

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1913.

PATTERSON'S DRAMATIC SPEECH. Ex-Governor of Tennessee's Indictment of the Liquor Traffic.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Anti-Saloon League in Toledo, O., ex-Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, whose recent conversion from a life-long alignment with the whiskey forces to the ranks of the prohibitionists, caused nation-wide astonishment, made one of the principal addresses. The following is an excerpt from his speech; the introduction being from the November issue of the American Voice, which carries a full account of the meeting:

The dramatic incident of the entire convention came when former Governor Patterson, of Tennessee, told the story of his conversion and his antagonism to the traffic after having been recognized the country over as a leader of the liquor element. Patterson is a finished platform speaker, and his address moved the great audience to tears and cheers. It was the feature of the convention. When he closed the hall was swept with wave after wave of cheering, and hundreds crowded about him to shake his hand. The scene was that of a great religious revival, and will never be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

He detailed how circumstances while he was in Congress and in the governor's chair led him to take the wrong view of the liquor question, and then how, after the traffic for which he had pledged had wrecked his home and struck at himself, he had turned to God and become a changed man. Concerning his own experiences he said:

I have seen the trail of liquor in the criminal courts where I have prosecuted crime. I know and have been a participant in its paralyzing and corroding influence in the social life and public life of our national capital. As the governor of Tennessee, I have seen it a veritable and raging center of storm around which gathered its defenders and assailants and from which sprang divisions in parties, disputes in families and dissensions in churches.

Going through life, I have seen it drag down many of the associates of my boyhood, blasting their hopes and consigning them to untimely graves. I have seen its forked lightning strike my firstborn—the child of my young manhood, and I have borne with him the suffering and tried to help him in his brave but sometimes melancholy struggle for redemption. At last I have felt its foul and stealthy blow as it turned upon me in its deadly and shaming wrath—upon me, who had pleaded before the people for its very existence. Men have called me strong; and while I could see its harm in others, I thought myself immune, as thousands before my time have thought and suffered for the thought.

All this I knew and felt without a revelation of the deep pathos and meaning of it all. I needed help, for I was groping and my feet were stumbling in the dark. Deep in humiliation, tortured and condemned in my own esteem, which is the severest penalty a man may inflict upon himself, I thought of the oft-repeated phrases about personal liberty, of the power of the human will to resist temptation, with which I had beguiled myself, and I found them as unsubstantial as the fabric of a dream.

When logic failed and reason gave no answer, I cast aside all pride of opinion, all thought of what the world might say or think, and went to the throne of Almighty God. There on bended knees, I asked for light and strength, and they came. The curtains of the night parted, and the way was clear. I arose a changed man. An invisible hand had led me on to where the vision is unobscured, and the purposes of life stand revealed. From a critic of others, I looked within. From an accuser, I became a servant in my own house to set it in order. From a vague believer in the guidance of Divine power, I have become a convert to its infinite truth. From an unhappy and dissatisfied man—out of tune with the harmony of life and religion, I have become happy and content, firmly anchored in faith, and ready to testify from my own experience to the miraculous power of God to cleanse the souls of men.

Out of this has come the pro-

SAVES DAUGHTER

Advice of Mother no Doubt Prevents Daughter's Untimely End.

Ready, Ky.—"I was not able to do anything for nearly six months," writes Mrs. Laura Braicher, of this place, "and was down in bed for three months."

I cannot tell you how I suffered with my head, and with nervousness and womanly troubles.

Our family doctor told my husband he could not do me any good, and he had to give it up. We tried another doctor, but he did not help me.

At last, my mother advised me to take Cardui, the woman's tonic. I thought it was no use for I was nearly dead and nothing seemed to do me any good. But I took eleven bottles, and now I am able to do all of my work and my own washing.

I think Cardui is the best medicine in the world. My weight has increased, and I look the picture of health.

If you suffer from any of the ailments peculiar to women, get a bottle of Cardui today. Delay is dangerous. We know it will help you, for it has helped so many thousands of other weak women in the past 50 years.

At all druggists. Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Descriptive Literature and 64-page Book, "How to Treat Women," in plain language. N. G. 132

TALKS ON ADVERTISING

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENCE

ONCE a man's confidence is gained his trade is assured. This is a business rule that is almost an axiom. To gain this confidence it necessarily follows that the merchant must first make the acquaintance of the customer. After that it is a question of give and take.

