

A CALL TO VOTERS OF ROWAN.

Some of the Damaging Effects of the Use of Alcoholic Beverages.

Mr. Editor:

The very thought of the possibility of Rowan County and the State of North Carolina being delivered from the rule of King Alcohol by a vote of the people on the 20th of next May should carry a thrill of joy and hope to the heart of every noble citizen of this county. We have patiently endured his galling yoke all too long. The history of this reign is a long and sorrowful tale of woe and ruin. But we have become too enlightened in this the 20th century to longer submit to his dominion. President Hadley, of Yale University, has said, "When the people come to understand the real nature and effect of alcohol, they will rise up and put it out of the country." The people are no longer in the dark about liquor. In addition to the bitter lessons we have learned in the school of experience, scientific temperance education has been disseminated in the public schools until old and young alike are conversant with the facts. The highest scientific authorities tell us that whiskey is not a food, but a narcotic poison, and should be proscribed with the greatest care. Its indiscriminate use has wrecked millions of lives and homes. It both irritates and paralyzes the delicate organs of the body, thus rendering them unfit for the performance of their function. It invites disease and robs the body of the vital powers to resist the attacks of disease. The ravages of consumption and pneumonia are largely due to the use of alcohol. It makes direct attack on the highest parts of man, the intellect, the memory, the feelings and the will. The brain is the seat of these spiritual faculties. Shakespeare says: "Why will men put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains?" It produces insanity, imbeciles, epileptics, idiots, and nervous wrecks. It is by means of these higher spiritual faculties which reside in the brain that we are enabled to read God's thoughts and hold communion with heaven. The use of whiskey paralyzes these faculties and destroys them, thus shutting man off from God and heaven and reducing him to the animal life, until "being past all feeling," he is oblivious to social duties and parental responsibilities and deaf to the cries of a heart broken wife and cold hungry children. Truly there is no killing like that that kills the heart. It destroys the most sacred institution under heaven, the family, the home. You are called upon by Almighty God, by church, by state and by the true yeomanry of our country, to cast your vote and use your influence for the overthrow of this arch-enemy of the souls and bodies of men. Let every father, every son and every person who loves home and his family, rally to the front on May 20, and carry Rowan County by a big majority for temperance.

ROWAN COUNTY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.
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GOLD KNOB.

John A. Lyerly has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing.

A. L. Klutz has about finished his new barn.

Charlie Trexler had a barn raising last week and built him a new barn.

Some of our fellows started to town last week with 2 horses to a one horse wagon, but before they got far they put 2 more to the wagon. You see we need better roads in Gold Knob.

Andrew Brown went to see his girl, on a wheel, and some one took it, so the next time, he went in a buggy and threw her out before he got to church. He, poor fellow, sit in the buggy till she got back in. If he had been a Democrat he would have helped her in, but, you see, he was a Republican.

Edgar L. Peeler swapped horses last week and has got him a new buggy.

A. J. Brown went to see his best girl and began to talk Hungarian language to her and she did not know what he meant, he is awful sorry he used it.

CORNELIATORUM.

SOME RESULTS OF PERSONAL LIBERTY.

Whiskey Adds a Few More Victims. Deeds of King Alcohol.

In a drunken rage, John Lambeth, of MorningStar, Va., snatched his illegitimate child from the arms of Elizabeth Hope, of Sanford, N. C., with whom he had been living and threw it in an open fire, it being so badly burned that both legs had to be amputated above the knee.

Saturday morning, near Wilson, Will Lewis, a white farmer, while drunk, knocked his wife in the head with an axe, killing her. Lewis had been drinking heavily for a week and on several occasions threatened killing his wife and children. Lewis made his escape, but the officers are confident of capturing him. Bloodhounds are being used.

French Davis appeared at the police station last night, covered with blood, and reported that he had been assaulted and badly wounded by Pitt Deal. When the latter was before the Mayor this morning, it developed that it was a drunken fight, in which both men used deadly weapons, and were bound over to court in the sum of fifty dollars. Davis gave his bond, but at this hour, Deal is still in custody.—Observer.

Another dispensary tragedy occurred in Columbia Saturday morning when Wade Hampton Sellers, known locally as "the booze king of Gervais street," the "king of blind tigers," etc., shot and killed Dispensary Constable Jas. Farmer, a former policeman. The shooting occurred at Sellers' place, when Farmer, accompanied by detective W. S. Ogg, applied for entrance they forced the door. Sellers shot once with a sawed-off 41 calibre Winchester rifle, which it has been his custom to carry about with him in his buggy, and jumped behind his door.

A drunken brawl, on the plantation of H. H. Walston, near Wilson, resulted in the death of David Hagan, and the arrest of Warren Ward. Both men had been drinking heavily and becoming enraged at each other, drew their knives, Ward slashing Hagan so severely as to produce death in a few hours.

