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AS TO THE MORAL TONE.

Professor Kent, of the University of Virginia, has testified that he believes the moral tone of Charlottesville has been raised, that business has not been injured, and the value of real estate not lowered by making Charlottesville a Dry town. Professor Kent lives up at the University. His lecture room is his place of business. He has no interest in Charlottesville proper by which he can personally tell what the business meter registers. We believe he owns no real estate in Charlottesville, and has certainly, we learn, not tried to sell any there recently, so that his statements are based purely on opinions formed by none of the tests applied by the real business men of that town. Many of these are ready to testify the other way. Indeed, they are very blue and low spirited just now. As to the condition of morals since the change there is no guage to measure that question by, so it must always remain one of opinion purely. But those whose books show the business they have done, especially the bankers, and those who are purely business men and who have tried the real estate market recently differ widely with Professor Kent, and as these conditions began to show themselves shortly after the time licenses were taken away, such conditions they claim are directly traceable to that cause. But inasmuch as Charlottesville depends largely on the University, and students there are left to their own bent, we have no comment to make on what has occurred, or their mode of control. We only submit that "license or no license" is not a question of "whiskey or no whiskey." Our own personal experience of some years in a prohibition State, and in-Dry territory, makes us know whereof we speak, and we do know that the moral tone goes much agog where the buyer and the seller become participants. It is the hot-house of perjury, and the instiller of "sideboards" in private houses.

Mr. Bryan has denied that he in any sense authorized the statement that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate, which recently appeared in the newspapers. It was simply the liar lie loose on Mr. Bryan again.

THE LAWS ARE FOR THE STATE

It is unfortunate for the cause of real temperance that the churches are going actively into politics over it. In the West a good deal and possibly in the North things called "reforms" are carried into the pulpit. But here in the East and South the States have handled all State matters with the same jealousy that England handles her affairs. Here where we have no established church as in England, it is still more dangerous to mix the two. The kind of laws to be made are not in the province of the church, save as it may have a high moral influence on those given the law-making power, and whilst many sincerely good and devout church people may feel that they violate no principle of government, by "demanding" the passage of certain laws, and the "dictation" of a certain plan for city government, they ought to remember that forced "morality" is distasteful and soon amounts to no morality at all. If the churches dictate the question of license for the sale of liquor, they can with the same propriety dictate all other licenses. Having decided that, they can go a step further, and then further yet, until soon the State will be called on to yield entirely to them on all questions the churches may demand. To the student of government church dictation is regarded as dangerous because he knows how easily fanaticism inflames, and how difficult it is to subdue, and then again how many crimes are committed in its name. Let the churches counsel and advise, but by no means encourage them to command.

A CHURCH FIGHT.

Harrisonburg is booked for a local option election next month. The booking was done last Thursday night, at a meeting of the Anti-Saloon League held in the lecture room of the Methodist church, when the league voted to circulate immediately a petition for an election. This step was taken only after mature consideration on the part of the no-license forces of the town. Back of all this the churches were never better organized or more alive to the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth than at present.

The above item tells that Harrisonburg for the first time in 20 years is to have a Wet and Dry election, which is to be a church fight. Harrisonburg was for a short period, as we recollect, made dry. The experience of that period did not seem a happy one and a change took place and the town granted license. It would be useless to recall the abuses practiced there during the Dry period, but they were many and the whole condition took on an air of opera bouffe. The thing became the joke of the period, and up to this time there has been no local option fight.

Although more than eighty Missouri counties are "dry" and the Sunday closing laws are enforced vigorously, the month just closed shows a greater consumption of beer than any corresponding month since the creation of the office of beer inspector eight years ago. This is but another proof that prohibition does not prohibit.

Did you ever fish with the spoon bait. Some good size fish are often caught that way.

THAT UNHOLY ALLIANCE.

