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EDENTON, N. C., FRIDAY, OCT. 2, 1914.

THE AMENDMENTS.

Let the people of North Carolina not forget the constitutional amendments to be voted on at the general election the 3d of November. We read so much about the war and the prices of cotton that we are likely to forget even so important a matter as careful study as to amending our own constitution. The war, we trust, will not reach us, but the defects of our constitution have reached us for years, and that to our hurt.

PROHIBITION AND AFTER.

It is useless to deny that public sentiment is moving in the direction of prohibiting by law the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. It has not been five years since even anti-saloon people would have doubted the success of a prohibition election in Virginia, to say nothing of the ridicule given such an idea by the liquor people. Yet prohibition is a fact in Virginia today. We have heard it asserted that the wets would win in North Carolina if given another opportunity; who would believe such an assertion in the light of the result in Virginia? It is predicted, and we have no doubt it will come to pass, that prohibition will be nation wide within ten years. Morally the people of every state in the Union are more or less alike, and we believe, judging by the states that have tried it, that a state-wide prohibition law will carry, if submitted to the people, in any state in the Union. That being true, it is a matter but of a few years when the Nation will prohibit. Already some of the national magazines, such as the Ladies Home Journal, are discussing it editorially.

But After When the people have expressed themselves at the polls, the work is only begun. The law should be strictly enforced. The people should see to it that officers are elected who are in sympathy with the law and will conscientiously do their duty to enforce it. Moral suasion should be used and every effort made to keep liquor out of the sight of those addicted to the habit. Habit is one of the greatest forces in life. Even the habit of eating certain harmless foods is hard to break, so also is the habit of over-eating, one of the worst of habits, and we sympathize deeply with the man who is earnestly trying to break the habit of drink. A good rule is to keep out of the company of those who drink and keep the mind otherwise employed till the habit of abstinence can take hold. We believe total abstinence is the only safe way. We do not believe the habit of over drinking can be broken as long as one engages in moderate drinking. But this is only one side of the After. Every effort should be made to help those who have been engaged in the manufacture or sale of liquor as a business to become established in

some other line of business. Many of these people have never known any other vocation. They have doubtless made money in liquor dealing and have become accustomed to having a plenty. When their business is taken from them, it is rare one of them can make a great success in any legitimate business. They should be helped morally and financially to become established. If they go into the grocery business, for example, the good people in their communities should give them at least a portion of their trade. They should not be despised, but should be loved, encouraged and helped morally and financially, if need be, into a legitimate livelihood.

IMPROVEMENTS IN EDENTON.

Despite the depression of business on account of the European war, Edenton continues to forge ahead. The sound of the hammer, the dash of the brick mason's trowel and painter's brush are familiar and have wrought great changes in Edenton in the last few months. The handsome new brick store of D. B. Liles is so nearly complete that he has moved his stock in and opened up business. We understand he will carry some additional lines of merchandise other than the lines he has been carrying. Dr. J. A. Mitchener's new building for drug store is also nearing completion, filling the space between Mr. Liles' store and the building occupied by Byrum Brothers Hardware Company. Dr. Mitchener is to be congratulated upon his handsome new store. Mr. W. A. Leggett has also remodeled and extended his drug store and made wonderful improvements. The Woodard hotel has put on a shining appearance and is really an attractive hostelry. Mr. T. W. Elliott's new store is also progressing, the excavation having been made and two of the walls up. The Cotton Oil Mill and Fertilizer Factory are about complete and are immense plants entailing a big investment and containing numerous pieces of machinery. Two immense warehouses have been built on the west side of town by the Farmers Storage Company. The farmers have purchased a lot on Main street and will erect a store, notice of a meeting of the stockholders being in this issue. Quite a number of residences are also undergoing improvements. These are only some of the signs of progress our town is making.

THE WAR

We noticed a contemporary last week under a large caption "Latest War News," had only the words "They are still fighting." That is about the sum and substance of the whole matter. The reports obtainable from the newspapers are unsatisfactory and contradictory. The papers realize the public is eager for something to read on this subject and not being able to get the facts,

they are giving the public something to read under flashing headlines. The substance and real facts of which are very little indeed. For 19 days the Allies have been facing the Germans along the river Aisne and heavy fighting has no doubt been done, first the Allies, then the Germans, being repulsed. The latest report is that the Allies are slowly but surely forcing the invaders of France back to Belgian territory, and that the German right wing is preparing to retire.

