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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

G. PAGE, Editor and Owner

## Over A Hundred Of Kings Mountain's Best Citizens Join Law and Order League.

The Kings Mountain Law and Order League has almost suddenly grown to enormous proportions. It is only an infant yet that is a whopping big baby and has already mustered the strength of many giants. Over a hundred of Kings Mountain's loyal sons and daughters have associated themselves together for the purpose of creating sentiment in the enforcement of law. The principal aim is aimed at violation of the prohibition law. The tigers and gall-berry brigade are already on the defensive and many of them are looking the judge in the face and many more in prospect. If a man is engaged in the manufacture or illicit sale of whiskey he would do well to hunt another job before the league scents the trail.

We publish below the list of those who have already signed up as members of the league.

Here is what they signed and who signed it. If anybody has been overlooked who would like to sign up just drop into the Herald office and you shall have an opportunity to line up with those who are determined to stamp out the liquor business in and around Kings Mountain.

### WHAT THEY SIGNED.

Whereas there is now in our town a strong sentiment to suppress crime and lawlessness and promote good; whereas many of our young men are being ruined by the use of intoxicating liquor; and whereas we desire to lend our aid in suppressing crime of every kind or description and especially the illicit sale of WHISKEY and promote good and bring about more wholesome conditions generally:

We the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves into an organization known as the Kings Mountain Law and Order League for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of the law in what ever way we are able to render service.

### WHO SIGNED IT.

Mesdames Lizzie Falls, W. L. Fortune, C. L. Bragaw, Fred Finger, I. B. Goforth, C. A. Dilling, W. A. Ehlershour, J. M. Patterson, J. G. Hord, G. E. Lovell, M. L. Houser, S. H. Simonton, H. N. Moss, G. W. Kendrick, W. P. Fulton, A. R. Rudisill, and J. S. Mauney. Misses Anna Sue Camp, Pearl G. Jones, Mollie Sapoch, and Gessie Beatty. Messrs. A. L. Allran, W. L. Pionk, Rev. C. L. Bragaw, D. A. Fulton, M. L. Summers, W. S. Fulton, A. E. Gline, J. H. Garrett, B. R. Payseur, L. E. Parish, J. W. Short, Plato Foster, J. R. Ferguson, H. A. Bookout, V. A. Howard, H. S. Huffstader, J. L. Spenser, Dewy Moss, A. R. Coleman, C. A. Hamilton, J. M. Rhea, Beck Page, N. D. Crofts, A. M. Clearinger, John Weaver, B. B. Falls, W. H. Blake, Frank Lindsay, J. J. Foster, Buck Lindsay, Hoyle Moss, C. H. Baumgardner, M. E. Bratton, Arthur Wilson, J. W. Ramsey, A. B. Nelson, J. H. McCarter, C. C. McGinnis, M. L. Chaney, Jessie Lindsay, John Foster, Geo. Molton, Lee Morrison, Billie Weaver, Burl Moss, Milard Philips, Albert Blanton, Arthur Hamrick, Joe P. Weaver, Jim Weaver, C. Q.

Rhyne, J. R. Bennett, Glen Foster, J. M. Foster, W. T. Parker, R. J. Lackey, J. P. Long, J. S. Mauney, J. C. Lackey, C. E. Neisler, J. E. Anthony, Misses Martha Simonton, Irma Willeford, A. Ina Garlington, Mesdames E. O. Cole, C. E. Neisler, R. L. Canisler, Sarah Blackwood, W. A. Ware, J. T. Welch, H. L. Rauseur, B. R. Hunter, L. P. Baker, W. S. Dilling, Rufus Baker, Lawrence Mauney, Doris Mauney, Geo. V. Patterson, B. M. Orin and, Worth Falls, Lizzie Falls, G. G. Page, John Long, E. L. Ware, E. O. Cole, Misses Bessie Rauseur, Carlyle Ware, Bessie Simonton.

## A CORRECTION

The letter which appeared in the Herald last week under the caption, "Why Mr. Bradford Killed Himself" and purported to be the letter left by Mr. Bradford to his wife and family, proves to be only a part of the original letter. Soon after the Herald was issued Thursday a man who wrote the contents of the original letter, appeared at the Herald office and inquired into the matter.

As soon as the editor found that his columns had been used to state a half truth which was misleading he set himself about to learn the whole truth in order that the report might be kept straight. This he did and comes forth with what he knows to be an exact copy of the genuine and original letter.

