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THE WINE AND CIDER LAW.

The Provisions of the Convention Enacted Into Law. Let Us Now Stand Together for the Uplifting of Our County.

For the benefit of our readers we again publish the resolution adopted at the Johnston County Democratic Convention last summer, and the bill passed by the General Assembly, putting into effect the provisions of the resolution. We hoped to publish also a copy of the Kirby resolution, which was voted down at the Convention last summer, but have been unable to secure a copy of it.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. Ed. S. Abell, passed by a large majority:

"Resolved by the Democratic convention of the county of Johnston, assembled in Smithfield on the first day of August, 1906, that the Senators of the seventeenth senatorial district and the Representatives of Johnston county in the General Assembly of 1907, be, and they are hereby instructed to cause such legislation to be enacted as will legally permit,

"First, that the people of Johnston county be legally allowed to manufacture cider from fruits grown upon their own lands and sell the same.

"Second, that the people of Johnston county be legally permitted to manufacture wine from fruits and grapes grown upon their own lands and sell the same.

"Third, that all local prohibitory laws except the incorporation of churches and school houses pertaining to the manufacture and sale of cider and wine in Johnston county, be repealed."

Below we give copy of bill:

"House Bill 33, Senate Bill 316. "An act restoring to the people of Johnston county the right to manufacture and sell wine and cider.

"The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

"Section 1. That the people of Johnston County be legally allowed to manufacture cider from the fruits grown upon their own lands, or rented lands upon which they live, and sell the same.

"Section 2. That the people of Johnston County be legally permitted to manufacture wine from fruits and grapes grown upon their own lands, or rented lands upon which they live, and sell the same in quantities of not less than one gallon.

"Section 3. That all clauses of any local or other prohibitory laws, except the incorporation of churches and schoolhouses, pertaining to the manufacture and sale of wine and cider in Johnston County, be and the same are hereby repealed.

"Section 4. That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

"In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this 14th day of February A. D. 1907.

"FRANCIS D. WINSTON,

President of the Senate.

"E. J. JUSTICE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"Examined and found correct,

Byrd, for Committee."

Thus it will be seen that our Senator and Representatives have been faithful to have enacted into law the provisions of the resolution passed at our County Convention. We trust now that all will be satisfied since the wishes of the majority of the people as expressed in the greatest Convention ever assembled in Johnston County have been enacted into law.

Now let everybody who loves morality, good government and Democracy unite and work for the upbuilding of our county along every line. It is evident to every thinking person that the Democratic party is the only party that has ever been capable of giving to the people of Johnston County a safe, wise and economical government. So let us all, whatever may be our individual opinions on some of the

questions that confront us, unite for the strengthening of the party with the assurance that the strengthening of the Democratic party means for the growth, progress and development, for which the very best people of our county stand today.

The Chautauqua Circle Entertains.

When the Chautauqua Circle was organized, at this place, last fall, it was decided, in order to make the meetings more interesting, to divide the membership equally into two factions, which should maintain in all matters pertaining to the society, a friendly rivalry. Points were to be made by attendance, faithful reading, appropriate quotations, &c., and a strict account of these was kept.

Following a suggestion in the published program, the side which counted the smaller number of points by Christmas, was to entertain the other side. The earnest work of all the members, was evidenced by the fact, that after the three months contest, the difference between the two divisions was only one point.

However, according to the agreement, on last Thursday evening, February 14, at the home of Miss Eula Hood, the Vanquished entertained the Victors—who in their turn, were completely conquered by the cordial hospitality and graceful courtesies, of their former foes.

The parlor was prettily decorated with garlands of hearts, held by ribbons, in the rich red hue, so dear to the heart of St. Valentine, who was earnestly asked to direct the affairs of the Circle on that night of his own festal day. And in the little red "Post-Office" each person deposited an original Valentine, inscribed to the one most dear, and written in that musical and ornate verse, which seems to have become a simple language to the members of this cultured group. Much merriment was provoked when these were read aloud.

Apparently a contest is inevitable whenever the Chautauquans meet, as on this occasion, each strove to guess Mother Goose Melodies, which were represented (and cleverly concealed) by a series of pictures. The first prize (a beautiful gold heart) was won by Miss Bettie Lee Sanders, while the gentleman's prize was awarded to Mr. T. J. Lassiter.

