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THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Mr. Hylton Doesn't Think Some Of Them Are Just—Favors R. B. Glenn For Governor.

Campbell, May 9.

Mr. Editor:

Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines. I wish to express myself upon some of the laws of North Carolina as well as a few other subjects.

Why should the laws of North Carolina be so much in favor of a man not paying an honest debt? Under the present laws we cannot make a debt in the State unless a man is worth more than the homestead. The man that is worth more than the homestead hardly ever wants credit, therefore I think it would be a great benefit to the poorer classes of people to dispose of this unjust law.

In Virginia a person is only allowed to hold five barrels of corn, one hundred pounds of meat and a few cooking vessels, and a man should not be allowed to hold anything to keep from paying a just and honest debt. Let us make this a law of the past and not of the future.

Men that are able and willing to help the poor will not help them from the simple fact that they cannot collect from them.

Let us have R. B. Glenn for our next Governor and let us have some good men in the Legislature who will enact some good laws for the benefit of the poor. All the laws for the past few years have been for the benefit of the rich, and not a single one for the poor man.

What encouragement have we here for the young generation of this State? We have the trust to price our tobacco below the cost of production, and we must pay them their price for their goods.

Last January I sold tobacco at \$8.00 per hundred. This year a better tobacco at only \$6.00.

Last year I sold a good domestic cloth at 6½ cents. This year I am forced to sell the same goods at 7½ cents.

Now, brother merchant, I want us to combine and not handle a pound of trust tobacco but sell the little man's tobacco and help him up and by so doing we will pull the trust down.

I don't expect to sell a pound of trust tobacco if they offer it at ten cents a pound.

Alex White, of Hill Top, N. C., and R. T. Stone, of Stoneville, N. C., put up all right tobacco that is good enough for any man to chew.

Brother merchant throughout North Carolina and adjoining States, let us unite and stick together on this subject.

As I have noticed a great many people writing in the Reporter on the subject of strong drink, I will put in a few lines on that subject. In my fathers life time he always had on hand some good and old apple brandy and would offer it to us boys, which we very seldom refused. There were five boys in the family and the youngest one is now 27 years old and we can all truthfully say that we never drank to excess and can prove this by people who know us. The man who gets drunk and abuses his family and his neighbors already has that mean principle and the liquor drives it out.

Of course R. B. Glenn will be voted for Governor and I will vote for him. I will ask the people of North Carolina to give him the duty of the

people of Stokes county to vote for him solidly. Why? Because he is an old acquaintance of the people of Stokes county. He is a man of honor, a man that will give us justice, the man we need and the one we are going to have.

Yours with best wishes,

T. W. HYLTON.

The Influence of the Moon on Crops.

There are many people who believe in certain signs—especially moon signs—in regard to planting. Gerald McCarthy, the biologist connected with the State Department of Agriculture, received an inquiry recently in regard to the influence of the moon on early truck crops and made the following answer:

"The moon is an absolutely dead world. It has neither atmosphere nor life. Its so-called light is merely the reflected light of the sun. It reflects no appreciable heat. The only direct influence of the moon upon mundane affairs is that exerted upon the tides of the ocean, due to the force of gravitation.

"Moonlight nights are, however, apt to be cloudless nights. In early springtime the temperature of the lower air after the sun goes down generally sinks to near the freezing point. On cloudless nights the earth radiates into sky much of the heat absorbed during the day.

"This radiation and loss of heat may reduce the temperature of the lowermost stratum of air to below the freezing point—32 degrees F., and we have frost—which may kill tender vegetation. If, instead of a clear sky, we had a sky overcast by clouds, the heat radiated from the earth would be reflected back again from the clouds and by this means the temperature of the lower air would be kept above the freezing point. We thus see that the moon is not the real or efficient agent in producing or warding off frosts. It merely records the presence or absence of the true agent, which is a blanket-like covering of cloud."

SANDY RIDGE.

Sandy Ridge, May 2.

Well, Betsy, as Longfellow has gone to the far West, I will speak a word for both. We feel very grateful, Betsy, for your reminder that we are not able to afford a fine turnout like W., for we should have known that none but the rich can afford such things. Sad, indeed, isn't it, Betsy, that I can't afford a buggy to carry my girl around? Of course we all know that you wouldn't have a longfellow, as we haven't forgotten your efforts along that line about two years ago but Betsy I wouldn't be so chagrined at poor Longfellow if I were you for he couldn't help the spell the "black eyes" cast upon him. There, there, we know it isn't your fault that you didn't get the prize, so I believe I'd let Longfellow alone and be content with the "nosey" fellow.

