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An incident at the Hamlet hotel more than a week ago has been pretty well noticed by the press of the country at large. Booker Washington, the Tuskegee Institute negro of Alabama, who has considerable ability, went to the Hamlet hotel for breakfast. There were twenty-seven other negroes with him. They were on a special train which was late and had telegraphed ahead for breakfast at Hamlet. When they arrived at Hamlet the dining-room was in readiness for them and they walked in and ate at the tables used for white guests and in the same dining-room. It turned out that there were white passengers on the train, one of them being United States Senator Bacon, of Georgia, but all returned to go into a side room prepared for them while Booker Washington and his companions occupied the main dining-room. Since the incident, the statement has gone out from Baltimore that three hundred traveling men have declared that they will never again eat at that hotel. Some days ago three negroes asked lunch at a white lunch counter in Raleigh, and because they were refused the white folks' seats at white folks' counter, they refused to take lunch. Do they want social equality? If they do they are doomed to disappointment forever in the South. Booker Washington and President Roosevelt have set the negro race back twenty-five years as regards the privileges to be accorded them by the white race.

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THE COMMONWEALTH has once before recently referred to the rough and rowdy conduct of some of the State guard, and we endorse the following expression by the Charlotte Observer: "It is one of the singular manifestations of human nature that men, who in their individual characters, are gentle, kindly and humane will, oftentimes, welded into a mass, develop such savage natures." The Second Regiment of the North Carolina State Guard recently held its encampment at Morehead City, and returning, some of the troops, during the stop at Newbern, set upon a negro boy and chased him until he encountered some obstruction and broke a leg, and fell. At the encampment of the Third Regiment at Greensboro men were tossed in blankets until it was thought some of them would die. At the encampment of the First Regiment at Blittmore negroes were chased off the grounds and one old negro was roughly handled and another was threatened with being thrown into the river; and on the trip down the Western North Carolina railroad one of the guardmen fired from a car window near Stateville and killed the cow of a tenant farmer, invidious, no doubt, a serious loss upon its owner. Such conduct as that recited is unworthy of soldiers and is a reproach to the State Guard. No man, let us believe, who indulged in it, but would denounce it if perpetrated by others, and by the same token let us hope that by this time they are ashamed of their own bad behavior."

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Trees Along Roads.

Indiana State Sentinel.

The state forestry department of New York is making a special effort to induce the planting of trees along country roads and in villages. It urges that these are desirable both for their products and for shade to the road. There is no good ground for the objection made in certain localities to planting trees along a public road, because their shade would tend to make it wet and muddy. If such conditions exist, the fault is in the road and not in the trees; there are some very muddy highways along which nothing has been planted. Although a row of trees may retard somewhat the evaporation of moisture at the surface of the roadbed, at the same time they drain its foundation by the rapid absorption of water through their roots. When the roadbed is properly constructed, drained and ditched the trees will do no harm; on the contrary, they will furnish a grateful shade to the traveler and prevent dust without creating mud.

As to the trees most desirable, Mr. Fox, the State forester, declares that nothing has been found that will equal the American elm and hard maple for wide roads and double rows. The elms should be at least seventy feet apart, as they often attain a spread of 100 feet, and the trees should not be allowed to crowd or interfere with each other until they assume their full size and natural shape. Transplanted or second growth hard maples along a country road attain a large size and beautiful appearance, which require a fifty foot space. Other species—oaks, basswood, white ash, locust, willow, horse chestnut, black cherry, button-ball, beech and the two soft maples can be used with good results to obtain variety. It is also suggested that by planting the scarlet oak, red maple and pepperidge the brilliancy of the autumn coloring may be enhanced by the bright reds displayed by the leaves of these species. The birches, and especially the yellow birch, are not desirable for streets or roadside use as they assume a different form when grown in the open instead of the forest, the branches growing lower down and the trunk falling to reach its usual height, although it may never attain a large diameter. Nut-bearing trees—the chestnut, butternut and the hickories—are also available for highway planting. They are large, handsome trees, and although they may suffer from the depredations of boys in quest of nuts, they have peculiarities of limbs which are pleasing.

In addition to the reasons for planting trees along roads there are additional ones for planting them in towns and villages, where there are so many more people to get the benefit of the shade. The temperature is much lower, and as the pavements are not exposed to the glare of the sun, there is less reflected heat.

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LIQUOR FIGHT IN NORTH CAROLINA.

THE WATTS LAW PAVED THE WAY FOR AN ORGANIZED WAR ON THE SALOON.

The Voice.

It is natural that the eyes of the nation are now focussed upon North Carolina. Her people have been delving into nation-inspiring and nation-making history during the last few days. They have tasted to the dregs the fruits of temporizing with the liquor traffic, and are now ready for something else. The way, paved by the enactment of the Watts law of the last Legislature, is now clear, and Old North State citizenship has promptly sprung into the gap.

From a disorganized mass of imperfect, ineffective, inoperative, scattered, untrained, unheralded and purposeless elements there has been evolved a compact, united, organized, captioned and comparisoned force, enlisted for war against the saloon. They have given notice to the liquor element, which has so long dominated North Carolina politics, that its tenure of unrestricted, untrained, unheralded and purposeful and pre-empted authority is passing and that a reign of righteousness is at hand.

In Raleigh, whose people fifteen years ago took on the habiliments of prohibition with a half-hearted determination to give it short shift, and have been since buffeted about between a desire for righteousness on one side and a thirst for riotousness on the other, there has sprung into life a definite, well planned, and splendidly developed movement that must have for its ultimate end complete prohibition.

