

The Supreme Court says it is Prohibition.

That is the conclusion of the Supreme Court on the liquor question. They decide that no city has a right to issue licenses and anybody who sells whiskey can be proceeded against under the laws in force previous to 1892.

Contrary to general expectation the Supreme Court had not a word to say about the law of 1893. They completely ignored it and that law is still a subject of controversy and may lead to further complications in the situation.

Justice Melver as soon as court was convened commenced the reading of the decision which is as follows:

The State of South Carolina, In the Supreme Court, April Term, 1894.

J. L. Barringer, et al., vs. The City Council of Florence, et parte, J. Ellis Brunson

The two cases instituted in the original jurisdiction of this court being of a kindred nature, though not involving the same questions were heard and will be considered together.

The first is a case asking for an injunction to restrain the city council of Florence from granting licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors, upon the ground that there is now no law authorizing the granting of such licenses, and therefore that threatened action of said city council in this respect is "ultra vires."

The second is a case in which the petitioner applies, under a writ of habeas corpus, heretofore issued for his discharge from custody, in which he holds under a warrant issued by the mayor of the city of Florence, who is invested by the charter of said city with all the powers of a trial justice, charging the petitioner with selling spirituous liquors without a license, in violation of an ordinance of the city, as well as in violation of the laws of the State. Inasmuch as one of these cases involves the liberty of the citizens, this court deems it to be its duty to render a prompt decision as possible.

The court will, therefore, proceed simply to decide the questions presented in these cases, without undertaking now to give the reasons for the conclusions which will, however, be hereafter done in an opinion which will be prepared and filed as soon as practicable.

The court decides that under the law as it now stands, there is no authority invested with the power to grant licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors within the limits of this State, and hence the action of the city council of Florence in granting such licenses would be "ultra vires" and absolutely void, and therefore, the injunction, as asked for, by the petitioner, in the case first named, must be granted.

In the second case the petitioner moves for his discharge from custody upon the ground that there is now no law forbidding the sale of spirituous liquors within the limits of this State. This court decides that this is a mistaken view of the law. On the contrary, we hold that the act of 1893, commonly called the dispensary act, having been declared unconstitutional in all its provisions, except that forbidding the granting of licenses to sell spirituous liquors, after the day therein named, the repealing clauses of that act fall, and must be regarded as if never enacted and hence the previous law forbidding the sale of spirituous liquors, under which the petitioner was lawfully imprisoned. In addition to this he may also be proceeded against for a violation of the ordinance of the city of Florence mentioned in the warrant under which he has been arrested and is now held in custody.

It is, therefore, ordered that, in the case first named in the title of this order, an injunction do issue as prayed for in this petition.

It is further ordered that, in the second case named in the title hereof, the motion of the petitioner for a discharge be refused; and that said J. Ellis Brunson be remanded to the custody of the chief of police of the city of Florence to be held by said course of law. This eighth day of May, 1894.

EMERY McIVER, Chief Justice. We concur S. McGOWAN, J. Y. J. POPE, A. J.

Silas Nicholson, a farmer living in Jackson county, N. C., near the South Carolina line was implicated several months ago in killing his son in a drunken rage. The trial was set for April 28th at Webster, but while Nicholson was in the court house he had an attack of heart disease and died almost instantly. He was sixty years old. One of his sons is yet to be tried for complicity in the killing.

Editor Dargan, of the Sumter Freeman, speaks his mind after this fashion: "Slowly but surely the place-seekers and the patriots of the grand army of reformers in South Carolina are separating into two camps. The Tillman-ly John-gary-evans-Gantt crowd against the Bowden-W.-D.-Evans-Kelitt McLaughlin crowd. For this latter crowd and with them to the end stands the Freeman, and long have we worked for the coming of the day whose dawning we now most joyously welcome."

Lord Rosebery says that wherever one may go through the world and observe a "good thing," he would be likely to find a Scotchman sitting down beside it, or not far away.

The cases of aluminum are becoming more and more varied. Visiting-card and railway tickets are now made of it, and there have been even attempts to utilize it for bank bills and other commercial paper, as sheets of it one-thirtieth of a millimeter thick are lighter than many of the thick varieties of paper.

Members of one of the senior societies at Vassar mischievously and with great amusement to all present debated the proposition: "Resolved that the Higher Education Units Men for Matrimony."

The Whiskey Question.

Our State is in an anomalous condition so far as the sale of whiskey is concerned. The Supreme Court says that no city council, or other authority can grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors. Those who do sell may be proceeded against under laws in force prior to the passage of the dispensary bill. A City Council may impose fines and penalties by ordinance according to the power vested in them by their charter. The punishment to be inflicted by the Circuit Court, is regulated by section 1734 of the General Statutes which is as follows: "Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in a sum of not less than \$200, or imprisoned for a term of not less than six months, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the Court trying the same. Provided, That one half of all fines imposed and collected on any conviction under this Chapter, shall be paid to the officer, or person detecting and reporting violations thereof, on the warrant of the County Commissioners of the County in which such conviction shall be had, if claimed by such person, with the certificate of the Solicitor and Clerk of the Court that he is entitled to the same, or other half of said fines provided, to be held by the Treasurer of such County for the use of the County. The County Commissioners of each county are especially charged with the duty of obtaining information as to the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter and with the duty of instituting prosecutions therefor."

The statute further provides that manufacturers of domestic wine, made from grapes grown in this State, are exempt from these penalties, provided they sell in quantities not less than one gallon.

