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**Changing the Temperance Laws.**

All who read Mr. W. F. Gerald's article in last week's HERALD know that there will be an effort made to change our temperance laws. They certainly can be changed if a majority of the people favor it. He speaks of there being a muddle as to the meaning of the temperance laws. In this he is certainly mistaken. The laws are very plain and there can be no misunderstanding about them. They allow nothing sold that will make a man drunk. A temperance law which does not do as much as this is considered incomplete. It is like a waterbucket with a hole in the bottom or a dam across a stream with a leak in it or a fence with low panels or a pair of bars with some of the bars let down.

Are the people of Johnston county in favor of temperance? Do they want to do away with prohibition? These are important questions. In January, February and March of last year there was much said and done for prohibition. A majority of the voters of the county asked for it through petitions. Did they mean what they said? The dispensary towns with one exception asked for a bill to allow a vote for prohibition. It was granted, and they showed their good faith by voting for it. The town people have shown by both petition and vote that they are for prohibition. If the country people decide they want liquor it can be had for their numbers are such that they can vote in anything they want. Our towns are growing but their population is small as compared with that of the country. However, if the country people determine to have liquor, it does seem they should arrange for it. They should not try to force it back into the towns where it is not wanted. If distilleries and saloons are placed at cross roads and beside school houses and churches it would not take long for some people who believe in liquor to get convinced. Quarreling, fussing, fighting, cutting, shooting and killing would do what seems impossible for argument to do. Where drinking is going on drunkenness and other evils may be expected.

The movement to change our temperance laws is to say the least of it a step backward. It is going back down the hill, at least part of the way. So many people have said to us, "if you are going to have prohibition have it. See that the temperance laws are carried out." Others say that the wine and cider drinking is nearly as bad in summer as the drinking in saloons in fall and winter.

When I was a small boy at a place near Smithfield I saw some hard cider for the first time. A man came there with his two boys and bought a bowl full of it and they drank it. It made one of the boys drunk. The man who sold it was a great believer in cider and wine. He drank it and gave to his children and sold to his neighbors. As a result of it one of his boys became a confirmed drunkard and killed himself drinking. There is many a drunk in a barrel of cider or a keg of wine. If our laws are changed the "blind tiger" men will run their liquor through the cider barrels and sell it, and the blockade distilleries will also furnish liquor to be mixed with cider and sold as cider.

We had hoped that people would be satisfied to let the temperance laws remain as they are and give them a fair trial. If this was done in less than five years it would be generally acknowledged that the best thing ever done for Johnston county was the passage of the temperance laws. However the matter is with the people and it remains to be seen what they will do about it.

J. M. BEATY.

**"Let us Declare Against It."**

To the lovers of Sobriety:—Why begin now to undo one of the greatest steps that has ever been taken in our beloved old county of Johnston?

One of the best steps that could have been taken towards placing it on a solid foundation both morally and financially.

Why try to be on the side of temperance and serve on the other side also? You cannot serve two masters, you will love one and hate the other. Which one do you love? Which one are you going to serve in our County Convention?

In our last issue of THE HERALD we saw a man trying to advocate temperance, though he wanted to mix it with a little wine and cider.

I want to ask him and all other sane thinking men of this beloved county of ours what and who makes the drunkards. Was it corn and rye whiskey that ruined him? Did the man who sold it in one or five gallon lots do it? No the answer comes in thundering tones, "No," it was that little sip of almost sweet cider or wine that his father or some special friend enticed him to take (as it was no harm to drink it because it would hardly make you drunk without you went crazy and drank almost a gallon) that led that young and promising man to take something stronger and stronger and strongest until he filled a drunkard's grave.

Get the history of any drunkard you wish to and see if he was not first led astray by moderate drinking of moderate drinks. If this be true and nine cases out of every ten is, then there is not but one conclusion of the man that advocates this plan of ruining the promising youths of this grand old America of ours, and that is that this man is advocating something to gratify his own lust.

Praise God we have had a few men with backbone enough to stand up and fight this monster evil until we have taken many steps forward and let us keep fighting until we reach the top and for God's sake and the sake of Johnston's boys don't stop then, keep fighting and stay on the top.

