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Judge Pritchard's Splendid Argument For Prohibition.

Judge Pritchard, the most prominent Republican in North Carolina, if not in the South, is in the thickest of the fight for prohibition. He delivered a speech in Wilmington a few days ago that is so far the most notable utterance in the campaign. While we have not room to give the speech in full, the following extracts are made. He said, in part, as follows:

While I regret exceedingly that the legislature in its wisdom did not see fit to give us an unconditional prohibition law for the State, nevertheless I appreciate the fact that we are to have an opportunity to vote on the question in the near future.

I am unalterably opposed to the manufacture and sale of whiskey, and I am likewise firmly opposed to the establishment of a dispensary in any section of this State. I am here today to plead for the cause of humanity as well as the business interests of North Carolina. It is also my purpose to make as strong a plea as I can in behalf of the wives, mothers and children of the Old North State.

The issue involved in this campaign affects every man, woman and child within our borders, and under these circumstances it is with a sense of grave responsibility that I enter upon a discussion of the issues thus raised. I wish it to be distinctly understood that it is not my purpose to deal severely with those who may be engaged in the liquor traffic. I believe that the saloon keepers of the State, taken as a whole, will compare favorably with any class of individuals engaged in that business. With few exceptions they are honest and intelligent. Therefore, it is with a spirit of kindness and good feeling for this class of people that I shall endeavor to convince you that it is to our best interests from every conceivable standpoint to drive liquor out of the State.

They Claim that Whiskey Helps Business.

There is no disposition on my part to shrink from the issue thus sought to be raised, and I desire to say, not in the spirit of boasting, but in all candor, that I feel that I am prepared to demonstrate to a mathematical certainty that prohibition will materially help rather than injure the business interests of your progressive city.

If there is a merchant present who is of the opinion that he would like to employ drunken clerks or a drunken manager in his establishment, or that the presence of the bar room is essential to his success in any sense of the word, I would be pleased to have him state to me upon what theory he bases his conclusion. I think I may safely assume that there is not a merchant in this city who would for one moment entertain the idea of employing drunkards to conduct his business, or who would insist that the presence of the bar room is essential to his success.

I imagine that the merchants of your city are exceedingly anxious to sell their goods, not only at remunerative prices, but that they are anxious to have for their customers men who are able to pay their bills promptly. That unfortunate class of our population who have become addicted to the whiskey habit expend the greater portion of their earnings with the barkeeper on Saturday night, and as a result they are not in a position to pay the merchants the bills that they have contracted in the meantime for those things that are necessary to maintain and support their families.

Therefore, it cannot be contended that the absence of the bar rooms will injure the merchants of the city of Wilmington, and I insist that it may be fairly assumed that the establishment of prohibition will materially benefit all classes of our business men. The bankers are not benefited by the sale of whiskey, and will, under no consideration, employ those unfortunate young men who have an appetite for strong drink.

I understand that you have a

number of important manufacturing enterprises, and I venture the assertion that there is not a single manufacturing plant in the city wherein drunken men can secure employment. Those manufacturing concerns would not for one moment think of employing a superintendent who is addicted to the use of whiskey to manage and control their affairs, and I have tried as hard as I could to conceive some sensible reason for the assertion that the sale of whiskey would be of service to the manufacturers of our State.

Injures Manufacturing Interests.

The truth of the matter is the manufacture and sale of whiskey in a community, to any considerable extent, practically renders it impossible for a manufacturing plant to successfully carry on its operations. I find no one who has the hardihood to say that it is good for a human being to destroy his soul and body with liquor. That it is an unwise thing to drink whiskey is evidenced by the fact that three-fourths of the barkeepers do not touch whiskey under any circumstances. That the use of whiskey disqualifies one so as to render him totally incapable of transacting business is shown by the fact that the saloon keeper will under no circumstances employ as a barkeeper one who is addicted to the use of intoxicating spirits. That the use of intoxicating liquors renders a person incapable of intelligently performing the duties assigned to him is proven beyond all question by the fact that the great railway systems of this country refuse to employ those who drink whiskey. This is a wise policy, and how much we who travel on the railway trains should appreciate the fact that our lives are placed in the hands of sober, clear headed engineers and conductors.

Captains of Industry.

