

# THE COUNTY UNION.

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## WILL LOCAL OPTION BRING ABOUT THE ENDS DESIRED.

We read in Ecclesiastes "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." On next Monday there will be an election in the town of Dunn the purpose of which is to decide, by the vote of the male citizens of the town, whether license shall be granted to sell liquors in the town after the first of July or not.

Those who desire that license be not granted will cast a ballot with the words "No License" printed or written thereon; those who favor the granting of license will cast a ballot with the word "License" printed or written thereon.

Those who favor the "No License" claim that the sale of intoxicating liquors is the greatest evil in the land and that if the saloon is done away with that the temptation to partake of the evils of the drink will be greatly lessened. This is no doubt a point well taken. Another claim they make is that it will lessen drunkenness and crime. Will it have this effect? It has been the history of nearly all towns that have tried local option that some person who was run out of the saloon business by the local option law goes just outside the corporate limits of the town, erects a government still, makes whiskey and, by paying \$25 for a license from the United States, sells it by the quart to all who wish it. At these places there is no police protection and many murders have been committed at them. Besides these stills some men who care very little for the laws will make it in the woods and sell it in any quantity to parties who will buy from them.

We have seen that since the tax on whiskey has been raised that there are two blockade distilleries to where there was one before and the government admits that it is unable to suppress them. It is a sort of unwritten law with a large class of our people that they must have their dram and the law must not molest and if it does they will have it anyway. This class of people cannot be reached with local prohibition.

If there were no liquors sold here it would no doubt benefit some men while it might cause others to drink more. Another argument used is that it will cause a great many poor men to save their money and not spend it for liquor and this is the class that will be most benefited by it. Of course if they could not get it they would be benefited. But when they know a man who has the money to buy his whiskey and can and does have it shipped to him by the keg, the poor man who has little money at a time goes to the woods and gets his on the sly, comes back home, feels that he has done mean and gets drunk and probably keeps it up until he has no respect for the law.

There are only five saloons in the county, four here and one in Lillington. The county has been receiving from them one-sixth of the public school funds raised in the county. To shut these four in Dunn out cuts down the public school fund \$800 a year.

The enthusiastic church worker will say that he is not voting against the saloon keeper but his business—he wants to stop the business. Have you thought that when you vote "No License" Monday, that you will vote to bankrupt every saloon keeper in Dunn? If the town should go dry they have only 16 days in which to sell their stock and get their money out of it so that they may go into some other business. What kind of a condition would any merchant here be in if he had to close out his stock in 16 days. These men have not been doing an illegal business under the law. The laws of our State

and Nation say it is legal, and it is an unfair law to legalize a business and then say that you must close out in 16 days what goods you have and those you have not sold in that time you cannot sell. Friends, you who will vote "No License," how many of you would vote to pay these men cost for all the goods they have on hand on July 1st? If you think it wrong for it to be sold here you ought not to force these men to move somewhere else to sell their stuff in order that they may get their money out of it. Vote to pay them for their stuff and burn it up. They all have families as dear to them as yours are to you. Do you want to take what they have away from them so that they will not be able to keep their families as well as they are now?

There is a way to be conservative in all things, and it is a poor rule that want work both ways. We would that all men would be sober and temperate in all things, and when you have considered all things bearing on this question go to the polls Monday and vote an open ballot like a man as your conscience directs, having charity for all.

A. M. WOODALL.

## REQUIREMENT FOR LIFE CERTIFICATES.

At a meeting of the State Board of Examiners held in Raleigh on the 28th and 29th of May 1897, the following subjects were adopted for examination of Teachers applying for first grade life certificates:

1. English Grammar, Composition and Literature, Spelling, Defining, Writing and Reading.
2. Geography, Political and Physical.
3. Physiology and Hygiene.
4. History, North Carolina, United States and general.
5. Arithmetic.
6. Elementary Algebra.
7. Elementary Botany.
8. Elementary Psychology.
9. Elementary Physics.
10. Civil Government.
11. School Law.

The following books in addition to those prescribed by law are suggested as indicating the scope of the examinations on the several subjects: Whitney's Essentials of English Grammar; Pancoast's Composition and Rhetoric; Lockwood's Lessons in English; Maury's Geography; Tarr's Physical Geography; Sully's Psychology for Teachers; White's Elements of Pedagogy; James' Psychology; Physics, Avery and Gage; Fingert's and Peterman's Civil Government. Board adjourned to meet on the 16th day of June, 1897, at Morehead City.

