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PROHIBITION FORCES ARE VICTORIOUS.

The Saloons Go Down by One Hundred and Seventy Majority.

THE WOMEN PRAYED WHILE THE MEN VOTED.

Victory Due to the Excellent Organization of the Anti-Saloon League. The Saloon Men Accept the Situation Gracefully and Good Feeling Prevails.

The anti-saloon forces won last Tuesday's election by one hundred and seventy votes. The day opened with a clear sky and everything was favorable for the temperance advocates, who started to work early and did not cease in their well doing until the vote was canvassed after sundown. Everything went off quietly and not the slightest evidence of violence or ill-feeling was manifested. The saloons were closed in pursuance of the law. The saloon men and their friends knew their fate and accepted the situation in a graceful and most commendable manner.

With the exception of one ward, there was no irregularities or evidence of fraud. The poll-holders seemed bent on doing their duty in accordance with the law. Quietness prevailed at the polls and the day had the semblance of Sunday rather than an election day. Many who were entitled to vote did not attend the polls.

In every ward except the seventh, which is the Diamond Corner and Dry Point section, the temperance forces won a decided victory. It was in this ward that irregularities were allowed. About a half-dozen men who had failed to comply with the Constitutional provision with reference to the poll tax were allowed to vote. This was done in open defiance of the law and against the advice of the city attorney and the attorney general, whose letter was read to the poll-holders It is highly probable that these offenders will be prosecuted.

The vote by wards gave the prohibition side the following majorities:

First, 73; Second, 15; Third, 44; Fourth, 45; Fifth, 1; Sixth, 17. Seventh, a majority of 25 for saloons.

There were only 196 votes cast for saloons and thus it is seen that the majority against saloons was almost equal to the entire vote cast for saloons.

The result of the election is a decided victory for morality and Christian influence. The ladies seemed as much interested in the fight as the men. All day long they held prayer in the churches and tolled the church bells. They alternated from one church to another and changed leaders every half an hour. In the early morning the ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union distributed pretty ribbon badges to the young ladies of the city and not one was known to refuse the white emblem. The interest of these ladies and the doleful sounds of the church bells had great influence in determining the result of the election.

Much credit is due the leaders in this fight for morality, for it resolved itself into purely this. They worked unceasingly, and this work has been going on for many weeks. Their forces were thoroughly organized and they were ready for the great conflict of ballots.

Last Friday they had a successful and enthusiastic tent meeting in the Seventh ward. Large crowds were present and the attendance of the business men of the city refuted the argument that the fight was being waged solely by women, preachers and temperance cranks. Hon. E. F. Aydlett addressed the meeting in a convincing and irrefutable speech of an hour's length. The clamor of the saloon men that prohibition would hurt business, vanished before his logical and sledge-hammer blows, like chaff before the gale. He was loudly applauded. Men heretofore undecided how to vote knew that this man, preeminently successful in business, and who had great interests at stake, could not afford to take a step that would impare the progress or business interests of the city. It was after this Friday night meeting that the saloon men began to see the doom of their business.

Monday night saw the fight on in earnest. Both the saloon advocates and the prohibitionists were active. This was the night when Rev. Geo. Stuart was billed to speak for the temperance cause and ex-Rev. Thos. Babb was to speak in defense of whiskey and saloons.

Sunday afternoon a telegram was received from Mr. Stuart to the effect that he could not be here because of the serious illness of his son. Much hung upon this night's meeting and the "whiskeyites" became elated over the failure of Mr. Stuart to be present. But the "temperance cranks" were not to be outdone. They secured Rev. Mr. Christian, pastor of the Berkley (Va.) Methodist Church.

Mr. Christian proved the very man for the occasion. His speech was the ablest ever heard here on the question. It was just what was needed at the time. For an hour and a half he poured hot shot into the ranks of the enemy, and when he had finished it was apparent that the next day's battle would be won against the saloon. The speech was an exceptionally able one. It was logical, eloquent and pathetic. He laid down a premise that "anything that lives upon the misery of mankind has no right to live." He argued upon this proposition and his arguments were scathing. He spoke in a tent pitched in the vacant lot adjoining the Academy of Music building.

