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VOTE FOR GOD AND HOME.

The Dispensary Fight Discussed—Objections Presented and Answered—What Smithfield Once Was.

The following article on this important question was prepared by one of Smithfield's leading citizens who has been a resident of the town many years:

The voters of Smithfield will soon vote on the question of Whiskey or No Whiskey, and doubtless, every one wants to vote, or at least, ought to want to vote, for the best interests of the people; and quite a number of them express their views by certain declarations which run in harmony with their patriotism.

1st. One declares that if you drive liquor out of town you will ruin it, that the country people will quit trading here.

2nd. Another says the country people are entitled to their share of the whiskey profits.

3rd. Another says that we need the money to build a Town Hall and Market House and to run the school, etc.

4th. Still another says that if you close the liquor shop there will be more liquor drunk in the town than ever and that there will be more drunkenness.

5th. And yet another says that "blind tigers" will spring up everywhere and flourish without let or hindrance.

These are very grave declarations and certainly cannot be made by any man without some reasonable grounds for the same. The first three are rather negative in their character, while the last two positively assert that some one will, with a high hand, violate the criminal law of the land. And the man who so asserts must certainly know who the guilty party will be. Let him name the man who will do it.

Blind tigers, indeed! Why this threat? The day once was when men could perhaps snap their fingers in the face of the law and go unpunished, but the sun of that day is fast setting. Away back yonder in other days when our people emerged from a bloody war, utterly demoralized, God winked at much of their sinful revelry; but now in this day of enlightenment and intelligence He will hold them to a strict account.

"Close the liquor shops and there will be more drunkenness," says another. He who says this accuses his people of being depraved debauches who revel in crime for crime's sake. Why? Go to the books of the Dispensary and see if on some days it does not take in as much as \$400, and then say when it becomes a crime to sell liquor at all, there will be more sold than now?

3rd. "We need the money to build a market house, &c.," says another. I am informed that Judge Neal at the last term of court here said there were only seven cases on the criminal docket but what could be traced to whiskey. Among the cases were men shot through the head and eyes, another through the body, another shot at and missed, others cut and scarred by knife and club. I say here and now that money raised through such a source will prove a curse to every market house built and every school run by it. We must not put these children and the town upon such a low plane as this. The stream cannot rise higher than its source; children educated upon liquor money can never rise as high as they are entitled to go. Through such an education they are taught to appropriate and use any means within reach to accomplish the desired end. It instills in them the lowest ideas of acquiring means to support a legitimate business. Why such funds should ever have been employed in any other way than in the support of the jails and penitentiaries of the land, which are its legitimate fruits, is a mystery to me, unless it be a cunningly devised scheme of the Devil, himself, for the purpose of compromising the consciences of men. Outside of

the wrong perpetrated on the country people by taking their money and giving them nothing in return but a fiery curse, it will doom our children who are educated with it to eternal ruin. "I will visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children," saith the Lord. Voter, for the sake of the children, DON'T.

2nd. "The country people are entitled to their part," says another. The country people are not fools, neither are they a set of depraved idiots and drunken fools. Most of them are heart and soul with the men who want to get the Dispensary out of Smithfield, so that every weak brother who comes to town will not be ensnared by the temptation to debauch himself and have other people claiming his hard earnings as theirs and then try to compromise the matter with conscience by saying we will give the country people a part of what they spend with us to debauch themselves. The men who vote to drive whiskey out say by their vote that the country people are entitled to the whole of their money to spend judiciously for the BENEFIT OF THEMSELVES, THEIR WIVES AND THEIR LITTLE ONES.

1st. "If you drive liquor out of the town, you ruin it," says another. I am reliably informed the following are the facts about the liquor traffic in Smithfield and my information is so abundant and upon such good authority that I challenge a truthful denial of the same.

