

AN EDITOR THREATENED.

Is Warned By Anonymous Letters That He Is Losing Friends Because He Favors Prohibition.

Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The editor has received a few anonymous letters warning us that we are losing friends by advocating prohibition. We do not know the writers, and should regret to lose their friendship, but as we see it we cannot do otherwise than we are doing. The temperance question is entirely non-partisan and purely a matter with the individual's own conscience and sense of right and duty. This editor has a right to act in this matter as he sees his duty and is responsible alone to himself, his family, his country and his God. Every other citizen has the same right and the same responsibility, and this paper has not and will not impugn the motives of those differ from it. Brethren, you are not responsible to this editor for the way you vote, nor is he responsible to you. You must face your God with your ballot and your decision with Him is not a subject of criticism on the part of this editor, nor is this editor's decision on the matter a proper subject for your criticism.

Under the present State temperance laws many changes for the better, in our opinion, have been accomplished in our own county of Wilkes. It is a fact that 200 licensed still shacks have given place to new and modern style school houses in our county. Two hundred government store-keepers-politicians who exchanged "proof vials" for political influence have been supplanted by intelligent, patriotic teachers who are training the youth to nobler and better citizenship. Instead of the riotous night brawls at distilleries, we have the decently conducted entertainment and box supper for the benefit of schools, libraries and charitable purposes. In place of the 200 licensed places for boys to fill their stomachs with liquor, we have near a hundred free rural libraries filled with the best of books upon which the minds of the young and old can peacefully feast and rightfully develop. We are aware that since the vanishing of the licensed distilleries under our present laws the value of taxable property in Wilkes county has increased nearly one million dollars, and we are expending from \$12,000 to \$15,000 for education instead of some \$5,000, as formerly. The present conditions in Wilkes are preferable to us to the former conditions, and we will vote favorably to present conditions with the attached hope of further improvement.

There is a pretty little story told of a fisherman who with his

wife and daughter lived in a little cot in a protected nook on the coast of Norway. The coast was rugged and dangerous, save this little nook. Late one evening the father and daughter, out some distance at sea, in their fishing boat, were caught in a raging storm which so darkened the elements that they could not see whether to steer their boat, and the billows at every moment threatened them. The mother at the little cot anxious for the safety of her loved ones, carried the lamp to the attic window overlooking the sea, and knelt beside it in fervent prayer. The distressed loved ones caught a gleam of the light across the billows and following its guide they steered safely into the protected nook and were soon within the cottage again.

The mother, hearing them enter, rushed down from the attic and amid kisses and embraces asked: "How did you escape death in the awful storm?" The daughter replied: "We steered by mother's lamp." In this great question, mothers have placed their lamps at the attic window of cottage haven by the protected nook of the harbor and are praying beside them. The rest of the coast may be dangerous. For our part, in this contest, "we will steer by mother's lamp," let others do as they choose.

HON. C. B. WATSON'S LETTER.

Circulated Over the State by the Brewers' Association.

In an editorial in the Roanoke News, of Weldon, N. C., of April 30th, is the following paragraph, under the caption "Keep Quiet." "All is quiet in old Halifax county. Where are our speakers? Is there no help for women and innocent children? The men have told us to be quiet and we have obeyed, and all Halifax county is quiet. But the biggest Brewery Association is not quiet, for they have appropriated \$5,000,000, (hear it men) to send to our State to ruin our lives and curse our boys. How much will Halifax county get? They are flooding Halifax county with their literature, most prominently Cyrus Watson's speech."

THE WORLD'S BEST CLIMATE.

is not entirely free from disease, on the high elevations fevers prevail, while on the lower levels malaria is encountered to a greater or less extent, according to altitude. To overcome climate affections lassitude, malaria, jaundice, biliousness, fever and argue, debility, the most effective remedy is Electric Bitters, the great alterative and blood purifier; the antidote for every form of bodily weakness, nervousness, and insomnia. Sold under guarantee at all Druggists. Price 50c.

LOCAL NEWSLETS

Mr. Kelly Sisk, of Danbury Route 1, was here Monday.

Dr. J. W. Neal, of Meadows, was here on business Monday.

Mr. J. Ham Mitchell, of Dillard, was a visitor here Monday.

Rev. A. R. Bell, of Walnut Cove, spent Sunday night and Monday in Danbury.

Mr. S. M. Sloan, proprietor of Vade Mecum Springs hotels, spent Sunday night here.

Master Odell Jones, who had been attending school at Germanton for some months, returned home Friday.

Messrs. Joel Robertson and Joseph Martin, two good citizens on Danbury Route 1, were here Monday on their way to Winston.

Mrs. C. M. Jones and little daughter, Dewey, attended the commencement exercises of Germanton High School Thursday and Friday.

