

**Benson Notes.**

Mr. W. C. Royal, who has been attending Wake Forest College, returned to his home here this week.

"Old Booze" has been quiet for the last few days, not a single drunk in town this week and consequently no cases before Mayor Britt.

Mr. James W. Whittington left this morning for Raleigh to attend the third annual convention of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers Association.

Ex-Congressman J. G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, will deliver the commencement address at the close of Benson Graded school, Friday morning, May 22.

Miss Elizabeth Moore, State organizer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, spoke on Temperance to a well filled house at the Baptist church here Tuesday night.

Of the number who have been away from town this week are, Prof. L. T. Royal and J. F. Woodall to Fayetteville; Mr. W. J. Jacobs to Norfolk, Va.; Mr. Jno. McLamb to Raleigh.

Misses Bessie Kendrick and Pearl Stroup, of Cherryville, N. C., who are students at the Baptist Female University at Raleigh, spent several days recently with Mrs. D. F. Putnam.

Benson and this community are indeed fortunate in having Mr. W. D. Upshaw, of Atlanta, Ga., to address us on the great temperance question on Thursday, May 21, at 3 P. M. Let us give him an immense crowd.

There were services at the Missionary Baptist church Sunday morning and night by the Pastor, Rev. D. F. Putnam. Also services at the Primitive Baptist church Sunday morning by the Pastor, Elder Turner, and Sunday night by Elder Dol Johnson.

Among the visitors in town this week we note the following: Messrs. Ralph and Claude Canada, of Clayton; Rev. Mr. Guyton, of Newton Grove; E. S. Abell and J. D. Parker, of Smithfield; Miss Meta Holder, of Dunn; and Mrs. Milligan, of Boston, Mass.

Benson has the best market of any small town in this section of the State for all kinds of produce. You may compare prices paid here with those of any market in town of this size in Eastern Carolina and our market is ever in the lead. Over one hundred bales of cotton were sold here last week every pound of it bringing a fancy price.

Mr. W. D. Thomas, a well-to-do farmer living about one mile east from town disappeared from his home early Sunday morning and has not been heard from since. He told his family before leaving that he was going to visit his married daughter about two miles away but on his failure to return and inquiry being made it was learned that he had not been to her home. Parties have been searching the woods and every effort put forth to ascertain his whereabouts but up to this writing effort to find him have proven fruitless. It is feared by his family and friends that he became mentally unbalanced and wandered away. No motive whatever can be assigned for his disappearance.

REPORTER.  
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A drunkard is not fit to work, to live, or to die; and a habitual moderate drinker of alcoholic liquors is on the dangerous down-grade to disease, pauperism, degradation, crime, and death. But let it not be supposed that total abstinence from spirituous liquors, though excellent in itself, will make a man perfect here on earth or prepare him for heaven. Every kind of virtue is good in its place; but true religion, the religion of God, is in the heart, and blossoms in the speech, and fruits in the life, reverences God, and benefits man, and its possessor will be perfected in heaven.—Elder Sylvester Hassell.

**Profane Use of the Bible.**

Certain opponents of State prohibition have sought to indict the Christian church and the Christian ministry by assuming to declare that the Holy Bible warrants the use of the sort of intoxicating liquors that are doing more to destroy the morals and efficient work of North Carolina than anything else. Every minister in every church, so far as heard from, is opposed to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. They have been at the business of a lifetime to search the Scriptures and expound the Word. They agree that there is no authority in the Bible for the profane use of texts of Scripture employed to uphold the liquor traffic, and that the worst enemy of the Christian religion is the still and the saloon.

A few days ago the editor of the News and Observer wrote to his schoolboy preceptor, Elder Sylvester Hassell, of Williamston, editor of The Gospel Messenger, leading exponent of the faith as held by Primitive Baptists, and requested an expression of his position in the State Prohibition campaign. In reply the following letter has been received:

"Williamston, N. C., May 9, '08  
"Mr. Josephus Daniels,  
"Raleigh, N. C.,

"Dear Sir:—In reply to your favor of May 5th I would say that distilled liquor was unknown in Scriptural times, and I am opposed to their manufacture and their sale, both publicly and privately, as a beverage. In very small quantities, they may occasionally be beneficial to some people as a medicine; but when I buy a medicine and find it contains alcohol, I pour it out on the ground,

"Yours truly,  
"SYLVESTER HASSELL."