Mexico has again loomed up in the public's eye but efforts are being made and it is hoped that the differences between Villa and Carranza can be adjusted.

A NEW ORDINANCE

In the Town Council Proceedings will be found an ordinance prohibiting the pushing or pulling of hand wagons or push carts on the side walks in Edenton. The object of this law is to prevent coasting on the sidewalks and the continuous noise of express wagons carrying merchandise in the week and ice on Sunday. It is true these are objectionable and some step should be taken to prevent this nuisance, but as we see it, this law, if strictly enforced, will work hardships on the small boys of the town who own little express wagons etc. for pleasure. To drive these boys from the sidewalk into the street, thus subjecting them to the danger of automobiles, motorcycles, horses etc. will subject them to decidedly more danger than is ever experienced on the side walks. Especially at Christmas many families will wish to purchase wagons etc. which could be included in this law, for their children. Moreover these wagons are very useful, by the use of which children can often relieve parents of burdens. We believe this law should be so amended as not to deprive the children of innocent pleasure or usefulness. Could not the merchants who use these express wagons be required to have rubber tires if run on the sidewalks and all coasting be prohibited?

From Beulah.

W. C. Hoffer of Raleigh is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hoffer.

Miss Georgie Brown returned last Saturday from Tulu, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Asbell.

E. W. Spivey has returned from a trip to the northern markets.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Daniels spent the week-end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown at Wiggins X Roads.

B. H. and L. E. Brown were the week-end guests of their sister Mrs. A. D. Ward at Gliden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker of Gateville, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hoffer and Master Sidney of Bealey, Mrs. Outland of Norfolk were the guests at H. L. Brown last Sunday.

Norfolk Market

These quotations will be revised each week with the assistance of Odell Bros. Commission Merchants, Norfolk, Va., and will be found as accurate as it is possible to make them.

Hen Eggs per dozen	27
Chickens, live, per pound	18
Hens, live, per pound	16 to 17
Turkeys, live, per pound	15
Lambs, live, per pound	6 to 7
Calves, live, per pound	8 to 9
Hams per pound	18 to 23
Butter per pound	20 to 25
Hides per pound	14 to 16
Geese, live, each	65
Ducks live, each	30 to 40
Bee Wax, per pound	28
Cattle, live, per pound	5 to 6
Irish Potatoes, Bbl.	\$2.00
Haymon Sweet Potatoes, Bbl.	\$1.50
Yellow Sweet Potatoes, Bbl.	\$1.25
Nancy Hall Sweet Potatoes, Bbl.	\$1.50
Keifer Peas, Bbl.	\$1.50
Cabbage, Bbl.	\$1.00

RODUKO NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Powell of Somerton, Va. spent a part of last week at the home of L. O. Carter. Mr. Powell is preparing to build in our community and we welcome them most heartily.

A number of our young people gathered at the home of Mr. Paul Parker last Tuesday night to watch them boil molasses. Those present were Messrs. Cleveland and Pomroy Gatling, Lannie Taylor, John Williams, Lee Landing, James Parker, Olive Green, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Powell, and L. C. Carter and family.

Mrs. H. Clay Eure visited at the home of L. C. Carter Thursday afternoon.

Invitations have been issued for the approaching marriage of G. Daughtrey Gatling and Miss Lillian Harrell of Forest City, N. C. which will take place on Oct. 7th.

Miss Alma Eure spent last week with Mrs. Eva Felton of Eure

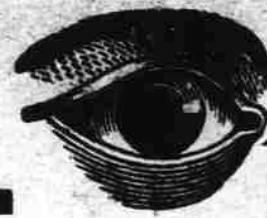
A revival is being held at Cool Spring Baptist Church this week all day after Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Carter and little daughter Winfield spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Powell of Somerton, Va

We are glad to report the Roduco Sunday school is doing such good work and we hope they will always have "Excelsior" for their motto

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Vacancies having occurred in the Board of Commissioners by the death of E. E. Everett and the resignation of J. W. Forehand:

The land owners of Bear Swamp Drainage District are hereby notified to meet in the Court House in Edenton, N. C. on Wednesday, October 14, 1914 at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of electing other commissioners to fill said vacancies.

Those receiving a majority of the votes cast at said meeting will be appointed by the undersigned clerk, if no one receives a majority then the appointments will be made from those voted for in said meeting.

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