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CALL FOR STATE PROHIBITION.

The Anti-Saloon League wants special Session of Legislature to Enact Law to Dry the State.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14.—The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League had a three hours session tonight and prepared the following address to the people of North Carolina:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League, after careful consideration and after conferring with leading and various citizens of the State, are of the unanimous opinion that the special session of the General Assembly presents a fighting opportunity of securing an act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor in this State. We believe a majority of the people of this State demand this legislation and the time has come for the enactment of the same. With anything like unanimity among the temperance people of the State, we believe the General Assembly will pass such an act. Patriotic men demand that the whiskey question shall be removed from partisan politics and settled forever in the interest of morality. We, therefore, call upon all friends of temperance, to use their influence with the General Assembly and especially with their immediate representatives and urge them to vote for prohibition, and we ask all friends of temperance to attend a convention to be held in Raleigh on Tuesday, January 21st, 1908.

The crystallization of public sentiment makes this the opportunity of our generation for settling for all time this great moral issue, and one week's activity now may count more than an ordinary lifetime of temperance work. Let every man do his duty. This address and call is signed by Jno. A. Oates, chairman Executive Committee; Heriot Clark, President State Convention; R. L. Davis, State Organizer; W. S. O'B. Robinson, W. H. Sprunt, W. B. Cooper, Clarence H. Poe, James I. Johnson, W. N. Jones, Jas. H. Pou, H. G. Fennell, R. B. White, W. C. Douglass, J. A. Hartness, N. B. Broughton, I. C. Blair, Josephus Daniels, H. A. London and Q. K. Nimmocks.

State Temperance Convention.

The temperance people of North Carolina are asked to meet in a convention at Raleigh, Tuesday, January 21st, at 2 o'clock. A night session will be held also. The convention will be held in the Academy of Music. Besides other matters of importance which usually come before such a convention the matter of asking the legislature to pass a state prohibition law at the present session will be considered by this convention. Johnston County is suffering greatly from the debauchery of the Pine Level Dispensary, and every friend of the temperance cause who can do so, should attend the convention at Raleigh next Tuesday.

Last Monday evening at the regular missionary meeting of the Epworth League, Rev. Mr. Brown, of Baltimore, Md., a returned missionary from Japan, made quite an interesting talk. He dwelt particularly on the social life of the Japanese, as a means of reaching them religiously. His address was a very instructive one.

No man in daily life ought to be satisfied with what his life now is. He ought every day to be looking forward to some of the possible improvements.—E. E. Hale.

Judge Pritchard has appointed Revenue Collector, E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh, to be one of the receivers for the Seaboard Air Line. The salary will be about \$15,000 per year.

What Advertising Does.

That Newspaper and poster advertising pays was never more strongly exemplified than here this week in the special sale of the Austin-Stephenson Co., now going on. In last week's HERALD they carried a whole page of advertising, and in addition used a great many large posters, announcing their special sale opening, Wednesday, January 15th. The people certainly found out that a special sale was on, for they were here in large numbers from far and near both Wednesday and yesterday. A large force of salesmen and salesladies were kept busy from morn till eve, and at times the store would become so crowded that the doors would have to be closed for a few minutes so that the clerks could wait on those desiring to buy.

This special sale proves two things, 1st. That it pays to advertise, and 2nd, that there is money in the pockets of the farmers and country people. This sale will be kept up several days longer. Much interest is being taken in the hat throwing that is to take place tomorrow, when 100 hats are to be thrown from the roof.

Death of Mr. W. W. Butts.

On Christmas morning at four o'clock the death angel came and bore the spirit of Mr. W. W. Butts to the Heaven of rest. He was eighty four years old and leaves eight children to mourn their loss, his wife having preceded him to the grave six years ago. He was one of the best of Christian men, ever ready to do any thing that he could for the Lord's cause. We shall miss his smiling face and loving songs.

B.

Hudson-Hood.

On the 8th day of January 1908 at 11 o'clock a. m. Mr. Parha Hudson, of Wilmington, N. C. was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Hood, daughter of Capt. J. B. Hood, of Meadow township, Johnston county, W. N. Rose, J. P. officiating.