This was what was expected by all who knew this man whose life and character, as well as his learning and instructions, were benedictions to his pupils as they were to thousands who read his publication and hear him preach the gospel. There is one paragraph in the letter that effectually disposes of the profanation by those advocates of saloons and stills who assume to wrench the teachings of the Bible to uphold that unholy and demoralizing business. Elder Hassell says: "Distilled liquors were unknown in Scriptural times." They are a product of a later age and therefore the Bible cannot be quoted in support of intoxicants. The attempt to do so is a profane use of the Bible. Let those who choose to vote for the saloon and still take unholy hands off the Word of God, and not profane His Word by using it as the refuge for the establishments that make drunkards.—News and Observer.

**Temperance Speakings.**

At Piney Grove Freewill Baptist church in Ingram's township Third Sunday in May at 3:30 o'clock by Mr. L. H. Allred and Mr. Walter A. Edgerton.

At Wilson's Mills Tuesday night May 19th at 8 o'clock, Mr. L. H. Allred.

At Mr. Buck Gulley's Grove, former residence of Mr. J. Dennis Gulley, Third Sunday in May at 2:30 o'clock by Dr. J. M. Temple and Rev. T. H. Thornton.

In school house at Mr. N. B. Bares' in Wilder's Township, Third Sunday in May at 3:30 o'clock by Prof. L. T. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beaty.

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**"My Love For My Fellow-man Makes My Duty Clear on This Great Question."**

A few days ago Mr. J. D. Spiers wrote to Elder J. W. Gardner, of Goldsboro, an able minister in the Primitive Baptist church, and a man well-known and much loved in Johnston county, and asked his views on the prohibition question. Elder Gardner's reply is as follows:

Goldsboro, N. C., May 8, 1908.

Mr. J. D. Spiers,  
Sec. Johnston County Anti Saloon League.

My Dear Sir:—Your letter asking for an expression of my opinion on the great question of State Prohibition to hand. I cheerfully and heartily comply with your request and take this opportunity to say that our own community has been wonderfully blessed during the four years of Prohibition here. Where I have seen one drunken man since, I saw scores of them before, where I hear profanity once on the streets now, I heard it before frequently. I am so favorably impressed with this local benefit, that I favor with all my heart State-wide Prohibition. I trust that every thoughtful man will seriously consider this opportunity to render our beloved State the great service of removing as far as we can an evil that has caused so many heart ache and blighted the lives of so large a number of the promising men of our State. My love for my fellow man makes my duty clear on this great question.

With my willingness that you publish this in THE SMITHFIELD HERALD and The News and Observer, if you desire, I am,

Yours truly,  
J. W. GARDNER.

**Massacre of Baptists Attempted in Russia.**

St. Petersburg, May 10—Two women were killed and 50 men and women injured in an attempted massacre of Baptists planned by a priest of the orthodox church in the Novokhopor district of Voronezh province today.

The Baptists were invited to a conference for the purpose of discussing doctrinal differences. When they arrived they found the members of the orthodox church armed with axes, scythes, knives and various sorts of agricultural implements. The local priest gave the signal and led the onslaught. The Baptists, unarmed, were unable to resist.

The Baptists were pursued to their homes and the angry religionists continued their attack and killed all the stock they could find and destroyed the crops. Utter destitution and great suffering prevails among the victims.

**Governor Glenn to Speak Here.**

Governor Robert B. Glenn will speak in the Smithfield Opera House, Tuesday, May 19th. His speech will be largely on temperance though he will speak on education leading up to it. He comes here in connection with the closing exercises of Turlington Graded School. Arrangements have been made for the school exercises to begin promptly at 10:30 o'clock so the Governor can begin speaking at 11 o'clock. Don't fail to hear him on these two great subjects of temperance and education.

