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KEEP LIBRARY OPEN SUNDAY.

The News learns that the plan of keeping the Carnegie library open on Sunday afternoons is under consideration.

Some weeks ago Dr. Len Broughton started a fight for opening the public library of Atlanta for a few hours on Sunday afternoon, and in support of Mr. Broughton's position, the Atlanta Constitution of March 2nd, contained the following editorial, which presents clearly and forcibly the reasons for such action:

"Humane, moral intelligent and invincible are the arguments for an opening of the Carnegie library on Sunday afternoons, put forward by Dr. L. C. Broughton in his sermon last night. His suggestion will be found in detail elsewhere in the Constitution.
We have in the Carnegie library, as Dr. Broughton shows, a great municipal asset for the moral and educational uplifting of all classes of the people. One must be in intimate touch with the actual administration of the library to properly appreciate the part it has played in the disseminating of culture and the spreading of morality and happiness among masses of Atlanta."

"The fact that it is closed all of Sunday operates against the maximum extension of its usefulness. On Sunday, of all days, the refining and recreational influence of its reading room is needed. As Dr. Broughton emphasizes, hundreds upon hundreds of citizens of every class are without means of relaxation and proper pleasure on Sunday afternoons. This undisputed fact should argue, in the graphic language of this minister, for Atlanta's getting away from 'backwoods' environment.

"Only one library attaché can perform the slight labor incident to the plan proposed of opening the reading room for a few hours in the afternoon. There will be no issuance of books. The weekday machinery of the library will not be in operation.
A place will simply be provided where people studiously or quietly inclined may go to read, to study or to occupy their time profitably in such manner as is appropriate to the observance of the day. The room will be open, on democratic terms, to people in every walk of life. Surely the end sought is commendable.

"In Brooklyn, Buffalo, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington city, Nashville, St. Louis, Montgomery and countless other northern and southern cities the plan now suggested for Atlanta has long been in force with the enthusiastic sanction of business men and clergy, and with the happiest possible results.
If the library, as Dr. Broughton suggests, can be broadened in its scope and accessibility, moral Atlanta, the churches themselves, will be given a tremendous uplift and co-operation of the most practical variety."

Following the fight of Dr. Broughton, the Constitution and many others, it was decided to throw open the Atlanta library to the public on Sunday afternoons. Following this action, the news columns of the Constitution contained the following item: "One hundred and forty-five Atlantians, twenty of whom were ladies, visited the Carnegie library yesterday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, the first Sunday the institution has ever been opened to the public, thus attesting the popularity of keeping this reading room open on the Sabbath."

The book room of the Atlanta library is not opened on Sunday. Only the magazine room is thrown open, but suitable books for Sunday reading are taken into the open room, and from later reports the plan is meeting with decided success and astonishing patronage.

The example of Atlanta and numerous other cities, cited by the Constitution as having taken similar action, is worthy of consideration in Charlotte. There are hundreds of young and old people in this city who long for some sort of innocent and profitable diversion, but to whom the avenues for getting such are far too few.

The Maxton Scottish Chief, speaking of the coming press association meeting in the Queen City, says: "A splendid program has been prepared and Charlotte will do the rest." Charlotte is just itching to begin on the job.

The editor of the New Bern Sun, who is just up from an attack of grippe, writes: "The grippe is no respectable person." Nothing in association then?

Spartanburg is raising a Y. M. C. A. building fund. If that city will follow the Charlotte plan it will be wise.

The News is by no means responsible for the views of the occasional contributor who writes under the heading, "This and That." We merely make this announcement lest some might be misled. As a matter of fact The News does not agree with the gentleman in question on a great many questions, but it recognizes in him a writer of gift, and is willing to give him carte blanche. The News is proud of its staff of local men, special writers and correspondents. They are as good as the best and are making the paper better every day. Realizing that there are two sides to every question The News is willing to give its readers the benefit of both. The author of "This and That" simply adds to the already strong array of talent now striving to make this paper better and stronger each day.

Says the New Bern Sun:
"We've missed the queries of the Charlotte News the past two weeks. Somebody tells us the professor has been firing things at us; but we've been busy with the grippe and missed it all. Sorry."