The attendants were: Miss Hepsie Hudson with Mr. Roger Lee, Miss Mary Rose with Mr. W. H. Marler, Miss Clyde Rose with Mr. J. R. Rose. Immediately after the ceremony all repaired to the dining room where a splendid dinner was served. After spending an hour or more the groom and bride with several friends, left for the home of the father of the groom in Sampson where a nice supper was had.

On the morning of the 9th the groom with his fair bride took the train at Dunn for Jacksonville, Fla. and other points of interest for a stay of a week or more. After which they will return to Wilmington, N. C. where they will make their future home. Mr. Hudson holds a nice position with the A. C. L. Railroad and his many friends in Johnston and Sampson counties, congratulate him and Miss Mattie and wish for them a happy voyage through life.

R.

Smithfield Doctors Busy.

Half of the prescriptions the Smithfield doctors write are for troubles that directly result from a weakened stomach. Strengthen the stomach muscles and increase the secretion of gastric juices with Mi-o-na, and you will find that the common afflictions of indigestion, headaches, dizziness, depression of spirits, specks before the eyes, nervousness, sleeplessness and general debility have been overcome.

If Mi-o-na did not have an unusual curative effect in stomach disorders, it could not be sold by Hood Bros., on the guarantee to refund the money unless it does all that is claimed for it. They give an absolute unqualified guarantee with every 50-cent box of Mi-o-na that the money will be refunded unless the medicine cures. They take the whole risk, and you certainly can afford to try Mi-o-na on this plan.

The Gubernatorial Race.

"The baby's named," so Kitchin says. The prize he's sure of landing. "Stand steady, boys: Preserve your line" Is all he's now demanding.

And Craig seems no less confident. A song of cheer he's singing. While from the "crags" those mountain chaps Just keep his name a ringing.

But Ashley Horne's not saying much. Not doing much loud "tooting" But when the others tire and lag, You'll find Horne still a "rooting."

CLAYTON.

Beasley-Honeycutt.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. C. H. Honeycutt, of Elevation township, Mr. Arthur Beasley and Miss Vessie Honeycutt were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Elder J. Ruffin Johnson, officiating. The attendants were as follows: Mr. E. E. Honeycutt, brother of the bride with Miss Mattie Beasley, sister of the groom; Mr. Albert Coats with Miss Ina Ennis, Mr. Clarence Byrd with Miss Lola Honeycutt, Mr. W. J. Beasley with Miss Nola Honeycutt.

After the marriage the bridal party attended church at Fellowship and after services were over they returned to Mr. C. H. Honeycutt's where a sumptuous dinner awaited them.

Late in the afternoon they went to Mr. Joseph Beasley's, father of the groom, where they enjoyed an elegant supper. Mr. Beasley is a generous young man and a prosperous farmer of Elevation township. The writer wishes them a life and peace and happiness.

L. F. H.

Getting Back To The Sunsets.

The old lady sat in front of the old house with her knitting in her hands. Her surroundings were as unattractive as could be imagined, for the sandy soil bore only a few straggling blades of grass, a vine which had been planted near the "stoop" had long before become discouraged and given up the unequal contest but as the old lady sat facing the western sky, her face was as bright as if her eyes rested on beautiful things.

"What a pity that your home should be in such a barren spot!" said an unwise visitor who had chanced to come to the locality. "It would be such a comfort to you if you could have grass and flowers and shade trees."

But the old lady looked doubtful. It was plain that she did not feel the need of sympathy. "I dunno, honey," she replied.

"Seems to me there's such a heap of blessin' that you can't sense none of 'em. When I went a-visitin' to Milly's, there was such a sight o' things to look at that I couldn't more 'n make up my mind that one thing was pretty, before I'd be lookin' at somethin' else. 'Twas the distractin' est place—vines an' posies an' a fountain an' fruit trees, an' dear knows what!"