If you will consult the captains of industry they will, without exception, tell you that they are opposed to the establishment of bar rooms, and if you will confer with the contractors who are engaged in the construction of buildings, they will tell you that it is well nigh impossible to successfully operate their business in a community where whiskey is sold; and if you will talk with the superintendents of cotton mills they will tell you that they are opposed to bar rooms and that it is absolutely impossible to operate a cotton mill in a community where whiskey can be purchased. When we come to consider the matter, purely with a view of doing what is best for the young men and women of the country, we are forced to the conclusion that those who drink whiskey not only forfeit the respect of their neighbors as well as their own self respect, but that they put themselves in a position where it is absolutely impossible for them to secure employment in any respectable business establishment.

Such being the case, I would like to know upon what theory any one can advocate the proposition that it is a good thing for the people to have a bar room in their midst. History and observation teach us that a large per cent. of our population is annually destroyed, both soul and body, by strong drink, to say nothing about the vast fortunes that are either wrecked or squandered by those who have become addicted to the liquor habit.

If it is true that the presence of the bar room is a good thing for a town, then the greater number of such enterprises you have in our midst the better it will be for you from a business standpoint. You should have one on every square in the city and give all the people an opportunity to enjoy the great benefits which flow therefrom. If ten saloons are a good thing, then fifty saloons would be much better for the people. This proposition cannot be denied, viewing the matter from the standpoint of those who think that the financial status of Wilmington depends upon the presence of the saloons.

The Question Brought Home.

You will no doubt find many so-

ber, upright business men, as I have said, who will tell you that the prosperity of your city will be destroyed by the adoption of prohibition. Permit me to suggest that you ask some of these gentlemen if they are willing to have a bar room established next door to where they reside? I have never asked any of these gentlemen this question, but I am satisfied it will work like a charm.

I assume that you will agree with me when I say that the establishment of additional manufacturing enterprises in your midst would be a splendid thing for this community, and I think I will be able to show you before I conclude that if you keep bar rooms you can not expect to have manufacturing enterprises grow and flourish to any great extent in your community. There is not a thriving and prosperous manufacturing city in North Carolina today, so far as I know, that does not in the main owe its existence to the establishment of cotton mills and other manufacturing enterprises. It is significant that the cities of North Carolina that are making the greatest progress are those cities where the sale of whiskey is prohibited by law.

(Here the speaker showed how prohibition had helped Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville, Atlanta and other cities.)

Whiskey in Madison.

For a number of years I resided in the county of Madison, and while there was actively engaged in the practice of law. During the greater portion of the time that county was cursed by the sale of whiskey. Affairs became so intolerable in that county, owing to the many crimes that were committed, that some of the newspapers spoke of that section as "Bloody Madison." The time of our Superior Court was taken up to such an extent with criminal business that we were compelled to establish what was known as an inferior court for the purpose of trying the minor criminal offenses, and even then the entire time of the Superior Court was consumed in the trial of the higher grades of misdemeanors and felonies.

During the eleven years thus engaged I attended the courts of McDowell, Mitchell, Buncombe and Yancey, and in that period I was called upon to defend about seven persons charged with murder. I kept a record of each case, from which I am prepared to show that at least 90 per cent. was caused by and directly traceable to the use of whiskey. By local option the people of Madison county have secured absolute prohibition at all points except Marshall. The last legislature passed a law prohibiting the sale of whiskey at Marshall, to take effect some time in the near future. Since prohibition has been adopted in every section of that county, with the exception of the point I have just named, there has been a complete transformation in the moral and industrial status of the people of that section; and whereas, it took two courts under the reign of whiskey to transact the criminal business, under the present system one of the courts has been abolished and I am informed that crime has decreased to such an extent that the Superior Court is able to attend to the business, both civil and criminal, in that county; and once we get rid of whiskey at Marshall, I am quite sure that Madison will be able to take her position alongside of the good old county of Yancey. While whiskey was permitted to be sold throughout the county, its price was worth from twenty five cents to fifty cents on the dollar; now its county price is worth one hundred cents on the dollar and the people are happy and prosperous. Yet we have the powerful administration of the evil agency of even one place for the sale and distribution of whiskey. While Madison county has no saloons, as before stated, it has what is even worse—an authorized legal dispensary, and from that institution of death there goes out to the world a terrible tale of misery and woe.

A Recent Crime.

