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EDITORIAL NOTES.

- REGALIA of any style and price furnished on application.
- Fifty new Lodges have been organized in Iowa within the last quarter.
- The Grand Lodge of Queensland met at Brisbane on the 21st March.
- In Australia, some of the leading statesmen are members of our Order.
- The Kansas house of representatives have passed a prohibitory liquor law.
- Thomasville Lodge enjoys a picnic on May 13th, and the G. W. C. T. is invited.
- meanor, punishable with fine, to speak on public street.
- Bro. Geo. Bowen of New York, is lecturing for the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with excellent success.
- A package of elegant visiting cards will made acceptable present. Can be had at this office for 75c.
- In Canada, 17 Lodges were instituted in March, and over sixty within the five months preceeding April.
- Through the labors and influence of R. W. G. T.; J. J. Hickman, Local Option prevails in several parts of Georgia.
- The Supreme Court of Georgia has decided that drunkards who are sober enough to murder a man are sober enough to be considered murdered.
- Vineland, N. J., has again expressed its contempt for the liquor traffic by a vote of 913 majority for prohibition, out of a total vote of 1090.
- Copies of this paper are kept on file by Azro Goff, 2225 Bainbridge street, Philadelphia, where our North Carolina friends can keep posted in home temperance matters.
- Wisconsin temperance people sends twenty delegates to the National Prohibition Convention which meets in Columbus, Ohio, May 17, to nominate candidates for President.
- A saloon keeper in Ohio has brought suit against the ministers to make them "keep the peace."—Watchword.
- Wish we had some of those ministers in North Carolina.
- A new Lodge was organized at Roger's X Roads, Wake county, on the 29th, by Bro. N. B. Broughton, and another will be organized at Mt. Moriah on the 13th inst., making fifteen Lodges in the county.
- Nova Scotia has unanimously agreed to petition the Dominion Government for a Prohibition Liquor Law. This makes four provinces in favor of the measure: Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.
- Many brethren write praising our little paper—for which we are thankful. You can do us more good by saying the good words to their friends and induce them to subscribe also. If each one would do this how much help it would afford us.

Bro. S. C. Rankin, writes cheering news concerning the Lodge at Fayetteville. Among other things he says:

"Our Lodge is doing very well. Our meetings are well attended, and slowly increasing in numbers."

—Bethel Lodge, Raleigh, has changed night of meeting from Monday to Friday night. All Good Templars visiting the city on that night are cordially invited to visit this model Lodge. Small in numbers but perfect in the work.

—Good Templars of Raleigh, to you is left the duty of suppressing the sale of liquor on the Sabbath. Will you do it. You can find numbers of witnesses, and it is the duty of the Mayor to prosecute. You need not depend on the authorities to do so; their sympathies are not with us.

—All parties who are in arrears for subscriptions are requested to pay up, as we cannot afford to send the paper without the money. We pay cash and expect the same. Bills are forwarded when time is out and unless renewed within two weeks paper will be discontinued. This notice applies to every one whose subscription is due.

—The Convention of the Third District met at Rocky Mount on Tuesday, and that of the Eighth at Lumberton, Thursday last, and we trust much good may be accomplished. The proceedings of these Conventions will be published when furnished. These minutes will be of peculiar interest to the membership in the respective Districts, for this reason each Lodge should order extra copies of the paper. Sent, post-paid, for 2½c per copy, in numbers not less than ten. Lodge Deputies will confer a favor by aiding in this.

SERIAL STORY.

About the first of June we shall commence the publication of a Serial Story from the pen of J. F. Packard, a noted temperance man. Our readers will doubtless be well pleased with it.

In order to be sure of receiving the first numbers subscribers should send in their names at once.

The following notice to saloon keepers was issued by the sheriff on Saturday last:

"As the election of city officers occurs on Monday, May 1st, 1876, you are hereby notified to close your places of business 12 hours before Monday and to keep the same closed until 6 o'clock Tuesday morning."

We think the law a good one; and if the legislature has the right to condemn the sale of liquor on an election, we think they ought to condemn it for all time.

What do liquor sellers think of a law that discriminates between business men—saying that one man is worthy and the other not.

THE DIRECTORY.

The Executive Committee having determined to curtail expenses, have annulled the contract made with this paper for publishing the Directory. On this account it has been omitted, as we preferred giving our readers fresh reading matter instead. We shall, however, insert it occasionally for reference. As to the action of the Committee in this instance we have nothing to do; the Grand Lodge left the whole matter with them—but we fail to see wherein the order will be benefitted in a financial point, as we are aware of no other part of the expenses being reduced by them.

