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## DANNENBERG AND HOP BREW.

Story of How One Jew Defies the Laws of County and State and How His Agent is Now Building County Roads.

We note that Mr. Dannenberg, a Jew, of Wilson, has secured directly or indirectly 54 Federal licenses, for the sale of his "non-alcoholic" drinks, in which list is included that concoction known as Hop Brew, or Bull Head. His agents or dealers operating under licenses secured by him, are to be found throughout Eastern North Carolina and while some of these men are of good character, yet there are many of them who are negroes of bad character possessed of a natural inclination to engage in an illicit liquor business. And when it is remembered that the Federal government requires this license because the drinks sold are alcoholic, we have the prima facie evidence that the persons operating under the licenses are thereby violating the laws of the State.

Mr. Dannenberg recognized and admitted this truth by appearing before the last Legislature, with his lawyer and chemist, and presenting a Bill, defining a Prohibition beverage salable in Prohibition territory, by the terms of which it would be possible for his drinks to be sold without any conflict with the local laws. He failed to secure the enactment of his measure and it seems that he then decided upon a course in open defiance of the laws that the citizens of the State had made for their protection from such dangers as lurk in the unrestricted sale of the milder drinks of an alcoholic nature.

Among other places he selected for the honor, he designated Wilson's Mills, this county, as a distributing point, at ten cents per bottle, and made Percy Holt, a negro, his representative there. And his representative apparently transacted a thriving business in the sale of Hop Brew or Bull Head. But certain customers became more or less intoxicated by drinking it and Percy was indicted under the State Law. He was convicted and fined \$10 by Magistrate McLeod, and was made to promise that he would not buy and sell any more of the stuff. The fine was paid but he continued the sale, in violation of his promise. He was again indicted and this time was bound over to Court. He was tried last week. He was defended by members of the local bar, assisted by Hon. Jno. E. Woodard of Wilson. Mr. Dannenberg was present. A chemist, presumably retained by Dannenberg was here. It can be said of Dannenberg that he was loyal to his negro. But to no avail! Percy was convicted and is now, by order of Judge Biggs, throwing dirt on the roads of Smithfield Township. So much for the negro.

We hope that we may be pardoned for taking such extended notice of this man. But we think the people of the county ought to know this non-taxpayer who has been instrumental in defying their laws and spending their money. He stands convicted through his agents of having deliberately violated the laws of town and State several times in the past two years. Referring to the above mentioned case of Percy Holt—it developed upon his trial that Dannenberg had not only paid for the Federal license but had repaid to him the fine of \$10, imposed upon him by Magistrate McLeod. It is to be inferred that he (Dannenberg) also paid part, at least of the attorney's fees in the Superior Court. Did he not treat Bryant Alford the same way last court? Is he not going about the State, soliciting agents for the sale of his Bull Head and promising to stand between them and trouble? Is he now standing between Percy Holt and trouble? Is he wearing the stripes and marching under the armed guard? No—but there are those who think he ought.

It may be that Dannenberg is prosecuting his business along

legitimate lines. But we submit that he should regard the handwriting on the wall and change his business—or comply with the laws. We protest against his methods in encouraging litigation and protecting the law-breakers. The trials of these defendants, acting upon his advice, have cost Johnston county several hundred dollars. The long trials have not only been expensive but have been productive of great annoyance and inconvenience to many persons concerned in other cases. The court calendar has been disarranged, important cases have been postponed and there is increasing indignation on the part of the general public at this imposition by a non-taxpayer in his effort to sell a "Kidney Actor."

### Building and Loan Association.

Clayton, N. C., Mar. 11, '08.—The Home Building and Loan Association, was organized here last night with 67 charter members, the members taking from one to twenty shares each. This organization is a much needed one for our very progressive town and under the management of the very efficient officers elected, is bound to go forward with the same steady and sure success.

The officers of the new organization are: Chas. W. Horne, president; E. L. Onell, vice-president; A. Sam White, Secretary-Treasurer; Donald Gulley, Attorney.

The board of directors is composed of the following gentlemen: C. W. Horne, E. L. Onell, C. W. Carter, Riley R. Gulley, J. M. Turley, P. M. White, J. E. Wray, E. A. Holt, J. G. M. Cordon, J. T. Talton, J. J. Young, M. D.