But before reading the letter we might explain further that the Herald stands for nothing short of the whole truth. We often miss it but it is not our principal to do so.

### The Letter.

Kings Mountain, N. C.  
April 23rd, 1915.

My Dear wife and family:—

You are familiar with existing conditions and I have fully decided to leave it all with you all to get along the best you can, and I feel sure you will be much better off in the end without me than with me. My health is very poor as you know or should know that I have Consumption, and have had for a long time, and can't live but a very short while at the best, and I think the sooner I am out of the way the better it will be. I have made a will willing all I have to you and your heirs, after paying the funeral expenses. Have me buried in as cheap a plain coffin as it is possible to get thereby saving as you can as you will need it, and I will be just as well off in a ten dollar coffin as I would be in a hundred dollar casket. Kiss the children good-by for me and tell them they will be better off in the end without old papa than with him. I hate awfully bad to kill myself but the humiliation I am bound to suffer is more than I can bear. The attached copy of a letter I have written Mr. Pionk will show what is coming my way and I just simply can't bear it. Hope Charles and Thomas will try to do better than they have been doing and that they will try to (Cont'd on editorial page)

## The Town for the Past two Years,

Below we give a brief summary of the accomplishments of the last administration of the affairs of the town of Kings Mountain. This matter was prepared last Friday for another purpose and we are using it by permission.

### Some of the Things they have Done.

1. They have lived within their income. Notwithstanding the fact that they were called upon to meet some extraordinary expenses, such as lowering the Water Mains when the Highway Commissioners graded the streets and paying \$600.00 damages to G. O. Cleary who was injured by a live wire, they have lived within their income. \$700.00 was spent in lowering Water Mains and \$500.00 or more for Terracotta which went under streets.

Had an adequate Survey made of the town which cost \$1,000.00. Had this survey been made before any permanent improvements were made it would have saved the tax payers much money besides the inconvenience and annoyance caused by tearing up the cement pavement and re-placing it.

**WATER AND LIGHT PLANT.** When the present Board took charge, the Water and Light plant was costing the Tax Payers of Kings Mountain \$1,500.00 per year. Two years previous to this administration it was run at a loss of \$3030.00. For the two years under the present administration it will show a net profit of \$800.00 or more. In other words it will show a saving to the town over previous administrations of \$3,800.00. This has all been done without raising the rates to the consumers one cent, or impairing the physical condition of the plant. More money has been spent for repairing and rebuilding and installing new equipment than during any previous administration. The physical condition of the plant to-day is better than it has ever been.

This administration will close their fiscal year to-day with sufficient money to set aside a Sinking fund of \$1,500.00 and have enough funds available to meet the running expenses of the town for the balance of the year. They have \$2,000.00 in cash and uncollected taxes of \$3,000.00.

## The Knocker's Creed

I believe that nothing is right. I believe that everything is wrong. I believe that I alone have the right idea. The town is wrong, the editor is wrong, the teachers are wrong, the people are wrong, the things they are doing are wrong and they are doing them in the wrong way anyhow. I believe I could fix things if they would let me. If they don't I will get a lot of other fellows like myself and we will have a law passed to make others do things the way We want them done.

I do not believe that the town ought to grow. It is too big now. I believe in fighting every public improvement and in spoiling everybody's pleasure. I am always to the front in opposing things and never yet have I advanced an idea or supported a movement that would make people happier or add to the pleasure of man, woman or child. I am opposed to fun and am happiest at a funeral. It's a sad world and I am glad of it. Amen.

## The Booster's Creed

I believe the world is growing better. I believe that there are plenty of people who have as much sense as I and that I may sometimes be wrong in my views. I believe most people are honest at heart and would pay their bills promptly if they could. I believe that our town is the best town in the world and that our people are as good as any. I believe the voice of the people ought to be supreme in matters of government.

If I am wrong in my contentions I hope I will fail and that right may prevail.

I believe the town ought to grow and that it is my duty to help in every progressive movement. The town is not as big as it ought to be or will be if folks pull together. I think I ought to do all I can to add to the pleasure of other folks. If I can't help a good movement I will not hinder it. I will encourage everyone I find engaged in a noble enterprise. I believe that any honest labor, however humble, is a sight more honorable than loafing even with good clothes on. This is a good world, a good country, a good state a good county and the best town anywhere and I am going to do my level best to make it still better. So help me God.

My brother, are you a knocker or a booster?

