

HENRIETTA FULL OF THE "MOUNTAIN DEW"

Johnson Sent to Jail For Carrying a Bar Room Around in His Pocket—Next in Line—Henrietta Store No. 1, Very Popular.

(Special to The Sun.)

HENRIETTA, N. C., April 21.—Like all other places, Henrietta and Caroleen have their courts and their offenders. The laws of our land are violated in every neck of the woods, and occasionally some unthoughtful fellow steps out in the "open" and criminales himself. A few days ago a white man, one Johnson, was arrested and tried before Esquire Taylor for carrying a bar-room around in his pockets and dispensing "white lightning" at 30 cents per pint. Johnson confessed or was convicted before the Mayor and sent up to Rutherfordton to enjoy sweet rest and free board with Sheriff Martin until the court shall pass upon his case.

Next in order was a negro who was too conspicuous with his perambulating bar and the liquid fluid sparkled in the moonlight and gave him away, and he, too, now rests with the birds without plumage behind the bars in the City on the Hill (in a hollow) where Justice, his attorney, dwells and awaits the court's opening to defend his dusky client. There seems to be quite an array of dispensers of "bug juice" in this locality, and it is evident from the signs of times that it is a very salable commodity here. I noticed 37 jugs at the express office recently, which was the amount of one day's shipments. The good people of this place will rejoice over the incoming law, which prohibits the shipment of whiskey here after the 30th of June, 1903. Some people think it an essential requisite in a household, while the vast majority of mankind know that it is but a blighting curse to the homes of our land and country. Would to God I could wipe it from the face of the earth, and blot out every slimy trail it has made across the threshold of thousands of once happy homes throughout our land and country. What a grand and glorious country we would have if we could but get rid of this demon of hell, which to-day walks abroad in the land.

We have canvassed the people as to their wishes and opinion upon the official to fill the vacancy which will occur in July in our public school board, and nine-tenths of those to whom we have talked favor Capt. W. T. R. Bell as our next County Superintendent of Public Schools. Superintendent Rucker has been a faithful steward in his office and many commend his zealous work for the furtherance of the cause, while some condemn him for the favoritism shown and revealed in the controversy recently published in The Sun. We stand "hands off," having no interest in the matter, and we give only the expression of the people, when we say Capt. Bell is the choice of those with whom we have discussed the matter.

The popularity of the millinery department of the Henrietta store, No. 1, is readily seen when orders come to Miss Julia Wilkinson who has charge of this department, from Charlotte and Raleigh, and Lancaster, S. C. Miss Julia's genial nature wins the patronage and popular favor of all who enjoy the pleasure of her acquaintance. Indeed, she is one of the most attractive and cultured ladies we have ever met on the road, and feel assured of the fact that she merits all the praise and patronage she receives. We wish her and the interest she represents the unstinted success which is now crowning the efforts put forth.

Mr. R. E. Haynes is now sojourning at Patterson Springs for health and recuperation. He has for some time been troubled with chronic indigestion and we sincerely hope his trip will prove beneficial, for Rutherford county has but one R. E. Haynes, and his restoration to health means not only a blessing to him but to the hundreds with whom he has to deal.

We are just now reaching the country people, and find they have learned of the merits of The Sun and wish its radiant light in their homes and we are glad to accommodate them. No paper in North Carolina has ever basked in the sunlight of existence with as bright future before it, for it is the universal comment, that The Sun is the newsiest paper published in North Carolina. We sometimes meet with opposition, but we long ago learned that opposition was the life of trade and we say to ourselves, "Lay on McDuff, and damned be he who first says hold enough" until we get the Sun's light in every home in Rutherford county.

QUICK ARREST.

J. A. Gullledge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c. at Thompson & Watkins, and T. B. Twitty's, Druggists.

AGAINST STRONG DRINK.

At Strong Argument From Hollis Against Whiskey.

(Special to The Sun.)

HOLLIS, N. C., April 28.—In the first place we are opposed to anything that will degrade and send our fellow men to destruction, and then the Bible, the Book of all Books, forbids it. Strong drink has caused Rutherford county alone more trouble and misery and woe and cost her more money than any one thing that was ever in it, and it is giving us more trouble in our churches and destroying the usefulness of the youths of our country more than all other evils put together, and besides all this, strong drink is causing hundreds of good men to fill drunkards graves.

And worse still, it is causing thousands to go to hell, and it is causing children to go in rags and uneducated, when they might make useful men and women. These are just a few of the evils of whiskey, and then talk about asking a Christian to vote for the dispensary.

Is it possible that our good old county has got in such a condition that they have to resort to selling whiskey to live and pay their honest debts. No man nor no county ever prospered selling liquor to destroy their fellow man. Just show me one man where his riches ever prospered: it will eventually leak out.

In The Sun the other week a brother expressed great fears if it was done away with. He told of occasions when men had to guard their bank with loaded guns in hand, because some one said something about blind tigers. Yes, we know it is dangerous, because the devil is at the bottom of the whole thing, that is why we all want to help you get rid of him.