**It Reached the Spot.**

Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Omega, O., and is president of the Adams County Telephone Co., as well as the Home Telephone Co., of Pike County, O., says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my life once. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the cough spot; it heals the sore spots and the weak spots in the throat, lungs and chest. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

**Fourth Sunday Speakings**

At Bethel Freewill Baptist church at 11 o'clock Fourth Sunday and at Hood's Grove Baptist church at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Hight C. Moore.

At Zion Methodist church in Beulah township at 3:30 o'clock Fourth Sunday by Mr. Walter A. Edgerton.

At Plainfield school house in Bentonsville township Fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock and the same day at Smith's Chapel Methodist church at 3:30 o'clock by L. H. Allred and one other speaker.

At Union Springs Freewill Baptist church at 10:30 o'clock Fourth Sunday and at Beasley's Grove same day at 3:30 by Prof. I. T. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beaty.

At Antioch Baptist church in Oneals township Fourth Sunday at 3:30 o'clock by Mr. N. E. Edgerton and Mr. C. W. Richardson.

It takes two centuries to transform the savage into a citizen. Let the saloon do its work and it takes but a single hour to transform the citizen into a savage. It costs \$100, \$500 and in some places \$1,000 or more to get a license to sell liquor. It seems to me like putting humanity on the bargain counter, and selling the boys and girls dirt cheap. So long as in this land the saloon is "legalized" every hand that keeps the license there is stained by the blood of all those who are the victims of its iniquity. We speak of wifehood and motherhood—motherhood, next to Jesus, the sweetest word of all the language, but never sing the praises of motherhood until you are ready to go out and grapple with the monster of iniquity that is draping all the widows of her heart in mourning.—Bishop Luther B. Wilson.

**Special Election at Archer.**

Archer, N. C., May 13—The special election held in District No. 1, White, at Archer yesterday (Tuesday), for the purpose of levying a special tax to build a new school house was defeated by a majority of ten.

Thirty-one voted against special tax and twenty-one for special tax.

**A Few Remarks on Temperance.**

As everyone is thinking and talking of prohibition I shall give this week's item to a discussion of prohibition and let locals alone. I have never seen our people aroused on any question since the amendment election as they are on this subject. Everyone is talking for prohibition. Well, nothing can be said in favor of liquor except "I want to drink it when I want to and the prohibition law puts it into the hands of the druggists to sell; and, one man is just as good to sell it as another."

Our women have organized with Mrs. J. A. Spiers as President and Mrs. M. C. Winston as Secretary. They had a very enthusiastic meeting here last Monday and say they must and shall win; that they are fighting for their homes and for the protection of their children. As Mrs. Curtis said in her speech "It is a poor cowardly hen who will not fight for her biddies."

Our ladies are very much in earnest about this work and will on the morning of the election be at the polls when they are opened and will be there all day to work for prohibition. As Bishop Strange says, this bill may not be exactly what all want, but it is better than nothing and if it is defeated things will be in a worse fix than ever; therefore we must carry it. We ask the women all over the county to go to the polls and work for prohibition.

A few days ago I heard a young man saying that the rich man could have whiskey when he wanted it and that he was going to vote for whiskey, that whiskey would not harm any one if they would let it alone. Now when that young man was a little fellow, too small to know much about whiskey, whiskey was the cause of his losing a mother's care and love—when he needed it. Whiskey will and does hurt those who do not touch it.

Several years ago a bright, noble young man, loved and respected by all who knew him, an Odd Fellow and a Mason, one of my best friends, told me of how he took his first drink and how he slipped away to a barroom and bought a drink of whiskey his father having left him to go to another barroom for liquor. He said that was his first drink and that when he had swallowed it he hurried back so that his father would suspect nothing. For years he would take only an occasional drink. I plead with him to stop. "Why," said he, "I do not average a half a pint a month; there is no danger to me." Well, it went on, and to make a long, sad story short, he filled a drunkard's grave, the Odd Fellows and Masons having dropped him. Shall we vote to put liquor before our sons and run the risk of their filling drunkard's graves?

