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## A DISPENSARY BILL

The Act to be Presented to the General Assembly.

## OPEN SALOONS OR A DISPENSARY

Is the Question to be Voted on by The Citizens of Kinston at The Town Election in May.

The following bill is now in the hands of Senator Pollock to be immediately presented to the general assembly.

The general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture, sell, barter, exchange or give away any spirituous, vinous, malted or brewed liquors in the town of Kinston, Lenoir county, State of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. That the board of aldermen of the town of Kinston, Lenoir county, shall on the first Monday in May, 1903, submit to the qualified voters of said town the question of the establishment of a dispensary for the sale of liquors in said town. The said board of aldermen shall cause said election to be advertised for 30 days prior to said first Monday in May in the "KINSTON FREE PRESS," a daily newspaper published in said town, shall cause notice thereof to be posted at four public places in said town for said period of thirty days.

Sec. 3. That the said election shall be held under the same rules and regulations as govern the election of mayor under the charter of said town on said first Monday in May next, and the qualified voters of said town voting in said election shall vote tickets on which shall be written or printed the word "Saloons," or the word "Dispensary," and the result of said election shall be determined and declared under the same rules and regulations as govern and determine the result of the election of mayor, and the said result shall be certified in writing by the election officers to mayor of said town, and by the mayor filed with the records of said town.

Sec. 4. That if the majority of the votes cast in said election shall have written or printed thereon the word "Saloons," then, in that event, this act shall be void and of no effect.

Sec. 5. That if a majority of the votes cast in said election shall have written or printed thereon the word "Dispensary," then in that event it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, barter, exchange or give away any spirituous, vinous, malted or brewed liquors in said town of Kinston, except the officers of the dispensary, which shall be established in the manner and subject to the rules and regulations following, to-wit:

Sub-Sec. A. That Samuel H. Abbott, George D. Hawks and Joseph J. Rogers shall constitute the dispensary board of commissioners of the town of Kinston, whose term of office shall begin on the first Monday in May, 1903, and continue for two years or until their successors are duly qualified. That on the first Monday in May, 1903, and every two years thereafter at the same time and place and under the same rules and regulations that govern the election of mayor of said town of Kinston, three dispensary commissioners shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town, whose term of office shall begin immediately upon their election. Any vacancy occurring by death, resignation or removal shall be filled by the said dispensary board of commissioners for the remainder of the unexpired term. The said dispensary commissioners, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall make oath that they will well and truly carry out to the best of their ability all of the provisions of this act, and the resident judge of the district may remove any of said commissioners when it shall be made to appear that he has violated his oath or been guilty of a malfeasance; provided, the said board shall select one of its members as chairman and one as treasurer, and may allow the treasurer such additional compensation as they may see fit, and said treasurer shall give bond, payable to the said town of Kinston conditioned upon the proper accounting for the moneys that will come into his hands as such treasurer, in a sum not less than \$5,000, to be fixed by said dispensary board; provided, said bond shall never be less than the amount of money in the hands of the treasurer; provided, further, that said treasurer may give bond in some safe bonding, trust or

guaranty company as surety, and charge the expense of giving such bond as an expense of said dispensary.

Sub-Sec. B. That said dispensary board of commissioners shall, as soon after their election under this act as possible, establish one dispensary in the said town of Kinston, to be located on one of the principal streets, for the sale of spirituous, vinous liquors. The said dispensary board shall elect a manager for said dispensary, who shall be a man of good character and sobriety, who shall have charge of the same under the supervision of said board, and who shall hold said position, subject to be discharged without notice. The said board may appoint such assistants or clerks as they may deem necessary, and may discharge them at pleasure without notice. The manager shall be required to give bond payable to the town of Kinston, in such sum as the dispensary board may determine, not less than \$1,000, conditioned upon the proper accounting for all the moneys which may come into his hands as such manager, and for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as manager, as prescribed in this act and the rules and regulations of said dispensary board, and the said manager shall receive such salary or compensation as may be fixed by said dispensary board, which shall not exceed \$100 per month and shall never depend upon the amount of sales. The said board may likewise require bonds, payable as aforesaid, and in such amounts as they may deem proper, from such clerks or assistants as they may employ.