C. H. MEBANE,  
President State Board of Examiners.

## Paolia Dots.

Crops are looking well in this section, in spite of the backward spring, but they are needing some rain.

Miss Flora McLean, a sister of D. C. McLean, of Variety Grove, died at her sister's Mrs. Annie McLean on the 5th, and was buried in the old family burying grounds.

There has been no marriages around here of late, but the courting goes on just the same.

The first excursion of the season on the Harnett Central was run by the colored people on last Sunday, from Hairtown to Spout Springs where connection was made with the special from Sanford to Manchester. There were only two stopping points, Washington Junction and Loftin. Fare for round trip 10 cts checks taken same as cash.

The friends and relatives of the Rev. D. A. McRae were glad to welcome him back on a visit to his old home near here. He at present resides at San Augustine, Texas, where he has charge of pastoral work. Mr. McRae preached an eloquent, and forcible sermon to a large and appreciative congregation at Flat Branch on Sunday the 6th, which was especially enjoyed by his old acquaintances who had not seen him for 15 years. Several from Mt. Pisgah were present. Mr. McRae is a preacher of rare oratory, and is a bold and fearless speaker. He left for Texas Monday.

The County Union has many friends in this part of the County and the reason we are not all subscribers is that a man with a dollar at this time of the year is almost as great a curiosity as an Italian with a monkey.

## TAX ON TOBACCO TO BE INCREASED.

We particularly urge the tobacco growers to action, because they can render valuable assistance, and is their interests no less than those of the manufacturers are endangered, they should unhesitatingly do all that lies in their power for their own protection. An 8-cent tax means, beyond any doubt, lower prices for the common grades of tobacco, which constitute the major part of the crop, and which are already selling far too low. Any man or paper that tells the planters that a higher tax will bring with it higher prices for leaf, misleads them, either intentionally for political ends or through ignorance.

Among the readers of the Southern tobacco journal are a number of tobacco planters, prominent and influential men in their various sections of country, and we ask them to take the lead in this matter. We ask them to get up petitions or write to their representatives in the federal halls of legislation, and get their neighbors to write; and let their position relative to the proposed increased tax be known and known at once. Their opposition will have a good effect, and will well supplement the work that is being done by the manufacturers and others connected with our threatened industry.

An account of the meeting Wednesday of the manufacturers at Washington, together with a hearing given their delegation by the Senate committee appears on another page, and it will be noticed that the committee evinced a special desire to learn upon whom the burden of a higher tax rate would fall. The spokesman of the delegation said truly that the additional two cents would ultimately be borne principally by the grower. What impression this statement made, it will be further observed, has not been disclosed. Probably, coming from what might be thought a wholly interested source, it did not carry the weight it should.

The planters need be heard from and that promptly. Let them speak out in unmistakable language. They have a right to ask, if not demand, that the already meagre returns for their labor and investments be not further cut down by legislative enactments and to require of those whom they have sent to Congress to stand staunchly by them, irrespective of party politics or anything else.

The situation at Washington so far as we can gather, is this:

The Senate finance committee is determined upon increasing the internal revenue tax rates on manufactured tobacco, snuff and cigarettes, holding—and no other reasons are given—that the Government must have more revenue, and that tobacco the world over is recognized as an article to bear heavy taxation. The fact that this is tobacco-producing country, with the greatest of tobacco manufacturing enterprises; that growers and manufacturers would be greatly injured by higher taxes, and that the proposed rates would likely reduce the consumption and therefore not yield any more revenue than under the present rates, are blindly ignored. Nothing may be expected from this committee.

The Democrats and Populists in the Senate are solid against the proposed tobacco schedule, and they are able to prevent its passage if two Republican Senators will stand by them. The new Republican Senator from Kentucky, Mr. Deboe, will be true to his State and its principal agricultural product.

What will Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, do? It depends upon him. He has declared that he will oppose higher taxes on tobacco in caucus, but has not committed himself to vote against his party's measure in the Senate. Will he sacrifice his people to his partisanship? Or will he, like the California Republican Senators who defeated the proposition to put fruit on the free list, show that his first allegiance is to the interests of North Carolina?

Senator Pritchard should not be left in any doubt as to sentiment of the people in this matter! Write to him! send petitions to him, manufacturers, growers, leaf dealers and warehousemen!—Southern Tobacco Journal.

If you want to get the home news subscribe for this paper.

## The Saloon.

On next Monday the votes of the professed christians will decide the destiny of the open saloon in our town. We hope every one will vote as he believes the ALL-SEEING EYE would have him.