Had the grippe, have you? Too bad. We had fancied a disposition so full of poetry and the like would have no room for earthly things like grippe, etc. The News has "fired" no "things" at you, fond one. Only reminded you that onions were once again on the bill of fare, and that swimming holes were ripening. Thought you might ring in the tuning fork on one or the other—that's all.

The esteemed Wilmington Dispatch refers to The News as a paper, "Which stands strongly for the development of the waterways of the country, recognizing that through such development greater progress will come to the country and greater prosperity." In the opinion of The News there are few questions before the country today of greater importance than the development of our waterways, and especially is this true in North Carolina, where we have had to suffer freight rate abuses because of the lack of that competition adequate waterways would have opened up. The Dispatch has The News sized up exactly.

Politics And Politicians

With Connors and Murphy in control in New York and Col. J. M. Guffey, in Pennsylvania there is believed to be little or no chance that the democratic conventions in either of these states will instruct for Bryan for the presidential nomination.

Hall Milton, who succeeds the late Senator Bryan, of Florida, in the United States Senate, is a grandson of the late Governor John Milton of Florida and is 42 years old. He has lived in Florida all his life and is a successful banker and business man.

Managers of Secretary Taft's campaign believe now that there is a good chance of the delegation from Maine being instructed for him. Senator Frye, national committeeman Hill and other of the foremost republican leaders of Maine have declared for Taft.

Among the half dozen or more men whose names are being mentioned in connection with the republican gubernatorial nomination in Minnesota is Marion W. Savage, the millionaire stock food manufacturer, and owner of Dan Patch, the famous race horse.

Augustus Thomas, the well known playwright, will probably be selected to second the republican gubernatorial nomination in Minnesota at the Denver convention next July. Mr. Thomas, though a resident of New York, will go to the democratic national convention as a delegate from a Missouri district.

Former Congressman Joel P. Heatwole is out for the republican nomination for governor of Minnesota. In his announcement Mr. Heatwole sets forth the platform on which he intends to make the race. He takes advanced ground on the liquor question, and on the subjects of railroad and corporation control.

There will be a large gathering of distinguished republicans at the annual dinner of the League of Republican State Clubs in Washington the latter part of this month. Among those who have accepted invitations to attend the function are Vice President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, Secretary Root, Senator Foraker, of Ohio, Senator Warner of Missouri and Senator Clark of Wyoming.

Our Diminished Army.

From "The Trouble With Our Army," by Lieut. Paul H. Clark, in the April Metropolitan Magazine.
The shortage of officers is also very embarrassing, because there are hundreds of officers detailed away from their regiments to perform other necessary duties, there being too few officers to fill all the positions. Work at good wages is offered men everywhere, therefore, they will not enlist in the army where the pay is so small. Among officers the financial stringency is so great as to cause embarrassment and absolute need, and the great expense to which officers are subjected finds a vast number of them in debt today. That fact is unfortunate rather than indicative of extravagance. It is almost impossible for married lieutenants and captains who have children, to make both ends meet. The whole army needs more pay; their wages have not been increased for over thirty years, though their expenses have increased enormously. The non-commissioned officers should have the largest increase, the privates, lieutenants, and captains are the next most needy, and the increase should come quickly.

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WEBSTER ON TEMPERANCE.

The Great Senator's Definition Fits the Present Crisis.

Editor The News:
Daniel Webster is said to have defined "Temperance" to be the moderate use of things necessary and total abstinence from all things unnecessary.

According to that definition the use of alcohol as a beverage is unnecessary, because it is demonstrated in the rearing of children that in passing from childhood to manhood, it is neither necessary for the intellectual, physical or social advancement. The use is unregulated and generally bought about by bad associations, saloons are regarded as evil in their nature and bad in their influence, and a direct foe to the home. It is said out of 64 of the fraternal orders in this country 56 of them excludes saloon keepers from their membership. Since the first generation of men near schools and churches, and bring evil and evil only to the community what man with common decency and self-respect wants them in their midst.

The fight in this country with the licensed saloon is on to a finish. No man of this generation will live to see any truce in this fight. The manhood of America have raised against it the black flag of extermination, and the fight will never cease until the last licensed saloon is wiped from the face of the earth. Scores and hundreds of men and women have been by all the powers within them and the most solemn vows to God to wage an unrelenting war against this foe to humanity until its utter annihilation or banishment from our country. The millions of money raised by liquor dealers, and opposed only intensifies the feeling of this generation to see a few white ribboned societies of good women weeping and praying seemingly against the impregnable foe, but, now there is arrayed against them the combined church of God, the best manhood of our statesmanship embracing judges, senators, congressmen, legislators, and an innumerable host of the rank and file of humanity. The fight is no longer local or confined to a few states but the battle is being waged in every state in the Union. Victory in one, is only a message of encouragement and hope to the fighters in another. "The saloon must go" is the "Sibboleth" of an army as determined and as invincible as the brave Leonidas and his three hundred Spartans at Thermopylae.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELER.

Robert E. Lee in His Home.

From "West Point Before the War," by Gen. S. W. Ferguson, Fitzhugh Lee's room mate, in the April Metropolitan Magazine.
Soon afterward, Colonel Lee was relieved from duty at the Military Academy, and took command of a regiment of cavalry of which he was made colonel. We were truly sorry when he left, for his almost perfect character could not fail to impress all who came in contact with him. I saw him but once after he left West Point. I will digress a little to tell of it. I was at home in Charleston on furlough during the winter of 1859, when I received from his son, William Henry Fitzhugh Lee, an invitation to be one of his groomsmen at his marriage to Miss Carter, at Shirley, in the James River. Most of the wedding party went together by steamer from Richmond two or three days before the ceremony and were all entertained in true Virginia style at the plantation mansion. The young men were lodged in several authentic old mansions, and had the opportunity of seeing the great soldier in his home life among relatives and friends. One thing which I noted particularly was his extreme modesty—I might also say bashfulness. His older brother, Mr. Carter Lee, told a capital story, sang a good song and was the life of any party of which he happened to be a member. After dinner, when the cloth had been removed and the old Madeira brought on, the ladies did not retire, as the custom was, but remained to hear Mr. Carter Lee's songs and stories. He would invariably toast the army and call upon Colonel Lee, the senior officer present, to respond, and everyone would repeat the call. The colonel would raise his glass of Madeira, bow to the company and take a sip of the wine, but never a toast would he give. I watched him closely, and upon my word he was the life of a party, yet there was no one present but relatives, except a few young officers, who had been under him at West Point.

THE MAN AND HIS JOB.

By Herbert J. Haggood.

I know a young man who seems to have a natural capacity for knowing how to go about things. He graduated from a college of pharmacy only last June and was put in charge of the laboratory of a perfumery house in New York at a salary of twenty dollars a week. Before he was on the job a month he discovered a valuable formula and asked for an increase in salary of five dollars a week. No sooner was this granted than he distinguished himself again and asked to have his salary raised to thirty dollars a week.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- April 8.
1605—King Philip IV. of Spain born. Died Sept. 17, 1665.
1663—Drury Lane Theatre, London, first opened.
1732—David Rittenhouse, noted astronomer, born. Died June 26, 1796.
1795—Marriage of George IV. of England and Caroline of Brunswick.
1808—Roman Catholic archdiocese of Baltimore established.
1854—English vessel Furber, with a flag of truce fired on at Odessa, one of the first hostile acts of the Crimean war.
1861—Outbreak of the last great insurrection in Poland.
1898—Battle of the Albarra.
1907—U. S. Supreme Court decided the Isle of Pines was not American territory.

Everything was wrecked except the safe containing the books and formulas. The manager and office force were that night's nerve and found solace by plunging into a state of intoxication which lasted unbroken for several days. The young chemist, however, knew how to go about things. He waited at the scene of the fire and secured the addresses of all the employees. Then he borrowed somebody's office, sent a form letter to all their customers, and attended to infinite detail which previously he knew nothing whatsoever about. After a half day's search he succeeded in finding a suitable loft and placed orders for material and fixtures of which he was in possession such promptitude that within three days they were doing business as usual.

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