While he thus thundered against the saloon as a dangerous institution to the body politic, the ex-Rev. Mr. Babb was above in the Academy of Music babbling to a disgusted audience of men only. His effort was weak, even for the man who had been excommunicated from the Christian ministry under charges for almost every crime in the decalogue. His speech was interspersed with vulgar jokes and many who had gone out to hear him prompted by curiosity alone, left the hall in disgust. The speech cost the saloon men at least fifty votes, according to the statement of one of their number.

The contrast of the two meetings was great. In one there were men only, who were compelled to listen to vulgar jokes and the verbosity of the inconsistent man. In the other were men and women, who opened their meeting by invoking the blessings of God upon their efforts. Music and the approving of mothers and children were here. The contrast of the two assemblages was convincing argument against saloons.

Wednesday night a union prayer meeting was held in the Baptist Church. It was a religious meeting, and not the least signs of exultant feeling was manifested. The meeting was largely attended and the preachers and a number of laymen led in prayer. The remarks evinced the kindliest feeling, especially towards the saloon men of the city, who, as a class, were referred to in terms highly complimentary. Mr. Tuttle, who was perhaps the principal speaker, said in part:

Let Us Help Them.

"Now that the prohibition forces have won a very decided victory, they should try to make the victory popular even with those who resisted it. Christians, like their Christ, should win the devoted affections of those they overcome in conflicts for truth's ever advancing conquests. A greater victory than driving away the saloon business would be to win to the love of Christ the saloon keeper himself. How shall we do this? Certainly not by crowing over his defeat or telling him to go somewhere else. How then? Answer: By doing unto them as we would have them do unto us. In going out of business they will suffer more or less loss. Now let us extend to each one of them a helping hand as they go into some other business. Let us remember the old motto, "Live and let live," and by dividing our trade with them aid them in setting up some business that will support them and those dependent upon them. These men will have nearly four months to close out their business and those of them who will do so in the least objectionable manner and in the best spirit will receive the larger share of our good will. We beg them then to get into some other business as soon as possible and give us a chance to prove our love by our deeds of helpfulness to them. In these words I have expressed the thought of many, if not all, prohibitionists."

The saloons will close the first of next January, when their licenses expire. In this connection, it is but due them to say that no better men, as a rule, are engaged in the whiskey business anywhere than the saloon dealers of Elizabeth City. Most all of them are good citizens, and it is to be hoped that they will go into some other business in this city. Should they do this they will get a large part of the patronage of those who fought, not them, but their business.

A STORY OF PROMOTION.

Gapt. Guard, an Elizabeth City Man, Wins Success.

IN A CAREER OF SIXTEEN YEARS ON THE WATER HE HAS NEVER HAD AN ACCIDENT.

The Tar Heel watches with constant and eager interest the success of the young men of Elizabeth City. It chronicles nothing more cheerfully than their achievements, both at home and abroad. Elizabeth City men are everywhere, and in almost every line of human endeavor, and they are always to be depended upon to reflect credit upon the city of their nativity.

It is with pleasure that we note the signal success of Capt. Albert W. Guard, of the steamer Ocracoke, one of the steamers of the Old Dominion Steamship Company. The story of his connection with this company would be the recital of fequent promotion, well merited by efficiency as an officer. He is not only one of the youngest but one of the most skillfu' and well informed navigators sailing in these waters. His papers enable him to handle any craft that floats on inland waters.

Capt. Guard began his career on the water as a deckhand on a small tug. This was sixteen years ago, and since that time he has achieved a success that is as creditable to himself as it is gratifying to his friends. He was made captain of the steamer Virginia Dare in June, 1901. He remained on this boat until December 1902, when he was transferred to the steamer Hatteras. In February of this year he was made master of the steamer Newberne and he remained on her until last May, when he was promoted to the captaincy of the steamer Ocracoke

CAPT. ALBERT W. GUARD.

It is said that he has never had an accident, and has never run a boat ashore.

Capt. Guard is very popular both as an officer and as a man. His friends are legion and nowhere is he more highly esteemed than in this city and among those who have known him from boyhood. The Tar Heel wishes him the continued success which his fitness merits.

A MODERN PRINTERY FOR ELIZABETH CITY.

No Longer Necessary to Send Abroad For High-Grade Printing.

