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Scandal-Mongering in the Pulpit

THE cause of Christianity is not advanced when a preacher retails from the pulpit grossly exaggerated street gossip.

It is unthinkable that a man professing to be a disciple of the gentle Galilean should stoop to repeat baseless hearsay for the sake of overstretching a point in behalf of prohibition.

When a man who claims to be a minister of the Gospel jeers at the unfortunate indiscretion of a boy and a girl, holding them up to public scorn, he abuses the sacred privileges of the pulpit and manifests an utter lack of comprehension of the teachings of the Christian religion, a religion whose bedrock is charity and forgiveness.

Tabloid tactics may fill churches; they may recruit misguided followers to tag at the heels of prohibition zealots; but they will not make Christian men and women.

A Step Toward Temperance

DIEHARD prohibitionists are deploring vigorously and vociferously the coming of 3.2 per cent beer and wine. Most of the country, however, looks on it as the most forward step toward real temperance that has been achieved since the days of the saloon.

That it will wipe out moonshining and bootlegging, put an end to strong drink, obliterate gangdom and crime, prove a panacea for all the nation's ills—these are exaggerated claims. But there is little doubt in the minds of the majority of thinking people that it will greatly improve conditions as they have existed since decanters were taken off the sideboard and men were forced to drink in secret.

There will still be some drinking of hard liquor; but comparatively few will prefer bad whisky to good beer.

Because a man drinks beer will not necessarily mean that he is a drunkard; although some prohibition zealots would leave that impression. After all, the meaning of the word temperance is "habitual moderation," not abstinence. The new beer is an experiment, just as prohibition was, and is equally as noble.

A False Impression

COMMENTING on the predicament of the Tallulah Falls Railroad, a member of the Georgia Public Service Commission is quoted as saying:

"Of course, the way to save this railroad is for the folks to use it; but my information is that nearly everybody up and down the line, wholesalers and retailers, own their own trucks and haul nearly all of their freight."

How, we would like to know, did the commissioner get this impression? Who is his informant? Whoever he is, he is working a great injustice to the territory served by the "T. F." Certainly he is ignorant of the railroad's affairs.

The people of Franklin and other communities along the line are awake to the necessity of using the railroad and for the past six months, have been using it more extensively than at any time since the highway to Atlanta was paved.

Official traffic figures of the road reflect the situation. In March, this year, the line handled 40 more cars than during the same month last year. January and February business also showed large increases over traffic for the same months last year.

As far as Franklin is concerned, the charge that shippers are using their own trucks instead of the railroad to haul freight is a gross exaggeration if not a fabrication out of the whole cloth.

THE BANK CRISIS

THE Bank of Franklin faces a crisis; yet it is not insurmountable. The truth is, according to those close in touch with the bank's affairs, its assets, good though not immediately liquid, exceed its liabilities by \$60,000.

In normal times the bank could rediscunt its paper and continue functioning. Rediscouting is now out of the question. The bank, if it is to be saved, must look to its stockholders and depositors.

The stockholders are raking and scraping trying to meet their steel assessments. Most of them are having great difficulty, even though some are offering to mortgage their homes.

The majority of the depositors have done all they can to help the bank (and at the same time helping themselves) by "trading out" their certificates of deposit. The bank, however, still owes about \$37,000 on deposits. If the holders of these deposits will trade, either directly with the bank or with stockholders, the bank soon will be in position to reopen. On the other hand, if depositors insist on liquidation of the bank, there is no telling when they will get their money or how much they will get. Current estimates are that under forced liquidation deposits will be worth less than 50 cents on the dollar. This does not reflect on the soundness of the bank but, rather, illustrates the costliness of receivership.

Muse's Corner WORK

The grass is growing very fine
And old man Winter is on the decline.

And I want to get this in the mail,
And I want to get this in the mail.

Talk about hard times—that won't do;
I rather write a rhyme or two.

For gold is back now in the vault
And this depression is bound to halt.

I don't see why some people growl;
A dog isn't bit if he doesn't howl.

I've watched this gang who spill the beans;
Most 'em whang and sit on their jeans.

I never like a grinch or care for a pimp;
They can only say "ouch" and go around and limp.

Take a man with a nerve who holds up his head,
Hell sure make the curve and never beg bread.

But this idle crowd who put on a speed
Will holler out loud when they get out of need.

Then they'll fuss and fight and heave and shirk
And go to the devil before they will work.

—TROY F. HORN.

Franklin Circuit Notices

REV. G. N. DULIN, PASTOR

First Sunday—Bethel, 11 a. m.; Salem, 2:30 p. m.; Clarke's Chapel, 7:30 p. m.

Second Sunday—Snow Hill, 11 a. m.; Riverview, 2:30 p. m.; Iotla, 7:30 p. m.

Third Sunday—Clarke's Chapel, 11 a. m.; Salem, 2:30 p. m.; Bethel, 7:30 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—Iotla, 11 a. m.; Oakdale, 2:30 p. m.; Snow-Hill, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. at all churches on circuit except at Clarke's Chapel and Salem Church, where Sunday school opens at 1:30 p. m.

St. Agnes Episcopal Church FRANKLIN, N. C.

Rev. Norvin C. Duncan,
Rector

SUNDAY

11 a. m.—Holy communion and sermon.

HOLY WEEK

7:45 p. m.—Devotional services following the events of Our Lord's last week of earthly life.—Monday, Wednesday and Tuesday night.

