

H. S. WARD ADVOCATES EARLY CLOSING OF STORES ON SATURDAY

To sit up and work all night means to sleep all day Sunday. If all classes of business close same hour No Discrimination Results.

To the Editor:—I have been requested by a force so controlling that I could hardly resist. If I would, to tell the Daily News what I think of the question whether our city government ought to invite the merchants and other business men to close up a little earlier Saturday nights. There is undoubtedly some active and progressive thought in the community on this subject. I am not sympathetic with any school of public critics and faultfinders. I think I live in or near the best town I know, among a people with as many virtues as any, and see as few public and private wrongs as any other genuine old-fashioned cosmopolitan; but that the prevailing public custom of working and keeping the employees of the town up all Saturday night and consequently abed the best of Sunday is unnecessarily and unfortunately wrong, will hardly be challenged, and I think I am safe in saying can and ought to be altered by voluntary co-operation; or if not, by municipal regulation.

The stores and business offices of the town are run on Saturday nights on the policy of the springing night of a legislative body, when it never gets later than twelve—done simply by stopping the pendulum. Sunday morning has so far, always followed Saturday night, and to sit up and work all night means to sleep all day. It is a mere habit fallen in to by the business life of the community when the town was much smaller and before an awakened public conscience the world over took hold of individual rights and started along humanitarian lines to work out a higher personal destiny, and is thoughtlessly kept up from a mere inadvertence to its attendant inconveniences and injustice, and especially its absence of necessity to business thrift and progress. If all classes of business houses close at the same hour, then no discrimination results, and what is not bought Saturday night will be bought next week, and the purchasing class will very quickly adapt themselves to it, to its own advantage, and no impediment to business can follow.

Certainly seventy-five per cent of the people in touch with our business life are subordinated. The other twenty-five per cent are like the Centurion in the Bible: "For I also am a man set under authority having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, go, and he goeth, and to another, come, and he cometh, and to my servant, do this, and he doeth it." I don't mean our business leaders and property owners are centurions in the sense of being great—they are not—I have said this thing is only due to a failure of consideration of it, but he is a centurion in the sense of authority and in behalf of the majority, I respectfully remind him that he ought not to keep up a custom long ago outlived by towns, this else, that keeps his soldiers in arms all night Saturday night and leads them to bed by the light of Sunday dawn, unwashed, "unhoused, no reckoning made" like Hamlet's ghost with all their imperfections on their head." If there were any way to prove it, I'd bet the best colt in the county that there are fewer prayers said in Washington on Saturday night than any of the seven, all for the want of time; and while I am no official or officious prayer promoter, I hope I am not in bad taste in protesting against its obstruction for commercial purposes.

Seriously, solemnly, and emphatically, this extremely late-hour-Saturday-night business custom is:

- 1st. Utterly unnecessary to the business progress of the town.
- 2nd. Extremely hard and unfair to the employees.
- 3rd. Not promotive but hurtful to public health.
- 4th. Not promotive but hurtful to public health.
- 5th. Decidedly out of keeping with the progressive spirit of our national, social and business life, which is recognizing so much more than in days ago, the rights of the laboring masses to shorter working hours and more time for recreation, reading, social communion, improvement of health and general strengthening of the home life.

When the custom was established in Washington of keeping the stores open Saturday nights until the crowing of the cock, there was hardly any other limitation than that of dark on the labor day of the world. Even government laborers piled their tasks from sun to sun. As late as 1888, the signal to tolla sounded in the Portsmouth navy yard an hour earlier than it did this morning and the call-off whistle blew a whole hour later than today. This is simply the story of the progress of every city this side of Constantinople, and experience shows improved results of business and of labor. Unfortunately for the business world, that is, the employers of labor, as distinguished from the army of laborers and employes, this progress is claimed to be the victory of the labor unions and acclaimed as their great contribution to our present civilization. It ought not to have been so if it was. A man ought not to be forced, I only say if you are going to right of his fellow man. That vision ought to be natural and that right sought and searched for. I am no devotee of labor organizations; an not seeking their applause and hope not to see a necessity for their increased activity in this state; but they are right when they say that every man is entitled to some hours of recreation, for reading, for social intercourse, for attention to home affairs, for communion with his family, and for preparation for the day of public worship and rest. Not alone for the interest of the employed is the argument made, but in a larger measure for the advantage generally to the social and home life of the community certain to accrue from the closing up of the whole town as early as seven or eight o'clock, as in other towns of its size.