## Shall we have a Lyceum

A short canvas was made Friday by some of the ladies to ascertain whether a lyceum course for the fall and winter could be supported here. The results were gratifying, about a hundred dollars being subscribed. Not near all the people have been waited upon and other canvasses will be made. A list can be signed up at the Herald office any time. Let's get together and get the course.

## Commencement Exercises here Friday night.

REV. L. D. LODGE TO SPEAK

## The Injured Bride Speaks

To Editor of The Highlander.

I wish to reply to an article in the Highlander of April, 17, which was headed: matrimonial violence.

I wish to state that I was forced into this marriage with Mr. Broadus Philbeck at Gaffney, where I had gone to take part in the field day exercise.

I never saw Mr. Philbeck but one time, and never had any regard for him other than a friend I do not love him and had no idea of marrying him at Gaffney, when he and his brother, and his brother's wife, came to me and frightened me until I did not know what I was going.

My mother sent me word to come and get my clothes if I wished to live with him. Not knowing the circumstance of the marriage, I induced him (Broadus) to take me home. When we arrived at my father's house, mother asked me to take my clothes if I wished to live with him, and I told her I did not want to live with him, and asked my father to take me out of the buggy, which he did. My brothers in law did not lay hands on me. Papa ordered him to leave and he would not go, my two brothers in law used his (Broadus') own whip to give him the whipping I think he deserved. If the whip was loaded he was the one who did the loading, as it was a whip he bought in Gaffney the day before.

As for being locked in a room I have never been locked in anything, as I was on the porch talking to Broadus, father and Mr. Green Sunday evening following, I was also in Gaffney Monday with my father and mother. I am only sixteen years old and am under my father yet where I expect to stay.

I do not love Broadus Philbeck and never did and am determined not to live with him. I am as yet here to speak for myself, if anyone believes to the contrary, come to me and I will make an endeavor to produce proof.

signed  
Misses Mae Moss, Blacksburg, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1

(Editor's note—By inadvertence on our part, the article referred to was not credited to the Kings Mtn. Herald. Not Guilty.)

(Note the Second—The story as carried in the Herald was reported by a friend of Mr. Philbeck to whom he told his version of the affair. Now, we are exceedingly glad to have the young lady's side of the case and let readers draw their own conclusions.

G. G. Page, Editor of the Herald.)

### Child Breaks Arm.

Little Elizabeth Knox, the three and a half year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Sidney

The closing exercises of the Graded School will be held at the auditorium Friday evening at eight o'clock. Dr. Lee Davis Lodge president of Limestone college, Gaffney S. C. will be present to deliver the commencement address. In addition to the speech, there will be exercises by the graduating class which consist of nine members.

## Tenth of May

The 10th of May coming on Monday the Local Chapter of the U. D. C. has decided to observe Saturday May 8th 1915 as memorial day, and extend a most cordial invitation to all the citizens of the town and community to attend the exercises to be held at the graded school building, also to participate in the decoration of the graves in Mtn. Rest Cemetery.

The daughters, Veterans and all interested are requested to assemble at the school building at 9:30 to march to the cemetery. At 11 o'clock at the Graded School building, Col John A. Parker of Charlotte N. C. will deliver the address of the day, after which dinner will be served on the grounds to Veterans their wives and widows.

A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Arlington monument.

## LINWOOD

"Miss Buzby's Boarders" was presented in the auditorium at Bessemer City by the Junior Class of Linwood last Thursday night.

The Annual has been in the printers hand for sometime. It will be out by the 20th.

One of the most interesting evenings of the year was the joint celebration by the Calathenian and Adelphean Literary Societies last Monday evening. It has been highly complimented by those who were present. The following is a copy of program:

Part 1. Quartette, William Tell—Misses Funderburke, Blakeney, White and Good.

Sommer fancies, Metra—Chorus Class.

Castata, Heysler—

Part 2. Life of Congifellow—

Miss McGill.

Solo, Beware—Miss McLain.

Longfellow as a Poet—Miss Martin.

Solo, My Algonquin—Miss Wilkins.

Hiawatha—A Pantomimed Reading.

The Adelphean Literary Society invited the other two societies to a public meeting one week ago last Saturday night very appetizing refreshments were served. The Bryanlinian did the same the Saturday night following.

Good, fell and broke her arm last Friday about noon. She started up the back steps of the house and the bottom step turned and threw her off. She fell on her arm breaking both bones just above the wrist.