We do not believe our Democratic people are disposed to be like the Indian who never forgets or forgives an injury, but they are not only surprised but deeply chagrined at the facts as now disclosed of a combination of what they choose to term themselves "Democratic Prohibitionists" with the regular Republican organization two years ago to defeat Messrs. Echols for the Senate and Walker and Churchman for the House of Delegates. This unholy alliance is hard to forgive. It carried with it so much of the "Black Hand," the "Mafia," in politics, that it requires a serenity of soul, and a sweetness of nature the average Democrat hardly possesses, to both forgive and forget. We have no complaint against the Republicans on this score. They have a right to make combinations because they are an open and avowed political party, and have well-known political principles, which we admit, when it suits them, they sometimes follow and fit into government. But the other side of the combination, the party of the "second party" to this agreement, does not have, and whilst many good and loyal Democrats will always vote with them on every question of prohibition or in opposition to license, they would not touch them when they made secret alliances to turn Virginia over to the Republican party. This was a bold, and from a Democratic standpoint, despicable agreement. It is not calculated to inspire confidence anywhere. The Republicans look with distrust at such associates, because they know they would leave them when opportunity favored, as quickly as they had left the Democrats; that is, they would go out of the same door by which they came in. They know an ally is always dangerous, because the promptings which caused the alliance having been withdrawn, or the ends accomplished, the ally is ready for another deal with any body by whose aid he can reap a supposed advantage. The Democrats may not forever hold the leaders of the "second party" to this unholy agreement in disfavor or distrust, yet this sin ought to be atoned for heavily by some confidence in the sincerity of the motives and the uprightness of the conduct, of those who framed the contract, can be entirely restored among those Democrats who try to live up to the principles they profess.

A DENIAL.

Editor The Dispatch: Any statement that there was a combination or coalition between the temperance forces of this city and the republican organization in the last local option election is not in accordance with the facts. It is known to every man who worked in that election that the republican office holders and workers almost to a man, voted wet, and when they were active at all were active in behalf of the liquor side, and were wet in that election and are wet as we are informed, in this election. This is the proof that there could have been no coalition then and that there is none now.

In the legislative fight two years ago an independent temperance ticket was put up, there was no coalition with the republicans and no promises made to them. The chairman of the republican organization and others supported the independent ticket because they said the platform of the independents was fairer than that on the other side. Many republicans supported the nominees of the democratic party, in fact the democratic nominees carried the strongest republican precincts of the city, viz. Classic City, Jewell and Spring Hill. This shows that the coalition did not exist.

It is to be noted that a number of wet republican councilmen were elected in the democratic city of Staunton at the last election, and I assert that they were not elected by dry votes. If the saloon is an evil, and the temperance agitation a greater evil, let the voters abolish both these evils by voting the saloon out and at the same time take from the "agitators" any cause for existence.

THE LEADERS AND THE CAUSE.

Every day emphasizes the fact that Staunton's real business men are opposed to the agitation now going on. They are not in love with many previous acts of the agitators. Every day some questionable political deal breaks out, and confidence in the purity of the motives of some of those who carry a banner on which "Morality" is written in large and imposing letters receives a heavy jar. To make a cause popular it must be placed on a high plane. Those actively pressing it must be men of worth, and character. They must be truthful, honest and square. The people generally must look to them as leaders in thought, and as safe guides. If the cause be one which is claimed to have a great moral side, those at the head of it must be absolutely honest and truthful. There can be no Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde figuring in it. Their actions must be correct, their words pure, their lives an open book.

That some leaders in a "great moral movement" often pressed upon our people do not rise, and have not risen to that point, and held their position in such mid-air, we know. This, we are told, does not change the merits of their cause, but only shows how weak men are, and we are reminded that even Lucifer had reached Heaven before he fell. All this may be true, we may be now dealing with some fallen angels. Men have pointed us to higher things whose actions show little desire on their part to

FACTS AGAINST FIGURES.