The knitting needles clicked for a moment, and then the sprightly old voice went on, "It seemed real comfortable to get back home to my sunsets. Did you ever come across such a place for seein' the sun go down! There ain't no trees to shut it out from me. There ain't no posies to keep me thinkin' of their bits of buds, when the whole sky's as pink as a flower, an' there's golden an' purple clouds down at the edge where the sun's just dropped out of sight. Sometimes I think we let a heap of pretty little things sort of distract our minds from the big, glorious ones. I'm thankful that I haven't got any yard so full of green truck as to hinder me from takin' comfort in the sunsets."—Selected.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Hood Bros. drug store. 25c.

Educational Notes.

APPORTIONMENT.

As required by law the County Board of Education met in regular session on January 6, 1908 (First Monday). As the apportionment of school funds among the 147 school districts of the county in an equitable manner is very difficult the Board remained in session till late Tuesday evening.

Cards have been mailed out to committees showing the amounts apportioned, the amounts to credit of districts brought forward from last year, if any, or amounts overdrawn. In case of special tax districts the items of expense of computing and disbursing special funds are deducted from the amounts apportioned. Also installments due State loan fund for building are taken from the apportionments. The cards show the standing of each district on Jan. 6, 1908, in the county treasurer's books. Let secretaries of school committees take note that orders given by them must have been paid by the county treasurer and entered by him on his books previous to Jan. 6th in order to appear in the statement on the cards. As a general rule therefore the secretary of each school committee who has kept a correct account can better find the exact financial standing to date by reference to his "stub book."

By comparing the apportionments with those in previous years it will be seen that there has been a good increase in school funds. This increase means that there is no longer any doubt of a four months school in every district; it means also that teachers can be paid better prices.

LONGER TERMS INSURED.

With the increased valuation of property there is no doubt but that there will be more funds for future years. This certainly should be a general cause for rejoicing over our county and state. In the past we have been hampered at every point for lack of funds. The four months term so long sought has doubtless come to stay; besides there will be somewhat more funds for building. Of course, teachers' salaries per month should increase as other kinds of work; and the price of labor and building material has increased. So that good four months schools are about all we can expect from county and state tax any time in the future. Therefore districts wanting better houses, longer terms and stronger teachers will continue to vote special tax.

A SUGGESTION.

In many districts there is a disposition to stop the schools too early. As most certainly the school funds in the future will not be decreased there is no need for the funds to be left over till another year. The children need every day the funds will run now. We can not afford to do "time business" with children's growing minds, or with minds that should grow while the bodies grow. In a majority of districts the suggestion to run the money out is unnecessary as they do that already and would like to have still longer terms.

There are especially two reasons for urging school terms to be continued if possible. First reason is that on account of the scarcity of labor—and in some cases scarcity of teachers, caused the schools to start from one to two weeks later than usual. It will therefore be necessary for the schools to run later in the spring to make up for a late beginning in the fall. Another reason why urged to continue is that there seems to be a great many contagious diseases in some parts of the county this year [It is often so] as measles, mumps, whooping cough, itch, etc. The law tries to protect the schools from these diseases, and so excludes from the schools those who have the diseases or have been exposed to them.

In a few exceptional cases conditions may be such as from very small attendance that the schools

will have to be stopped a few days. But let it be remembered that the intent of the law is to stop those who have or who been exposed to, the diseases from the school rather than from stopping the schools. The schools should go on if the number of children attending will justify its continuance. No definite rules can be laid down. The school should go on, if possible; but if it has to be suspended temporarily should start up again and continue the end. I know committee will do the best for the schools in these cases that they can. I only offer the above suggestions because of frequent inquiries concerning the matters discussed.

In a general way let us remember that the time will never come when every boy and girl from the ages of 6 to 21 years, the school age, can attend school at the same time. From various causes some will be out part of the time; a great many will be out at other times. But all of the time—school season, the school should continue if possible to the end of the term. Then if there is money left to the credit of the district it can be spent for repairing and furnishing the house as many committee have been doing.

J. P. CANADAY,
County Supt.

Make Them Pay.

There is no sense in keeping cows and milking them just because they happen to be on the farm. There is little satisfaction in simply taking care of cows as a chore. If there is not at least a fair remuneration for feed and labor all the sentiment in the world is spoiled.

