

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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THAT NOBLE JAIL-BIRD

Mr. Editor:—That article in a recent issue of your paper with headline, "A Noted Prisoner Breaks Jail," has caused quite a lot of talk as to what becomes of the liquor that is so unfortunate as to get into the county jail. Some think if "Thirsty Jack" had kept quiet a few days longer he might have gotten a pint of that Burlington liquor, provided he got some Democratic friends to the jail "liquor ring" to act as agent for him. One of the county papers stated a few days ago that several pints of liquor were found in a negro residence in Burlington, seized by the officers of the law, carried down to Graham and put into the "strong box." We suppose that strong box means one of those strong iron cells in the county jail. But "Thirsty Jack" says it is reported up his way that the new county jail is not liquor-tight. It leaks badly. We fellows in this section of the county heard such rumor long before The Dispatch intimated that such might be the case. It was common talk that the old jail-house would not hold it. There years ago it is said that a strong protest was made against the way things were carried on at the county jail, and it was promised that a change would be made after this last election. But the promise was not kept and the same dissatisfaction has prevailed for more than three years. Some went so far as to say it was no less than a regular "blind tiger," and certain parties could get liquor there almost anytime. Why can't the management of the county jail be made respectable as it was twenty years ago? It was no trouble then to find good men to undertake the management of it. I want to say that I am not interested in taking care of the liquor, for I think it ought to be destroyed as soon as it is captured. I mean poured out on the ground at once. If it is wrong and unlawful for one set of men to make or buy liquor and sell it to their fellowmen, it certainly is or should be equally wrong and unlawful for another set of men to sell it, drink it and give it to their friends, after it has been seized by the officers of the law. I am opposed to the use of the vile stuff and am also opposed to the man who acts the hypocrite and the rascal in regard to it.

NOT THE TRAFFIC ONLY. BUT THE USE

"The State has the undoubted right to prohibit to everyone the use of alcoholic drinks, since drinking in every form is a social danger." This is not one of the "fanatical" utterances of Richmond P. Hobson or Daniel A. Poling or Mary Harris ARMOR; it is quoted from a political speech delivered by a German in the Council Hall of the Berlin Rathaus. Talk about "personal liberty!"

Two dangerous weapons in the teacher's power are the hickory switch and the sarcastic remark. One cuts the flesh, the other scars the soul. Few teachers can use either safely.

PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN



SHIP PURCHASE BILL DANGEROUS

Congressman Charles E. Curry of California, discussing the ship purchase bill—"I am opposed to this bill. It is inexpedient, untimely, unnecessary, dangerous and contrary to the fundamental principles of our Government. The only action needed to rehabilitate the American merchant marine is to defeat this measure, reenact the marine laws that were on our statute books prior to 1815, providing for preferential duties on goods carried in American bottoms, and change our commercial treaties with a number of foreign nations, which we can do by giving a year's notice, or pay a subsidy where and when necessary and give the preference to our own ships in carrying the mails, as other maritime nations do. The business of government is to govern, and not primarily to engage in private business enterprise that brings it into competition with its own citizens. The engaging of Government in private business is justifiable and right when the enterprise can be better conducted by the Government for the benefit of all its citizens than it can be conducted by private enterprise, and in conditions of emergency. The entering of the Government into the shipping business at this time can not be justified on either hypothesis, and during the continuance of the European war it will endanger the peace of our country."

CITY BARACA - PHILATHEA UNION TO MEET SUNDAY, JAN. 2ND

The next meeting of the City Baraca-Philathea Union will be held in the Burlington Reformed Church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, 1916, at three o'clock. The November and December meetings were held in the evening during the week, but the time has been changed back to Sunday afternoon for the winter season.

THE DISPATCH OFFICE FORCE OFF FOR CHRISTMAS

The general manager of The Dispatch has granted the office and mechanical force a week's holiday vacation, suspending publication of the two issues for next week, thus giving the employees a chance to spend Christmas with their parents and relatives.

The present force consists of C. B. Way, assistant manager and local reporter; W. Wesley Clegg, linotype operator; Connie W. Betts, ad. man; Kelly James, office boy, and Leslie Sidney and Freeland Workman, carrier boys.