The Wet and Dry campaign is not yet heated to the white heat it has reached at previous times. There is a lack of spirit somewhere in the agitator. He has not been so prompt to show up here as on former occasions. It must be that he has begun to find out that this is a busy season all around, and that we are rather a happy and contented people. Our farmers are in their fields, our merchants in their warehouses, our bankers at their counters, our teachers at their studies, and our scholars at the summer schools. If we have any leisure class they possibly are at the seashore or are touring the country in their cars. All are at work of some kind, for even pleasure seeking is work. The agitator finds it harder to get an audience under these circumstances, for even those who have leisure after their hours of hard, or even slavish, toil, prefer the park, where they may catch the sweet strains of music, trip the light fantastic toe, or drink in the pure air, cool from the mountain crests, to a pent-up room on a hot July night, witnessing a perspiring orator grow red in the face, as he deals out ponderous figures, talks murder, crimes of lesser size, graded doors, poverty and want. As our people sit in comfort, as free as birds in the open air, upon the well-appointed seats in the parks, well clothed, and fed upon the bounty of our land, or lounge upon the smooth, well mowed sward, and behold happy children in groups romp about, it is hard for them to imagine that we are on the brink of so much danger as is sometimes portrayed to them by the paid agitator; indeed they are slow to believe that they are not living in a well regulated, orderly community, as good if not better than if the agitator himself were at the helm giving commands and running the Ship of State. A Red Hot Campaign and a cool summer evening in the park do not dovetail very well, the facts so bely the pictured story. Nor do our prosperity and comfort accord well with some dire portrayals indulged in on former occasions by imported tale bearers, and alarmists.

GOES AT IT LIKE A JUDGE.

Washington, June 29.—President Taft, who is sitting as judge on the whiskey hearing at the White House, announced today that the lawyers representing the whiskey interests will be given until June 10th to file formal briefs setting forth their views and arguments. An additional ten days then will be given for answers to these briefs by any interested parties. The entire case, as then presented, will be considered by President Taft. He will go over the briefs and the answers, and decide which has been given, very much as he used to weigh the cases which went before him for decision when he was on the Federal bench in Cincinnati last year ago. His decision may not be expected much before August 1st.

The principal question involved in the controversy is how whiskey should be labeled under the Pure Food law. For the past few days he has been devoting from two to three hours a day to hearing the petitions of the distillers. Yesterday he spent three hours on the case and two more hours were devoted to it today. The hearing was open at 9 o'clock this morning and was continued up to the opening of the Cabinet meeting.

Here we see the President of the United States in the midst of a great problem. The above dispatch tells how anxious he is to determine "What is Whiskey?" To do this all the faculties must be brought into play. When he has smelled and touched and tasted, he must go further—he must assay its effects. If, after all these tests, Mr. Taft loses his smile, then surely it cannot be whiskey. Suppose he shouted in the midst of his deliberations, should suddenly leap to his feet, yell, seize a chair and hurl it at the assembled multitude of lawyers? and you decide that it was whiskey, which caused the outbreak? Suppose, on the other hand, he should fall asleep whilst some of the learned counsel spoke? Let us pause here lest we more and more confuse the question. A man capable of this question must be a sure enough judge—a judge of law and of liquor.

FROM THE ARID BELT. We have received a copy of the July number of the Kansas Magazine, published in Wichita, Kansas. It is a very neat publication and contains excellent reading matter and many pictures of people and places but no whiskey advertisements. We notice the picture of a young looking man with these words printed below: "John H. Graham, the first mayor of Wichita to put the 'hid' on."

Wichita is more than 50 years old. Thirty of these years it has been under the sheltering wing of the strongest prohibition laws that could be framed under a prohibition constitution, and just now for the first time the "hid" has been put on. John H. will be something of a Samson if he keeps it on.

We notice also that colleges and schools flourish in those parts, among them a Keeley Institute. They point with pardonable pride to "Jerry of the Nud Feet," "Mary—Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease—of the Valuable Tongue," and "Carrie the Hatchet Toter," as distinguished persons "bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh," all of whom have breathed the breath of the sand storms in the Sunflower State.

THE GOVERNMENT'S FARCE.