This is my last time, so I resign my place in the Reporter to Betsy's tender mercies.

TOPSY.

"One of the greatest blessings a modest man can wish for is a good, reliable set of bowles. If you are not the happy possessor of such an outfit you can greatly improve the efficiency of those you have by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are pleasant to take and agreeable in effect. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers.

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STRONG DRINK AS A BEVERAGE.

Some Of Its Evils Enumerated By a Correspondent Who Speaks Of It In No Uncertain Terms.

Walnut Cove R. F. D. No. 1.

May 5, 1904.

Mr. Editor:

Will you please allow me a little space in your noble paper to express my knowledge as to what strong drink as a beverage is doing in our land and country today.

I speak direct to the consumer, so please give me your attention while I try to give you the truth just as it is.

Seeing the good that some are doing and seeing others trying to do all they can to discourage them I can no longer remain silent. I am not after a discussion but I do want to impress the fact upon the people that they should be doing all the good they could instead of pulling back.

We ought to press forward and tell the people of that awful doom that is awaiting them.

Now, as to what strong drink as a beverage does. It breaks the fathers heart, bereaves the dotting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hope, and brings down mourning-age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, sickness and death instead of strength, health and life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends, and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welcomes epidemics, invites cholera, imports pestilence and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, poverty, disease and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries and furnishes the victims for your scaffolds.

It is the life blood of the gambler, the aider of the counterfeiter, the prop of the highwayman and the support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief and esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligation, reverences fraud and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence. It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife, aids the child to grind the parricidal axe.

It defiles the jury box and stains the judicial ermine. It bribes voters, corrupts elections, pollutes our institutions and endangers our government.

It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman and disarms patriots.

It poisons felicity, kill peace, blights confidence, slays reputation and wipes out national honor.

It then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. My dear reader, it does all of this and more. It murders the soul. It is the son of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the curse of curses, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy.

Dear reader, are you advocating a thing that is doing this? If you are, may God hasten the day for you to see your error and turn from your evil way. May you set your affections upon things above and not upon the things of this world which will soon pass away and be no more. E.

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HON. H. B. VARNER.

The picture of Hon. H. B. Varner, editor and proprietor of the Lexington Dispatch, and State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, is herewith presented.

Mr. Varner has occupied the important State position which he now holds for four years and has given entire satisfaction to all men of all parties by his services.

As editor and publisher Mr. Varner is a success. He took hold of the Lexington Dispatch when it was a small patent-outside sheet scarcely known outside of Davidson county. Today it is one of the leading weekly papers of the south, with a circulation well up into the thousands.

Mr. Varner will be a candidate for renomination, and again receive that honor. His record is clean, and he will again be returned to the position which he has filled with credit to himself and to the State.

Mott Gets a Job.

Marshall L. Mott, who several months ago failed in his effort to secure an assignment as prosecuting attorney in the postoffice cases, for the Creek Indians, in Indian Territory. The designation was made by the chief of the Creek tribe but the position still has a lengthy string attached to it, as the appointment must be ratified by the Secretary of the Interior, and that official is inclined to the opinion that the Creeks, who are at peace with the world, had better dispense with legal advice and be done with tomahawks and lawyers at one and the same time. If the appointment is approved, however, Mr. Mott will secure a salary of \$5,000.

To Re-Lease Star Warehouse.

Messrs. A. R. Bennett, J. T. Simpson and J. K. Norfleet have leased the Star Warehouse from Mr. Jacob Tise for a term of years beginning September 1. They will continue to conduct the warehouse for the sale of leaf tobacco under the firm name of Bennett, Simpson and Co. For several years the warehouse has been run by George S. Norfleet and Co. and the new firm proposes to continue along the same line of business.

AN OPEN LETTER.

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by all Druggists and Dealers.

RUSSIA'S LOSSES OVER 2,000.

Sunday's Battle A Bloody One.

St. Petersburg, May 5.—The Russian losses at the battle of Kiu Tien Cheng were 2,000 men and 40 officers—far greater than previous reports indicated.

This is the official estimate of Major General Kashtalinsky, who directly commanded the division that suffered the brunt of the attack, and whose report was received yesterday by the Emperor. Many are inclined to place the Russian losses even higher. It is said that 700 wounded had arrived at Fen Wang Cheng, and these may not be included in his report. He made no attempt to estimate Japanese losses, merely stating that they must have been colossal. The magnitude of the Russian losses had an almost stunning effect on the authorities and aroused general grief, mitigated only by satisfaction at the bravery by the Russian troops. Not for a moment was there any intention to pay such a terrible price for delaying the enemy's crossing of the Yalu.

Gen. Kashtalinsky's report establishes the fact that the Russians sustained the greatest loss in order to save the two regiments which were occupying Antung.

NETTLE RIDGE, VA.

Nettle Ridge, Va.,

May 2.

The crop of fruit and tobacco plants will run short throughout this community.

Mr. J. H. Tatum spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother Mr. W. E. Tatum of this place.

Mrs. Laura Tatum and daughter, Hufter, were the guests of Mrs. John W. Fulton from Wednesday 'til Saturday.

Miss Annie Wells returned to her home near Danville, Va., a few days ago. She spent the winter with her cousin, Miss Kate Fulton. We were all sorry to have to give Miss Wells up but hope she will come again soon. If she don't we will lose one of our most popular young men.

Miss Maud Taylor, of Heareford, N. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Hylton.

Miss Nannie Gregory returned home last Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. J. T. Taylor. Miss Nannie has been gone six months. She was welcomed home by string music made by some of the young men of Nettle Ridge.

Quite a large crowd was out at Sunday School Sunday A. M. Rev. Sanford, of Stuart Va., preached here Sunday evening promptly at three. Glad to see so many people come out. The Presbyterian minister will be here by the 1st of June.

Mr. J. R. Boaze, Sr., has been very sick for the last few days.

Quite a number of young people visited Mr. Geo. Hylton's last Sunday.

Miss Cosbie Taylor visited Miss Ida Griggs Sunday and attended church at Russell Creek.

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WHOOPING COUGH.

"In the spring of 1901 my children had whooping cough," says Mrs. D. W. Capps, of Capps, Ala. "I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think this is the best remedy I have ever seen for whooping cough." This remedy keeps the cough loose, lessens the severity and frequency of the coughing spells and counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers.

DISTILLERS FOUND GUILTY.

Close Of One Of The Most Important Cases Ever Tried in the State.

B. F. Sprinkle, T. M. Angle, and William B. Young were found guilty last Wednesday at Greensboro in the Federal court of conspiracy against the Government.

This has been the most important case, perhaps, ever tried in the State and was brought to close at 10 o'clock when the jury returned a verdict finding all three of the defendants guilty of a conspiracy by which the government lost \$100,000 in taxes in the conduct of the Oak Grove Liquor Co., the Reidsville Liquor Company, the Milton Distilling Company and other concerns.

The sentences were as follows: B. F. Sprinkle, two years imprisonment in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., and fined \$5,000; T. M. Angle, one year and one day in the penitentiary and fined \$1,000; William B. Young, six months in jail and fined \$1,000, for which the defendant's counsel prayed and appealed to the circuit court of appeals at Richmond, and Sprinkle's bond was fixed at \$1,000; Angle's and Young's at \$8,000 each. They will give bail.

A. J. Davis, the revenue gauger, was convicted three weeks ago but been out on bond guaranteeing his appearance during this term of court.

He was sentenced to 18 months in the penitentiary and fined \$1,000 Davis was gauger connected with the above establishment at the time the fraud against the government was committed.

Bashful Cricket Chirps Against the Universal Evil.

Summerfield, May 5.

To you that are upholding for strong drink, remember that the word of God says that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of Heaven, and how much better is he that upholds for the stuff that makes him get drunk. Go to your Bible and look. "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin, and he that committeth sin is of the devil." Are you raising any children? If so, how are you raising them? Are you raising them to the Bible or bottle, Sunday school or the stillhouse, church or bar room. As you train them, so will they be.

How would you like in your old age to see some of your boys in prison, or on the gallows. Then you would be reaping the reward of your sowing.

There was a young lady in our town who said that she never would be the wife of a drunkard. She married just before Easter, and her man has been drunk twice since.

Young ladies, please take a fool's advice. If you want to marry, let a drunkard be.

May God bless those that are making against strong drink, in my prayer for His name sake.

BASHFUL CRICKET.

Town Improvements.

The porch of the McCannless building just across the street south of the drug store, which is to be occupied by the county officers during the building of the new court house, has been repaired.

The brick building adjoining the Taylor Hotel, owned by Mr. J. S. Taylor, is being treated to a new back porch. A pretty lattice work has been placed underneath the front veranda.