How is prohibition to be enforced? Or rather how is the unlawful sale of whiskey to be repressed? Who is to make out cases against those who violate the law? Sheriffs and their deputies, Trial Justices and their constables and the County Commissioners are all required by their oaths of office to obtain information and institute proceedings against those who sell whiskey. Then the temperance organizations can do something besides pass resolutions and talk. All over the country men are selling whiskey. When the Governor declared that the decision of the Supreme Court meant "free liquor" his supporters, all over the State, putting implicit faith in his words, began to sell whiskey. Several of them in this county are engaged in the traffic. They first arm themselves with United States licenses, so as to keep clear of the revenue officers. Then they begin to sell whiskey. It is going to be very difficult to keep an outlawed sale with the administration in favor of such a case.

Coxey Asks For Good Roads and Non-Interest Bearing Bonds.

WASHINGTON, May 9.

"Gen. Coxey today addressed before the House committee on labor."

Coxey presented a petition from the Commonwealth of Ohio, signed by Carl Brown and others, to address the committee in behalf of Coxey bills for the issue of non-interest bearing bonds for the improvement of roads.

Coxey complimented the reading of the petition with a brief statement of the reasons for the passage of the two bills above referred to would solve the industrial depression and set all men at work.

Representative Ryan, Democrat of New York, pressed the question upon Coxey as to what warrant he had for saying he represented 99 per cent. of the people.

"Take the Farmers' Alliance, Knights of Labor and other organizations," said Coxey, "and they are all in sympathy with this movement."

"But," pressed Ryan, "don't you think more than 1 per cent. of the people are represented through their chosen members in Congress?"

"Yes," said Coxey, "but as a rule they are misrepresented instead of represented."

"Well," inquired Ryan, "have you any showing to make any proof to offer that you represent 99 per cent. of the people?"

"No," said Coxey, "after thinking a moment, 'I don't claim that.'"

This closed Coxey's hearing and the general retired to read Illustrated accounts in the morning papers of his conviction in the court yesterday.

The Valdosta times asked a question and answered it as follows: "Who are fighting Cleveland? The following roll answers these questions: 'Kolb, 'Coxey, 'Watson, 'Tillman, 'The Republicans, 'The Third Party, 'And a few Southern, 'And Democrats refuse their support!'"

It is getting to be fashionable now to have any one in front of your nose so that the old joke about lovers leaning on the front gate will need an explanatory footnote by the time the next generation of newspaper readers come along.

"Miss Alpert says she often finds her husband sleeping after she played a waltz on the piano. Is that so, you think?"

"Yes, some of 'em weep. Most of 'em just sweat a little under their breath."

Miss Kate Hilliard, in a paper read to the New York theosophists, speaking of hypnotism, says that no one will, under its influence has ever been induced to surrender a vital secret. Many experiments have been tried with this intent, but without success.

How to Tan Leather.

Abbeville Press and Banner. Ninety Six, S. C., April 22, 1894. Enclosed you will find a bit of alum-tanned leather. The process of preparing it is sometimes called glove tanning, from the fact that small skins are tanned this way for glove making. Some persons, who have seen some of the leather prepared by Mr. J. Rhodes, who is now living on my place, have asked me for a description, in detail, of the way it is done. I have thought it might prove interesting if not profitable to the farmer readers of the Press and Banner, to learn of a better way of disposing of their beef hides and sheep and goat skins than selling them to tanners and buying from the merchants their necessary supply of leather at 40 or 50 cents per pound.

Another reason for sending this to you for publication is that there was a man in the town of Ninety-Six last week trying to sell the rights to use this or a very similar process at \$5 each. There is nothing new in it. It is rather ancient for a patent. With this preface I will give in a few words as the details of the process which the leather was tanned from which the piece enclosed is a sample of the result.

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Let Breckenridge Go.

Congressman Breckenridge is an artful campaigner. He knows as well how to bring his followers up to the standard point as Tillman does, and that is saying much for him. He went to Mount Hebron Presbyterian church and confessed his sins and asked to be forgiven. After a consultation the brethren came to the conclusion that it was their duty to forgive him and take him back into the fold. At Paris, Kentucky, however, he did not meet with such brotherly love and forbearance.

His speech was much the same as that delivered at Lexington on Saturday, but was much bolder, showing plainly that he feels encouraged and more certain of his footing. His attack on the press and the ministerial Union of Lexington, which is fighting him, as well as his foes generally, was the most brilliant and dramatic display of demagogic oratory ever heard in the Ashland district.

At the conclusion of Col. Breckenridge's speech he introduced Hon. Evan Settle, who, with Hon. W. C. Owens, is opposing him. Mr. Settle was deliberate, keen and caustic. He began by saying that he had lots of sins, and might confess them if he just had a cue as to which was most likely to draw the people to him. In view of this doubt he was at a serious disadvantage. This reference to the Colonel excited him noticeably. Then gliding smoothly along for a time Mr. Settle returned to the Colonel and dealt him several blows that made him wince.

"I come to you unharmed," said he, "hammered by the youth and the lack of an illustrious name. But sir, I would rather be one of an obscure, but honest, family than have the distinction of being worthily the name of a distinguished ancestry."

The excitement during his delivery of this and other pointed references to the Breckenridge scandal was intense, and though the audience was largely against him, there were many who applauded Breckenridge men present who made themselves heard.

Wife—Anything new in the sermon this morning? Husband—I guess there must have been. I didn't get to sleep until it was half over.

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There was a hundred thousand dollars fire in Winchester, Va., Sunday.

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