Harnes, the government meat inspector who recently told of the farce at East St. Louis in government inspections and of rotten meat, has been dismissed the service as any man will who dares say anything against the real farce that exists. What would people say if they generally knew that right here in Staunton food stuffs are branded by some of our merchants after the goods reach here. The government inspector never saw the goods, yet they are stamped "Inspected by the government and passed." If this be true, and we are reliably informed it is true, and no secret made of it, what does government inspection amount to? We learn the manufacturers treat the inspection as a joke and agree to stand between any merchant and trouble, who will apply the rubber stamp to the goods they purchase.

GOOD SUNDAY WORK.

W. A. "Billy" Sunday, who is an evangelist "working" in the West, has been on a visit to Decatur, Ill. He has expressions of his own, so he says the newspapers, and of course the target of his wrath and the object of attack is "Demon Rum." In Decatur, Ill., where he recently held meetings, he stirred the people by such expressions as these: "I am going to fight things that ruin manhood and womanhood in Decatur until hell freezes over, and then I will get a pair of skates and work on the ice."

When Mr. Sunday left Decatur he carried carefully concealed about his person a check of \$11,572.00 as his percent of the collections, which shows that he is by no means a cheap skate.

Primary August 5th.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES. To the voters of Augusta County and the City of Staunton: Having received numerous inquiries as to whether or not I would be a candidate in the next primary for the House of Delegates, and many assurances of support, I respectfully announce myself as a candidate and ask the support of all Democrats in the county and city. The western part of the county has had a representative consideration. If elected, I realize that I will be the servant of the people, to transact their business, and will at all times be as true to the trust reposed in me as I have been to any trust in the past, and will spare no work or pains to benefit my constituents in every way possible. Respectfully yours, W. C. CRAIG.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

To the voters of Augusta County and the City of Staunton: Frequent inquiry having been made by friends, both in the county and city, as to whether it was my purpose to be a candidate for re-election to the next House of Delegates, I feel it is due I should respond to the inquiry. Being very grateful to the people of the county and city for their cordial support in the past, I again announce my candidacy for re-nomination before the next State Democratic Primary. If nominated and elected, I shall use every effort to transact the interests of the people so far as they are brought to my knowledge. Hoping to receive your influence and vote, I am, very respectfully, S. H. WALKER.

Accepts Call to Stand for House of Delegates.

To Messrs. Clarke Worthington, Elijah Comer, W. H. Gardner, M. R. Ellis, D. P. Hoveman, D. L. O'Connor, Sam Yount, W. F. Gilkeson, S. M. Shepherd, W. A. Freed, T. C. Dickerson, John H. McClure, C. L. Harman, W. W. Sproul, W. Montgomery, Andrew Bowling, John S. Pancale, J. W. Vawter, W. H. Landes, and others: Gentlemen—In response to your call extended to me to become a candidate for the House of Delegates, I have deemed it prudent to materially consider this matter, hence the seeming delay in my acknowledgment. Such a call from the sturdy citizens of Augusta County and the City of Staunton, can only be regarded as a compliment worthy of the highest appreciation. It is a source of much gratification to feel that so many of my friends and fellow-citizens manifest this confidence in me.

As an humble citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of our people I desire to advance and promote their material interests in every way to the best of my judgment. On each of us some public duty is imposed, and in such a light I regard this call. To yield to personal considerations would relieve me of this responsibility, but I am unwilling to deny such service as in the opinion of my fellow-citizens I am able to render.

I have never been a candidate for office, county or state, but in response to this call, and pledging my best efforts to a faithful performance of the duties such a trust will impose, and relying upon your active aid and cooperation, I announce myself a candidate for the House of Delegates, subject to the democratic primary to be held August 5th, 1909. Very respectfully, July 2-1f J. F. TEMPLETON.

Mr. Kemper Accepts Call.

Staunton, Va., June 28th, 1909. Messrs. H. E. Summerson, John H. Bowman, John W. Montgomery, W. Sproul, Wm. H. East, Bailey Dunlap, H. Clay Palmer, W. G. Abney, R. W. Moffett, P. V. Coffey, John T. Smith, Theo. Colner, M. