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IS PROHIBITION RIGHT AND CAN IT BE ENFORCED?

These questions are answered in the affirmative in a very dramatic and convincing way in a debate which John W. Langley, Chicago, and Paul P. Kelsler, Circleville, O., both representing the Anti-Saloon league of America, are staging in a number of cities in North Carolina.

In co-operation with the Anti-Saloon league of North Carolina, they will present their debate in the M. E. church, Whiteville May 8, at 8 p. M. Rev. L. B. Pattishall is in charge of local arrangements, with the cooperation of Rev. A. J. Howell, Rev. D. M. McGeachy, Rev. I. T. Newton and Rev. Matthews.

Mr. Langley as the good citizens who, however, has not known and understood his full responsibilities, and Mr. Kelsler, as the county attorney who has not done his full duty because of discouragements, get together and have it out, with the result that both are convicted of lack of facing their duties and responsibilities in the matter.

The debate is very interestingly presented, by two men who have long been workers in the cause of prohibition, and who have spoken in many states. It is announced that the meeting is free, and that all persons are invited. The debate will be presented in the First Baptist church, Fairmont, Wednesday evening, and in the Chestnut St. M. E. church, Lumberton, Friday evening.

National Politics Are Interesting Uncle John

Cal. and Al. and McAdoo All Come In For a Share of Comment; Rural Letter Carriers To Meet; Strawberry Season

Clarendon, May 7.—Should President Coolidge receive the republican nomination and Gov. Smith the democratic nomination for president the campaign poets would have a great field-day, say some of the big newspapers, which are of the opinion that a great many people would prefer a mudslinging campaign to a poetical one, in which the country might be flooded with rhymes as: "You know me Al, but I ain't your pal." "You know me Cal, my name is Al, and I'm after your gal." The New York World publishes the following as a prelude to the possible nomination of "Cal" and "Al":

"The G. O. P. Demand that we Shall this year vote for 'Cal'; But lots there be Who'll drop the 'C' And thus will make it 'Al.'"

We are not in politics, so far as

selecting candidates, and are not "chewing the rag" with our friends about this or that candidate, but one thing that we hope to see is the very best man, or woman, as the case may be, elected. We, too, are very much interested in the political, news of the day, and with the advantage of reading some of the leading newspapers of the nation, and receiving the views of about all the big editors of the United States through the papers we read, we keep in close touch of what's doing politically as well as otherwise. It is the general opinion that President Coolidge will be the nominee, to succeed himself, of his party. It will require 555 votes to nominate, and it is said that Mr. Coolidge is sure of 698 votes, and that not more than 50 votes will go to his opponents, Senator Johnson and LaFollette. The nominee of the Democratic convention is still in doubt. The fight it is said will be between McAdoo and Gov. Smith, with McAdoo in the lead, in the first balloting, but what the outcome will be is problematical. Smith is strong in the East and he has the point of the National convention in New York in his favor, while the South and West are strong for McAdoo. Points against Smith is his attitude towards the Volstead law and his religious belief. He is a Roman Catholic and many people would shudder at the thought of having a Catholic president of the United States. It is stated that Hon. William Jennings Bryan will be at the Democratic convention and will fight Smith with all his might, but whether or not McAdoo will be able to secure a two-thirds vote of the delegation, and land the nomination, is yet to be seen. Some writers say that if the different factions cannot be united on any of the candidates, a "dark horse" may be trotted out and groomed for standard bearer. The remaining weeks before, and especially during the time the convention is in session, will be of great interest to the people of the nation.

The next session of the Columbus County Rural Letter Carriers' Association was located at Lake Waccamaw, May 30th, but as the Lake will be a little difficult to reach by the carriers in the south and western part of the county on account of the hard-surfacing work that is in progress between Whiteville and that place, the meeting will be changed to another point in the county. Soon as the executive committee decide on the change, the meeting place will be announced through the News Reporter. In the meantime it is earnestly hoped that every carrier in the county will make preparations to attend the meeting where ever it may be held.

Mr. W. D. Meares, of Cerro Gordo, candidate for Judge of Recorders' Court, was here last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Meares stands for law and order and if elected will make the county a good Recorder.

Mr. Charles C. Powell returned Sunday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been taking treatment for rheumatism the past few weeks.