IT IS CONFIDENCE LONG AND CAREFULLY FOSTERED THAT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS OF THE MAIL ORDER HOUSES. The only weakness in the fabric has been that the trade relations of buyer and seller were to a great extent impersonal. Naturally, there is no commercial confidence quite as firmly based as that which exists between the individual merchant and the individual customer, who deal face to face.

Now is the time for the local merchant to develop this confidence in the wider field which the parcel post has opened to him. He can reach customers within his zone at less cost and far more expeditiously and satisfactorily than any mail order house. Once the buying public becomes aware of this fact it will speedily transfer its allegiance from the mail order houses and deal with the man near home.

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found conviction that on the question with which I had to deal in my public career, all my arguments and all my conclusions, so far as they excluded or justified the moral right or policy of the state to legalize the sale of liquor, and thereby give sanction to its ravages on society, were only the empty and hopeless statements of propositions which had no verity or application to a thing wholly and essentially evil, and concerning which no principle of right or order or liberty should ever be evoked for its existence.

I favor Prohibition in any form that will either reduce or destroy the liquor traffic. I favor it person-wide, town-wide, state-wide, nationwide and world-wide.

State Baptist Statistics.

Biblical Recorder. In our 64 associations there are 2,054 churches with an aggregate membership of 245,539, a net gain during the year of 33 churches and 6,871 members.

From 1,370 churches there were reported 13,264 baptisms last year, an average of 10 for each church or of one for each 18 members.

By 1,760 churches contributions were made to one or more of the seven regular convention objects, the aggregate being \$189,756.71, which is a gain of \$24,254.01 over the previous year. The per capita is now 77 cents, which is a gain of 8 cents within the past 12 months. The average contributing church gave to all objects during the year \$107.82.

More churches gave to the orphanage than to any other object, the number being 1,552. There were 1,504 churches which contributed to Foreign Missions, 1,501 to State Missions, and 1,407 to Home Missions. The number contributing to all objects has not been ascertained.

The Sunday school record shows 1,934 schools with an enrollment of 190,686, a gain of 10,987. In 628 churches the Sunday school enrollment exceeds the church membership.

The educational work owned and controlled by the denomination embraces three colleges and 16 secondary schools which last year had 187 teachers, 3,882 pupils and property, including endowment valued at \$1,440,194. Five other institutions under private Baptist control had 40 teachers, 1,000 pupils and property worth \$145,000.

HAS RECORD FOR OLD MEN.

Half of the Residents More Than 71 Years of Age—Their Combined Years 2,306.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The returns of the state school census disclosed that Vestal Centre, a village ten miles southeast of here, has a record of which the citizens are very proud.

The village has 63 inhabitants, 12 being school children. Thirty of the inhabitants are more than 70 years old and the aggregate ages of the latter total 2,306 years.

John Goodenough, 85 years old, heads the list and Samuel Harris, 84 years and 11 months is second. Mrs. Phoebe Tibberty, 84, ranks next.

All except two of the 30 were born in New York state, one having been born in Switzerland and the other in Ireland. Ten of the men are veterans of the civil war and 10 of the 20 live on the same farms on which they were born.

All but two still are active and in many cases carry on their farm work with the same routine as they have for the last 50 years.

CHRISTMAS

Editorials on the Meaning and Observance of This Great Holiday Festival by Pastors of Gastonia Churches.

SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT DURING CHRISTMAS.

By Rev. N. C. Williams, pastor West End and Ozark Methodist Churches.

As many of the ministers of the town have written articles on the meaning of Christmas, I wish to suggest a few things that we ought to think about.

First, let us remember that it is the festival of the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. We realize the more fully why Christmas should be a day of rejoicing, when we consider the condition of man when Christ came into the world. When God created man He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul. When man sinned, that life became corrupt. There was no available remedy, by which man could cleanse himself of this corruption. His very nature was corrupt, and all that our forefathers had to transmit to the generations to follow was this corrupt life. So man could cleanse himself of this corruption the Ethiopian could change his skin or the Leopard his spots.

The only remedy was a new life. And the mission of Christ was to bring into the world a new life.

Why, God does not hold us responsible for being descendants of Adam. We can't help that. We had absolutely nothing to do with our coming into the world. But He does hold us responsible after we have reached the age of discretion, for how we choose this new life.

Therefore, it seems to me that Christmas should be regarded by all people everywhere as a day for the singing of praise and the giving of thanks to God.