This organization is different from the general run of like organizations in that it allows its funds to be loaned to members on real estate anywhere within Johnston county. This clause alone, would make it a desirable investment for the people who reside outside of the town limits.

It was suggested at the meeting for organization, that this article be sent to THE SMITHFIELD HERALD, because the HERALD goes to nearly every family in Johnston county.

We should like to say right here that THE HERALD has been a potent factor in the advertising of every enterprise that our town as well as every other town in the county, has started and our people wish to thank THE HERALD for their part in the progress of the county.

### Evelyn Seeks A Divorce.

New York, March 11.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, through her attorney, Daniel O'Reilly, filed in the Supreme Court today the complaint in her action for annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw on the ground that at the time of the marriage Thaw was insane.

Summons in the case was served on Thaw in the State Asylum for the Criminal Insane at Matteawan and on his mother, Mrs. William Thaw, at the Hotel Lorraine.

### Congressman Pou Wants State Prohibition.

Congressman Pou has written Chairman Oates, of the Anti-Saloon League, saying that he not only intends to vote for prohibition, but hopes to be able to enter the campaign after Congress adjourns. Mr. Pou's father, Edward W. Pou, Sr., now deceased, and Major William A. Smith, of Johnston county, also deceased, made a memorable campaign jointly for prohibition in that county in 1881. The present Congressman from this district, and his brother, James H. Pou, formerly Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, have always supported the cause of temperance. —News and Observer.

Two hundred employes in the shops of the Southern Railway at Salisbury, N. C., have been laid off and 75 in the shops at Selma, Ala., which have closed down indefinitely.

## Clayton News.

Miss Maie Gulley has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Oscar Creech, at Wake Forest.

Miss Lela Cole, who has a position at Goldsboro, spent several days with her people here recently.

Our merchants are getting in their spring goods and things look like they are going to be pretty lively this spring.

The attendance at Clayton High school continues to increase. Several new students have been enrolled for the past week.

Miss Alice Cole will return to Belmont school Thursday to resume her studies, after having spent some time at home.

Mr. W. I. Whitley, buyer for the firm of Messrs. A. Horne & Son, left Tuesday for Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York to buy spring goods.

Mrs. W. H. Cole extends to the people of Clayton and community her thanks for their help and sympathy during their recent sickness and bereavement.

The machinery of the Liberty Cotton Mills is being placed and all the work is going along at a rapid pace. Very evidently the mills will begin operations before May first.

The case of small pox didn't amount to much as the patient is now out and alright. The house in which he resided has been thoroughly fumigated and the wind of the matter has blown over entirely.

Several very interesting trials have been pulled off here during the past week or so. We never give details concerning our lawsuits but would suggest that there is some mighty interesting matter connected with some of them.

We regret very much to note that the Southern Railway has cut off two of the clerks at the depot. The work here is too big for any one man to take care of. Heretofore, we have had every convenience that business men and people of any class could desire.

We regret to have to announce that Mr. John W. Sealey, who for some time has given us such valuable service as liveryman, has decided to close out his business at public auction on Saturday, March 21st, at 12 o'clock. Sealey has been very successful in the livery business here, but has decided to devote his entire time to looking after his various investments.

### YELIR.

Clayton, Mar. 11.

### Horne For Governor.

To the Editor: If you will allow me space in your valuable paper, I would be glad to submit a few remarks relative to the contest that is being waged in the State at present for the gubernatorial nomination, and express my personal preference for the man who to my mind, is best fitted in this period of the State's history to serve North Carolina in that high, honorable and responsible capacity.

All of the candidates mentioned are worthy and capable, but from among them all the name of Ashley Horne, of Johnston county, looms high as a conservative and successful business man and farmer, whose administration would do more for the commercial and industrial welfare of the State than has been accomplished in the past quarter of a century.

Mr. Horne is not only one of the few old Confederate heroes left in the State, but he has been a life-long Democrat, giving of his time and means for the maintenance of pure Democracy, and voting the ticket as it was printed.