At last Elizabeth City is to have a modern and well equipped job printing establishment which will do all kinds of commercial printing. This printery will be in connection with the Tar Heel and under the personal management of Mr. Frank L. Hill, of Baltimore, but late with the large printing establishment of Burke & Gregory, of Norfolk

Mr. Hill comes to this city with very flattering testimonials both as to his character as a gentleman and his efficiency as a master of the art of printing. He has served as foreman of some of the largest printeries of the large cities and the Tar Heel feels congratulated in seluring his services.

The job department of the Tar Heel has just been supplied with all modern equipment and it is now the most thoroughly equipped job plant in eastern North Carolina. The equipment of a modern job plant necessitates a large outlay of capital, but we felt the need of such an establishment in this live and progressive city. We are of those who believe that money should be kept at home and now it is no longer necessary for the business men to send abroad for high-grade printing.

In this connection let us say that we will appreciate your patronage and certainly a home newspaper which strives at all times for the promotion of home interests deserves the patronage of the home merchant or banker more so than the printery in the large cities, which spends nothing in the town except the hotel bill of its traveling man.

First Ride on a Railroad.

Mr. Mark Smith, who lives about four miles from here, took his first ride on a railroad last Saturday, when he went to Raleigh. This is quite remarkable, considering that he was a soldier during the war, but being a cavalryman then he rode a horse in going to and from the army.—Chatham Record.

STOCKTON FARM HAS BEEN SOLD.

The Beautiful Relic of the Southern Ante-Bellum Home is Purchased by Messrs. Welch of Chowan County.

Stockton Farm, perhaps the best relic of ante-bellum Southern homesteads in eastern North Carolina, changed ownership this week for the first time in a quarter of a century. The sale was made by Mr. A. C. Hathaway, the wide-awake and enterprising real estate man of this city, into whose hands it was placed for sale. Messrs. D. W. and R. H. Welch, of Chowan county, were the purchasers.

Stockton Farm is located in Perquimans county, about nine miles from Elizabeth City, and one mile from the village of Woodville. The farm embraces more than five hundred acres, which are in an excellent state of cultivation. It is one of a few of those large plantations which survived the wreck of that fateful war that abolished the institution of slavery. Stockton has been kept in an excellent state of preservation, and today there are all the conditions of the "fo de war" time, save only the slave. Its ditches, fences and groves have been well kept.

The homestead is an exact reproduction of the Virginia home of President Monroe. It was constructed of the best material and after having withstood the storms of more th[illegible] dred winters, it is far better than many of the recent and more modern structures.

The broad verandas and lofty columns of the old mansion give it a stately appearance. It was here that its owner, Hon. Josiah T. Granby, lived in the long ago. It is said that the old gentleman was a most astute politician, and he, with Gideon Marchent, of Currituck, practically controlled the politics of the Albemarle district of North Carolina. The old home, in many ways, gives evidence of the splendor and opulence in which this typical Southern gentleman lived. A visit to the old home impresses one with an idea of those conditions which prevailed in the South fifty or seventy-five years ago, and the like of which the world never saw before and, in all probability, will never see again. Those days, with their peculiar customs, had their advantages, but many were the disadvantages.

The Stockton homestead is aproached by a broad avenue, which is lined with beautiful shade trees on either side. The spacious yards are dotted with majestic trees, which form a beautiful grove and give evidence that they were planted by one who at least had a talent for landscape gardening. This grove was the rendezvous for the social pleasures of that olden time and today it affords an ideal place for the lawn parties and similar amusements of the summer time.

THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

For near a quarter of a century this farm has been in the possession of Mr. Wm. L. Elliott, a wealthy resident of Baltimore, Md. He has always been successful in securing desirable tenants and the farm has not been neglected, but maintained in an excellent state of cultivation. The quality of the land is all that could be desired Cotton has been cultivated on it for years and the quality of the staple is far above the average.

THE BEAUTIFUL STOCKTON GROVE.

Messrs. Welch will occupy the farm about January 1st. They are both young men, who have employed modern methods and made a success of farming. They use the latest and most improved agricultural implements and are firm believers in the future of agriculture in this section. They have purchased all the live stock now on this farm and they will retain practically all the tenants.