Norfolk, Va., March 2.—Clifford Stewart, a 17 year old boy, in defending his mother from the attacks of her husband today, shot and dangerously wounded Leonard Combs, his step-father. The man is in a critical condition, the bullet striking him in the abdomen. Young Stewart claims that Combs knocked his mother down for refusing him whiskey. When the boy tried to defend his mother, the infuriated man grabbed a hatchet lying on the table and Stewart then shot him. Stewart was released on bail of \$500.

Coroner Vinsett, of Gaffney, S. C., was notified that a negro had been drowned in Buffalo creek, about four miles north of Gaffney. Accompanied by J. N. Nesbitt, the county physician, he repaired to the scene and learned that while two drunken negroes were crossing the trustle over Buffalo Creek (a large and deep stream) one of them fell through. No trace of the negro has been found.

Big Fire at Tampa, Fla.

The entire extreme northeastern section of the city of Tampa, Fla., was destroyed by fire, which raged uninteruptedly from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. The area burned covered 55 acres or eighteen and one-half city blocks and three hundred and eight buildings were destroyed, with a total loss estimated at \$800,000. The burned section included four large and one smaller cigar factories, numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over 200 dwellings occupied by cigarmakers. All factories carried large stocks of tobacco and cigars. The area swept by fire embraced all that portion of the city between 12th and Michigan avenues and Sixteenth and Twentieth streets. It originated in the boarding house of Antonio Diaz, 174 Twelfth avenue, and fanned by a strong wind, spread out, fan-shaped, defying the efforts of the entire city fire department, which was crippled by very weak water pressure, owing to the smallness of the mains in that section.

UNION CHURCH.

March 2—1908. There is not much sickness in our community at present.

I think winter is about over. Our farmers are getting ready to turn their land for the Spring crop.

School has reopened at Union Academy, after taking a rest of four weeks, may the good work go on without any further hindrance.

Sunday School will be organized, on the third Sunday, at Union Church, also preaching on that day at 11 o'clock by Rev. Spracher who has accepted the call.

Amandus Lyerly and family visited at Mrs. Minerva Pool's last Saturday night and Sunday.

A. L. Lyerly will handle fertilizer this season again. He has been confined to his room for several weeks on account of sickness.

Some of our farmers are beginning to sow oats.

John Hitchcock has purchased a fine animal from Columbus Kessler, dont know what the consideration was.

There has been good deal of wood hauled by our villagers, it must be bringing a fair price just now.

The farmers and merchants are getting closely connected by newly installed phones. Let the good work go on and get the news while its fresh.

P. A. Hartman, our commissioner, has arrived home from Florida, where he had gone to spend several weeks.

FAITH.

Feb. 29—Hon Z. P. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., will address the public on behalf of the J. O. U. A. M. at their hall, in Faith, on the night of the 7. Everybody invited to hear him and have a good time.

A young lady arrived at Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Ludwicks Feb. 27. This is the eighth little girl now at their home.

A gentleman, with his family, from Pennsylvania has rented one of J. A. Peeler's houses. He will superintend the big Granite Quarry that is to be opened up just out side of the town line, on the Frick Mountain near the Salisbury and Norwood railroad.

March 2.—David D. Peeler, who has been so very ill at his son's, George Peeler's, was able to be out to preaching Sunday morning, in the afternoon, he went home with his brother, where he will spend a month or so.

Mrs. Maggie Capps and Miss Mary Phillips, of Dunn, Harnett County, N. C., who have been visiting relatives here for several days, returned home last week.

Work started up today on the Frick Mountain. The buildings such as offices and shops will be built as fast as the carpenters can get the material together and do the work. The place is being cleaned off and is well started. The headquarters of the superintendent is in Faith. He is highly pleased with the fine granite he finds here.

VENUS.

Special from Greenville, S. C., under the date of the 27th: "The Southern Railway has decided upon a reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of its division superintendents and their office forces. Division Superintendent Fallis, of this city, today received an official notice to the effect, and it did not surprise railway people here. Not only will the division superintendents, their chief clerks and the subordinates directly under them, feel the cut, but train masters, road supervisors and their clerks will also have their salaries reduced. The chief dispatchers and other employees in the telegraph office will not be affected by the order. The cut in salaries is but another effort on the part of the Southern to keep its expenses below the earnings."—Dispatch.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

In addition to "Paolo and Francesca," "The Lyons Mail," "Hamlet" and "The Little Stevenson drama," "Markheim," will be features of H. B. Irving's repertory in America.

Alexander Clark has been engaged to play the leading comedy role in "The Student King," a comedy opera. The role was played last season by Raymond Hitchcock.

Nance O'Neil has acquired the rights to "The Sorcerer," the Sardou play in which Mrs. Patrick Campbell appeared. Miss O'Neil will discard her repertory and use the play exclusively.

William Faversham and Forbes Robertson will make a short tour in the spring in a revival of "Othello." Mr. Robertson will play the title role and Mr. Faversham will be cast as "Iago." David Belasco is to build a new theater in New York on Forty-fourth street between Broadway and Sixth avenue. Plans for the work have already been completed. It is expected to have the house open for occupancy by the fall of 1907.