He is not only competent to fill this high office with conspicuous ability, but as Governor of the State his administration would advance the agricultural interests of our grand old commonwealth and give impetus to the commercial and industrial

life. What North Carolina needs most just now is a broad-minded, level-headed, practical business man, with experience in public affairs, who is in sympathy with and stands for everything that would improve the moral and material welfare of the State and her people.

The friends of Mr. Horne are not asking his nomination as a representative of any particular class, nor do they claim for him any superior gifts as a politician and orator, but simply as a business man and farmer, who will endeavor to serve every interest in an able, fair and impartial manner.

The record of Mr. Horne is an open book to the people of North Carolina. That he is a Christian gentleman in the strictest sense of that much-abused term is best attested by the esteem in which he is held by the people of his own home town and county, where he has been a pioneer in all progressive movements, and successful withal. No greater tribute could be paid to him than to say that he is loved, honored and trusted by the people with whom he has been most closely associated and who are in position to know more of his real character and worth. Patriotic and progressive, he stands for temperance, for his home, for the school and the church—not in theory alone, as in the case with many, but by the practice of all these virtues.

His success in the management of large and responsible business interests has won for him the deserved reputation of being a conservative and capable leader and wise counsellor. Not alone with his own individual business interest has he been a marked success, but as the head of various industrial enterprises in the State he has, in many cases, brought success out of chaos and confusion, and written his name high on the tablet as one of great executive ability and force of character.

North Carolina today is entering upon a period of industrial activity and growth. We do not need just now a political game in the executive mansion, but a man who is qualified to grasp the helm and steer the ship of State to her rightful position of peace and prosperity among her people. Ashley Horne is that man. From observation and otherwise, as we have traveled through certain parts of the State recently, it is evident that he is growing in popularity with all classes of the people, and unless all signs fail he will be the next Governor of North Carolina. It will be a fortunate day for the "Old North State" when this comes to pass.

Yours very truly,  
H. G. WILLIAMSON.  
Mt. Olive, N. C.

### Selma News.

The entertainment gotten up by Mrs. J. A. Spiers for the benefit of the Methodist Parsonage here, last Friday night was a very decided success. Misses Sarah Burkhead and Frances Renfrow, of Raleigh, assisted in making it a success. Miss Burkhead sang and Miss Renfrow recited; both of them acquitted themselves well. One little fellow said of Miss Renfrow's reciting: "I could listen to her all night and not get tired." A very nice sum was realized.

A camp of Woodmen of the World was instituted here last night by D. E. Glisson, State Deputy, with twenty-four charter members and with the following officers: M. F. Nordan, Council Commander; W. H. Wiggs, Lieutenant Adviser; Luther Nordan, Banker; Theo. Eason, Clerk; J. W. Liles, Escort; Walter Rix, Watchman; Hughes Pearce, Secretary; Dr. Robert P. Noble, Physician; C. G. Wiggs, C. A. Corbett and H. E. Earp, Managers.

### SENEX.

Selma, March 12.

The New York Republican State committee has endorsed Gov. Hughes for the presidential nomination.

## Polenta News.

Miss Nellie McLeMore, we are pained to announce, is quite sick.

There will be preaching at Shiloh Sunday by Rev. J. D. Bowen, of Apex.

Preaching at Oakland on the fourth Sunday by the Pastor Rev. Mr. Souders.

Sorry to chronicle the sickness of both Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Barber. Hope their indisposition will be of short duration.

The contract for the remodeling of Oakland church has been given out to Mr. D. M. Lee. Work will begin at an early day.

Mrs. C. J. Coats and Mrs. H. E. Weeks, both of whom have been quite sick with grippe, are somewhat better, we are glad to report.

Master Lee Coats, son of Mr. Amos Coats, and Mrs. Albert Stevens, are both very sick with pneumonia. Their friends hope for their recovery.

Mrs. Z. T. Jones was taken sick last Friday and is now critically ill. Slight hope is entertained for her recovery. She has lots of friends, all of whom sincerely wish for her restoration to health.

Our farmers are beginning to prepare for another crop in earnest. The indications are that the acreage in cotton will be decreased. It is a settled fact now, that though a large crop may be planted the labor is not here to gather and house it.

The baseball teams of Myatt's School and Baptist Centreschool crossed bats on the latter's ground recently, and the game was hotly contested for a few innings, but Myatt's School team outgeneraled the Centre team and came out victorious by a score of 27 to 18.