Sub-Sec. C. The said dispensary board shall have power to employ attorneys, agents and detectives to assist in the detection and prosecution of persons, firms or corporations violating this act and for other purposes; may employ chemists or other competent persons to test liquors; may borrow money; and shall have power to do all other proper things not contrary to law to carry out the true intent of this law.

Sub-Sec. D. The manager of said dispensary shall on Monday of each week pay to the treasurer of the dispensary board all moneys which he may hold as said manager, and shall keep a strict account of all liquors received by him, the amount sold and the amount on hand; and the said treasurer shall hold and disburse all funds belonging to said dispensary, and, after paying expenses and after reserving such a sum as the dispensary board may deem necessary to carry on the dispensary, shall, on the first day of January and every year, pay over thirty per centum out of the profits of said dispensary to the town of Kinston for the use of said town as the board of aldermen may direct; fifty per centum out of the profits of said dispensary to the treasurer of said town for the use and benefit of Kinston graded schools to be used and disbursed under the direction of the board of trustees of said Kinston graded schools; and twenty per centum of the profits derived from said dispensary to the treasurer of the county of Lenoir to be used and disbursed under the direction of the board of education of said county for the use and benefit of the public schools of said county other than the Kinston graded schools.

Sub-Sec. E. The manager of said dispensary shall, under the supervision of said dispensary board, purchase all liquors necessary and proper for said dispensary, and may purchase such pure liquors as may be in the hands of the liquor dealers of said town of Kinston on the first day of July 1902; provided, said dispensary board shall refuse to pay for all liquors found not to be pure; and provided, further, that said dispensary board shall not purchase from any liquor dealers in said town of Kinston any liquors that may have been delivered to such liquor dealers in Kinston subsequent to the first Monday in May, 1903.

Sub-Sec. F. No liquor of any kind shall be sold in said dispensary on Sunday or election days, and said dispensary shall never be open, or liquor sold therein, before sunrise or after sunset on any day; provided, that this act shall not be construed to forbid the sale on Sunday, election days, or other times, by said dispensary of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors for sickness, upon a written prescription of a regularly practicing physician, licensed by the medical society of North Carolina and having such sick person under his charge, which prescription shall be only once filled without receiving anew the written direction of the physician who gave the same; and provided, further, that any physician who shall make any prescription or written direction for the purpose of aiding or abetting any person or persons who are not bona fide sick and under his care, to purchase any intoxicating liquor contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall forfeit his license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. The price at which any and all liquors shall be sold at said dispensary shall be fixed by said dispensary board; provided, all sales shall be for cash and at a profit not to exceed eight per centum of the cost thereof. No liquor shall be sold in said dispensary except in unbroken packages or bottles, which shall contain not less than one-half pint and not more than one quart, and it shall be unlawful for said manager, or any other person to open any such package or bottle on the premises; and the said manager shall not allow smoking, drinking or eating on the premises, and any person refusing or failing to leave said premises after being ordered to do so by said manager, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall not

more than \$50 or imprisoned more than fifty days. The said dispensary shall not be kept open on Sunday or election days, but the manager may enter the same on Sunday or any election day for the purpose of filling prescriptions for physicians authorized under this act.

Sub-Sec. G. It shall be the duty of the manager to keep a register on which shall be kept a record of the names of persons to whom any and all liquors are sold, the quantity sold, price paid and date of sale; provided, that said register shall be open only to the inspection of the dispensary board and its employees, and the contents thereof shall not be published. No intoxicating liquors shall be sold to any minors, and the dispensary board shall make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this act, as may be proper for the management of the dispensary.