The farm had been on the market for fifteen years and was only recently placed in the hands of Mr. A. C. Hathaway for sale. The quick and satisfactory sale of the farm bespeaks the enterprise of this successful real estate dealer.

A NEW FURNITURE FACTORY.

The Stock Has Been Subscribed and Operations Will Begin at an Early Date.

The next enterprise for Elizabeth City is a furniture factory. That we are to have this addition to our already many paying industries is assured by the signatures of many of the best business men of this city. The sufficient amount of stock has been subscribed and the subscribers will meet next week to perfect organization.

It goes without saying that such an enterprise at this point will prove a paying investment. It has been stated upon authority that Elizabeth City alone consumes enough furniture to keep a factory with ordinary capacity running six days to the week and fifty-two weeks to the year. There are large quantities of furniture used in this city and in the territory of ten counties of which this city is the trading center. This fact is largely supported by the number of furniture stores, all of which seem to do a good business.

This new project is launched by the Chamber of Commerce, through the efficient services of Mr. Edmund Alexander. Mr. Alexander, in speaking to a Tar Heel reporter yesterday, said that the articles of incorporation for the new company would be secured next week and then the enterprise would start in earnest. The size and capacity of the factory has not been fully detrmined, but it will give employment to a large number of employes and will be a valuable accession to our manufacturing interests.

Miss Isabell Carr, an expert milliner, of Baltimore, has accepted a position as manager of the trimming department of Holmes & Co. Miss Carr, who is a highly accomplished young lady, will arrive on the 18th instant. She is reputed to be a young lady of many graces and she will be welcomed to our midst.

Commissioners Meet

The Health Officer Reports Condition of Alms House

Road Supervisiors Make Regular Monthly Report—Citizens of Newland Township ask That Certain Roads be Made Public.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday in regular monthly session with all members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. James Chorey appeared before the board and asked that the county pay him for dirt taken from his land by the Supervisor of Roads for Salem Township, to be used on the public roads of that township. On motion, it was ordered that T. E. Palmer be appointed a committee of one to adjust the matter with Mr. Chorey.

A petition was presented to the board, signed by citizens of Newland Township, asking that a road in that township, leading from Foster's corner to the public road, by way of E. J. Spence and others, and also another road in that township, leading from Elijah Sawyer's to the public road, by way of Mrs. S. E. Jones and others, be made public roads. It was ordered that W. J. F. Spence be appointed a committee of one to look into the matter, ascertain the width of the two roads and report to the board at its next meeting.

It was ordered that Stewart Jennings and George A. Scott, of Salem Township, be relieved of road duty on account of physical disability.

It was ordered that J. B. Leigh be relieved of the payment of $8 income tax on account of an error in listing.

It was ordered that Murden Temple, overseer of Knobb's Creek road, be allowed to purchase enough slabs to repair that road.

Dr. J. B. Griggs, county health officer, made the following report:

Elizabeth City, N. C., Sept. 7, 1903.
To the Commissioners of Pasquotank County:

Gentlemen:—There are 30 inmates at the County Home, 4 white females, 7 white males, 10 colored females, 9 colored males; and 9 colored males and 1 colored female are found in the jail. All of the public buildings are in good condition.

Respectfully,
J. B. GRIGGS.

W. H. Reid was appointed a committee of one to have Hall's Creek bridge repaired.

Messrs. Z. W. Hollowell, road supervisor for Elizabeth City township; C. C. Meads, road supervisor for Salem township, and Seth W. Scott, supervisor of the roads in Nixonton township, made monthly reports, which were read, approved and filed.

Z W. Hollowell, supervisor-elect for Elizabeth City township, presented his official bond to the board in the sum of $1,000, with O. McMullan and A. L. Aydlett as sureties. The bond was accepted and approved and ordered to be recorded.

John E. Coppersmith, of Salem township, was relieved of road duty on account of bad health.

The clerk of the board was instructed to purchase six new points for the county road machine.

The total amount of bills audited and allowed at this meeting was $1,369.13.

TELEPHONES FOR CURRITUCK.

A Company Was Organized This Week to Establish the Line.

That Currituck county is to have a telephone line is now a certainty. The necessity for such a convenience to the progressive truckers of that county has long been appreciated, but not till this week has the enterprise assumed appearance of success.