For years North Carolina has been at the mercy of a conflicting combination of contrary excise enactments. Her people have tasted nearly every thing in the category, from high, to middling and low license; and from the limitations of dispensary semi-respectability to the unlimited booze of bootlegger affluence; from the mildly exhilarating essence of moonshine fizz to the seductive ebullition of classic high balls; from the cup that cheers in quasi-sober ambush to the one that cheers not at all in the eyes of wide open beery opulence.

Although, strange to say, more than two-thirds of the State is now under prohibition of the liquor traffic, the laws in other sections have been so diversified and so conflicting that enforcement in one town almost means nullification in the next. One could drink in Raleigh any time from 5 a. m. to 12 p. m., but let him go a few miles to Durham, and be found in a saloon after 8 p. m., and he would soon find himself in jail. Again, this man might hire himself to Waynesville and be able to buy liquor by the gallon, but not by the drink, and he might land in Fayetteville and find neither saloon, jail nor police. In a five hours' ride the tourist would find more different kinds of excise laws than a Philadelphia lawyer ever dreamed of.

From this sea of appalling inconsistency the State has made harbor amid tempestuous breakers, brave hearts have been tested to the uttermost, and cool heads have found occupation for consummate wisdom. The ship of State is now firmly anchored to the buoy of reform, with the decks cleared for effective work.

There is a fixity of purpose and a unanimity of action about it all that compels attention, and already the common foe is planning a counter-movement. But with the magnificent armament of the past week before us with the State's leading educators, artisans, merchants, manufacturers, ministers and laymen up in arms, it is fair to assume that North Carolina is not now on dress parade, but is out to win.

HOW "BILL ARP" GOT HIS NAME.


Took it From a Wake County Man.

News and Observer.

When the war between the States closed with victory for Grant's cohorts, Maj. Charles H. Smith returned to his home in Carversville, Ga., to find his property gone, his law practice destroyed, and his hopes shattered. Like many more returning Confederate soldiers, he decided to put the best foot foremost and make the best of the situation. One day, immediately after reading the President's proclamation to all Confederates to disperse, he took up his pen and wrote a reply in humorous vein, describing how he had gone into a deserted field and endeavored to disperse himself. Through the vein of homely humor there ran a splendid satire of the wholly and unnecessary and absurd proclamation. That afternoon his fellow lawyers, who had no clients, and a few friends were gathered, as was their wont, about his office to talk about "the good old times before the war" and kindred topics. On the outskirts of the company of congenial spirits there sat an uneducated countryman, a native of Wake county, North Carolina, who had been a member of Major Smith's company. Before the war he had been the best fighter in his county and had whipped every braggart who came within his reach. During the war he was an ardent Confederate and a true soldier, and was still an unreconstructed rebel. To that little group of friends Major Smith read the reply he had written to the President's proclamation. It caught their fancy and his brother lawyers urged him to print it. After he had consented, the question came up as to the name that should be signed to it, the consensus of opinion being that no officer in the Confederate army could prudently sign it. The discussion closed without any agreement as to the name to be signed to the article. As the company dispersed Bill Arp walked up to Major Smith and said: "Major, I wish you would sign my name to that article, for them's my sentiments." He did so. The article made a hit, was copied into the New York Herald and went the rounds of the press throughout the whole country and the name of Bill Arp became famous. Major Smith continued to write, at first telling of the fatigues and encounters of Bill Arp with the bullies, who contested his prowess, and then writing sketches of famous local characters he had known. Gradually he gave more time to writing and withdrawing from the practice of law. His articles brought him in a good living, he printed a book which added to his income, and this was further increased by lecture tours which not only supplemented his earnings but gave him topics for his letters. For twenty years he has written little except his weekly letters to the Atlanta Constitution, but until his health began to fail he spent a portion of each year lecturing or reading extracts from his book. He died peacefully and serenely, full of years and full of honors, beloved by hosts of people who have been helped and cheered by his weekly installments of philosophy and quaint humor.

Major Smith was an old-fashioned Southern man. He was educated at a college, but no book learning could take away the love of homely pursuits. He loved to dig, to plant, to keep close to nature. He found a perpetual delight in growing things, animate and inanimate, and his letters abounded with "folksey" accounts of the things that were familiar to every real home in the Republic. He loved children and flowers, was neighborly and loved to talk about the things that have a common interest for all mankind, young and old. The secret of the popularity of his weekly letter was that it was like a letter from a good old father, who had learned to be a philosopher, and who made the trials of life easier by a humor that cheered and helped. He was never a wit. He was a philosopher who essayed no pedantic teaching, but led men into right thinking by homely stories of every-day things. What a pleasing picture he made of everything connected with the home. He loved his home, his family, his State with genuine affection and he irradiated these common and holy loves. Bill Arp never wrote a line of skepticism or doubt. He believed in the old-fashioned religion. He never preached but when you read his letters you felt that you were hearing the ad-

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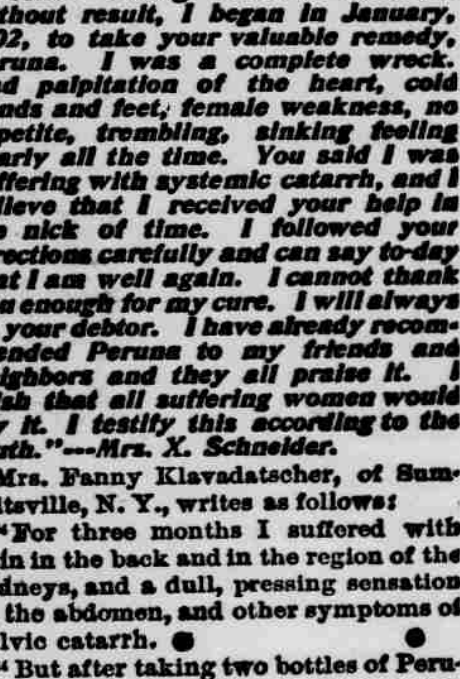
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