There are about one-hundred and fifty voters of our town members of some denomination. It seems to me that it is about time the professors of religion should take sides against the greatest evil of our community. I tell you, we must take a stand for God and for right if we would be His servants, for the coming election is going to be an out and out battle between right and wrong, drunkenness and sobriety. Voter take your choice. Again professing christians I say take a stand and unless there be too many "Priests and Levites" among us who will stubbornly "pass by on the other side" the victory will be ours. If the one-hundred and fifty christian voters of Dunn should take sides on this subject it will be decided in the right direction. If the saloon is continued in our town it will be because the church members want them. Who can deny that? Those of you who profess to love the Lord Jesus Christ and to love purity, and to be sworn enemies of all uncleanness and debauchery and sin. If you will only march side by side and shoulder to shoulder, this evil will be overthrown. Think of six churches and five Sunday schools in Dunn marching shoulder to shoulder—fellow christians let us vote right, for the day may come when the rum fiend shall stand at door of our home and curse all that is dear to us with unrelenting curses.

Yes, God is waiting—the God who works through human instrumentalities—waiting to see if this town is going to overthrow this evil, aye. He is waiting to see what the church of God will do. The Licensed Saloon in Dunn must go. So mote it be.

SELAH.

## The Temperance Banner.

Will be unrolled Friday night at the Baptist church. The friends of Temperance will carry out the following programme. Admission free. Let everybody, men, women and children attend. Exercises expected to begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

- 1 Song, "Canaan," by congregation.
- 2 Bible lesson, Rev. I. W. Rodgers.
- 3 Prayer, Rev. E. C. Sell.
- 4 Lecture, "The Bar-room and its Evils," Rev. A. J. McKivay.
- 5 Prayer, H. O. McNeill.
- 6 Song, "A Mother's Plea," Miss Nettie Barnes.
- 7 Recitation, "Poor-house Nod," Miss Fay Barnes.
- 8 Song, "Vote as You Pray," Congregation.
- 9 Song, "Last After All," Mrs. E. F. Young.
- 10 Recitation, "Apostrophe to Rum," Mrs. Emma Lee.
- 11 Song, "Where is my Wandering Boy To-night?" Miss Mammie Bizzell.
- 12 Recitation, "The Martyred Mother," Miss Flora Long.
- 13 Song, "Down in the Linnis Saloon," Misses L. L. McNeill and B. B. Barnes.
- 14 Recitation, "Lottie's Message," Miss Fay Barnes.
- 15 Remarks and Benediction, Rev. L. R. Carroll.

## The Strawberry Crop.

This has been the most successful year in the history of strawberry growing in North Carolina. According to the Wilmington Messenger the shipments of strawberries from along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad, this season, have amounted to about 160,000 crates. This means 5,120,000 quarts. The price has averaged about 12 1/2 cents, per quart for the entire crop, yielding a value of \$640,000. These figures are astonishing but they are true, the estimate is rather under the actual figures. It is said that the berry growers in Duplin county alone have made \$300,000 this year. A continuation of this would bush the cry of hard times in the berry section.—Sampson Democrat.

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## Mingo Sparks.

Crops are looking very well and are in good condition, although not so large as at this season last year.

Mrs. E. Felton, of Sellers, S. C., is visiting Mrs. K. L. Howard.

Mr. A. P. West, of Dunn, spent Saturday night with friends in this community.

Mr. J. R. Hinson, who has been running the saw at Mr. Howard's mill for nearly two years, has resigned his place and gone to his home near Maxton.

Quite a peculiar way of deciding law occurred in Sampson recently. A case was before a J. P. and after hearing the evidence he made reference to his dictionary to decide the case.

Some like the land 'and some the sea, but home news is the thing for me.

Stub.

## Death of Mr. J. J. Hays.

Mr. J. J. Hays died at his residence on Maiden Lane Monday morning at 4 o'clock from peritonitis. He appeared to be much better Saturday, but a reaction soon set in, from which he could not rally. He had been a young man and before his sickness, was the picture of health.

He was popular with all who knew him, and his death is regretted in this community, where he has lived off and on for a number of years.

Mr. Hays was from Sampson county and there he married several years ago, Miss Alice Jackson, daughter of Mr. Love Jackson. The body was taken to his former home for burial.—Fayetteville Observer.

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D. McC. HARRINGTON Executor.

## LOST NOTE.

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A. M. McBRIDE,  
Dunn, N. C., May 15, 1897.

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