We should be the more thankful, when we remember how we have been conducted through so many dangerous places. As some one has asked: "Has not the voice of the wild beast shaken us with alarm? Have we not trembled on the edge of the pit, and been sad in awful loneliness? Remember the Deliverer."

Let us think, too, of another Christmas which hastens the second advent of the King. His appearance will be wondrously different at the second coming. It shall not be in weakness as before but in power! "Not as the shining of a star in the world's dark night of sin, but as the rising of the sun in the morning of the millennial day! Not in the manger with the lowly beast of the stall, but from the transcendent glory of the highest heavens! Not then, the worshipping magi and the wondering peasants watching their flocks by night, but the acclaim of untold millions of the heavenly host!"

Not then, as the lowly Servant of Jehovah, or the rejected son of man, but as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords! Not as the suffering Lamb at Cavalry—but as the Lamb in the midst of the throne! Then shall the song of the great company of the redeemed swell the full hearts of the glorified. Then shall be heard the mighty anthem swelling above the sound of many waters: "Alleluia, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and the host of heavens shall become the leaders in the triumphant chorus: 'The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever.'"

NEILL C. WILLIAMS.

CORN AND TOMATO CLUBS.

Results Prove the South Peculiarly Adapted to Diversified Agriculture—Records of Southern Boys and Girls Far Ahead of Those of the North.

Special to The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Commenting on the statement issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, showing the results attained by the boys and girls who won prizes in the Boys' Corn Clubs and Girls' Canning Clubs in their respective States in the season of 1913, President Harrison, of the Southern Railway Company, said today:

"While the work done by the boys and girls in all of the States was remarkable, it is very gratifying to me to note that first honors, both in the Boys' Corn Clubs and the Girls' Canning Clubs, went to States traversed by the lines of the Southern Railway system. The wonderful record made by Jerry Moore, of South Carolina, who grew 228.75 bushels of corn on a single acre in 1910, directed attention to the great advantages of the Southeastern States as a corn-growing locality. Now comes Walker Lee Dunson, of Alabama, with a record of 232.7 bushels on a single acre, setting a new mark for the members of the Boys' Corn Clubs throughout the United States. The superiority of the Southeast for corn production is demonstrated not only by Walker Dunson's remarkable record but also by the fact that the yields obtained by the prize winning boys in each of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee exceeded the highest yield obtained by any boy in a Northern or Western State.

"No less remarkable than the record made by Walker Dunson in the corn club work was that made by Miss Clyde Sullivan, of Georgia, who grew 5,354 pounds of tomatoes on a tenth of an acre, surpassing by 1,374 pounds the highest record made by any girl in the North or West. Other Southeastern girls did remarkably well, notably Miss Lizzie Kelley, of South Carolina, with a record of 4,375 pounds on a tenth of an acre.

"Taken as a whole, the records of the Southeastern boys and girls demonstrate the superior agricultural and horticultural advantages of the Southeastern States, not only for purely Southern crops, such as cotton and early fruits and vegetables, but also for crops which are usually associated in the public mind with the North and West. They demonstrate that the States south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi offer unsurpassed advantages for the man seeking to engage in profitable diversified agriculture."

FAMOUS SCOUT DEAD.

Archibald Rowand, Last of Sheridan's "Jesse Scouts" Passes.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 16.—Archibald H. Rowand, 68 years old, the last but three of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan's famous "Jesse Scouts" in the war between the states, died in his home here last night. He was awarded the congressional medal of honor on recommendation of General Sheridan for his daring work in the Shenandoah valley campaign.

Mr. Rowand was 17 years old when he began his hazardous work and for three years spent most of his time within the Confederate lines. He served under General Averill, Milroy, Hunter and Sheridan. He served two terms as clerk of courts of Allegheny county. Since 1885 he had practiced law. His son, H. H. Rowand, is first assistant district attorney of Allegheny county.

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BUSINESS SUICIDE.

How the Abuse of the Credit System Places an Intolerable Burden on Many Business Firms—"Strictly Cash" the Only Remedy.

Rock Hill Herald.