May Shaw has concluded a five year contract with Sweeney, Shipman & Co. Her first vehicle will be "Allegro-by-the-Fire," and in connection with this tour she will also present "Ivan Macbeth" and later in the season "Lady Macbeth."

SHORT STORIES.

The black diamond is so hard that it cannot be polished.

The Bermudas have a parliament of thirty-six members, while the number of voters is only 1,200.

Promotion used to be most rapid in the French army, but today a man stands a better chance of rising in our own.

For a finger nail to reach its full length, an average of seven-twelfths of an inch, from 121 to 188 days of growth are necessary.

The population of the United States is estimated to be 85,000,000, and only 20,000,000 are connected with any church, Catholic or Protestant.

Billiards was brought into fashion by Louis XIV. of France in the seventeenth century, because his doctor ordered him to take exercise after his meals.

To protect an invention all over the world it is necessary to take out sixty-four patents in as many different countries, the estimated cost of which is \$2,500.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

Since the London smart set has commenced serving dinners in a balloon, there is increased danger of the bibulously inclined taking a drop too much.

China is to have a new constitution, but its custodians should be careful that the dowager empress doesn't see it first. She might need it in her business.—New York Herald.

Who says that Kentucky men don't take any interest in water? It is a man from Covington who has obtained from the Turkish government the sole right of shipping water of the Jordan river to all parts of the world for baptismal and other purposes.—Boston Globe.

One of the college professors has written a magazine article in which he argues that members of his profession ought to be paid at least \$15,000 a year each. He's extravagant. That's as much as the average prize fighter gets for staying twenty rounds.—Chicago Record-Herald.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

More than 2,000 persons die of measles in London every year.

In High street, Stratford-on-Avon, a retired actor called the Shakespeare is kept by A. Bacon.

On Friday parliament meets at noon and rises at 6. On other days the full hours are 2 p. m. to 1 a. m.

The members of the Yorkshire (England) brigade volunteers have been asked by the colonel to cut off their curls.

In the year 1890 it was forbidden to erect fresh buildings in London in any place "where no former hath been known to have been."

London has purchased Hainault forest for a new park. In 1857 about 100,000 trees were felled there, but there is a new growth of 80,000.

NEW YORK CITY.

There are 14,600 actors who claim their homes are in New York city. There are in New York city 168,000 members of clubs that have an enrollment of more than 800 members each. There is more money per capita spent in New York city every year for amusements than in any other place in the world.

New York city's growth is shown by one little item. The water rents are \$20,000 more each month than they were a year ago.

Unused personal property in the warehouses of New York city is "eating itself up" in storage fees at the rate of \$11,700 a day.—New York Her. ald.

NEW ENGLAND SAYINGS.

The still pig eats the swill. A short horse is soon curried. He's got a gate like a pair of bars. Sitting on the little edge of nothing. I'll do it in two shakes of a dead lamb's tail.

"Her tongue runs as if it was hung in the middle and wagged at both ends. Don't try to come your dumb leasies over me—i. e. mislead me, pull the wool over my eyes.—American Journal of Folklore.

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ROWAN ACADEMY.

March, 2—1908. The health of our community is very good at this writing.

Chas. J. M. Canble, who has been sick with the gripe, for the last week or two, is able to be up again, we are glad to report.

Rev. P. W. Tucker gave a big turkey dinner last Wednesday. All the stewards and their wives were present. The turkey weighed fifteen pounds after being dressed. They all enjoyed a fine time, I guess, while they were at the table.

Quarterly Conference will be held at Shiloh Church, Granite Quarry March 14, and 15, also preaching Saturday night, March, 14th.

There was a spelling match at Rowan Academy last Wednesday night, February 26. A number of the Cresent students spelled against Rowan Academy's. The scores stood 46 to 81 in favor of Rowan Academy. "Hurrah for the Academy!"

Be sure and don't forget the big exhibition at Rowan Academy on Mar 7. Every body is cordially invited to come and bring a basketful of something good to eat.

MARRIED.

Mrs. Augusta Bingham, a former resident and native of Salisbury, was married at Norfolk, Va., to Maurice L. Hobson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. A. Brown, Mrs. Hobson will receive the best wishes of a numerous host of friends in Salisbury.

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Likes N. C. Meal Pretty Well.

Charles Brewer, managing editor of The Fargo (North Dakota) Forum, is spending several days here with his old school-mates who were classed with him at Davidson some years ago. While on the rounds of the city yesterday morning he was attracted by the burr mill operated in the rear end of the market place of H. A. Graber, and, after seeing the pure corn-meal roll from the hopper, left an order for a shipment to go forward to his home at once. He also bought a large quantity of North Carolina dried apples, from the wholesale grocery concern of Max Moses & Co., to go along with the shipment of meal. This is the first order of the kind ever shipped from this city to Dakota. —Concord News.

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