Dr. J. W. Slate, of Capella, was among Danbury's visitors Monday. Dr. Slate told the Reporter that the farmers in his section were going right along with their tobacco planting.

Mrs. S. E. Allen and daughters, Misses Ada and Minnie, of Winston, accompanied by Mr. Womble, also of Winston, are at Piedmont in the Allen cottage. They expect to spend some weeks there.

Tobacco Plants Plentiful.

Reports from all over the county are to the effect that there is an abundance of tobacco plants. The only trouble is that they are rather too forward, lots of them having been ready to plant some time. A few farmers have already transplanted a part of their crop.

Preaching At Capella.

Rev. W. H. Wilson, of Madison, will preach at Capella Christian church on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in May, which is the 23rd inst. Everybody invited to come out.

Lecture At Mt. Olive Church.

Dr. J. T. Smith, of Westfield, will lecture on the subject of prohibition at Mt. Olive Baptist church Saturday night, May 16th. You are earnestly requested to attend and hear Dr. Smith.

Plenty of Fruit in Patrick.

Mr. J. E. Moore, of Patrick county, who was here a few days since, told the Reporter that the prospect for an abundant crop of apples, peaches, etc., in his county was rarely ever so promising as at present. A good fruit year in that county means a great deal to the people over here.

Pearl Gunter Writes.

Spencer, Va., May 5.

Dear Old Reporter: As I haven't seen any thing from Spencer I thought I would write a few lines for the first time. I went to school nearly every day. Our teacher's name was Mrs. Bousman. I liked her fine. I was sorry when it was out. I studied geography, grammar, dictionary, fourth reader, history, and arithmetic. I am twelve years old. I haven't any pets except three little kittens.

PEARL GUNTER.

IT REACHED THE SPOT.

Mr. E. Hamprey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is president of the Adams County Telephone Co., as well as of the Home Telephone Co., of Pike County, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my life once. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spot; it heals the sore spots and the weak spots in throat, lungs and chest. Sold under guarantee at all druggists, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

SITE SELECTED FOR METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

The Dwire Farm of 165 Acres, West of Winston-Salem. Chosen, the Price Being \$100 Per Acre—Work on Buildings Will Begin at an Early Date.

Winston, May 8.—The committee on selection of a site for the Methodist orphanage decided this afternoon to purchase the G. F. Dwire farm of 165 acres, west of the city, the price being \$100 per acre. Work of construction of the buildings will be begun at an early date.

The committee decided not to accept Mr. Dwire's offer of \$2,000 for the timber on the property.

The three farms offered for the site were the R. J. Reynolds farm, just east of the city; the George Dwire farm, near the Davis School property, west of town, and the Mickey farm, just northeast of the city, owned by Smoak & McCreary.

The committee is composed of Dr. G. H. Detwiler, of Greensboro, who is to be acting superintendent of the institution; S. L. Rogers, of Raleigh; J. A. Glenn, of Concord, and Chas. H. Ireland, of Greensboro. The four last named arrived in the city this morning and accompanied by Mr. Rogers, who came in yesterday afternoon from his home at Lenoir, visited the three farms above before dinner, under the escort of one or two representative citizens.

The proposition made by the owners of the three farms was practically the same and generally regarded very liberal. Each owner asked \$100 per acre, the committee to take as many acres as desired.

LUTHER A. MEYERS IS DROWNED IN A LAKE.

Division Manager For R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. With Headquarters At Macon, Ga.

Winston-Salem, N. C., May 8.—A private telegram received here tonight states that Luther A. Meyers, division manager of salesmen for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of this city, was drowned today in a natural lake at a park eight miles from Macon, Ga. The message states that Mr. Meyers, who had his headquarters at Macon, was out picnicking with a party of friends. He and several young men were in the lake bathing, when Mr. Meyers was attacked with cramp and went down and was dead when his body was recovered. The remains will arrive here tomorrow night. The interment will be in Yadkin county, the native home of the deceased.

Samuel Fulton, of High Point.

High Point, May 7.—Mr. Samuel Fulton, who conducted a store in the eastern part of the city, died yesterday afternoon after a brief illness, aged 40 years. He leaves a wife and three children. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the house, conducted by Rev. Thomas Carrick.

Wanted--A Wife.

I have received a large number of letters answering my advertisement in the Reporter, some of which were foolish, showing the writers to be of the idea that I am not in earnest. But the majority of the replies were sensible applications, yet I have not yet found the one that I think I could be real happy with. Regarding the mustache that I mentioned, I find that most of the women who are willing to talk about marriage, object to a mustache. To these I would say that I have recently cut off my mustache, thus removing one impediment to the match.