A local merchant was telling us yesterday of a Rock Hill man to whom he sold a bill of goods in 1908, of which he has never as yet been able to collect so much as a dollar. This delinquent can be seen any day riding around in an automobile. Of course the local merchants are largely to blame for such a condition. The giving of unlimited credit has been the very means of enabling some people to enjoy ownership of automobiles—the very people who are really not able to own a car, but who flaunt themselves by the hard-working and honest debt-payers. There ought to be a remedy for this condition, and The Record believes there is one. It merely requires a stiff backbone and a determination on the part of ALL the merchants in Rock Hill to refuse credit to those people here who have become notorious for not paying their bills. It is nothing less than dishonest to contract bills one cannot or will not pay. It is all very nice to give receptions, card parties and swell luncheons and splurge around town in "my car"—that is, looks fine! But who is paying the bill? One merchant told us the other day that he had over \$30,000 on his books; another that he had over \$10,000 in the same predicament—for predicament it is. The wonder is that all the local mercantile establishments have been able to stand the strain. This much-abused credit system has long been the curse of the South—not only to the merchants but to the customers as well, because the very fact that one can get credit at any store leads to extravagant buying. If the cash system was strictly enforced the temptation to buy would have to be stifled until the cash was in hand. And the merchants and their customers would all be better off in the end. As it is now, many credit customers are staggering under debts they find it hard to pay, and the merchants are carrying a line of credit that is absorbing their capital and driving them to the banks as borrowers. In other words, the splurger is having the time of his (too often "her") life, and the merchants are paying interest to the banks on loans for the privilege of carrying the splurgers in their books. It all looks like business suicide. That is just about what it is.

—Esquire J. T. R. Dameron, of Bessemer City, route one, and his son, Mr. Craig Dameron, and family, expect to leave soon for Roseland, Moore county, to make their home. They intended to leave this week, but have been delayed on account of the illness of one of Mr. Craig Dameron's small children.

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BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Adv.

We wish all our friends and patrons A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HOMERSON MERCHANTILE COMPANY

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

And there were lots of Gastonians who had not bought all of their Christmas gifts. Postponement usually means disappointment in getting what you want, so buy now.

We have for "her" approval Mary Garden, Norris and Guth candies, Hudnut's toilet water and perfume and Mary Garden Perfumes. For "him" we have cigars of all kinds in boxes of 25 and 50. Pipes of all kinds, combs, brushes, etc.

Torrence Drug Co. "On The Corner"

WARNING LAND POSTED!

All persons are hereby warned not to walk, ride, drive, hunt or otherwise trespass on this tract of land.

The law will be duly enforced against disregard of this notice.

This day of 19, 1913

The above shows that the form and size of our land-posted notices. Price, 1 dozen, 15 cents; 2 dozen, 25 cents; 50 for 50 cents; 100 for 90 cents. Three cents per dozen additional by mail. All mail orders have prompt attention. Gazette Publishing Company, Gastonia, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Gaston County, North Carolina, made in the special proceeding entitled, "John E. Cloninger, Administrator, vs. Lannie Quinn, et al.," the undersigned commissioner, will on Tuesday, January 20th, 1914, at 10 O'clock, A. M.

at the front door of the Farmers & Merchants Bank in the town of Stanley, Gaston County, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the interests of Lannie Quinn, and her husband, John Quinn, which is one twenty-fourth, Katie Sadler, which is one forty-eighth, and John Derr, which is one fifteenth, in and to the following described tract of land, lying and being in the county of Gaston, and State of North Carolina, and in River Bend Township, more particularly described as follows:

Being lot No. 1 of the division of the lands of John Sadler, deceased, which division was made on the 15th day of —, 1843, beginning at a white oak and runs S. 14 W. 120 poles to a persimmon tree; thence N. 70 E. 81 1/2 poles to a stake; thence N. 45 W. 18 poles to a poplar; thence N. 68 poles to a pine; thence to the beginning, containing 30 acres more or less. (Less 12 acres heretofore conveyed to Robert Rhyne by Elizabeth Sadler) Henry Sadler is the owner of the other interests in said land, having obtained

same by quit claim deed from the other heirs at law of Betsy Sadler, deceased, as more fully appears from the petition in this cause.

This the 20th day of Dec., 1913. JOHN E. CLONINGER, T-J 13c4w Commissioner.

NOTICE.

I have sold my entire interest in the Peoples Furniture Company and am no longer connected with said firm in any way. This is to give notice that I am not responsible for any accounts held against said company by anyone.

R. W. EDWARDS, Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 16, 1913. T-J 6-4w.

The Southern farmer needs a horse with sufficient weight to pull larger plows, disk harrows and other efficient and labor-saving implements. This heavier horse may not be able to go as fast as our lighter stock, but they can more than make up for this lack of speed by doing more work each time they cross the field.—The Progressive Farmer.

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