The Township Sunday School Convention will be held at Oakland on the fifth Sunday. As usual it will be an all-day affair. It being temperance day the time will be spent in the discussion of the prohibition question, which is now before the people of the State for settlement. Prominent speakers will be present and address the Convention. Let all attend and hear the addresses.

On the night of February 25th Mr. A. L. Coats and Miss Ella Price were happily united in the holy bonds of wedlock; the event taking place at the residence of the bride's parents, J. E. Jones, J. P., officiating. Mrs. Coats is the charming and popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Price, and Mr. Coats is one of our most prosperous and energetic farmers. May happiness attend them throughout life's journey.

### TYPO.

Polenta, March 11.

Young Men Killed at a Sunday Dance

Roanoke, Va., March 9.—At a dance near Sword's Creek, in Russell county, Sunday night, Fred Dye, a young white man, shot and killed John Mutter and George Call, also white. Dye escaped but was taken back to Sword's Creek.

Fearing mob violence, the authorities took Dye to Cleveland, a distance of sixteen miles, on a special engine, and from there to the county jail at Lebanon. No cause is known for the double murder. It is said all of the men had been drinking.

### The Workers' Conference.

A Temperance Workers' Convention was held in the Town Hall at Selma Monday, March 9th. Mr. L. H. Allred was made chairman and Mr. J. M. Beaty secretary. It was decided to enlarge the executive committee so as to have at least one member in each township. Messrs. L. H. Allred, C. M. Wilson, J. H. Kirby, Malcolm McKinnis, Revs. J. H. Worley and L. T. Phillips were added to the committee. Plans of organization and work were discussed and arrangements to begin the campaign with earnest effort were planned.

## Kenly News.

Our temperance forces are making ready for the fight that's on.

"Ike" was on our streets Tuesday with his usual share of mules and horses.

Rev. A. L. Ormond and Rev. J. W. Nobles filled their regular appointments Sunday and Sunday night.

We understand that the Bull Head stand on the outskirts of our town limits has been closed by mutual consent, not to open again.

To see the many gardens that have been prepared during the last few days in our midst, looks like our people mean to be more self-sustaining.

This writer wishes to have every news item of interest occurring in our thriving town and community. If you can't see him in person address P. O. Box 27.

We congratulate our neighbor town, Selma, on having obtained the consent of our noble temperance Governor, R. B. Glenn, to speak for them in the interest of our homes and State the fifth Sunday night. We bespeak for them a successful meeting.

Messrs. J. R. Sauls, H. F. Edgerton, J. H. Kirby, L. Z. Woodard and D. B. Sasser, went to Selma Monday to attend the County Temperance worker's meeting and report an enthusiastic meeting. They report that the entire county was well represented and plans formulated and put in motion to give for State Prohibition on May 26th, a big majority in Johnson. Of course, we all know that Johnston will stay on the water wagon and help to protect the homes and little ones of her neighbor counties.

### MAX.

Kenly, Mar. 11.

### A Birthright.

"That is one of the saddest things I have seen today." The speaker nodded expressively toward a young man who had just emerged from a saloon. His step was none too steady, his face was flushed, a cigaret was held in his yellow-tipped fingers, and from his lips there reached their ears a profane jest.

"Poor, foolish boy, to throw away his birthright like that." He paused and then added, "For it is the birthright of every child, of every young man and woman—the clean heart of purity, in word and deed and thought. And he is tossing it all away and soiling the fair pages of life for that," with a pitying glance at the retreating form of the young stranger.

Yes, he was throwing away something more precious than anything the saloon or its people could ever give him. He could not say with Sir Galahad: My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure.

He could not echo Shakespeare's question: "What stronger breastplate than a heart untainted?"

He had not time or thought for the old cry that held a world want in its words: "Create in me a clean heart, O God." And he could not claim the beautiful promise: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Foolish spendthrift, indeed, to throw away all this, and take in exchange for his true birthright the drunken stagger, the flush of shame, the speech of ungodliness, the way of sin.—Young People.

### Good For Everybody.

Mr. Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect, in the Delbert Building, San Francisco says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled. 50c at Hood Bros. drug store.