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NAME THE MONSTROSITY!

The recent action of our Board of Aldermen in giving the Watts law a meaning that it does not express, even although its words do contradict the meaning so given, is more than a surprise to the law-abiding citizens of Raleigh.

The first of these is that the office of city attorney in Raleigh is a useless expense.

Another is that sumptuary legislation, especially when passed in the interest of any one party or class of people and correspondingly to the detriment of another, is conducive of a disregard in the minds of the favored class of the legal rights of others, one of the worst forms of anarchy, for it is in the nature of authorized anarchy, if this expression may be used in naming the monstrosity.

A third thought is that this is another instance of the remarkable fact that ever since the Watts act became law the people in whose interest it was passed and who were supposed to be especially desirous that its provisions be lived up to, have on almost all occasions when the opportunity came to abide by those provisions, been unwilling for the spirit or the letter of the law to be put into effect.

Here is the situation. A petition was presented to the Board of Aldermen at a meeting previous to last Friday night, asking that the Board call an election on the question of dispensary or saloons. The petition contained many more signers than the necessary one-third of the registered voters required by law.

Then it was decided that at the next meeting of the Board any one so desiring could take his name off the petition or any one who had not yet signed could put his name on.

heard that the Watts law read as follows on this point:

"That it shall be the duty of the governing body of any city or town, upon the petition of one-third of the registered voters therein, who were registered for the preceding municipal election, to order an election to be held, after 20 days' notice."

Accordingly, as the city attorney said, the question of the qualification of a voter for a coming election on any ground whatever, could not enter into the consideration, in favor of unequivocal language of the law, which left no opportunity for interpretation other than according to its specifically expressed words.

But the board did not accept the advice of the city attorney employed to safeguard the legal interests of the city, and accepted instead the advice of lawyers who got from somewhere—certainly not from the statute itself—what was called an interpretation of its meaning.

So the petition and the registration books have been again turned over to the committee, one member of which has refused to serve in the work that is contrary to the specific provisions of the law.

The board adjourned until next Thursday night to take final action upon the committee's report. If that action is according to the determination reached last Friday night, it is understood that the petitioners for the election will take immediate steps toward procuring a mandamus to compel the Board of Aldermen to obey the law and call an election.

The situation is as unfortunate as it is amazing. Not even the Jesuitical proposition that the end justifies the means can be pleaded in this stultifying proceeding, for no moral question is at issue, but only the one whether the city should itself monopolize the sale of liquor or license some of its citizens to conduct the business.

LABOR-DAY GREETINGS.

Throughout the country to-day there is celebrated Labor Day. To those of all bodies of organized labor there is offered greeting and wishes. To them and to their endeavors, such as are characterized by a clean and strong earnestness and the desire to promote and advance real interests we have words of commendation.

We are toilers, all, and in that light we would have pass in review those whose duties call them to labor and expend the sweat of honesty in a general good. In organized labor there lies much of good and profit. To those who are honest and purposeful we have commendation—and they are in the majority—to the irregular ones, the minority, we have the incentive of disgust, but they will be held in check by the powers of honesty, for capital and labor are to each other as the rise and light of the sun to the fulfillment of a real day.

The day will pass with a varied line of rest, play and endeavor. While those whom the world calls laboring men engage in the relieving parts of recreation, there those who head the basic seats of capital, and whose energies are being expended in such same hours in the preparation and outlining of the undertakings of a to-morrow and to-morrow's week. They, too, look for consideration such as we believe will in time be justly accorded to them. In the end there will be a direct and sympathetic spirit of co-operation, not an imaginary and dream-defined millennium, but the reasonableness that attaches to understanding and soundness.

Atlanta enlists the sympathy of the South, not because of the real danger to her people by infection, but by reason of the fact that yellow fever has developed at all within her gates, after misleading statements had been sent out to the papers in New York and other parts of the country. While feeling such for the empire city of the South, there is the comfort that comes from the reassuring words of the governmental authorities in the statement that the dread disease can find no dangerous foothold there.

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JAMES T. BAKER, Youngsville, N. C., Nov. 1, 1904. If you have friends who might be benefited please send their names to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.

Journal. We congratulate that body, Editor-in-Chief Norman H. Johnson, and the established corps of additional men who will edit the various departments of that splendid paper. With such an organization, working mutually and in accord, there is every reason to believe that The Merchants' Journal will soon take first place among such publications within the State.

The Times desires, at the same time, to express to Editor Johnson words appreciative of the comments offered concerning this paper, all of which are stored away with the generous utterances vouchsafed to us by many contemporaries throughout the State.

THE SERVANT PROBLEM.

It seems that there is a supposed tendency on the part of many to do away with servants. Prof. Goldwin Smith even goes so far as to offer such as a prediction. He says that the family life of old will be abolished, that people will give up "eating at home" and will go to hotels and apartment houses, and in this way the servant problem will, itself, be abolished.

The Washington Post offers the following in regard to the ever-momentous question:

"In the large cities such a tendency is plainly manifest, but it is not clear that the American people as a whole are deserting their homes. They cling to them in spite of the horrors of the servant problem, and many stout-hearted American women solve the problem by doing their own work. They groan beneath the drudgery, however, and while much ingenuity has been employed in inventing labor-saving devices, much of their work remains the same monotonous, melancholy grind.

"The most depressing feature of house work, according to the most reliable information obtainable, is dish washing. Many a housewife could do all the rest of the work, and would gladly do so if she could dodge the dishpan. Concentrated thought upon this matter has evolved a brilliant idea, which is freely given to the world. Why should there not be a clean dish supply system in cities and suburbs, with morning delivery by automobile, and simultaneous collection of dishes that have been used? The business of supplying clean towels to business offices has developed into a permanent and profitable institution. The supplying of clean dishes to households, in neat dustproof crates, ought to develop into a business worthy the attention of eager promoters.

"Such a system would require large capital for the purchase of a plant consisting of manifold patterns of dishes, which would be rented to households at a nominal figure. A central dishwashing plant, fitted with modern machinery and conducted with scrupulous cleanliness, after the manner of the great hotels, would be part of the equipment. The delivery system would consist of swift automobiles, driven by uniformed and polite deliverymen. The responsibility for breakage could easily be placed, and under proper conditions such an item would not be nearly as large as it is under the present system. Every household would have at its command an abundance of dishes of any desired pattern, easily expanded on occasion to meet the requirements of entertaining."

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