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SALISBURY, N. C., Mar. 11th, 1908.

The complete fiasco of the conference of "prominent Democrats," held here last Thursday, through lack of attendance and enthusiasm, save that created by the use of certain liquid fluids, would, to men engaged in a better cause be sufficient evidence of the futility of their efforts, and so greatly discourage them as to cause them to forsake their intention. But whiskey, directly or indirectly, so quickly reduces men from the sublime to the ridiculous that we doubt not that the meeting of the six "prominent Democrats" here last week will be talked of far and wide as a formidable movement within the Democrat party to prevent the party from ruining itself, and, from this small foundation, the erection of an inverted pyramid will be started, compared with which the folly of the builders of the tower of Babel will shine as one of the wisest undertakings of the human race up to this good hour. Think of six men, some of whom are as obscure to the masses of the Democratic party as eel wool in the desert of Sahara, presuming to dictate to a great, free and intelligent people and the dominant party which is responsible for its conduct and the moral measures which these advocates of drunkenness and debauchery would have repeated.

The sextet of bibling-boozers claim to be Democrats and yet assemble to confer and resolve contrary to its platform, party doctrines and the crystallization of the laws which are the result of the party's efforts to keep its plighted

faith. Democrats! Verily, we believe, there is more Democracy and other good qualities in a flock of wild ducks than any one connected with the "prominent" gentlemen ever dreamed of. The fact that prohibition is a moral issue may be the reason for their failure to recognize it as such.

Mr. George Morton told the Salisbury correspondent of the Charlotte Observer that the "conference" to fight State Prohibition as attended in person and by proxy by fifty-two prominent Democrats. Only four persons away from Salisbury, could be located. Why not admit that it was a fiasco and let us have a fair trial at State Prohibition.—News and Observer.

Those present, as far as we have been able to ascertain, were as follows:

Gen. Geo. L. Morton, Wilmington; Supt. Harry W. Stabbs, Williamston, Prof. Jas. D. McNeill, Fayetteville; Imperial Bulldozer Johny Julian, Salisbury; Maj. Walter Murphy, Salisbury; Emperor A. H. Boyden, Salisbury; and Ex-Senator C. B. Watson's letter, Winston-Salem.

These titles are thought to be correct but owing to the misplacement of our copy of "Who is Who in North Carolina," we are not sure as to all of them, however, there is no doubt about their prominence.

Of course the poorly informed must be excused for standing about the depot expecting to greet Governor Glenn, Senator Simmons, Ex-Governor and Ex-Senator Jarvis, Locke Craig, Congressman Jas. Pugh, Ex-Governor Aycock, Ashley Horn, Senator Overman, Solicitor Clarkson, Joseph Daniels and ad in finitum of the unknown. Nothing but sympathy could be heard for the old soldier who really expected to see Matt W. Ranson and Z. B. Vance, but could not recognize a single "deligate." Poor old fellow, probably he does know just what "prominent" means.

One gentle man, and his influence amounts to something, was heard to say: "It makes me tired to hear them talking about prominent Democrats." According to the list given above

there were actually three delegates who came to Salisbury or were passing this way on said memorable date, Thursday March 5th, and three from Salisbury. A most magnificent fiasco. Suppose they would take a notion to vote solidly for Baldy Allman for governor, wouldn't the State be in a most deplorable condition? Why they had almost one voter to every hundred who attended the Anti-Saloon League Convention in Raleigh.

If these gentlemen have any greater claims upon the title of Democrat than thousands and thousands of other good people in North Carolina, who intend to vote for prohibition, we think it is time for an analysis of the name, platforms, creeds, customs and acts of said party to be made.