Delicious refreshments were served, and at a late hour the guests departed, with the conviction that the fruits of victory would seldom be more sweet.

The ladies and gentlemen giving this entertainment were Misses Katie Lee Banks, Marie Abell, Lena Hicks, Eula Hood and Messrs. Richard Holt, T. J. Lassiter, Harry Stevens and Dr. R. F. Holliday, while the "Guests of Honor" were Misses Bettie Lee Sanders, Flossie Abell, Rena Bingham, Bertha Stevens, Mattie Pou and Mamie Ellis, and Messrs. Walter Jordan and Dr. Rose.

Place Not Yet Selected.

A meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association was held in this city yesterday. Of the committee the following were present: President T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield; Secretary J. B. Sherrill, of Concord; Major H. A. London, of Pittsboro, Mr. Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, and Mr. Zeb. Council, of Durham. Other members of the association present were: Messrs. H. B. Varner and M. L. Shipman.

The meeting was called for the purpose of selecting the place and time of the next State convention. However, these were not settled upon. A subcommittee, consisting of Messrs. J. B. Sherrill, Josephus Daniels and H. B. Varner were appointed to confer with various cities in the State and set the time and select the place for the convention. It is proposed that the convention shall visit the Jamestown Exposition in a body.

A resolution was passed endorsing the present libel law and urging the legislature to let it stand.—News and Observer, 20th

HAS LARGE RESERVE FUND.

Superintendent of Penitentiary Makes Annual Report to Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., February 16.—The penitentiary report for last year given to the governor by Superintendent Mann today says the number of convicts January 1, 1905, was 685, January 1, 1906, 658, Jan. 1, 1907, 662. The State farm requires three hundred and two hundred and fifty are on railroad and turnpike work. The remainder are used in operating the brick plant and in clothes making and repairing. Last year the state farm did not yield as abundantly as it did the three previous years. Two freshets in the Roanoke river during August destroyed at least two thousand barrels corn. Its sewerage system will be connected with that of the Agricultural and Mechanical college to the city main. This will remove a serious menace to health. The penitentiary has now to its credit in cash, state bonds, solvent credits, farm products at current prices and other cash items a comfortable reserve of \$242,131.

The dangerous insane department of prison is in good condition and has been maintained within the annual appropriation of \$5,000. Its inmates have been comfortably provided for and furnished liberally with necessities. The department is intended and built to accommodate 50, but the average number cared for has been 53. This necessitated the confinement of three each night in the cells of the prison.—Wilmington Messenger.

Rate Bill In The Senate.

On Wednesday at 11:30 o'clock the Railway Rate Bill came up as special order in the Senate. Senator Daniel, of Halifax, offered a substitute for the bill. His substitute provided for a rate of 2½ cents per mile on all roads earning above \$1500 per mile and 2½ cents on roads earning more than \$1000 and less than \$1500 per mile, and the rate to be fixed by the Corporation Commission on other roads, the rate not to exceed three cents. Senator McLean offered another substitute bill, prescribing a three cent rate for roads not longer than 50 miles in length and whose earnings do not exceed \$1000 per road, and a flat rate of 2½ cents on all other roads.

The bill of Senator Graham, which had already been discussed in the Senate, provides for a first class fare at 2½ cents per mile and the second class fare of two cents per mile.

Senator Thorne spoke in favor of the substitute of Senator Daniel. At the close of his speech Senator Webb suggested that the Senate resolve itself into a committee of the whole and agree on a bill and report it to the Senate. He offered a resolution that there should be only one fare on railroads in North Carolina. Senators Hicks, Graham, Buxton and Pharr all spoke in favor of having two fares. Senators Daniel, Aycock and others spoke in favor of the Webb resolution.

After being in session some time the committee of the whole, having reached no decision, arose and the Senate began the discussion again. At 2:10 the Senate adjourned, having been unable to come to a conclusion in the matter. The Railroad Bill was made a special order for yesterday at 10:30 o'clock.

Rising From The Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Fertilizer, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Hood Bros., druggists. Price only 50c.