There can be no Sunday school in Washington except in the afternoon, and there never was a successful one in the afternoon as would have been the case if the community life had permitted it in the morning. The natural hour for Sunday school is 9.30 a. m. I am no Sunday school scribe nor Pharisee and offering no example of my own to be followed by others. I suppose there would be Sunday schools even if I objected. I only say, if you are going to have them, have them at right time, in the morning when the mind and body are rested and fresh, buoyant and alert, not after a big dinner when the sluggish sleepy hours come on. Folks need Sunday afternoon for the out-door, the sunshine and fresh air. I challenge contradiction that the best Sunday schools are nearly all in the morning. Sooner or later, voluntarily or involuntarily, the change I advocate will come along. It is best that it be by voluntary co-operation of the business owners. Too much municipal regulation chafes. If it was a Roman Catholic community, so help the Priest in charge would simply write over to Rome and get the Pope's sanction to an ecclesiastical bull fixing the hour when all the folks in Washington should go to bed Saturday night and rise Sunday morning; but democratic protestants with brains in their heads and iron in their blood, don't rule that way. The best way is to reason it out with them along lines of justice and modern progress, and then if they don't see it, let the Board of Commissioners invite them to see it by an eight o'clock closing ordinance. The ordinance will be tall.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THAT BIG BAZAAR lot of lace and embroidery we're giving away at 1c a yard? Come and take advantage of the big reductions in every department during this After Inventory Sale at J. K. Hoyt's.

MEN'S SHOES, BOYS SHOES, WOMEN'S SHOES, CHILDREN'S SHOES. Baby Shoes, in fact all kinds and grades of shoes are offered in this After Inventory Sale of big reductions. J. K. Hoyt's.

DISPOSE BILLION

OFFICERS OF CLASSES BE INSTALLED

Baraca-Philath Baptist Church Classes Sunday morning. Prof. Wilson will make the address.

An interesting service is planned to take place at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at which hour the Baraca-Philath classes of this church will have the officers of the respective classes publicly installed. This interesting service will take the place of the regular morning service. The feature of the occasion will be an address by Prof. C. W. Wilson of the East Carolina Training School faculty, Greenville, N. C. Special music has been arranged and all who attend will be simply repaid. The officers to be installed are: Baraca class president, J. E. Vanhook; first vice president, Charles K. Fleming; second vice president, F. T. Paul; secretary, J. W. Paul; treasurer, C. G. Coppidge.

Philathes class president, Miss Lucy V. Rowe; vice president, Miss Veta Leonard; secretary, Miss Odona Pearce; treasurer, Miss Clifton Marsh.

All the members of the Sunday school and especially the members of the respective classes, are urged to be present.

JAS. E. CLARK CO. GREAT FIFTEEN DAY SALE OPENED ON YESTERDAY

The opening day of the great public sale of the James E. Clark Company was marked by the most sensational buying ever before witnessed in this section of North Carolina. Hundreds came to the city and the enormous crowds flocked to the store, where upward of bargains filled the arms of eager buyers, before their departure.

Never before in the history of Beaufort county, has there been witnessed a more thrilling scene than the opening of the doors of this mammoth establishment on Thursday morning at 9 a. m., when their wonderful fifteen-day sale was inaugurated. It is estimated that at least 3,000 people crowded their large store during the day, and one grand feature is the fact that the crowd was handled with the most perfect ease that it has ever been the writer's good fortune to see. Every one seemed satisfied, and it would be a good thing if more events of this kind were to be held here, as there is no doubt at all, but what this sale will benefit every man woman and child that takes advantage of it, as well as every business house in this city. This sale is to last for over two weeks longer, and Mr. Forest, the manager in charge, assures us that he will not only make additional reductions on most lines of merchandise contained in their store, but he hopes to cut the present sale price beyond a semblance of its former figure before this sale has ended. The Jas. E. Clark Co., are giving away a bale of cotton at this sale which weighs in the neighborhood of 500 pounds, and in this feature also they show their progressiveness.

We congratulate the firm on the wonderful success of their sale, and we take great pleasure in announcing that they have been kind enough to flatter us with the knowledge that it was largely through their advertisements in our columns and the advertising matter turned out by this office that this sale has been such a wonderful and unprecedented success.