We believe in fair treatment of the minority, however small. The members of a minority have rights that should not be ruthlessly trod upon or ignored, and, they should be treated with kindness and justice. But should they set themselves up, as these individuals have done, as dictators of the party, censors of her rights, and denunciators of her acts, as a party, they deliberately withdraw from the principle of majority rule, step beyond the bounds of obedience to her will and forfeit the consideration it is presumed they desire. Now these "prominent Democrats" are not so ignorant as to be unaware of the fact that the Democratic party in this State is committed to temperance and is responsible for all of the legislation we have on this subject to date. Consequently the Democrat who looks upon this great moral question as a political issue and opposes it as a Democrat is deliberately fighting, not in the party, but the party, its platform and its laws consequent of its former success at the polls. Those who are endeavoring to make it a party issue are not without reason for such conduct. We take it that their first and main object is to defeat prohibition at any cost. The disruption of the Democratic party may be considered, but as a secondary matter, and the effort to drag the ques-

tion into politics is for the purpose of arraying the great moral hosts of the Republican party against prohibition. In this latter effort we feel they will most ignominiously fail: Prohibition is a purely moral question, to be decided by the people irrespective of party or creed. It was petitioned for by all classes, parties and creeds and an election has been called solely upon its merits as a moral question. The question therefore is: "Is Prohibition Better Than the Open Saloon and Distillery?" Or: "Is Temperance Better Than Drunkenness?" This is for each voter to decide for himself, and, it is up to him, to vote according to his convictions on the subject. It is impossible for anyone to loose anything by voting for prohibition, but no one can tell what sorrows are ahead should he vote against it. Isn't it best to put whiskey out of the way, beyond temptation?

Best Healer in the World.
Rev. F. Starbird, of East Raymond, Maine, says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve for several years, on my old army wound, and other obstinate sores, and find it the best healer in the world. I use it too with great success in my veterinary business." Price 25c at all drug stores.

Whiskey drinking and drunkenness is just the opposite of truthfulness, honesty and soberness.

With a Knife.
Fred White, a negro of none too good reputation employed at J. E. Carson's brick works on the Catawba river, was shot and dangerously wounded Saturday Morning. His assailant was Will Hardy who bears a good reputation and who holds a position of trust at the brick works.
White drank too much fire water earlier in the day and started out for trouble. He met Hardy and attacked him with an open knife. Hardy knocked him down several times but the frenzied man was bent on trouble and continued his efforts to cut Hardy who finally pulled his pistol and fired. The ball took effect in the right hip.—Charlotte Observer.

Don't fail to pay your poll-tax before the 1st day of May if you wish to vote in any of the elections to be held this year.

No Use To Die.
"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. P. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be living today only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease after the case is pronounced hopeless." This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, bronchitis and hoarseness, is sold under guarantee at all drug stores, 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Investigation of Peonage by a Committee.
A resolution was passed by the house of Representatives, last Monday, ordering an investigation, by the immigration committee, of the labor conditions in the turpentine camps, plantations and other Southern industries, especially those where peonage is suspected. Representative Williams, of Mississippi, claimed that the highly colored stories, of laborers held as slaves, was a direct slander on the South.

The Water Necessary For Hot Weather

"Enough raw fruits, vegetables and lemons should be eaten to supply the water necessary for hot weather demands. It is a great mistake to waterlog digestion by drinking at any and all times. The prevailing idea that the more fluids taken into the system the better, is a fad without sense or reason." Eat a wholesome food like

DR. PRICE'S WHEAT FLAKE CELERY FOOD

Drink only when thirsty and you will have no digestive troubles. Dr. Price's Food can be eaten every day in the year.
Palatable—Nutritious—Easy of Digestion and Ready to Eat
Can be served hot. Put in a hot oven for a few minutes; or cook in boiling milk.
10c a package
All Grocers

APRON GINGHAM.

We had several cases of apron Gingham in short lengths, bought for our sale, but it was delayed on railroad and didn't get here, except for the last two days, so we still have some left. It is worth 8c, but we will sell, while it lasts, at..... 5c

Another lot of same Gingham, but run a little narrow. It goes at..... 4c

SMOES.

We are headquarters on Shoes of all kinds. We have a big stock of Men's, Women's and children's cheap, coarse shoes, to finish out the winter with.

BELK-HARRY CO.

The Great Cost Sale Continues at The Big Clothing Store.



Owing to the fact that we still have too many goods for the season of the year, our cost sale will continue for a few weeks longer. The large crowds which have daily visited The Great Clothing Sale, carrying away with them numbers of bundles, must be well satisfied with the bargains we have given them, for we are selling our entire stock at cost, as advertised. Everybody should take advantage of the low prices we are making and lay in their wants for several seasons to come.

Be Wise and Act Quickly



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