BY REV. NORVIN C. DUNCAN

Cain was at least half right when he denied, by implication, that he was his brother's keeper. His sin seemed to have been just that; he was angry because his brother was doing things differently from him and getting by with it. Being a farmer, he naturally thought farm products the best kind of an offering, and he was terribly upset that the shepherd's offering was accepted.

There are lots of Cains; their tribe seems to increase. They are the folks who want to slay everybody who dares to think or do differently from them. It is the tragedy of a small mind that its vision is so limited that its own little world is the only one conceivable. Cains are so busy making the Abels good that they have no time to be good themselves. They pass laws to constrain Abels, but indulge their own intemperance freely. Many a budding genius has been stifled, many a free spirit crushed because the Cains insisted on conformity to their particular dogmas.

Christ offers men power to be good that their lives may be helpful to their brothers; but the Cains have an idea that it is a custom or legal club to keep the brothers in the right path.

I am my brother's helper, not his keeper.

Methodist Church SUNDAY

9:45 a. m.—Church school.
11 a. m.—Morning worship with sermon by the Rev. J. L. Teague.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of B. B. Stiles, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of April, 1934, or this notice will be filed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 1st day of April, 1933. GEO. F. STILES, Administrator. A6-6tp-M11

Baptist Church Notes

BY REV. EUGENE R. ELLER

The Sunday school will meet at 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Every member of the church should be a member of the Sunday school. Let's all go to work and reach out for new members for the school.

The morning worship will be at 11 o'clock and the Lord's supper will be observed at the close of the hour.

We had 144 in B. Y. P. U. last Sunday night. Let's all work to reach the goal of 175 for next Sunday night. All B. Y. P. U. members are urged to be thinking of the convention which meets in Asheville April 14 and 15.

The evening worship will be at 8:15. We are grateful for the fine number of persons attending the worship services. It is only another week now until our revival will begin. The people of all the churches and the public are cordially invited to these services. The services will begin on Easter Sunday, Mr. Griggs and Mr. Blackburn will come to us on Easter Monday and be with us ten days or two weeks.

The junior deacons are arranging for prayer services in the homes all over the community next week. In these meetings special prayers will be offered for the special series of services. It is the plan to have about thirty services during the week.

Next Wednesday night at the mid-week prayer service we will have a message on the Apostoludas, the betrayer of our Lord. We are making a study of the twelve apostles in the prayer service.

Broadway

John Brown is working at Highlands this week.

Jay Wilson spent Saturday night at the home of his uncle, Andy Wilson.

Andy Wilson has been on the sick list, but is some better now. Miss Zillah, Zoa, Blanche and

Edna Wilson were in Franklin Wednesday having dental work done.

Tom Smith, of Flatwoods, made a business trip to Franklin Wednesday.

Frank Cabe, of Turtle Pond, spent Wednesday night at the home of Andy Wilson.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina
Macon County.
In The Superior Court
G. A. JONES AND R. S. JONES

vs.
W. E. HEACOCK AND WIFE BERTHA LEONARD HEACOCK MARY ELIZABETH YOUNG AND HUSBAND, BENJAMIN F. YOUNG, KATHERINE L. HENDERSON AND HUSBAND, C. B. HENDERSON, JULIA ANN SHEPPARD, CARRIE GRACE ROBERTS AND HUSBAND, GEO. W. ROBERTS, MARY ALICE WOLFE, G. D. EDWARDS AND WIFE, HELEN AMELIA EDWARDS, AND A. M. WOLFE.

W. E. Heacock, Bertha Leonard Heacock, Katherine L. Henderson, C. B. Henderson, Julia Ann Sheppard, Carrie Grace Roberts, Geo. W. Roberts, Alice May Wolfe, A. M. Wolfe, Mary Elizabeth Young and Benjamin Young, defendants in the above named cause, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., for the purpose of selling the real estate of Jonathan Heacock, deceased, for partition among the tenants in common and the defendants will take notice that they are required to appear on the 17th day of April, 1933, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 17th day of March, 1933.
HARLEY K. CABE
Asst. Clerk Superior Court
M23-4tc-J&J-A13

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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Macon County

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed by Lee Allman and wife, Mamie Allman, to the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, trustee (the undersigned trustee having succeeded to the rights and title of the named trustee, under Chapter 207, Public Laws of 1931), which said deed of trust is dated December 1, 1925 and recorded in Book 29, page 159, of the Macon County Registry, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and in the conditions therein secured, the undersigned trustee, will on Monday, April 17, 1933, at or about 12 o'clock noon at the Courthouse door at Franklin, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing One Hundred (100) acres, more or less, situate, lying and being on the Cartoogehaye road, leading from the Asheville-Atlanta Highway to Cartoogehaye by Patton's Chapel about three miles South-West from the Town of Franklin, in Franklin Township, Macon County, State of North Carolina, having such shapes, metes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof, made by W. J. Jenkins, Surveyor, on the 24th day of November, 1925, and attached to the abstract now on file with the Atlantic Joint Stock

Land Bank of Raleigh, the same being bounded on the North by the lands of Ben Addington; Jake Waldrop; on the East by lands of W. C. Allman, on the South by lands of W. C. Allman; on the West by the lands of Bud Mashburn and W. C. Allman; and being identical tract of land conveyed by deed from A. P. Angel and wife, Florence Angel and Maggie Angel to Lee Allman and wife, Mamie Allman, of date November 28, 1925, said deed being

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