Sub-Sec. H. If the manager or clerk shall procure any intoxicating liquors from any person other than those that the dispensary board shall direct and offers the same for sale, or shall adulterate or cause to be adulterated any intoxicating, spirituous, vinous or malt liquors by mixing with coloring matter or any drug, or ingredient whatever, or shall mix the same with water or other liquor of a different kind or quantity, or shall make a false entry on any book, or returns required by this act, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sub-Sec. I. Every person who shall directly or indirectly keep or maintain by himself or by associating or combining with others or who shall in any manner aid, assist or abet in keeping or maintaining, any club room, or other place in which intoxicating liquors are received, or kept for barter or sale, or for distribution, or for division among the members of any club or association by any means whatever, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sub-Sec. J. All books required to be kept by the manager, except the one provided for in Sub-Section G, shall be open to the inspection of the public.

Sec. 6. That all liquors or mixtures thereof, by whatever name called, that will produce intoxication, shall be considered and held to be intoxicating liquors within the meaning of this act.

Sec. 7. That after the first day of July, 1903, it shall be unlawful for the board of commissioners of the county of Lenoir, or the board of aldermen of the Town of Kinston, or other governing body, by whatever name called, of said town, to issue licenses for any person to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors within the said town of Kinston.

Sec. 8. That all charter rights giving power to authorize the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby abrogated, and the laws enacting and granting the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. That the delivery of spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors in said town of Kinston shall be construed to be a sale thereof in said town, and if any person, company, firm or corporation shall ship or convey any spirituous, malt, vinous, fermented or other intoxicating liquors for the purpose of delivery, or carrying the same to a purchaser in the said town of Kinston, in that event the said town shall be construed to be the place of sale; provided, this Section shall not be construed to prevent the delivery or conveyance of any spirituous, vinous, malt, fermented or other intoxicating liquors to the dispensary authorized under this act.

Sec. 10. That any person, company, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 11. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby to the extent of such conflict repealed.

Sec. 12. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

A Short Digest of the Doings of Our Lawmakers.

## A NEW COUNTY HAS BEEN ASKED FOR

The Revenue Bill Discussed in The House. A Few Amendments Added To Committee Report.

Wednesday, February 25.

The senate took things easier today, since liquor legislation is out of the way.

Senator Aaron proposes to take large slices from Wayne and Duplin, smaller ones from Lenoir and Sampson for the formation of a new county to be called Overman. Mt. Olive would be the county seat, and the county would be one of the richest agricultural counties in the State.

The bill to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among domestic animals provoked a warm discussion and amendments were sent up to except from the provisions of the bill the counties of Robeson, Cabarrus, Forsyth, Rockingham, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Montgomery, Stanly, Rowan, Ashe, Iredell, Duplin, Graham, Alleghany, Washington, et al. The bill was finally re-committed and will come up again after further consideration by the committee on public health.

The bill to revise navigation and pilotage laws of the Cape Fear river and the ports of Wilmington and Southport provoked a lengthy discussion, participated in by Senators Bellamy, Brown, Webb, Baldwin, Travis and others. The committee had reported the bill unfavorably. The matter of compulsory pilotage was involved, and its abolition was opposed by the senator from New Hanover, Mr. Bellamy, who desired to have the bill killed. Among the last speeches delivered was one by Senator Wellborn, who spoke heroically of the patriotism, bravery and high character of pilots, treating the senators from the section most affected, down in the "sand hills" with a speech frequently punctuated with the true eloquence and rhetoric of the Blue Ridge mountaineer.

Pending the further discussion of this measure the senate adjourned till 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

Senator Warren presented two bills yesterday, which if they become laws will materially reduce the size of the volumes in which biennially the laws appear.

The first of Mr. Warren's bills provides that the various boards of county commissioners be empowered with the authority to allow ex-Confederate soldiers who desire to peddle, to do so without license. The second of these is to give authority to the resident judges of the various districts to give permission to clerks of the court to be absent from their offices at special times when they so request, this to be in the discretion of the judge granting such relief. Many bills asking for these things occupy much time of the general assembly each session and Senator Warren's bills propose to stop this.

The house has finished consideration of the revenue bill. Very few amendments were presented to the committee's report.

The tax on retail liquor dealers was reduced from \$150 every six months to \$100, this making the total State and county revenue from that source

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale at J. E. Hood's Drug Store.

\$400 a year instead of \$800. That was done upon the suggestion of Mr. Gattis.