I want to say to all the Democrats of our county that it is time we line up as a whole (not be divided on such an important question) and pull together to stamp out the balance of this evil instead of undertaking to compromise with it and thus ruin the good that we have already done.

We are strong enough and the cause is worth the prize for us to stand in one solid phalanx and not be bluffed by the enemy.

You may talk about salary plans and every other plan you can think of but if you will hold to the great temperance plan and not begin to compromise with a little cider, wine, weak whiskey and etc., you will see the best things done for Johnston county that has ever been done yet.

Our people will be able to pay the present fees and lay many dollars back in the home that they could not otherwise lay back.

You take the man that makes his money off of turning his apples and grapes into cider and wine, see if he is a fair type of wealth, not many times, is he? Then why not feed more hogs, store away more fruit for the winter and treat your neighbors with apples and grapes instead of treating them with something that will ruin and damn their souls for ever. Are you your brothers keeper to any degree?

Now brother Democrat, after looking at these facts as they are, let us stand firmly together for better government, more money and an easier county to live in.

Yours for better things,  
D. B. SASSER.  
Kenly, July 18, 1906.

R. M. Nowell was in town today. George Jones visited Henry Holt and family Sunday.

**Salaries Versus Fees.**

One of the most significant things about the campaign for nomination now going on in Wake county is that nearly all candidates for the Legislature have expressed themselves favoring the salary system instead of the present fee system. When it was first suggested, early in the campaign, there was a violent spirit of opposition upon the part of the friends of some of the candidates. It looked at one time that it would be a commanding issue in the campaign, but, as soon as the candidates felt the pulse of the people, they found that the sentiment was so overwhelmingly in favor of a salary system, that they hastened to declare their belief in the salary principle. It is the only sound principle and is sure to come in all the big counties like Wake. The Wilmington Messenger, writing on this subject, truly says:

"The fee system for county officers goes out of existence in Guilford county with the close of the present fiscal year. Beginning with December 1st next all the officers of that county will be paid by salary and the fees will be turned into the county treasury. We wish we could say the same thing as to every county in the State. The salary system we think far preferable to that of fees. Men should be paid so much for the performance of the duties of their office and if they do not perform them honestly and faithfully they should be turned out and others put in their places. There should be no reward for faithfulness or over zealousness of performance of duty. The fee system as a manner of recompense for the execution of the duties of office is all wrong. The State should establish the salary system. Of course it would have to be graduated and we admit at first there would be some trouble in establishing a basis; but the system is the right one and if adopted would in a short while be found to work well. Especially pernicious is our fee system in the magisterial department. We should have no judicial officers whose official perquisites or means of making a living depend on the amount of costs they can squeeze out of the litigants or defendants under the criminal law who voluntarily come or are brought in the manner in which it is conducted in some of the counties of the State is a travesty on justice and a blot on our judicial system.

This change in Guilford county is under an act of the Legislature known as the Gordon law, being a bill passed by the last Legislature which was introduced by Representative Gordon, of Guilford county. It is a significant fact that the Democrats of that county are so pleased with his record as a member of the last Legislature that they have re-nominated him to represent the county in the next."

Among the important questions before the coming General Assembly will be the matter of regulating the justice of the peace or magistrates courts and decreasing the cost of criminal courts. In some places the inferior courts are utterly incapable or unworthy. There is need that the highest wisdom of the Legislators be exercised to improve the system. As to most officials, the beginning of reforms is to abolish the fee system, and this applies to solicitors as well as to county officers and others.—News and Observer.

**Twenty Year Battle.**

"I was a loser in a twenty year battle with chronic piles and malignant sores, until I tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve; which turned the tide, by curing both till not a trace remains," writes A. M. Bruce, of Farmville, Va. Best for old Ulcers, Cuts, Burns and Wounds. 25c at Hood Bros. druggist.

**Robbed and Killed Within Sight of City.**

Last Saturday morning our people learned with horror that Lon Jones had been murdered during the night on the Highland Bridge beyond the river. An early passer-by found him, cold and stiff in death, with a bullet hole through his head, the ball entering just behind the right ear and emerging at a point in front of the left ear.