To those who write foolish letters, inclined to be funny, I would say that I will not answer them. I mean business, and only those who mean business need apply.

Box B, Danbury, N. C.

ADDRESS OF HON. R. D. REID.

Depending Alone On the Farmers Of the Fifth District--The Trusts and Railroads Are Against Him.

Hon. R. D. Reid addressed a large crowd of Stokes county people in the court house here on Tuesday of last week, regarding his candidacy for Congress. Mr. Reid said that he had never held an office in his life except one term in the legislature, which was made at a considerable sacrifice of his law practice and other business affairs. He asked of the people of Stokes county that they send him to congress, and in return for the honor he would do his best to repay them in standing for their interests and rights against predatory wealth.

He had seen independent tobacco factories in Rockingham county, in Stokes county, in Surry county and in Forsyth and other counties of the State at work doing an honest and legitimate business, a blessing to the country and a good investment to the men who were behind them. He had watched the American Tobacco Company go after them. He had seen the factories one at a time close their doors and go out of business because the Trust invaded their territory, gave away tobacco, and in other ways drove them from the field.

"When I see the farmer at work toiling in his field, with his wife and children, often times improperly clothed, and his wife and children denied the advantages of education, and the other luxuries and pleasures of life, while the trust magnates are piling up their untold wealth year after year, profiting off the honest toil of the people of the soil, God knows I will not stand for it.

"When I was at work in Raleigh, fighting for your interests, and trying to get a law passed that would protect you and your wives and children in your privileges and rights, I expected that you would get up petitions, or come yourselves and help me, but not one word did I hear from you. Why didn't you come? You should organize. Once organized the farmers of this country would be such a power that no one would dare to invade their rights."

Mr. Reid told of how the Trust spent thousands of dollars to defeat his bill in the legislature, and said that they would spend thousand to defeat his nomination and election to congress, and called on the farmers to stand by him, as their help was all he had to depend on.

He spoke for an hour and a half, and his audience listened spellbound at times to his earnestness, and many persons at the close promised him that he would receive their support, as they believed him to be the true friend of the farming classes.

Mr. Reid will without a doubt get a large majority of the vote of this county in the convention. He may get the entire vote, as he is very strong in every section of the county. He made many new friends while here.

To Examine "Soft" Drinks.

It is announced that the United States Revenue Department will investigate the "soft" drinks that are being sold in the South, especially in prohibition territory. It is said that such drinks will be examined by a representative of the Internal Revenue Department, and that if they contain a percentage of alcohol in excess of that allowed in soft drinks, which do not require a Federal license, the parties will be given opportunity to secure the license, and in the event they get the license, the State or municipal officers can arrest them under the prohibition laws.

Mr. W. J. Martin, of Winston, spent a day or two here the past week.

How Much For Your Vote.

Recently a reputable citizen was approached by another who asked him to assist in making their town dry. The good citizen replied that while he admitted there was no moral ground for permitting the liquor traffic, it paid \$200.00 toward the taxes and that sum was an item worth considering. The following dialogue then took place:

"What will you take for your vote?"

"You insult me, sir. I would not sell my vote for any money. I have too high an opinion of my own honor and value of citizenship to accept a bribe."

"Yes, that sounds alright, but they say that every man has his price."

"You anger me by continuing the insult. You are deceived by classing me with those who would barter as sacred a trust as I consider my vote to be."

The no-license advocate deftly turned the conversation to another topic until it was apparently forgotten, then said: "How much actual benefit do you get from the \$2,000 paid by the liquor traffic in this town? Will it lower your taxes, all things being equal, one dollar?"

After a rapid calculation the respectable citizen said that probably it would not make more than 75 cents difference with him personally, but the \$2,000 was a large sum to come back to the town. Then said the no-license advocate: "You would not sell your vote for any money, but in this other way you do vote for license to save yourself just 25 cents. You are a cheap one."

The good citizen: "By jingo! I never thought of it like that."

My friend, "How much will you take for your vote?" If you insist upon selling it, your neighbor might afford, from a money point of view, to pay you 75 cents and keep temptation away from his boy.

Triple Tragedy in Henry County, Virginia.

Roanoke, Va., May 6.—News reached here to-day of a triple tragedy which was enacted last evening on Bowling Creek, in Henry county, in which Samuel Shelton, Charles Dodson and James Massey were shot and killed. Sheriff Davis went to the scene of the killing last night and took charge of the dead bodies.

He also succeeded in arresting Hertford Spencer, Thomas Spencer, William Massey and Grover Massey, all of them alleged to have been participants in the duel. It is said that the dead men bought ammunition yesterday and that they made threats against some of the men engaged in the fight. The tragedy is said to have been the outcome of an old family grudge.

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