Clayton News.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Barnes and children went to Smithfield last Saturday.

Miss Ada Hinton, who for some time has been employed in the register's office at Smithfield, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Riley R. Gulley has returned from the markets where he bought a big line of spring goods.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, is assisting the pastor in a series of meetings at the Baptist church. Services are held in the afternoon at 4 and at 7 in the evening each day.

A representative of the Evening Times has been here for several days gathering data for a write-up of our charming little city. Quite a number of our business men have had their business written up.

Have you secured any stock in the Liberty Cotton Mill yet? If you have not, be sure and see the president, Mr. A. J. Barbour, and he will be glad to tell you all about it, also point you to the right man.

We regret to note that Mrs. Harris Eason has been quite sick for the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Carroll, her parents, are here with her. At this writing we learn she is better than for several days.

Mr. Roy Carroll, formerly of this place but for some time past with the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound road, had the misfortune of falling between some cars near Raleigh and losing one foot. At last accounts he was doing very well.

Miss Lessie Barnes lost a nice little watch Monday afternoon somewhere between Mr. B. M. Robertson's residence and the depot. It is a double case, ladies' size, gold watch attached to a black fob which has for a charm a one dollar gold piece. The finder will get reward by returning same to Gulley & Gulley.

There's a mighty good chance for a man to go into a good business in Clayton with prospects of success before it. Mr. J. D. Eason, who for the past year and a half has been in the lively business and has had remarkably good success in the business must go back on his farm, as his services are so badly needed there. Therefore he wishes to close out his livery business here at a big saving to the buyer.

YELIR.

Marriage in Boon Hill.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Bill Edwards in Boon Hill township, on Wednesday, February 13, 1907, at 7 o'clock P. M., Mr. Johnny Daughtry and Miss Fanny Edwards were happily married, D. B. Langley, J. P., officiating. The attendants were as follows:

Mr. Charlie Edwards with Miss Etta Daughtry, Mr. Richard Thompson with Miss Polly Langley, Mr. Wa ter Daughtry with Miss Harriet Langley, and Mr. Eugene Overbee with Miss Zilphia Daughtry.

After the ceremony the happy couple repaired to Mrs. Phebe Daughtry's, mother of the groom, where they will make their future home.

We wish for them a happy journey through life.

A FRIEND.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health," writes Mrs. Eva Uncapher, of Grovertown, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lungs, is guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

HOUSE PASSES RATE BILL.

Passenger Rates to Be Two Cents Per Mile On All Roads Earning Over \$1550 Per Mile.

The Manning Bill which passed the House on its second reading last Thursday came up Tuesday night as a special order. It passed its second reading by a vote of 83 to 28 with all amendments offered voted down, except the amendment of General Royster, of Granville, striking out the section relating to newspaper and transportation for advertising.

The Manning bill, which is the Committee's bill, provides that on all roads earning above \$1550 per mile, there shall be a passenger rate of two cents per mile. On all roads earning less than \$1550 per mile and more than \$1000, shall have a passenger rate of two and one half cents, and on all roads earning less than \$1000, the rate shall be fixed at three cents per mile.

When the matter came up Tuesday night Mr. Bickett, of Franklin, offered a substitute prescribing two and three-fourths cents per mile for first class fares and two and one-fourth cents per mile for second class fares. It further provided that the Corporation Commission may allow any independent railway with less than 100 miles of trackage, to charge a rate not in excess of the present rates, these rates to take effect July 1, 1907.

Mr. Doughton, of Alleghany, offered an amendment that passenger fares on all roads owned and operated by the Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast Line Railway, Seaboard Air Line Railway and Norfolk and Southern Railway should not exceed two and one half cents per mile and on all other roads not exceeding three cents.

Mr. Winborne offered an amendment providing that \$1500 should be inserted in the Committee's bill where \$1550 occurs. His amendment also provided for a rate of 2½ cents instead of two cents.

Mr. Harris, of Wake, offered an amendment providing for a rate of 2½ cents.

At 9 o'clock Mr. Manning called the previous question and the call was sustained and the voting then began.