There were no indications of suicide. No pistol could be found. In his pockets were found his watch, some jewelry, four or five dollars in change, and a flask containing whiskey. There were no signs of any scuffle. The assassin had held the pistol close to Jones' head and a soul had been hurled into eternity in the twinkling of the eye.

Mr. Jones was thirty years old and was the oldest son of Mr. B. R. Jones, who lives four miles from Smithfield. He was dissipated but was a very quiet and inoffensive citizen. He was in Smithfield during the previous day and was seen to leave town that night about 9:30 o'clock. Three pistol shots across the river were heard by several persons at ten o'clock. One of these shots in all probability caused his death.

The motive of the murderer was undoubtedly robbery. Jones was known to have had \$350 or \$400 on his person Friday. This money cannot now be accounted for. No other motive can be assigned. He was not known to have an enemy.

The Coroner promptly empaneled a jury Saturday morning and proceeded to investigate the affair. This investigation continued throughout that day and Monday and was then postponed until tomorrow. It has been kept secret and the affair, to the general public, is a mystery.

Various and unconfirmed rumors concerning the terrible affair have been industriously circulated but, until the authorities see fit to publish the result of their careful investigations, all is surmise.

The remains of Mr. Jones were buried at his fathers' residence Sunday afternoon.

**Folk Says "Advertise."**

Jefferson City, Mo., July 18.—Gov. Joseph W. Folk, in addressing the retail merchants of Missouri at their convention here yesterday, spoke against the mail order business, and favored advertising in the town papers. He said, in part:

"No merchant can succeed without advertising in one way or another. Patronize your town papers, build them up, and they will build the town up, and build up increased trade and greater opportunities. Do not be afraid that business is going to be hurt by the recent exposures of wrong doing in the commercial world. No man who is doing an honest business can be injured by the light. All business will be better for the cleaning process it is going through and for the stamping out of evil."

**Endorsing Canaday.**

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words in favor of our very worthy candidate for Register of Deeds, Mr. James P. Canaday. I know he is worthy of the office and in every respect competent to fill the place.

I know him to be one of our best men, and highly esteemed by all who know him. He is a successful farmer and a great advocate of higher education and morality.

I earnestly ask all my friends to meet at the convention on the first day of August and nominate Mr. Canaday and make him our candidate, and I am sure none will regret it as he would make us a Register of whom we all would be proud.

Very respectfully,  
Jno. M. Lawhon.

**For Register of Deeds.**

To the Editor:—I see a lumber of our friends spoken of through the columns of THE HERALD as candidates for the office of Register of Deeds and as I am personally acquainted with all of them I can but feel proud of such characters of Johnston county birth, but the acquaintance I have had with J. P. Canaday from his youth, as playmate and classmate, and knowing as I do, his qualities as Christian, Temperance and Educational worker, and his loyalty to the Democratic party, and the great work that he has done not only for the upbuilding of Democracy, but he has faithfully discharged every duty that his hands or brain has found to do and has had such small remunerations for his services, and as we all know Jim's power as an orator and know how much he is going to be needed in the coming campaign, I think we should hold up our hands in the county convention and nominate Jim with a shout. In fact I do not know of anything (Beauty excepted) that would better qualify a man for the office of Register of Deeds than what J. P. Canaday possesses.

Now I can only say to the citizens of Johnston county give us J. P. Canaday for Register of Deeds and R. M. Nowell, "Old boy" for Sheriff, and we will pull through without a hitch.

Britton Smith.  
Beulah township.

**Sanders for Sheriff.**

Mr. Editor:—If you will allow me space in your valuable paper I wish to impress upon the Democratic party of Johnston county, that the true and steady puller keeps us riding. Now I wish to mention the name of Mr. A. M. Sanders for Sheriff. A man who has been pulling and being trained for the business of this office for four long years under the old war horse.

Mr. Sanders is a man always to his place and prompt and active in his business. We feel that there would be no mistake made in all gathering together on August 1st and nominating Mr. Sanders for Sheriff.

