and near Louisburg for several weeks, returned last week to their home in Columbia, S. C.

An at Home.

On Thursday afternoon Feb. 27th from 5:30 to 6:30 Mrs. Walter Bickett was "At Home" to the Current Literature Club and a few friends, in honor of Mrs. Child, of Chicago. Mrs. Child who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bailey, has been the recipient of many graceful courtesies, here, and in Raleigh and Asheville where she has also visited. Her grace and charm, have won for her many friends who will regret very much her departure.

The day had been cold and gloomy—rain, snow and later leaden skies frowning on the wet, cold earth, but inside it was if some friendly fairy had transplanted us to Sicily's fairest work where sweet flowers bloomed and mingled their fragrances with the health-giving breath of forest trees. From beyond them came sweet strains of music, now gay and bright, telling of youth's glad time, now soft and sweet, and far away, "Like the faint exquisite music of a dream."

Here in dainty spring gowns, Mrs. John Yarboro and Mrs. James Collie graciously greeted the guests, and dispensed.

A delicious fruit punch—a nectar fit for the gods. Sipping the refreshing beverage, we drank in too the sweetness of flower and tree, the sweet spirit of friendly feeling and gracious hospitality—"sating with gladness."

The white and green of the parlor made a charming background for the pink and white of exquisite roses and narcissus. The green of trailing ferns and the soft light from many rose-tinted candles.

The guests were graciously greeted by Mrs. Bickett and presented to Mrs. Child and Mrs. Bailey.

The dining room in which Mrs. Hester and Mrs. Barrow, charmingly served a salad and cream course, and Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Malone, coffee and mints, was a study in red and green—a feast for beauty loving eyes. The color scheme was beautifully carried out in the rich carnations, etc. graceful ferns, the salads, fruits, the red roses, lilies, the candies, and the red and green candles, all blending most exquisitely with the red and green paper, rugs, and draperies—the rich coloring of handsome mahogany and the soft sheen of silver and glass.

In joyous talk the happy hour flew by and once more in, we were in the grey outside, but taking with us bright memories of that "golden hour."

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