For the next six months prices of dairy products will be higher than for the rest of the year. The work on the farm is not so pressing as during the summer months and there is ample time to devote to the cows. If it pays to feed and care for them at all it pays much better to feed and care for them better than they are being cared for on the average farm. The man who gives his cows a short ration will give them little more than enough to provide bodily maintenance. What he saves in grain represents the feed that would be used by the good cow in making returns. It is impossible to induce the cow to give returns before she provides for her own wants. She will use all the food she needs before she will begin to pay for any of the feed she gets. From now on is the time of all the year when the cow should be given plenty of good feed and receive good care. She can rustle for herself much better during the other six months of the year. The wise farmer will make his cows produce just all the high-priced butter they are capable of producing.—Northwestern Agriculturist.

Sanders Chapel.

Mrs. Maude Chesnut and little Annie Laurie have returned to their home in "Sweet Sampson" the huckleberry ranch.

Mr. James Whitley and wife and a party of Southern Railroad Engineers and Conductors are enjoying a shooting outing at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whitley.

Miss Gertrude Powell is attending the Draughton Business College at Raleigh during the winter months.

Mrs. C. S. Powell has been confined to her room with Pneumonia for the last week, but under the skillful treatment of Dr. L. A. Munns, of Smithfield, she is convalescing.

Jan. 15th.

It Does The Business.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

Benson News.

Twenty-five new students entered school here last week.

Mr. J. E. Ivey has bought, and moved into, the Bud Allen house.

Mr. Festus Hall, of this place is now located in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Darius Duncan, of Raleigh, was here Monday on business, and visited his mother.

Arthur Goodrich, one of our bright young men, is attending King's Business College at Raleigh.

Mrs. Raper and daughter, of Lucama, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie E. Stevens since our last writing.

Messrs. J. W. Benson and E. F. Moore have been confined to their homes for several days by sickness.

Mr. Junius Hall, of Washington, D. C., is spending some days here with his father and other relatives.

Mr. Lewis Fleishman has returned from a trip to Baltimore. He will move his family here in a short while.

Mr. A. B. Hudson has bought the A. H. Slocomb Turpentine Distillery and will operate same in the future.

Mr. J. E. Wall has bought the corner lot opposite Britt Bros. shop, and will erect a nice residence in the near future.

Messrs. J. W. Holmes and section foreman Goodrich left Tuesday to attend the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., at Raleigh.

The mother and brother of Mr. J. E. Wall have moved to our town, and occupy the house recently vacated by J. R. Denning. The young man has accepted a position with the Wall Hardware and Furniture Co.

Benson, Jan. 15. D.

A Cure for Small-Pox.

Dr. J. J. McElwee, Secretary of the Missouri State Board of Health, gives the following recipe for small-pox.

"I herewith append a recipe which has been used, to my knowledge, in hundreds of cases of small-pox. It will prevent or cure though the pittings are fillings. When Jener discovered the cow pox in England the world of science overwhelmed him with fame, but when the most scientific school of medicine in the world, that of Paris, published this recipe it passed unheeded. It is as unfailing as fate, and conquers in every instance. It will also cure scarlet fever. Here is the recipe as I have used it to cure small-pox: Sulphate of Zinc, one grain; digitalis, one grain; one-half teaspoonful. Dissolve in a wine glass of soft water which has been boiled and cooled. Take teaspoonful every hour.

Either scarlet fever or small-pox will disappear in twelve hours. For children the dose must be diminished according to age. If communities will compel their physicians to use this treatment, there will be no need of pest houses. If you value your life use this recipe.—Red Springs Citizen.

Kills Catarrh Germs.

The natural way of curing disease is always the scientific way, and the scientific way of curing catarrh is the simple way, with Hyomei.

Catarrh is a germ disease and can be cured only by using Hyomei, the treatment that reaches and destroys all catarrhal germs.

Breathed through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, the Hyomei medication reaches the most remote air cells of the nose, throat and lungs going after the catarrh germs wherever present, destroying them and preventing their growth, thus curing the disease.

Hood Brothers sell Hyomei under a guarantee to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction. Begin its use at once. The cost of a complete outfit is only \$1.00.