Now while I suggest Mr. Sanders for Sheriff, I will give the important part of our program from Pleasant Grove for August 1st.

Mr. A. M. Sanders for Sheriff; Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt for Register of Deeds; Mr. W. A. Edgerton for the Legislature.

WILLIE H. STEPHENSON.

**For the Legislature.**

Mr. Editor:—It seems to me that this is the time for us to be careful and send only good clean and conservative men to the Legislature.

There are a great many useless and unwise laws and ought to be repealed while others need amending. There will be a great many questions before the next Legislature calling for wisdom and experience therefore as I have said we ought to nominate only good men. I suggest that we nominate for the House of Representatives that good man, Josephus Johnson from Elevation. He has represented us once and all men who know his record approve the same. Mr. Johnson is one of Elevations best and most successful farmers. He knows what the farmers need in the way of laws. I need not say that he has all his life been a strong Democrat for every body knows of the services he has rendered the party. Nominate him and we will be well represented.

R. U. BARBER.

**A Hard Lot.**

of troubles to contend with, spring from a torpid liver and blocked bowels, unless you awaken them to their proper action with Dr. King's New Life Pills; the pleasantest and most effective cure for Constipation. They prevent Appendicitis and tone up the system. 25c at Hood Bros. drug store.

**Endorsed by a Candidate.**

Mr. S. S. Holt,  
Smithfield, N. C.  
Dear Sir:

Having watched with care the many endorsements regarding your salary proposition, and especially the article published in THE HERALD last week written by Mr. J. F. Lee, of Benson, I wish to say that I fully endorse what he has to say on that line. As a candidate who hopes to see his name on the ticket and one whose feelings and sympathies are with and for the people, I think there is needed reform.

I do not say this for campaign purposes but in sincerity and truth with a view to the success of the party now as well as hereafter. Let the officers be paid a reasonable salary according to the services and responsibilities connected with the office and if it pays more let it go to educate our boys and girls, for education is the urging need to improve our state's citizenship.

N. T. RYALS.  
Benson, N. C.

**Earth Shook all Night.**

Santa Fe, N. M., July 18.—Two more earthquake shocks occurred at Socorro this morning. The shocks were felt distinctly as far South as El Paso, Tex., where, yesterday, a street car was thrown from the tracks by a shock. Refugees from Socorro and other towns in the Rio Grande valley are daily coming to Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

All night long one tremor after another passed over the lower Rio Grande valley, keeping the people at the highest tension. But few have slept in houses for the past few nights. Observers reported thin spirals of smoke in the lava fields in the direction of Alamo Gorda, probably from hot springs or other volcanic manifestations. A drenching rain passed over the valley during the night, adding to the discomfort of campers.

**North Carolina Taking Lead.**

That more money is being taken to the South for investment in factories than to the New England States is shown in the startling comparison just made by the Department of Commerce and Labor, which states that four times as much capital was invested in the Southern States since 1900 than in New England.

In North Carolina, where \$68,000,000 was invested in 1900, there is now engaged in manufacturing industries over the State the sum of \$131,000,000, showing an increase of 106 per cent. The total amount of wages paid out was increased \$7,000,000, and where the cost of materials used in 1900 was \$44,000,000, last year it amounted to \$80,000,000. Some figures are given of Connecticut, and show that her increase in capital invested is only 21 per cent. New Hampshire shows only an 18 per cent. increase. Alabama, on the other hand, shows her capital to have increased in the five years by 75 per cent. Virginia is below her sister Southern States with an increase of only 60 per cent. South Carolina shows an increase of 80 per cent. These figures are significant in showing that the trend of capital is working its way South and at a rate which indicates that in a few years the Southern States will rank with New England in manufactures. Factories for common goods rank first in the South, with tobacco second; lumber and timber products third, with flower and grist mill products fourth.—Charlotte Observer.

**For Surveyor.**

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Surveyor subject to the action of Democratic County Convention. If nominated I shall, as in the past, serve all who need my services promptly. Thanking the people for all past favors, I am yours for Democratic success.

T. R. FULGHUM.

It will pay you to go to Lassiter's store for bargains in slippers.