You have no doubt read of the horrible tragedy which occurred within a few miles of Marshall recently. A man by the name of John Randall, a quiet, well-to-do and industrious farmer, who, when not under the influence of liquor, was considered one of the most peaceable and orderly citizens of that community, went to the town of Marshall and while there purchased a bottle of whiskey from the dispensary and after becoming intoxicated returned to his home, and upon his arrival he became enraged because his wife happened to be absent visiting at the house of one of his relatives. He immediately went after her, and after she had started home he began to beat her in an unmerciful manner, and the poor woman, owing to the severity of the attack and the loss of blood, sank down in a swoon just before she reached her home, and this unfortunate man, who had been transformed into a demon by strong drink, deliberately beat his wife's brains out with a club, and is today languishing in the Asheville jail awaiting his awful doom.

What I have said about Madison county applies with equal force to Mitchell county. That county, under the reign of whiskey, had a criminal record without parallel in the history of the State, but under

the reign of prohibition its people are happy and prosperous and its jail is practically empty a great part of the time, and those who formerly patronized that institution are now engaged in honest avocations, earning a living for their wives and families.

Question of Personal Liberty.

We are told by some that if we adopt prohibition it would deprive them of their personal liberty in that respect. Americans are a liberty-loving people, but those who are patriotic never desire to exercise this right, when to do so would be to the detriment of their fellowman. We enjoy liberty to the utmost in North Carolina. We have liberty of free speech; liberty of the press; we can go into the courts and invoke their aid in the enforcement of our rights; we are at liberty to belong to any church or to join any political party; or to engage in any legitimate business without interference on the part of any one. In a word, we have the right to do anything that is calculated to improve our condition or to advance the welfare of our citizens, but when we are asked to license certain individuals to engage in the business of destroying our young people morally and physically; to wreck our homes and demoralize communities and thereby render it impossible to advance the cause of religion and education, then the good people of our State should in no uncertain tone notify those who crave this particular kind of liberty that in the future North Carolina will never authorize any individual to engage in a business which can only result in disgrace and harm to the human race.

The Saloon or the School.

Among other things, there is involved in this controversy the question as to whether the people of North Carolina prefer the bar room to school houses, churches and other institutions intended for the moral and intellectual development of our people. We are now afforded an opportunity to decide whether we will choose the bar room, with all its evil tendencies, in preference to the other class of institutions I have mentioned. The responsibility for the result of the approaching election will rest with the voters of the State, and our destiny in this respect is trembling in the balance, but I have great confidence in the courage and manhood of our people, and I feel confident that we will have an exhibition of patriotism on the day of election which will prove an inspiration for all time to come for those who believe in those things that are calculated to promote the best interests of the American people.

Whiskey drinking is the greatest evil that confronts the human race at this time. It stains the character, it is the advance agent of poverty and distress, it impairs the intellect, it humiliates kindred, alienates friends and eradicates pride. First it exaltes, then exalts, then banishes responsibility; but when the reaction comes the pendulum swings just as far the other way.

Prohibition is Gaining.

The prohibition sentiment is gaining ground rapidly in every section of this country, and especially in the South. There are only thirteen counties in Kentucky where whiskey is sold; every bar room in the State of Georgia has gone out of business, and after next Christmas there will be no more bar rooms in the States of Alabama and Mississippi. There are only four cities and two towns in the State of Tennessee where the sale of whiskey is licensed. In the State of Florida there are only fourteen counties where the sale of whiskey is permitted, and in our own State we have prohibition in a large majority of the counties, and if we do our duty on the 26th day of May next there will not be a saloon left.

Good for Everybody.

Mr. Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect in the Delbert building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a drug-gist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50c. at English Drug Company's.

Many Postal Cards.

The Greensboro postoffice, which has been made the chief distributing point for this State, last week received a car load of postal cards, 4,000,000 in number. A car load of stamped envelopes was also received last week, there being 2,500,000 of these. These shipments are the largest ever made to this State. All the postoffices will get their supplies from Greensboro hereafter.

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Local Items of Interest

At Locust, in Stanly county, one night last week, says the Enterprise, Mr. D. F. Mann was shot by some one unknown, in a mysterious way. One load of shot took effect in his head and one in his body. He will recover.