The first vote was taken on the amendment of Mr. Harris and his amendment was lost by a vote of 45 to 59. Of our Representatives Mr. Johnson voted for the amendment and Mr. Jones against it.

Mr. Winborne's was taken up and lost by a vote of 43 to 60, Johnson voting for it and Jones against it.

Mr. Doughton's amendment was then voted on and lost by a vote of 50 to 54, Johnson voting for it and Jones against it.

The Bickett substitute bill was then voted on but failed to pass by a vote of 46 to 58, Johnson voting for it and Jones against it.

The bill then came up on its third and final reading and passed by a vote of 71 to 28, Messrs. Johnson and Jones both voting for the bill. The bill was ordered engrossed and sent to the Senate.

Reed Smoot to Hold His Seat.

The fight which has been in progress for four years against Reed Smoot being permitted to retain his seat as a Senator of the United States from Utah, was ended Wednesday. The resolution to unseat him was defeated by a vote of 28 to 42. Both the senators from North Carolina voted against the seating of Senator Smoot. Senator Smoot is one of the Apostles of the Mormon church.

It is believed at Washington that the impending war between Nicaragua and Honduras will be averted by arbitration.

At Marion, Ills., Monday Nora Turner shot and killed Robert Kennedy and committed suicide because he refused to marry her.

General News Items.

Every dispensary in South Carolina was closed Monday and a commission was appointed to wind up the affairs of the institution.

W. F. Walker, treasurer of the Savings Bank of New Britain, Conn., is missing. Also a half million dollars worth of securities cannot be found.

Four persons were killed and a half dozen others mangled and seriously injured by an explosion of leaking gas in a restaurant at Los Angeles, Cal., Wednesday.

Fire at J. Gladstone's livery stables at Cape Charles, Va., Friday morning, destroyed the stables and three adjoining buildings. Seventeen horses were burned in the stables.

The United States Senate has passed an act giving the government the right to appeal to the Supreme Court for a construction of the constitutionality of any law involved in a criminal suit.

The naval appropriation bill, \$100,727,807, was passed by the Senate Wednesday night in fifty-two minutes. All the committee's amendments were agreed to. The only amendment during the consideration added \$250,000 to the item for coal and transportation, and \$130,000 for a power plant at the Norfolk, Va., navy yard.

The State Department at Washington gave it out Monday that the final passage of the immigration bill by Congress yesterday, will settle the grievance of the Japanese over the exclusion of Japanese pupils from the public schools of California; Japanese will be admitted to the schools if Japanese coolies are excluded from immigration.

The postoffice appropriation bill, the largest ever reported from the committee on postoffices and postroads, passed the House Wednesday. All the provisions relating to increase pay effecting 90 per cent. of the postal employes, which had been stricken out on points of order were restored to the bill. The maximum salary of rural carriers is \$840.

Two white men were hanged at Russellville, Ky., Friday for criminal assault on a young white woman. The night before the hanging one of them attempted to commit suicide by opening a blood vessel in his left arm with a tin spoon which he had sharpened. Physicians injected nearly a gallon of artificial blood into him, which revived him, but he was so weak he had to be supported on the scaffold.

Scotland Neck Bill Passed.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—There was much speech-making in both branches of the Legislature today, the Klutz bill to penalize telegraph companies \$1,000 for failure to transmit and deliver properly any telegram being the special order in the Senate and the Kitchin bill to repeal the special act of 1905, providing prohibition for Scotland Neck, Halifax county, and putting that town under the Watts law so the people upon proper petition may vote on prohibition, dispensaries or saloons, being the special order in the House. The Kitchin bill passed 64 to 29 in the House and in the Senate the telegraph bill was tabled by the narrow margin of one vote, 18 to 17.

In the discussion of the telegraph bill in Senate, Colonel Neil Archie McLean, of Robeson, made a remarkable speech in opposition to the bill, declaring there still remains in the Democratic party much of the socialistic and communistic spirit. The discussion in the Senate continued for possibly two hours and was of a very wide range, finally resulting as stated above.

The discussion of the Scotland Neck liquor bill was led by Mr. Kitchin, of Halifax, and Mr. Neil, of Halifax, and Doud, of Mecklenburg, led the opposition.