If the brethren in different parts of the State will lend their aid we can overcome all these drawbacks and give them a still better paper in the future.

WANTED.

We want an agent in every city and town in the State, to work for us. To such as desire to work, we will offer liberal commissions. All desiring to engage, will please address the Publisher of this paper.

VICTORY! VICTORY!!

PROHIBITION FOR GREENSBORO AND CONCORD.

Brother George Starr telegraphs us from Greensboro that Prohibition was carried by two hundred and forty-seven majority.

Concord carries prohibition and elects our good Bro. Montgomery for Mayor.

BRO. STEARNS' OPINION.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS OF NORTH CAROLINA—COL. J. J. HICKMAN—THE COLORED PEOPLE, ETC.

Some time ago we shook the hearty hand of Bro. J. N. Stearns, the efficient Corresponding Secretary of the National Temperance Society, as he tarried in our city for a night, on his way home from South Carolina, where he had been on a visit of rest and refreshment. We find in the last number of the *Temperance Advocate* a letter from him, from which we make the following extracts:

"In North Carolina the temperance cause has hosts of friends. The Good Templars take the lead and have about 10,000 members. Lending in Raleigh, and starting across the street for the post-office, we heard our name called, and, turning about, received cordial greeting from Bro. T. N. Ramsey, the Grand Lecturer of the Good Templars of the State. N. B. Broughton, the G. W. C. Templar; S. J. Fall, G. W. Secretary; W. J. Edwards, propriety gave us the welcome grip of the order. Excellent work has been done in this State in the past. The leaders are active and new lodges are constantly being instituted. The *Spirit of the Age* has trebled its circulation the past year.

The Order of Good Templars number nearly 100,000 in the Southern States, and has an active and earnest band of workers. We found the name of Col. J. J. Hickman, the Right Worthy Grand Templar, a household word wherever we went, and in almost every State he has greatly aided, if not been mainly instrumental, in its establishment.

The Order of True Reformers, for the colored people, has also quite a membership in several of the States. We have kept our eyes and ears open everywhere to endeavor to find out what had been and what could be done for the freedmen in the cause of temperance. The bringing of the negro into politics has brought him, to a great extent, into drunkenness. The ballot is easily exchanged for whiskey, and politicians do not scruple to exchange whiskey for votes. It is a missionary duty the people owe to this race to give them a temperance gospel. After ten years of wide correspondence and experience, and after two extensive trips through the South, and with no prejudice on account of race, we believe if the negro is ever to be benefitted by societies, it will be in a separate organization. This is in accordance with their wish and practice, as we have seen them and heard it expressed wherever we have been. They should have full power and equal authority to transact all their business that any organization has, and when this is recognized, and a kind, helping hand is extended, they readily take hold of the work. They have no funds to pay for outfit, lecturers, or literature. The work among them for years must be a missionary work, and the North owes it to them to raise a fund to send them temperance truths, that they may learn to shun the intoxicating cup."

We add our endorsement to Bro. Stearns' remarks as to caring for the colored people. No person in the South can feel more interest in the colored man as a total abstainer, and in common with the people of the South, we are in every way interested in his becoming such, but it is hard for all sections to agree upon any plan to further this end. It is necessary to live among them in order to know how utterly impossible it is to endeavor anything like giving the whites and blacks the same organization. There must be a distinction. We believe the Independent Order of Good Templars to be the best Temperance organization in the world. And that if it is good for the white man, it is good for the colored man, and we hope yet to see some way opened by which both races shall have the benefits of the Order in separate organization. Just as Christ for all but different viens and fig trees.

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GENERAL NEWS.