About 30 or 35 years ago there were in Smithfield a citizenship of some 300 or 400; that there were nearly two dozen bar-rooms; the town was grown up in weeds and grass; it had a negro mayor, a negro police, a negro town clerk, and a majority of the aldermen were negroes. The condition of affairs that then existed was more like the wild savage than civilization; it was almost dangerous to walk the streets in the daytime, and at night the air was laden with the profane yell and the vulgar hallooing of the drunken debauchee, followed by the sharp crack of the revolver, and that too oftentimes participated in by an officer of the town. Bridges were torn up, fences were torn down, goods-boxes placed across the side walks, signs taken off or defaced, and all manner of deviltry perpetrated that is beyond the conception of a sober mind; the biggest stock of goods was whiskey, and our people had to do much of their trading at Raleigh, Goldsboro, and other places; and as liquor was driven out of the town step by step, the town has grown better and better, broader and broader, larger and larger until we have arrived at our present status—a splendid town, inhabited by one of the best peoples to be found anywhere, where you can buy anything you want from a cambrie needle up; and all we lack of being one of the best and grandest towns in North Carolina is to take the last step and drive the last vestige of liquor from our borders. With these facts before you, who can say that driving liquor out of town will ruin it? The very experience of the town refutes the saying. Mighty God! condescend to bind thy power to the help of those who love Thee and love all the people!

Voter, let me in tenderest love, call your attention to another side of this question—a question that has never been asked. What has Smithfield lost by reason of liquor and what will she lose if liquor remains? Oh! for the sake of the living that the names of the dead who fill untimely graves might be called so as to show what the nation, the state, the county, and the town of Smithfield has lost by reason of whiskey. It sickens the heart to think of the brilliant stars of noble profession who would have been of untold value and great blessing to State and Nation! Peace, peace to their ashes! May fond memories cause the living to think ere they vote for the accursed stuff to remain as a temptation and a menace to the rising youth among whom are some of

the most brilliant children I ever saw.

Father, Brother, Uncle, Voter, Friend! With the above facts before you, will you not be voting against the best interests of Smithfield and humanity to vote for liquor? Let me beg you to be patriotic and vote to save the children—for the children of to-day are the nation of to-morrow.

Let no man vote for liquor under fear that if it is voted out he will lose trade. Let him remember that God is in this matter and this is God's declaration: "He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Matt. 10:49.

I would also call his attention to the fate of Lot who was a financier of old, who because of its fertility chose the rich plains of Sodom and Gomorrah and carried his family and flocks into the midst of that depraved and debauched people for the sake of gain.

What an end! Voter, read the whole story and ponder well the fruits. Bitter, bitter calamity, loss of all—family and goods. And the results are the same whether you go into evil company or let it remain about you. Think! Think!

You say some will have their liquor? I say some men will steal, but this does not justify me in becoming a partner in crime by aiding in the stealing. So also because some men will drink liquor and debauch themselves it is the poorest kind of sophistry to advocate the liquor traffic, but is an unanswerable reason why we should abolish it.

Again, some say that the dispensary is the best plan yet devised to control the liquor traffic. If this be true, then it is high time that the whole thing was wiped from the face of the earth, for it is a miserable failure. Behold the men who reel and stagger, and curse and waste their little substance daily at the Dispensary counter. See that poor drunken fellow a few Saturday nights ago starting home in the rain and undressing and going to bed in the middle of the street in front of the Banner warehouse, thinking he was at home. And then tell me if that is controlling the stuff!

Many a poor fellow has filled a drunkard's grave who declared in his younger years he could control the liquid fire. Many a good woman has gone to her grave in sorrow because she thought through love's strong cords she could save the object of her heart's love. Control liquor? Never! Total annihilation is the only remedy. For the love of humanity let's banish it from our presence and free the youth of the land from its baneful influence. Voter, for one time in your life, vote for God and Home.

Brady-Gower.

Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Simeon Gower, Mr. J. H. Brady, of Boon Hill, and Miss Gertrude Gower were united in marriage, Elder J. T. Coats, performing the ceremony.

The following were the attendants: Ernest Gower and Miss Theatres Brady, Henry Brady and Miss Lillie Britt, Rogers Langley and Miss Zilphia Brady, S. R. Brady and Miss Letha Britt.

An elegant dinner was served at the home of the bride. In the afternoon the party went to Smithfield where a sumptuous supper was served at the home of Mr. J. T. Gurley.

They will make their home in Boon Hill.

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Frightful Suffering Relieved.

Suffering frightfully from the virulent poisons of undigested food, C. G. Grayson, of Lula, Miss., took Dr. King's New Life Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowel disorders give way to their tonic, laxative properties. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store, guaranteed.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The number of prisoners captured by the Japs at Port Arthur was 41,600.

