

OAKES WAS DRUNK

JUDGE FAIRCLOTH TELLS THE STORY HE HEARD IN GOLDSBORO OF THE SPREE.

WAS HE DRINKING IN RALEIGH?

Egg Nogg and Brandy Ordered Nightly at the Yarboro House--The Evangelist Now at Keely Institute in Ashland, Va.--Mr Oakes' Bible Expositions Here Were Masterly--His Friends Claim a Nervous Organization and Over-work in Mitigation of His Downfall.

A few days ago there was printed in this paper a story to the effect that, on the authority of a letter signed "Citizen" in the Wilmington Messenger, Rev. E. W. Oakes, lately here in the evangelistic work, had been seen drunk on the train between Wilson and Rocky Mount.

Second, Rev. P. McIntyre, of Faison, N. C., writes to the Wilmington Messenger having seen the gentleman says: the published report of his condition and conduct on the cars between Wilson and Richmond is true.

Third, He is at the Keely Institute near Richmond, (probably at Ashland.)

Fourth, Mr. Oakes is said to have been drinking at the Yarboro House while here.

This last charge is based upon a statement of the persons who filled the orders for drink from Mr. Oakes nightly, some times egg-nogg, sometimes brandy. But there is no doubt about one fact, Mr. Oakes' demeanor at the table did not bespeak a drinking man, or in parlance, "he carried his liquor handy."

Judge Faircloth, who returned a few days ago from Goldsboro in reply to questions from a reporter of the NEWS AND OBSERVER said that he could say absolutely nothing of his own personal knowledge. But he had a statement from a perfectly responsible and most highly esteemed party in the Goldsboro Bank that Mr. Oakes was drunk. Here is the story:

Mr. Oakes before starting on a journey from Wilson to Rocky Mount, went in to see a doctor at Wilson to get relief from a stomach pain which was said to have been very severe. The doctor gave ginger and then prescribed whiskey as the pain did not abate. That was the first drink, then another, then the train. The pain returned, and the clergyman called for a bottle of whiskey in the Pullman car (one of those little bottles which the public know contains about two good drinks). This bottle was emptied, Mr. Oakes finally lay down and stretched out, and finally became unconscious. The Pullman conductor couldn't get him to stir at Rocky Mount, and called for the train conductor who, on looking at the sleeping man exclaimed, "that is brother Oakes; it cannot be true that he is unconscious from drink; he is a sick man." The Pullman car porter drew the bottle on the train conductor who was shocked into silence. Then the preacher was made comfortable, was carried to Richmond, driven in a carriage to a first class hotel and snugly put to bed. (Since then it seems he has been taken to the Keely Institute at Ashland.) Mr. Oakes as the story runs, had in his pocket about \$300.

Of course the citizens of Raleigh, specially those who were interested in the Tabernacle services here were not at all surprised but distressed.

That is all the story as far as concerns the news feature of it, and following the fact have come to the rescue of Mr. Oakes many warm friends of his who claim that he is a sincere, earnest man, did much good, and fell as many have done before, from a drink-habit acquired years ago, coupled with a nervous organization that when over-taxed craved stimulant.

Men who know what it means to follow one drink with another will probably have more sympathy with him than those whose intolerance is based upon a life-long dryness. But without trying to shade the case either way in this simple story of its details, it is fair to presume that both drys and wets, if they feel past ul to and benefited by Mr. Oakes' past services in the pulpit, will consider him eliminated from that field at least for the present.

Mr. Oakes was formerly a very pleasant gentleman, and certainly while here showed himself to be a master in healthful and thorough exposition of the Bible, and one and all will hope that he will trace himself and "sober up" soon.

VICE-PRES. ST. JOHN'S VIEWS.

The Man who Led the Fight Against the Boycott Fully Satisfied.

NORFOLK, Va., April 16. (Special.)—Editor Constitution: In answer to your request for my opinion in regard to the decision of Judge Lumpkin in the Seaboard Air Line case, delivered to-day, I am of the opinion that the decision is a very large sized victory for the position taken by the Seaboard Air Line officials, and that it determines the fact that a contract made and legally executed between two persons or between two corporations, has a legal and binding effect far superior to a boycotting order of a third party, even though issued by a commissioner of the Southern Railway and Steamship Association, to which contract neither the commissioner nor his association was ever a party any more than the Seaboard Air Line has been a member of said association for nearly a year past. I am of the opinion that our friends of the Western and Atlantic railroad would never "of their own free will and accord" have obeyed the order of the commissioner of the Southern Railway and Steamship Association to boycott the Seaboard Air Line, or made any contest whatever in connection with the enforcement of the contract now

determined but for outside pressure from well known sources. But if they had or thought they had any grievances needing, in their judgment, attention at our hands, that the questions at issue would have been submitted for consideration, as the President of the Seaboard Air-Line by letter to the President of the Western and Atlantic, and long before the commencement of law proceedings, requested time and again should be done, and as the vice-president of the Seaboard Air Line by telegraph--"made a part of the court record"--also requested, with assurance that if any errors had been committed they would be promptly adjudged.

The conditions in this respect do not change our position, which no one can say has not been and is not honorable. I am of the opinion that the idea of enforcing an order of a commissioner of a railroad association upon a line not a member of such association by the introduction of that obnoxious product of foreign anarchism, the boycott, will, when present conditions have passed, never be tried again, and that if it should be the people will have even less sympathy with it than they have with this one which is so small as to be invisible to the sight, assuming the statements of the press, the letters we receive from merchants, manufacturers and others and the passenger patronage we are receiving to mean anything, and we think it does. And lastly, I am of the opinion that the decision is a most excellent one, that the bond will be filed instantly, that business will gradually resume its wonted channels, and that if it does not that the Seaboard Air Line will resist the further prosecution of this or any other boycott to the finish and without question will come out successful in each case, and that to win success it will never propose or suggest the thought of boycotting our friends and supporters, the great American public.

E. ST. JOHN.

NO PROHIBITION ELECTION. No Local Option Election Can Be Held Until 1897.

Charlotte News.

A movement for a prohibition election was made in Asheville, but was knocked on the head by the discovery that there is no law for it, and the commissioners declined to call the election. Their action was based on the opinion of their counsel, Capt. M. E. Carter. He quotes the old law and the new concerning elections. The old provisions under which the commissioners might appoint judges of elections had been repealed by the last Legislature, and the power had been given to the clerk of the Superior Court, who should appoint upon the recommendation of the State chairman of the political executive committee. Besides the clerk should establish a voting precinct for every 350 voters throughout the county. Under the laws of the last assembly the old registration books which would have to be the basis of calculation as to the requisite number of petitioners for an election, are little more than any list names made out by a private citizen would be. The new law provides that the clerk shall redistrict and appoint on or before the first Monday in September preceding the '96 election.

Capt. Carter thought that the machinery for an election of this kind was lacking--a saving clause had been left out of the election law. It does not begin operation till next year, so that it will doubtless be 1897, as he suggests, before a local option election can be held--and then only provided the Legislature does not enact another law placing the matter in the condition it is in now.

A news reporter submitted Capt. Carter's decision to Maj. C. Dowd this morning, and after investigating the matter, Maj. Dowd declared that Capt. Carter is right, and that no local option election can be held this year.

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