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The fight over the post office in this town is yet on and no one is able to predict when the finish will come. The friends of all the most interested parties are confident and both Mr. Marshall and Mr. Joyce have on a smile that won't rub off. They are able to show a good front, to say the least. Some of the knowing ones tell how Mr. Marshall has been held up in the Senate and that he will never be confirmed, but that Mr. Sam Brim will be the lucky man unless John Banner is able to land the job and leave every single Republican stranded high and dry. It is in the mind that Mr. Marshall can never be confirmed and that an even harder fight would be made on Mr. Brim. Some think the final solution of the problem is likely to be that the different factions of the Republican party in this County will be ignored for the good of the party and that the post office will be given to Mr. John Banner. The party feeling is up to that point that it may take that turn as has been the case in many parts of the South since Mr. Taft was made president.

Rev. R. L. Davis astonished the folk down at Raleigh last Sunday when he made a prohibition speech before the anti-saloon league and produced bottles of liquor and names and dates as to when and where he got it. He had been in Raleigh only a day or two and had no trouble to get a supply at once. Now the officers are demanding that he give the names and addresses of the places where he got the liquor.

Refuses to do this and tells them if they want facts they are able to get them without coming to him. The truth is that liquor is sold in every city in the country of any size, and there is very little sentiment in favor of stopping it so long as it is sold in a way that old Bill Jones is not able to get a drink. It is a case of guarding the morals of the other fellow.

The prohibition sentiment of this state is more of a business move than a moral issue after all. If liquor did not interfere with business and the interests of business men we doubt seriously if there would be a prohibition law on the books. It all points to the fact that the victory for prohibition is not half won. The fight is really just begun.

If a newspaper man did his duty he would publish the news about small pox the same as he does about other troubles. But it is a settled fact that it is suicidal for a paper to talk much about this disease. It is not here at Mount Airy but it is in the country near by, and when it gets here we are supposed to keep it a secret. The only safe thing to do is to have the juice put in your arm and thus avoid one of the worst diseases that humanity is heir to. But many folks who need a guardian will refuse to do this and thus endanger their own lives and the lives of those about them.

The Bridge at Elkin.

What is every man's business is often neglected. Ye editor has been crossing the old wooden bridge across the Yadkin river for almost forty years. Fifteen years ago Surry and Yadkin counties appropriated the money with which to buy the bridge and make it free to the general public. Up to that time it had been a toll bridge. It looks like it is needing repairs badly. But who is to look after this we are not prepared to say. The roof is in bad condition and it appears that a new one is needed. From the general appearance of the bridge it looks as if several hundred dollars worth of repairs is necessary if the bridge is to serve the public very much longer.

AS OTHERS SEE IT.

The Elkin Times of last week has the following:

"The Mt. Airy News last week printed a picture showing the condition of the streets in Mt. Airy when it rains. Why don't the News inaugurate a movement in favor of abolishing the city government. If it can serve the people no useful purpose why continue to incur the expense of maintaining it? Why continue to tax the people when the people are unable to get ordinary conveniences? We've understood that Mt. Airy has a pretty heavy town tax—if the money is not spent on the street what becomes of it? People are getting tired paying tax when they get nothing in return, but the pleasure (?) of wading through mud over their shoe tops."

It is unpleasant to have to show up ones town in a way that causes unfavorable comment. It is unpleasant to talk about some of the conditions that the people here are facing and have faced for a generation. But unless the subject is agitated when ever will conditions change? We have one of the nicest towns in the state, everything considered, but a set of ward politicians have decreed that there is never any money with which to improve our streets. We spend money, and a lot of it, in various ways, but not a foot of street has ever been made that is a credit to our town. And when will the sentiment and better judgment of our people assert itself and demand a better state of affairs. Of all the towns in the state traveling men say this is the worst as to the impression it makes on the stranger who comes here for a business visit. It looks awful to a man who has been in the habit of living and seeing conditions such as are in most other towns. There are numerous beautiful residences here that are built right in front of a mud hole for a street. There are large and costly business houses here where thousands of dollars worth of business is done yearly and the street in front of the building is almost impassable a large part of the year. There are enough to justify them in suing the town for damages for not improving the street in front of their property. It is up to us to make a change from this ridiculous state of affairs.