The mayor and chief of police of an Alabama town have been arrested for assassinating a negro.

At the Democratic primary election in Charlotte Tuesday S. S. McNinch was chosen for Mayor.

Nan Patterson was Tuesday put on trial for her life in New York. No women spectators will be allowed in court.

Enormous damage has been done by the cold around Norfolk, strawberries, beans and peas having been totally destroyed.

Word was received Tuesday from President Roosevelt's camp in Colorado that he has killed a bear and a bob cat, and is having a "bully" time.

At Trenton, N. J., the Northern Securities Company has filed with the Secretary of State articles providing for the reduction of its capital stock from \$395,400,000 to \$3,954,000. This is unwatering the stock, so to speak.

At Philadelphia Tuesday because his lover, Bessie Helen Davis, was going to leave a theatrical company of which both were members, Edward Smedes shot and mortally wounded her and then shot but did not seriously injure himself.

A cablegram from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, says Mont Pelee is again active. It is belching molten metal, flashes of light are seen issuing from the crater, and rumblings are heard underground in the vicinity of the mountain.

At the meeting of the American Anti-Tuberculosis League in Atlanta this week Dr. C. P. Ambler, of North Carolina, read the paper of the day. He claims that consumption can be successfully combated and that its spread is due to the neglect of the patient and ignorance of the physician.

Andrew Carnegie has offered \$4,000 a year for three years to maintain in Atlanta a library training school for Southern women. He has made the promise that if the school shall prove a success the donation will be increased as the needs of the school may demand.

Cotton planting is much delayed in Mississippi and Louisiana, and is later than usual in Texas and the Carolinas. Better progress with this work has been made in Alabama and Georgia and in the southern portions of these States is nearing completion. Fair to good stands of the early planted are reported from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. In Texas the early planted is reported as promising.

Beglas to Serve Sentence.

Goldsboro, N. C., April 18th.—H. J. Mattox, a white man who formerly conducted a negro pool room in this city and who was convicted of selling liquor and sentenced to four months on the county roads, was locked up in jail to-day and began to serve his sentence. He was sentenced by Judge Ferguson and took an appeal, but Mattox gave bond in the sum of \$500. When he returned at this term of court Judge Moore simply issued an order that the sentence be carried into effect. His counsel did all in their power to save Mattox, and an effort may be made yet to have the governor commute the sentence.

A Daredevil Ride

often ends in a sad accident. To heal accidental injuries, use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "A deep wound in my foot, from an accident," writes Theodore Schuele, of Columbus, O., "caused me great pain. Physicians were helpless, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly healed it." Soothes and heals burns like magic. 25c at Hood Bros., druggists.

It costs you nothing to eat Cakes Monday and Tuesday at Acme Gro. Co.

TRUCK DAMAGED BY FROST.

Estimated That Damage to Berries Will be From 10 to 20 Per Cent. Peas and Potatoes Badly Damaged.

As was feared, the cold weather on Tuesday night played havoc with the truck crops, the temperature at many points being lower than what it was on the previous night. At Wilmington the reading was 40, 4 1-2 degrees higher than Monday night, but there was frost on Tuesday night and this was what did the damage. The cold weather of Tuesday night did not extend as far south as the previous night.

At Weldon yesterday morning the temperature was 29, at Lumberton 31, Goldsboro 32, and New Bern 32. The vicinity immediately around Wilmington suffered considerably less than the truck growing section farther to the north and west. Beans and cucumbers in this section were badly damaged and potatoes were considerably damaged.

Telegraphic reports yesterday to the Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal showed that the damage had been general throughout the trucking belt. It is estimated that strawberries were injured from 10 to 20 per cent. The old plants sustained but little damage, but the young plants were badly injured. In most instances the foliage was so well grown as to offer ample protection to all but the few exposed blooms. The damage to Irish potatoes is estimated at from 35 to 40 per cent, and beans, peas, etc., 50 to 60 per cent. Lettuce was well protected and escaped practically unharmed. Replanting of beans, peas, potatoes, etc., will begin at once.

Although the berries have been injured by the cold, still it is estimated that the crop will be ten or fifteen per cent. larger than last year.—Wilmington Messenger.

TOGO MAY NOT RISK BIG BATTLE.

Baron Hayashi Thinks That he Will Employ His Torpedo Boats and Destroyers to Harass the Russians.