I know a section not many miles from here that was noted for blockade stills, there were some good people who lived there, and the revenue officers came and tore them up. They accused the good people of reporting them, and the devil told them to go and stick a match to their barns, and they did it, and those good people were afraid to stay at home.

Yes, and he is trying to scare the good people of Rutherford county by telling them if you vote against the dispensary you will immediately have a tax levied on you of over \$28,000 dollars. That is all bosh. If we owe debts for God's sake let us pay them honorably, and not make poor women and children pay them, whose husbands and fathers pay money for the miserable stuff that need it for the necessities of life. Think of this, brethren, before you vote. Surely since the negro is eliminated the good people of Rutherfordton can keep the blind tiger out of their midst, if they want to, and then there is our Baptist church incorporated four miles. Surely among all the good things, we can banish whisky from good old Rutherfordton. Let others do as they may sure we are not going to vote for whisky in any form, tax or no tax. One more thought: What kind of an influence is Rutherfordton setting over the county people? Selling whisky when she ought to be a parate and guide to the country people. She ought to set a good example, just as a father to his child.

For God's sake let us pray and work and vote 'till we banish the wonderful curse from our country.

OTTER CREEK SWEETS.

Young People Visiting Friends—Marriages.

(Special to The Sun.)

OTTER CREEK, N. C., April 20.—Rev. J. D. Hunt filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Marlow-Haynes wedding at Nanito Sunday morning.

Messrs. S. Z. Taylor and Carl Noblitt, of Marion, visited Mr. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor, recently.

Miss Ella Flack, one of Darlington's charming young ladies, is making an extended visit among relatives and friends this week.

W. T. Morgan, Esq., one of Marion's successful attorneys, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morgan, Saturday night.

Misses Bertie, Nora and Mr. D. Crawford, of Sugar Hill, were with us Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Hemphill and son Ray, of Marion, visited relatives here last week, and returned Wednesday.

Miss Casco Harris and Mrs. William McIntyre, of Green Hill, visited Miss Harris' parents, Professor and Mrs. Harris, Saturday night.

Mr. Charles Hemphill, one of the Bee Hive store's hustling clerks of Marion, visited his mother Saturday night.

A STARTLING TEST.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for the stomach and liver troubles, so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Thompson & Watkins, and T. B. Twitty's, Druggists.

GOOD ROAD LITERATURE.

A Personal Letter to Capt. W. T. R. Bell—Explains Itself.

The following letter is published with the hope that leading gentlemen favorable to Good Roads may write and secure literature for distribution.

This law will eventually come,—but there's a tax attached to it. So it will require work. The Sun has no idea that a township in the county will vote for Good Roads now. The tax, the tax! People will take hold of it, look at it, put it down, take it up again, as a child with a dose of castor oil, but they'll take it in the end.

Capt. W. T. R. Bell,
Bostic, N. C.

Dear Captain Bell:—I am pleased to learn that you are manifesting so much interest in the good roads cause. Since sending you a selection of literature one week ago at the suggestion of Colonel Patterson the Office has received your request direct at the suggestion of Capt. Alexander, and now I have a request from our friend Mr. R. H. Sykes, of Chapel Hill, to send you good road literature. This is calculated to make one believe that others also are interested in you and your good roads campaign in Rutherford. The Office has already sent literature to the names you sent in your recent letter, and if you will furnish us with additional names additional publications will be sent.

Personally, I feel a deep interest in this movement, being a North Carolinian myself. I recall the pleasant associations we once had while editing the "Piedmont Press" in Hickory.

With best wishes I am,
Very truly yours,
W. F. TOMLINSON.
Clerk in charge of Publications.

SEVERE HAIL STORM.

Small Grain Damaged—News From Columbus.

(Special to The Sun.)

COLUMBUS, N. C., April 28.—This section was visited with a large hail storm Monday morning doing much harm to fruit and small garden vegetables.

The telephone system is completed in Columbus, having 25 phones installed.

Miss Maude Newman has taken charge of the central office. The phone is soon to go on to Mill Springs. Let her go on, we want to call Rutherfordton in a short time over the phone.

Miss Bell Cannon, the 15 year old daughter of W. A. Cannon, of Tryon, is very ill at the home of C. C. Hampton of this place. The doctors think an operation will have to be performed before relief can be had.

Miss Estelle Webster, one of the teachers in the Institute, went to Hendersonville today and from there she will go to Mangum, Rockingham county, her former home.

Miss Fry of Asheville, who has been registered at the Central of this place, left for her home this week.

Polk county is soon to have good roads; taxation is the thing for roads.

Send us The Sun for that is all the sun we have had for the past month.

MARRIAGE AT OTTER CREEK

Scores the Dispensary One—Says It Will Be Ousted.

(Special to The Sun.)

OTTER CREEK, N. C., April 21.—Mr. Fleet Marlow, of Sugar Hill, and Miss Dovie Haynes, were married on the 19th, Esquire A. F. Morgan, officiating.