SOLICITOR AFTER DAVIS

Wants Anti-Saloon League Superintendent to Give his Evidence.

Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Not waiting for the writ of ad testificandum which was expected to be issued by the Raleigh police court for Superintendent R. L. Davis of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League to give his evidence as to whiskey selling, which he sensationally exploited in the Auditorium Sunday afternoon in connection with the anti-saloon league State convention, Solicitor H. E. Norris of this, the sixth, judicial district, has written Mr. Davis a letter, requesting that he furnish him the evidence along with the eight bottles of whiskey the superintendent had gathered from blind tigers, this letter to be used as corroborative evidence.

Mr. Norris advises Mr. Davis that he sent Township Constable D. R. Bynum to him yesterday for the evidence and Bynum had reported that Davis refused to furnish the evidence. The Solicitor further tells Mr. Davis in the letter made public, that he is writing this request for the evidence in justice to himself and Constable Bynum and without regard to whatever the Raleigh authorities may see fit to do with reference to the case.

Superintendent Davis is now off on a western Carolina lecture trip with National Lecturer Woolley.

Large Tumor Removed.

Mrs. Ida Gentry, of Low Gap, is in the city the patient of Dr. W. S. Taylor who last Monday, assisted by Dr. E. M. Hollingsworth, removed from her side a large tumor. The tumor weighed about three pounds and nothing but an operation would give relief. She is staying with her aunt Mrs. E. D. H. bomb, and is doing as nicely as could be expected. Her husband was here with her but returned to his home Tuesday.

Letter From the West.

Lind, Wash. Jan. 25, 1912.

Editor Mount Airy News:— As I am a subscriber to the Mount Airy News and have been reading letters from different parts of N. C. I decided I would write you.

I have been in Washington about four years and like pretty well by this time. I worked for wages over three years, but rented a ranch last summer that has 720 acres. I have twelve head of horses to farm with. I will have four hundred acres in wheat this year and three hundred and twenty acres to plow. The farmers here only put the land in crop every other year, it is so dry here in summer they could not raise very much if they put a crop on the land every year. There is one good thing about this country, we don't have to use fertilizer. The farmers don't even haul their manure to the fields but scatter it over the roads and it packs down and makes them fine. They also put quite a lot of straw on them. I have traveled the roads here when the dust would be nearly hub deep, that is in the fall when there is lots of wheat being hauled, and they haul pretty big loads too, from seventy five to two hundred and five bushels at a load, that is with eight horses, and the most of them work eight, some work twelve, and some have to haul fifteen miles and make six trips per week. I am eleven miles from a shipping point.

Well I read the Ball Knob news letter a few weeks ago in The News signed "Farmer" and he was speaking about the men doing the milking in the West. Well that is a fact all right. I could not milk when I left N. C. but I soon learned to when I got in Washington. I have turned the handle to a washing machine also, although the women folks would have to tell me when the clothes were clean.

This seems to be a pretty good community for bachelors. I know of about eight here right close. Some of them have been bachelors fifteen years. They tell me one of them is worth fifty or sixty thousand dollars. I am bacheling but don't think I would if I had that much money.

Well how would you boys back there like to get up in the morning at 4 o'clock, get breakfast, wash the dishes, feed, curry, clean the barn, harness eight horses and be in the field by six o'clock? That is what the most of the farmers do here.

Wages are good here on the farm, from \$35.00 to \$40.00 per month until harvest. Harvest wages run from \$2.50 to \$8.00 per day, that includes board also. Harvest lasts from twenty to fifty days and is quite different here to what it is in the East. The most of them here use a combine harvester. It is a machine made to cut the wheat and thresh all at the same time. There are different size machines, from twelve to twenty feet cut. They usually work thirty two or thirty three horses to a machine, that is to the twenty feet cut. They drive them with only two lines, of course the others are tied back to the evens with buck ropes. I was working on one machine when twenty-six horses broke loose from the machine. That was the greatest run-away with horses I ever saw. They tore the harness up pretty badly and crippled some of the horses. We took the ones that could go and got a few more, hooked up and went on.

The farmers here do most all of their work with riding machinery, they even have a cart tied to a harrow to ride when harrowing or else have a saddle horse to ride. The farms here are usually pretty good size. I have plowed around one land that contained eight hundred

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