London, April 18th.—Baron M. Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press to-day that Admiral Togo would not give the battle to Admiral Rojestvensky with his entire squadron, but would continue cautious tactics, which characterized his attacks on the Port Arthur squadron, not because he feared defeat, but owing to his desire to inflict the greatest amount of damage on the Russians with the least loss to himself. While confident of his ability to acquire the total destruction of the Russian squadron in a big battle, there is danger of Togo losing one or two of his big ships. Therefore Baron Hayashi believes Togo will employ his torpedo boat destroyers which number more than a hundred and are vastly superior to the Russian torpedo boats flotilla in harassing the Russians, while gradually picking off the Russian warships. He said the coasts of Japan, Korea, and Formosa lend themselves to night work with torpedo boats while the narrow channels will make the maneuvering of large warships difficult and dangerous.

Last Hope Vanished.

When leading physicians said that W. M. Smithart, of Pekin, Ia., had incurable consumption, his last hope vanished; but Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, kept him out of the grave. He says: "This great specific completely cured me, and saved my life. Since then, I have used it for over ten years, and consider it a marvelous throat and lung cure." Strictly scientific cure for Coughs, Sore Throats or colds; sure preventive of Pneumonia. Guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 bottles at Hood Bros., drug store. Trial bottle free.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Frank Young, colored, was killed by a train between Salisbury and Spencer Sunday afternoon.

At Edenton Saturday John Rolack, was killed by Robt. Warren. Both colored. They quarreled about wrestling. Warren is in jail.

Amos Munn was shot and killed Thursday night by Alexander and Gibson Dixon during a drunken row at Parkton, in upper Robeson. All negroes.

Friday five of the best known retail druggists of Charlotte were bound to court for violating the Watts law in filling prescriptions for liquor written by a man who is not a registered physician.

The council of State has passed an order donating to each rural public school library in the State a set of the North Carolina Regimental Histories of the Civil War. The histories will be sent out very soon.

It is reported from Goldsboro that a number of "prominent people," "all reputable business men," were indicted in Wayne Superior Court last week for playing poker and Judge Fred. Moore fined them \$50 each. Their names were not given, their "prominence" keeping them out of the papers.

Virgil Bodenhamer, a young white man, was in the Federal Court at Greensboro the other day for damaging a mail box on a rural free delivery route. It appeared from the evidence that the young fellow was drunk and stumbled against a neighbor's mail box. He caught at the box to keep from falling and sprung the lid, slightly damaging it. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$125.

A dispatch from Wilkesboro says that the first of last week five revenue officers started on a raid to Reddies river and Lewis Fork section. They cut the telephone wires leading to that section to prevent news of their approach being sent ahead of them. As a result of the raid thirteen blockade stills were destroyed. A State warrant was sworn out against the officers for cutting the telephone wires.

Rev. Jasper C. Massee, pastor of the Raleigh Tabernacle Baptist church, appealed to his congregation Sunday night to declare against the dispensary, and for the people of the city to rise up in their might and sweep it out and establish prohibition in its stead. This is regarded as the first formal move for an election to be held in the fall on the question of dispensary, prohibition or open saloons.

The North Carolina crop bulletin issued Tuesday morning states that the freezing temperatures in western and central Carolina Monday morning injured the fruit and all kinds of truck considerably, but the full extent of the damage cannot be estimated as yet. The report states that the winter wheat and oat crops are finest in many years, and truck conditions in the east are the finest in years if the cold and frost now prevailing do not reach them. It is sure to give them severe setbacks. The indications are for the largest corn crop in years.

There was an interesting little fight in Wilkesboro last Friday evening when Revenue Officer Samuels attacked Robert A. Deal, editor of The Chronicle. The Chronicle accuses the revenue officers of accepting a bribe of \$30 a month to allow certain Republicans to make blockade liquor. This evening Revenue Officer G. W. Samuels met the editor of The Chronicle, R. A. Deal, on the street in Wilkesboro, and demanded of him the name of the person who gave him the information. Deal refused to comply. The lie was passed, and then Samuels proceeded to beat Deal with his fist. He hit him three or four licks, knocking him down and hurting him pretty badly. When some of his friends picked him up, Deal was bleeding at the nose and mouth and could hardly speak.