Mr. D. O. Newberry was in Currituck this week with a view to soliciting subscriptions for stock in the company, which is to be known as the Currituck Telephone Company. Mr. Newberry assures the Tar Heel that the contract for the construction will be given out in a few days and that in a few weeks Elizabeth City will be connected with all parts of that fertile county and that a merchant here can set in his store in this city and say hello to the country merchants without the necessary expense of a salesman and horse and buggy to solicit their orders.

This project means much to the farmers and merchants of Currituck. This county is already in the lead in the production of truck and other things which have a fluctuating market. Such a service will enable them to keep posted as to the very latest market quotations as well as the condition of the weather.

The stock of the new enterprise is subscribed to mostly by the people of Currituck. Aticles of incorporation have been forwarded to the Secretary of State and work will begin as soon as the papers are sent back. Mr. Newberry says that the price of the service will be as low as is expedient so that every person can have the convenience of a phone.

Died in Florida

Mr. C. L. Burcher Found Dead In a Hotel

Indigestion The Cause

He Was a Native of Perquimans County And Had Gone To Florida Looking For Employment. Formerly Lived In Elizabeth City.

The sad and sudden death of Mr. C. L. Burcher, at Jacksonville, Fla., was flashed over the wires to this city Sunday morning. The news came as a shock to the many friends of this young man, who, up to about one year ago, resided in Elizabeth City. He was formerly connected with the Blades Lumber Company, and while in their employ he was a favorite both with his employers and fellow employes.

Mr. Burcher was a native of Perquimans county, where his father, Mr. John Burcher, now lives. The young man was a member of the Elizabeth City lodge of the Woodmen of the World, and this order superintended the sad rites of the funeral. The remains arrived here Tuesday and were met at the depot by members of this lodge and were accompanied to the Burcher homestead near Woodville. The interment was at the family burying ground near the Burcher home.

The family of the deceased will get about $1,000 of insurance which the young man carried with the Woodmen of the World. Besides the insurance this order will erect a handsome monument to the memory of its departed brother.

When found, there was about $125 on the person, together with a gold watch and a trunk check. These possessions are now in the custody of the Florida authorities and will be forwarded as soon as the proper papers can be obtained.

The Jacksonville paper, in referring to he death of young Burcher, said:

"C. L. Burcher, late of Georgetown, S. C., a stranger here, was found dead in his room at the Duval Hotel this morning, when the chambermaid went to his apartments to arrange them for the day.

"The hotel management at once notified the police, and they informed Justice Cannon of the matter. Dr. J. H. Pittman was summoned and upon examination found that death was due to acute indigestion. There was evidence of the deceased having eaten some bananas before retiring, and it is thought that the fruit brought on the indigestion. There was some evidence of gas escaping in the room, which at first led to the belief that the young man had committed suicide, but this was entirely unfounded, as the windows and transom were found open when the chambermaid first entered the room.

"Burcher arrived here yesterday on the Clyde line steamer Araphoe from Charleston and registered at the hotel in the afternoon. He was not seen by the clerk after supper, and it is not known what time he retired. From his effects it was learned that he was recently employed by the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, of Georgetown, S. C., but was at present out of work. Several letters were found regarding situations he had applied for. He had last worked at a saw mill at Kingsdale, N. C., for R. L. Temple. Among the belongings of the deceased was found about $100 in money, a gold watch and chain and a revolver.

"Justice Cannon deemed an inquest unnecessary and ordered the remains turned over to Undertaker Clark for burial."

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPENING.

The public school will open Wednesday, September 23rd. Mrs. B[illegible]ford, the principal, desires that all children be accompanied on that day by either parent or guardian. She entertains bright hopes for a most successful session. Many new features will be added and this year will mark a great improvement over the previous one. She is doing a great work and deserves the co-operation of every patron of the school.

Cool Weather Clothing.

There is forceful logic in the argument by McCabe & Grice in their advertisement in this issue that it is wise to buy Fall Clothes in September because the buyer gets longer wear for his money, and a larger assortment to select from. This firm handles the Hand Tailored Clothing of Schloss Bros. & Co., of Baltimore, the largest tailoring house in the world. Stylish dressers ought to take a look at their new Reliance double-breasted sack suits.