There was a disposition to reduce the merchants' tax, and Mr. Watts even wanted to strike it out altogether, but it went through without change.

The house yesterday determined to go back to the revenue act of 1901 for the questions to be asked in arriving at the incomes to be taxed.

That was Judge Graham's proposition and after a somewhat lengthy argument it finally went through.

The only question omitted is the one concerning interest on United States and State bonds.

Here are the questions:

"What was your gross income during the twelve months ending June last?"

"(1) From salary and fees?"

"(2) From annuities?"

"(3) From trade or profession?"

"(4) Any other source except from property taxed?"

The pension bill was passed. There are few changes from the present law. Widows who married again are not excluded, provided their second husbands are dead. Only veterans who are three-fourths disabled are eligible to pension. But this does not interfere with any one now on the roll.

The county boards will be composed of the clerk of the court and three reputable Confederate veterans, who are to serve without compensation. Another dog tax bill was introduced by Shelton, of Edgecombe.

The pension bill was considered as special order at 11 o'clock. It asks for the same appropriation as was given two years ago, \$200,000. Mr. Parker of Halifax, chairman of the committee on pensions made an eloquent appeal for the old soldiers. Several short speeches were made and the bill passed second and third readings.

The board of pensions is empowered to revise the rolls, and strike off any names they may consider should not be there, for any reason.

The tax on undertakers was finally fixed. It is \$25 for towns of 15,000 people, \$15 for towns between 10,000 and 5,000, and \$5 for towns under 5,000.

A Terrible Weapon.

The weapon common to every part of Hindustan, so as to deserve the name of the national arm, is the "katana." This is a broad, two edged dagger, the hilt of which is formed something like an H, the hand grasping the crossbar, which is generally double, while the side bars extend on each side of the wrist.

Some katana are made with five blades, which unite into one, but by queezing together the crossbars diverge like the fingers of a hand when the thrust has been given. Other katana are made in sets of two or even three, of diminishing sizes, the blades of the larger being hollow and forming sheaths for the smaller. Some of the southern Indian katana, known as "death givers," are immense weapons, nearly two feet long in the blade, and the hilts are a mass of fantastic scroll-work and mythological monsters, the cobra with expanded hood figuring largely. There is also the "bichhwa," or scorpion's sting, a doubly curved dagger; the "khanjar," a larger form of the same, and the "peskakab," or hunting knife. But none of these elaborate weapons has about it the terrible "businesslike" look of the Khyber knife (ch'hura), with its ponderous single edged, tapering blade and plain ivory hilt.—Chambers' Journal.

Eye Exercise.

An exercise which, if perseveringly practiced, will greatly strengthen the eyes and which has entirely restored many cases of impaired vision, so that spectacles and eyeglasses were discarded, is to turn the eyes upward and downward alternately, as far as possible, twenty times, says a writer in the New York Herald. Don't pause in the upward glance. The motion is incessant, but not hastened. Next turn the eyes to right and to left, repeating as before. Turn them to the upper left corner and the obverse, or diagonally—that is, to lower right corner. Repeat. Turn them to the upper right corner and its obverse. Repeat. Conclude the exercise with rolling the eyes around, first to the right, then to the left, in the extreme limit of the muscular extension, being careful, however, not to strain the muscles.

If the exercise is repeated at convenience several times during the day, it will soon strengthen the muscles.

Took No Chances.

He (after being promptly accepted)—Why didn't you say "No" at first and keep me in suspense for awhile? I understand that is the way women generally do.

She—Well, I tried that once, and—

"And what?"

"He didn't ask me the second time."

Obedient Orders.

A mistress told her maid, Betsy, that she must not always do things on her own responsibility, but first ask permission. The next day Betsy walked into the parlor and said politely: "Please, madam, the cat is busy eating up the duck in the pantry; must I drive her away or not?"

A dose of Anway's Croup Syrup given at first signs of croup will change that horrid expression on baby's face to a smile. It acts instantly, is harmless and is made for baby's coughs, colds and croup. 25c at J. E. Hood's.