We are sorry to learn of the death of our neighbors, Mrs. William Oliver, David Oliver and Dock Oliver. Mrs. Oliver was about 50 years of age and her two sons were young men in the prime of life. They died after several days' illness of a complication of the grippe and measles.—Jefferson Citizen.

Maj. W. A. Smith of Ansonville has been appointed by Bishop Chesire a delegate to represent the diocese of North Carolina at the Pan-Atlantic Church Conference, which meets in London, Eng., June 15th. Maj. Smith will attend the conference. He has already engaged a state room on one of the American Line's palatial steamers.

Mr. Walter Cunningham of the Harrison neighborhood and Miss Daisy Stephenson of Marvin were married last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's father, Mr. W. J. Stephenson, at Marvin. Rev. H. M. Parker officiating. The marriage was a quiet home affair, only a few intimate friends of the contracting parties witnessing the ceremony.

The large mercantile store at Matthews, formerly operated by the well known firm of Heath, Barrett & Grier, will after this week be conducted by E. J. Heath & Son, the other members of the firm having disposed of their holdings to them. This is one of the largest stores in Mecklenburg outside of Charlotte and in the past has enjoyed a lucrative patronage.

Mr. R. F. James, son of Rev. R. H. James, and Miss Veda Brewer, both of New Salem township, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brewer, on Wednesday, March 14th. At the same time Mr. Brewer's other daughter, Miss Oda Brewer, was married to Mr. Sandy Moore, son of Mr. Troy Moore of New Salem township.

The Messenger and Intelligencer says that on last Friday Mr. Fred S. Tillman of White Store township had the misfortune to have a fine mule killed by a tree falling on it. Mr. Tillman and a number of colored men were cutting and hauling saw stocks to a nearby mill, when a large pine tree, which had been cut about half down, fell on the lead mules of a four-mule team hitched to a log wagon. One of the mules, a fine animal, was killed instantly and the other one badly injured. The injured mule, fortunately, will recover.

A few minutes after 7 o'clock Thursday morning the cotton on the platform at Lileville was discovered to be on fire. The alarm was quickly given and after two or three hours of hard work the fire was gotten under control. About 150 bales were on the platform and all of it except a very few bales was damaged. The damage, on an average, is estimated at about 50 per cent. of the value of the cotton. A good deal of this cotton belonged to Mr. J. M. Fairley of Monroe. His loss is fully covered by insurance. Mr. E. P. Liles of Lileville had some cotton on the platform but his loss will be small.

Mrs. Emerline Given of Waxhaw, widow of the late David Given, died

at her home last Wednesday morning. About two years ago Mrs. Given got a severe fall and was badly crippled. Since that time she has been very feeble, being confined to her room most of the time. She was 84 years old and is survived by one daughter, Miss Lou Given, and one sister, Mrs. M. E. Gordon. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a good, christian woman, enjoying the high esteem and unbounded confidence of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The second annual meeting of the stockholders of the Waxhaw Banking and Trust Company was held March 11th. The condition of the bank, as indicated by the reports of the president and cashier, was found to be most prosperous and satisfactory. The former board of directors, consisting of Messrs. J. M. Niven, J. W. McCain, J. G. Parks, R. A. Morrow, J. L. Rodman, J. M. Bek, J. E. Heath, W. C. Heath and Dr. H. C. Houston, were re-elected. In the meeting of directors Mr. J. L. Rodman was re-elected president, Mr. J. E. Heath vice president, and Jesse A. Williams cashier. A dividend of 8 per cent. was declared and the sum of \$1,000 was placed to the surplus fund.

Low Rates and Mileage Books via Seaboard, Commencing April 1st.

On April 1st the Seaboard Air Line Railway will put on sale intra State rates in the State of North Carolina at rate of 2 1/2 cents per mile, and as soon as possible thereafter will issue tariffs showing inter-State rates to all points south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers on basis of 2 1/2 cents per mile, it being understood, however, that the R. F. & P. will continue to use \$3.50 rate between Richmond, Va., and Washington, D. C.

Two thousand mile books, inter-State and interchangeable, will be sold for \$10.00, good for five people, members of a firm or corporation, only one person being allowed to use it at a time.

One thousand mile books, inter-State and interchangeable, for \$20.00, for person whose name is shown on cover of book.

Five hundred mile family book, good on the Seaboard in North Carolina only, for \$11.25, good for five or less people, who can all use it at the same time.

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