Elder J. D. Hunt, pastor at Montford's Cove, scored the dispensary and all who favor it on Sunday last, and predicts that the Christians of Rutherford county will oust this curse from among us; but still we find others of a different persuasion. It is said that corn could be bought about 20 cents cheaper were it not for the distillery here, and that the very ones furnishing or selling it are leading church members, and yet they claim to be prohibitionists.

Miss Casco Harris and Mrs. M. A. McIntyre, of Green Hill, paid us a visit last week and attended preaching here on the 19th.

Mr. F. O. Lewis says he can not do without The Sun, so here is his subscription for the paper and the premium dictionary.

A CITIZENS CONVENTION.

Not A Democratic or Republican Says Mr. Eaves.

(To The Editor of The Sun.)

I note in your issue of last week a communication from here in which the writer refers to the citizens meeting held in the new hall Tuesday night as a Democratic meeting. I desire to correct this. The meeting was in no sense a Democratic or Republican meeting, but a meeting of citizens regardless of political faith. I make this correction for the simple reason that from your correspondent's article it would seem to appear that a large number of Republicans had participated in a Democratic meeting.

H. H. EAVES.
Forest City, N. C.

AGAINST THE DISPENSARY.

Road Law Doomed—Westminster Commencement—James M. Carson Will Deliver Address—Wants A Chain Gang.

(Special to The Sun.)

BRITTAIN, N. C., April 22.—It looks at this writing as if the wheat crop is to be a failure. A little white insect resembling the white wood-louse is destroying much of it. Acres of it is now yellow with rust, or something which looks very much like rust.

Our closing exercises begin on Thursday night, May 7th, with a sermon by the Rev. M. McG. Shields, of Gastonia, followed on Friday morning by an address by Mr. James Carson, of Rutherfordton; concert and minstrel in the afternoon and night. We cordially invite all to attend.

Did you read Mr. J. B. Carpenter's last on the "Tiger with Eyes"? Are you convinced? We have been all the time against it if the town could put it back the day after the election. But we do not believe the good people of Rutherfordton will allow it to be put back.

As to the road law. It is doomed, we think, not so much because it is a law calling for a tax as because of its provisions. It is not efficient, nor is it practicable to accomplish the end in view. The end sought should be permanent good roads. These cannot be made by a few hands here and yonder. Scattered force is but little force. Give us Mecklenburg's law—a chain gang with Rutherfordton—the court house as its starting point, and macadamize one road one mile, beginning at the incorporate line. Then take another and work it in like manner, and so on, until every main public road is worked one mile. Then take the first road and work it one or two miles farther, taking each road in turn.

As soon as circumstances will admit, organize a second gang and put it to work at Henrietta, and work out from there as a centre, and in the course of ten years we shall have roads worth the name, and highways that will be a pleasure instead of dread and burden. It will be economy in time, in wear and tear of vehicles, killing of horses, in being able to take advantage of rise of market prices, in being able to send their children to school, in the pleasure and advantage of attending our church services. Many other advantages will accrue to one and all of which none now dream.

There is but one object for which this scribe would vote for bonds and thus lay a tax upon future generations, and that

is bonds for money to work our roads. The enhanced value of real estate in five years time would more than off-set the outlay of \$100,000. Take Mecklenburg as an example of this statement.

Something must be done, if Rutherford county is to keep in sight and hearing of her sister counties in their progress. Nothing can be done without money.

HEAVY RAINS.

Several Good Men Named For County Superintendent.

(Special to The Sun.)

NANITO, N. C., April 20.—One of the heaviest rains of the season fell here last week. The soil has been too wet most of the time, and we are delayed in planting our crops. Wheat has the rust and we believe it will damage the crop to some extent.

Mr. Cleatus Marlow, of Sugar Hill, was happily united in marriage on the 19th inst., to Miss Dovie Haynes, of this place, Esquire A. F. Morgan officiating.

Mr. Lee M. Haynes, our popular postmaster at Nanito, has been on the sick list during the past week, but we are glad to note he is better now and we hope will soon be able to take charge of his business again.

M. J. T. Bland, we are reliably informed, has a hen that lays two eggs a day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Elliot, of Ayr, was here quite recently visiting relatives.

We hear considerable discussion now concerning who would be the proper person to appoint as our next County Superintendent of Education. Quite a number favor our present Superintendent being re-appointed. Some are favorable to Capt. Bell. Prof. Horace Flack has been spoken of very favorably by quite a number. Prof. E. H. Bridges, of Forest City, is named as the proper one, and last but not least, do we hear the name of Prof. Lee W. Lynch mentioned. All of these gentlemen are good and efficient men of our county and are of the best educational instructors we have. We simply make mention of the above gentlemen, as we hear their names being spoken of. We believe the new board will be considerate and appoint the man whom they deem as being most worthy and best fitted to the place.

—The small fine of \$150 and cost which C. C. Hampton of Columbus, was fined for striking Mr. Cochran, editor of the Polk County News for an article written in that paper, is enough to make Mr. Hampton keep sticks and buggy whips from under his coat hereafter.—Gastonia News.



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