Mr. C. H. Todd arrived Saturday night from Bridgeville, Del., to again be in the strawberry deal here. For a number of years he has bought fruit on the local market, and has also been here several seasons buying and shipping holly.

Mrs. Isham Cribb, Jr., died at her home near here, after a few days illness, last Monday night. Mrs. Cribb was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Hardee, of Vineland, both

of whom survive her. She is also survived by her husband and several children, some of them quite young. Miss Gladys Irene Frink left last Sunday afternoon for Wilmington where she entered a business college Monday.

The strawberry season is now on in full blast, and the little towns and surrounding country are full of visitors from different sections, remote from the railroads, or from sections where the luscious berry is not grown, engaged in picking berries. But with the large number of pickers on the grounds, there remains still a great shortage in numbers sufficient to take care of the crop, and for this reason the growers will lose heavily, as great quantities of the fruit is ripe on the plants and will be lost, on account of being overripe before they can be picked. The local market opened last Monday and prices ranged from \$4 to \$6 per crate of thirty two quarts. The movement is very heavy throughout the whole territory, and would be heavier were there plenty of help to save the crop, but with the labor shortage hundreds of crates will rot in the fields.

The late seasons and labor-shortage are making it rather hard on the farmers, and especially those who are growing strawberries, tobacco and other crops, as they have more than can receive their attention. The dry weather is retarding tobacco-setting, and a large amount of plants that have been set have died.—J. D. Frink.

Many Columbus county people are interested in the announcement from Wilmington that the Steamer Wilmington may cease its daily trips to and from Southport, if the revenue does not increase. This boat line is extremely important to Southport and it is very regrettable that the patronage is not greater. Hundreds of Columbus county citizens have enjoyed trips to Southport aboard this boat at some period or other.

The big ditcher being used by the firm that is laying Whiteville's sewer system is an object of great interest to all who have had an opportunity of seeing it in operation. It cuts a trench a little over two feet wide and about eight feet deep at the rate of about 3 feet a minute. After the pipes are laid another machine refills the trenches. Approximately two miles of sewer have already been laid.

Several times this week Superior court has been brought almost to a standstill on account of inability to obtain jurors. When a jury hearing a case went out there would be mighty few persons left in the court room. Farmers feel that this is a time when they just cannot leave their work unless they are forced to. The result is that there is no one in attendance at court except attorneys and those who were actually summoned to attend.

All candidates running in the primary must file their applications with the chairman of the county board of elections two weeks before the primary. The primary comes on June 7th, therefore applications must be filed on or before May 24th. The fee of five dollars for all offices to which remuneration is attached and one dollar for others. This money is used in printing tickets and distributing them. The chairman of the board of elections is Mr. A. S. Richardson.

Mention was made in this paper last week of a mad dog having bitten a small negro girl on the Sweet farm a few miles from town. The same dog also bit a number of fine hogs belonging to Mr. B. B. Blake, who lives one mile from town. It is understood that two of the hogs that were bitten were sows out of the car load of purebred Poland China hogs, which was shipped here and sold at the county fair year before last. They cost sixty dollars each when first purchased. Mr. Blake also had a number of chickens killed by the dog.

Travelers cannot help but notice the wonderful improvement that has taken place in the Sweet Plantation on the Whiteville, Chadbourne stretch of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Asheville highway. This is one of the biggest farms under cultivation in this county and for the past few years, owing to sickness and death among the owners, the farm had ran down very much and the acreage under tillage had been very much reduced. This spring a competent farm manager was secured, a tractor and other modern implements were put into use and practically the whole of the farm has been reclaimed. A considerable acreage was seeded to spring oats and the balance is being put in corn, cotton and tobacco.

The man who think that the newspapers should be more active in attacking the evils of the community, are often unwilling to write a letter to the newspapers over their own signature.

Not merely are the girls practising knot tying, but many of them are interested also in matrimonial knots.

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MAMMOTH YELLOW Soy Beans for sale at \$2.25 per bushel. Also baled pea-vine and crab grass hay. Frank Collier Whiteville, N. C.—out may 15*

LOST—Airedale Dog in Whiteville, Friday, April 25th. Finder will please notify Stanley Wall, Tabor, N. C.—out may 8*

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