Mr. Way will spend the week with relatives in Randolph county; Mr. Clegg will visit his parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Clegg, at Guilford College, and Mr. Betts will spend a few days at his home in Lexington, and also friends at Charlotte. Kelly, our office "devil," will remain at home with his parents and enjoy Christmas with his friends. The Workman boys will spend several days with relatives at Hillsboro.

Baraca-Philathea Union will be held in the Burlington Reformed Church on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2nd, 1916, at three o'clock. The November and December meetings were held in the evening during the week, but the time has been changed back to Sunday afternoon for the winter season.

All the classes of the city and county holding membership in the Union are requested to attend this meeting, as it is the desire of the new official board that a large attendance be secured for this first meeting of the new year. The public is also invited to attend the meeting.

Mr. R. O. Browning of the Front Street M. E. Baraca Class is the new president of the Union, and Dr. J. E. Spoon of the Baptist Baraca Class is vice-president. Miss Bertha Cates is the efficient secretary. With such substantial and energetic young people as these at the head of the organization, we predict a most successful year's work.

BERRY DAVIDSON DEAD AT GIBSONVILLE HOME

Prominent Guilford Citizen Passed Away Yesterday at the Age of Eighty-Five. — Long in Failing Health.

News was received in the city last night of the death yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock of Berry Davidson of Gibsonville. The deceased was 85 years of age and had been in failing health for several months, the end not being altogether unexpected to friends and relatives. J. A. Davidson of Greensboro, auditor for Guilford county and a nephew of the deceased, was at the bedside when the end came. Other members of the immediate family had also been called to the bedside when it was felt that death was imminent.

Berry Davidson was one of the leading citizens of Guilford county

ville. He served as mayor of the little town for several terms and was always in the forefront of movements for the advancement of the community. As an individual he was a powerful factor in moulding the sentiment of the community; and he was always a willing worker with others in matters looking to the betterment of conditions, civic and industrial.

With J. A. Davidson of Greensboro he organized and built the Minnesota cotton mills at Gibsonville, in 1886, and later built the Gem mills near that place. He was forceful in business, and equally so in the moral aspects of his life. He was a man upon whom the people of the community looked as a friend, adviser and supporter. His passing will be deeply felt by the hundreds of friends who knew him for his full worth. He was prominent in Masonic circles, having membership in one of the Greensboro lodges.

A SENSIBLE LIST

(Margaret Hays, in Montgomery Advertiser.)
 Christmas is coming,
 I've some shopping to do,
 I haven't much money,
 It makes me feel blue,
 I wish Christmas never—
 But there—stars above!
 I'll send everybody
 A present—with love.
 I'll just get dear grandpa
 A handkerchief fine;
 I'll make Sister Beanie
 A collar like mine;
 I'll give Brother Jerry
 A handkerchief box;
 And I'll crochet for baby
 A cute pair of socks.
 I'll make Nelly's dolly
 A pretty dress.
 I've some pieces of silk
 And some lace, too, I guess.
 I'll send each of friends
 A Christmas card gay,
 With messages bright
 To cheer on the day.
 Then to each little poor girl
 Or boy that I meet
 I'll give one new penny
 And one candy sweet,
 I'll not worry and fret
 To get big gifts—at all—
 And I'll tell everyone
 To give me something small
 Peace on earth and good will,
 Now how can one feel that,
 When one's run up a bill
 And one's pocketbook's flat?
 Oh, such a nice Christmas
 I will have this year;
 It fills me with joy
 Just to think it is near!

Surviving are: Mrs. Sillie Hupp of Gibsonville; W. W. Davidson of Edabethtown; Mrs. T. J. Ogburn of Murphy; Mrs. J. E. Ogburn of Summerfield; George C. Davidson of Fayetteville, and Dwight M. Davidson, present mayor of Gibsonville. Funeral services had not been arranged last night.

It doesn't take much to make some people happy. Where a woman is concerned, merely envying her will do the trick.

Occasionally a thought strikes a man so suddenly that it takes him off his guard.