## NORTH STATE NEWS

Clipped and Culled From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

## ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Gossip Gathered from Murphy To Manteo of Importance to Our Tar Heel Readers.

The degree of LL. D. was conferred on Bishop Duncan, of the Methodist church, by Trinity College at Durham last week. The trustees voted to confer the degree last June, but on account of the Bishop being unable to present it was not conferred until the occasion of his lecturing in Durham last week.

Hamlet, Feb. 24.—Henry Young, who murdered J. H. Williamson in Armour's bar Saturday night, was captured tonight at Monroe by the chief of police there, who will receive four hundred dollars reward. Young is a brother of the jailor at Rockingham. He will be delivered to the sheriff of Richmond county tonight.

Asheboro Courier: On Feb. 6th, 1903, a mule five years old, belonging to "Squire A. R. Callicott" run mad. It had fits and would jerk and jump and when a stick or plank could be found, the mule would bite and chew it to pieces. The mule would eat very little after it was taken. The mule was finally killed four days afterwards. Just five months before it was taken a mad dog is known to have bitten it.

Washington Messenger: Shad and herring are beginning to make their appearance in the market in quantities, and daily our fishermen are shipping them north, but the price is so high none but the more well-to-do of our citizens can afford to buy them. We met a colored man Saturday afternoon taking home a large roe shad, for which he said he had paid 80 cents. Asking him if he could afford to eat shad, he replied: "Boss, I get 60 cents a day, and shad is cheaper than meat. You see this is the way of it, I can stew this shad and put a pint of molasses in the gravy, and while the children eat the gravy, me and the old woman can enjoy shad, and it will feed my family four days. You will never know how good shad is until you eat one sweetened with West Indian molasses."

Fayetteville Observer: Dr. A. S. Rose, county coroner, was called to Rockfish Friday night to hold an inquest over the body of a negro named Paton Cromartie, who was found dead in the woods near Nunnaley's store, on the Wilmington road. Cromartie had been engaged in hauling timber to Rockfish creek for rafting, and was using a long wagon and team hired from Mr. Paul Nichols. He was last seen Thursday, and not returning Friday Mr. Nichols instituted a search. Mr. Nunnaley found Cromartie lying near his wagon dead, and the mules, which had broken loose, tangled in the harness nearby. It was evident that in adjusting the log on the wagon the big beam had broken loose from its upright position and fallen on him, causing instant death, and the coroner's jury returned a verdict to this effect. A curious thing about it is the fact that no sign of a bruise or wound could be found on the body, though the nose had been bleeding.

Lincolnton, Feb. 24.—The Carolina & Northwestern passenger train from Chester over the complete broad gauge has at last made a through trip today, and instead of joy it has brought sorrow to Lincolnton; for as the first through passenger train crossed College street of this place one of Lincolnton's promising young men, Mr. John McCoy, attempted to board it, but failed to get on and was thrown under the wheels. His right leg was broken above the knee, the left leg and right arm were almost ground off under the wheels, necessitating amputation. He was also bruised about the face and head. Mr. McCoy was taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Jack Critz, who lives a few yards from the scene of the accident, where every attention was given him, but he died soon after the limbs were amputated and his wounds were dressed. He was about 28 years old and had recently resigned the position of card room boss at the Daniel Mills. He was a sober, reliable and energetic man with a bright future before him.

Tendency of the Times.


The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It is a warm cure. For sale at J. E. Hood's Drug Store.

## A NEW STORY BY HOWARD FIELDING

Our next serial story will be

### Donald Donaldson, Jr.

Being a True Record and Explanation of the Seven Mysterious How Associated with His Name in the Public Mind, and of a Eighth, which is the Key of the Seven.



Those of our readers expert at solving mysteries will have a good opportunity to exercise their ingenuity in this story. And those who do not care to puzzle over the mystery will find it interesting fiction.

Don't Miss the First Chapter

"We will not quarrel," said he softly.

## Arrived This Week

- Garden Seed
- That Will
- Come Up.
- Every Seed
- Will
- Make Fruit.
- We have all kinds.

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