I do not believe there is in any part of Johnston County fifty land owners who would vote to have a tap, still or barroom located on the land of any one of them. I mean that twenty-six out of the fifty would not vote for it. Then if the farmers would not let it be sold near them where is it going to be sold?

Some time ago I asked for statistics of deaths, etc., caused by drink. There have been twenty-nine inquests of deaths that were caused by drink and over fifty in all that were caused by drink. It seems impossible to get a statement as to the fights, etc., caused by drink, as the records make no reference to the cause. There has been but one death from whiskey in this section since the Pine Level dispensary closed and that was from Lucrecia whiskey. Whenever you hear of a man having Bright's Disease nine times out of ten if his case is looked into he has been one of those moderate drinkers.

Dr. J. J. Mott, of Statesville, N. C., one of the old time Republicans, in a speech at Salisbury last week said that a cool one hundred thousand negro votes for whiskey had been taken away and their places had to be filled by some one and that the place

to get the votes was in the country, that the way to get them was to go into the country with a Bible in one pocket and a bottle of whiskey in the other and you (meaning the whiskey crowd) would get them. Countrymen can you be bought with a drink of whiskey?

I see in the papers that the Rev. Mrs. Rice, of New York, spoke Saturday evening in Salisbury, in favor of whiskey and wanted to speak also on Sunday afternoon; but the Mayor, the Hon. A. H. Boyden, the State Manager of the whiskey league, would not let her. Guess he had had enough of her the day before, and could not stand a second dose.

Last Sunday morning a Mrs. Nannie Curtis, of Texas, spoke in Smithfield and there notice was given that she would speak at Selma Sunday night and it is estimated that twelve hundred heard her. It did not seem possible for such a crowd to gather on such short notice. In her speech here she said that on one side are the saloon, the gambling house and the house of ill fame. On the other are the church, the school and the home. Which side are you on?

Can't you see the difference—one side ready and anxious to hear and using the sabbath, the other unwilling to let their side use the sabbath for whiskey, giving out their literature on the sly and telling those to whom it is given, don't "take this home with you; but if you "do don't tell your folks I gave it to you." This was done here by a whiskey man a few days ago.

That must have been vile stuff that was not fit to go into a man's home. Literature that is too vile to go into a home and is sent out to influence votes must represent a bad side. So let's all vote against it.

R. J. NOBLE.

Selma, May 13.

**Dead in Her Hundredth Year.**

Last Sunday at her home in Bentonsville township, Mrs. Polly King passed into rest. We have been told that she was in her hundredth year. She was stricken with paralysis a few days before her death and in her extreme age her vitality was not enough to stand the shock.

Her father's name was Adam Williams. She was one of the eldest of 17 children that grew to manhood and womanhood. She was a sister of Mr. David Williams, of Bentonsville. She was twice married, her first husband, a Mr. Woodard, dying a great many years ago. She was married a second time about 20 years ago to a Mr. King who preceded her to the grave.

**Temperance Speakings.**

Arrangements have been made for Mr. N. B. Broughton of Raleigh to speak on temperance at Princeton Saturday, May 23rd, at 2 o'clock. Every voter in Boon Hill township should hear him.

**Stops Sixth Divorce Suit.**

Los Angeles, May 10—Mrs. Grace Snell-Coffin-Coffin-Walker-Coffin-Layman-Love has withdrawn her sixth divorce suit, and a reconciliation with H. M. Love, secretary of the Los Angeles Board of Health, the latest of her long string of husbands, has been effected. Mr. Love is delighted and says life is once more one sweet song.

**Funeral Service at Live Oak.**

We are requested to announce that Rev. D. P. Bridges will preach the funeral of the late John Broadwell, at Live Oak Baptist church the Second Sunday in June, and not May as was announced in THE HERALD of recent date.

"O God, that men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains! That we should with joy, pleasure, revel and applause, transform ourselves into beasts."—Shakespeare.