The bale of cotton is to be given away on Saturday, January 24th at 3.30 in the afternoon, and as the person holding the duplicate number of the one drawn must be present at the time of the drawing, we take this means of urging each and every holder of a coupon to be present at the time of the drawing. Make the Daily News office your resting place while in town. We shall be glad to see you all.

GOVERNMENT TO SELL FOREST PRODUCT OF WEST

ROBERT E. LEE NATAL DAY PROGRAMME

Will take place at Court House Tuesday evening January 20 Three Addresses.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary of Agriculture Houston today approved the disposal of one billion feet of western yellow pine timber from the Kaibab national forest in northern Arizona. In order to get this timber out it will be necessary to build approximately 200 miles of railroad. Such a railroad will connect Colorado and Utah with the world famous Grand Canyon of the Colorado, which hitherto has been accessible only from the south.

For several years the construction of such a railroad has been considered by various capitalists, but it has been stated that the lack of assured immediate traffic was an official barrier. It is pointed out however, that a contract for a billion feet of timber will overcome this difficulty by providing a commodity for transportation which, together with tourist, and local traffic, will place the project on a paying basis practically from the outset.

Chief Forester Henry B. Graves, made a personal examination on the ground, and this examination supplemented by the reports of his forest engineers, induced him to recommend the sale of such a large body of timber in order that the country might be developed through the marketing of this resource. Mr. Graves says, however, that Kaibab forest is one of the most beautiful in America, and gives assurance that the marketing of the mature crop of timber will not be allowed to mar the scenic beauty of the region.

In accordance with the timber sale policy of the government the stumpage will be disposed of to the highest bidder. In order to attract a sufficient investment to assure the building of the railroad and of the necessary lumber mills at least a billion feet of timber had to be offered. The investment necessary to make this timber accessible will amount to more than \$3,000,000. By placing this quantity of timber before the lumbermen of the country the officials of the forest service believe that the development of extensive areas in southern Utah may be looked for, because the necessary railway will render accessible resources which have heretofore been undeveloped. The whole region is rich in agricultural land, in cattle and sheep range, and in coal and copper deposits, as well as in timber.

CAPITOL WOOLEN MILLS CO. IS MAKING SUITS TO FIT FOR \$9.99

The Capitol Woolen Mills Company, whose headquarters is opposite the Court house are guaranteeing a perfect fit and prompt delivery of suits and overcoats made to order for the low price of \$9.99—no more and no less. These suits and overcoats offered are \$25 and \$35 values. This company is now closing out their entire, fall and winter weights and the prospective purchaser has 100 patterns to select from. The great reduction sale of made to order suits and overcoats last from January 2 to January 12.

ON TAR RIVER 52 YEARS HIS RECORD

Captain William Parvin is still hale and vigorous. Now commands Shiloh.

Capt. William Parvin, who is now in command of the steamer Shiloh, running from Washington to Tarboro, via Greenville, has been running on Tar river for fifty-two years. This paper doubts if there is a water man in North Carolina who can boast of a longer record. Capt. Parvin is acquainted with every jetty, every stump on the river and can safely run his boat up this narrow and crooked stream the darkest of nights. Although between seventy and eighty he is still hale and hearty and today can perform work far better than many of his juniors.

Passenger Service By Biplane Launched

N-S TRAIN DELAYED 4 HOURS TODAY

Caused by Pullman being derailed 13 miles this side of Raleigh last night

Last night the regular passenger train No. 4 on the Norfolk Southern Railroad running between Raleigh and Norfolk had one of the Pullman cars derailed about thirteen miles this side of Raleigh. In consequence of this the train due to arrive here from Raleigh this morning at 10.45 did not arrive here until 2.30 this afternoon, being delayed about four hours. No one was hurt.

The Wright biplane with the aviator, and one passenger left Atlantic Beach at an early hour going direct to the Pablo Beach postoffice picking up the mail sack and then sailing away to Atlantic Beach making the trip within half an hour.

This service will be repeated twice daily carrying mail and small parcels together with any passengers who may desire to make the trip between the beaches.

Aviator Gray has made more than one thousand successful flights without a serious accident and is considered one of the safest bird-men operating aeroplanes.