- Clapp refuses to go before the committee on printing.
- Indians at the Red Cloud agency are on the verge of starvation.
- The French Atlantic cable is broken two hundred miles from Brest.
- Eugenio Lopez, a London merchant has failed. Liabilities \$25,000.
- Col. Ordway, ex-Sergeant-at-arms of the House is to be investigated.
- It is asserted that Russian officers are organizing the Montenegrins to aid the insurgents.
- The City Mills at Norfolk Massachusetts, were burned on Wednesday night. Loss \$50,000.
- M. Jaurde, formerly the Communist Minister of Finance, has been expelled from Strasbourg.
- Kilbourn has been admitted to bail by Judge Carter. His bond was fixed at \$1,000, while he gava.
- has been appointed Journal Clerk of the House of Representatives.
- The impeachment of Count Von Arnim, before the Court of State for high treason, will begin on May 12.
- The Standard's Vienna dispatch says the Austrian government officially denies any intention of occupying Bosnia.
- Dom Pedro visited the State University in San Francisco Thursday, and received a number of visitors unofficially.
- The machine shop of the Ulster and Delaware railroad, Rondout, New York, was burned on Wednesday night. Loss \$20,000.
- A leading singer, Mlle. Pzys, entered the burning theatre at Rouen in search of her husband, and perished in the flames.
- Bristow is looming up, and his friends claim to have very encouraging information in regard to his prospects at Cincinnati.
- It is reported that Khedive has decided to accept the French syndicate plan for the unification of the bonded and floating debt of Egypt.
- Prince Milan has issued a proclamation declaring that the armaments in Serbia are caused by the concentration of the Turkish forces at Nisch.
- Congressman Williams has accepted the democratic nomination for Governor of Indiana. He says the platform is better than he expected.
- General legislation in Congress progresses very slowly, very few measures of importance having been agreed upon during the present session.
- The news current in Berlin diplomatic circles strengthens the chances of a renewed armistice and successful negotiations with the insurgents.
- The centennial item of \$73,000 in the deficiency appropriation bill has been agreed to by both Senate and House committee on appropriations.
- The Porte has been diplomatically cautioned against arming the Mahometan population in the insurgent provinces, owing to the danger of a wholesale massacre of Christians.
- Notice—We are always pleased to have communications from our friends, and take pleasure in giving place in our columns; but we cannot publish the list of officers alone. All letters containing simply a list of officers will be omitted.

STATE NEWS.

- McDowell county wont have any fruit.
- Mad dogs are occasionally shot in Salem.
- Court begins at Wilson next Monday.
- Greenville is to have a circulating library.
- Rowan county Superior Court commenced Monday.
- The oat crop in Warren county is not looking well.
- Charlotte has gone to holding immigration meetings.
- Dr. W. R. Harris, of Granville died last Thursday.
- The Newbern Journal of Commerce has suspended.
- Edgecombe county Superior Court commenced Monday.
- Cotton planting is the order of the day in Robeson county.
- Salem has at last put an end to base ball playing in the streets.
- Commencement at Rutherford College 30th and 31st of May.
- Commencement takes place at Davenport College June 7th.
- Last week five couples were married in New Hanover county.
- The young ladies of Warrenton will give a leap year hop May 12th.
- Mecklenburg county had 17 marriages during the month of April.
- Silver coin is slowly working its way into circulation in Wilmington.
- They are building a Methodist Church at Laurinburg, Richmond county.
- The Methodist Sunday School at Tarboro will have a picnic soon.
- A big crowd is in attendance on the United States Court in Wilmington.
- The wheat crop in Caldwell county is said to be looking remarkably well.
- We greet our contemporary of the Rocky Mount Mail on its fourth anniversary.
- Thursday night Wilmington enjoyed a meteoric illumination for a brief space.
- A number of Charlotte merchants have started a hose company on their own.
- There are 16 prisoners in the Forsyth county jail feeding at the expense of the people.
- Tobacco growers in Caldwell county expect to have great difficulty in securing plants.
- Franklin county commissioners are being stirred up about their frauds and corruptions.
- The trial of T. W. Strange, of Wilmington, for murder, commenced Friday at Asheville.
- The blacksmith shop of Mr. N. M. Richmond, near Milton, was burned last Friday night.
- The Oxford Democrat thinks Gen. W. R. Cox is the most eligible candidate for Governor.
- Several slight accidents have recently happened on the Charlotte & Atlanta Air-Line Railroad.
- Commencement at North Carolina College, Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county, takes place May 21st.
- The Charlotte banks have commenced paying out silver coin for fractional currency. Raleigh ditto.
- Oxford Democrat: The doctors report more sickness throughout the country now than was ever known before.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

WHITEVILLE, April 20.
 Editor Spirit of the Age:
 Last evening I organized New Hope Lodge, in Columbus county, with 20 charter members, from whom the following officers were elected: Wm. J. Dyson, W. C. T.; Miss Bettie M. Gore, W. V. T.; E. J. Hinson, Sec.; A. J. White, F. S.; Miss Mollie S. Gore, Treas.; R. G. Butler, Chap.; E. H. Thompson, M.; H. H. Jolly, I. G.; A. T. Butler, O. G.; Miss F. I. Smith, A. S.; Miss Friccise Stephens, D. M.; Miss V. A. Smith, R. S.; Miss Sallie J. Tedder, L. S.; Geo. W. Thompson, P. W. C. T.; John A. O. Quinn, Lodge Deputy.
 The Lodge is made of the best material, and may be considered as its name indicates the *New Hope* of this District.
 The ball has just moved and it will commence rolling soon, and conquest after conquest awaits its turning. Fraternaly yours,
 W. J. STANLY, Dep.