HOYT AFTER INVENTORY SALE DRAWS LARGE NUMBER OF BUYERS

Attended by a record breaking crowd of enthusiastic bargain hunters—those who know how to properly appreciate genuine bargains—the After Inventory Sale of Mr. J. K. Hoyt started yesterday morning with a rush and all during the day clear up to the closing hour, both ladies and gentlemen, sought this attractive store, and went to their respective homes laden with bundles containing many essentials purchased at a great saving. Everything in winter merchandise is greatly reduced and in addition there are a large number of extra specials in staple dry goods, white, laces, embroidery and muslin wear. Mr. Hoyt announces that each and every reduction is a genuine one and what he has advertised is not colored or enameled—he has what he advertises and more. As has been the custom of Mr. Hoyt for years to give a sale of this character in January, he has done so again and as usual has marked down his goods to the closest margin. An evidence of what has been his reputation in former sales all classes of people flocked to his store all day yesterday.

NEWS FROM PUNGO (By R. W. Paul)

We are very glad to see some more pretty open weather. The rainy weather during the holidays made our roads very muddy and bad.

Many of our farmers are killing hogs now.

Mr. David Radcliff is now erecting a new dwelling on his farm in the Reed Light and expects to move in it soon.

Their many friends and pupils were glad to welcome Misses Tuten and Sprull back again in our midst and in the school room.

Misses Matilda Paul and Neta Harris left Monday for Greenville where they expect to attend school during the year.

Mr. R. W. Paul was a business visitor to Washington Monday.

Mr. Ernest Rose left Wednesday for Elizabeth City to purchase a stock of goods for the farmers' union store.

We are very sorry to note the continued illness of Mrs. G. T. Allen, who has been very sick for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

One of the oldest women in our community, Mrs. Annie Paul, who is 86 years of age, is very low at this writing. The end is expected at any time.

FIRST OF KIND IN THE WORLD IS A COMPLETE SUCCESS

MAIL POUCH DROPPED FROM AN ELEVATION OF ABOUT 100 FEET DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE TRAIN ENTRANCE

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 9.—The first regular daily mail and passenger service by aeroplane in the world was successfully inaugurated yesterday morning between Pablo Beach and Atlantic Beach by Aviator George A. Gray.

The mail pouch was dropped from an elevation of about 100 feet directly in front of the train entrance of the Atlantic Beach Hotel by the aviator, who then circled about land ing his passenger at the entrance from the lawn.

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Rev. Dr. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., arrived in the city last evening, spending the night with Rev. Hoyt, V. Howe, pastor of the Christian church, Dr. Caldwell is on his way to Fruitland, Maryland, where he has been invited to dedicate a Christian church at that place next Sunday.

Mr. Edward Clark has just completed a neat and attractive six-room residence at his Riverview Farm a few miles in the country. The painting was done by Messrs. L. A. Durand and J. B. Hooten of this city.

\$125.94 Was amount Raised Sale Red Cross Stamps Here

All our good citizens have taken a vital and practical interest in the recent campaign of the National Red Cross Association, and the committee in charge of the work wishes to return sincere thanks to each and every one for the hearty cooperation given them. Shortly after Thanksgiving, an enthusiastic mass meeting of the ladies of our town was held at Mrs. F. C. Kugler's. Four committees were appointed, one each to see the professional and business men, one for the schools, both white and colored, and one for selling Red Cross stamps in the postoffice. That everybody worked and worked well, is attested by the result which must be gratifying to us all. \$125.94 was the total amount received from the sale of stamps; the committees being credited as follows: Professional committee, \$26.73; School committee \$33.29; Business men, \$60.92.

Mrs. W. T. Hyndell, chairman of the postoffice committee, was unable to get girls to take charge of the sales at the postoffice, so she, with her committee, worked with

UTTER PAMLICO HERE

The United States Revenue Cutter Pamlico arrived in port here yesterday afternoon from New Bern. The cutter is on a tour of inspection in the sounds and rivers of Eastern Carolina. She left this morning. While here she was moored at the Havens Oil Mill wharf on West Main street.

Lyric Theatre

Entire Change of Program Today

Allen Midyette of Fairfield, N. C., is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Carter at their home on Harvey street.

From South Creek
Message, W. H. Mayo, Clarence C. Mayo, J. C. Overton, Wallace Springer, Roam Sawyer, Joseph Brothers, Heber Brothers and Miss Annie Springer, arrived here this morning via the Washington & Vardemore passenger train from South Creek. They returned on the afternoon train.

WHITE AND COLORED FURS cleaned at Wright's. 1-4-14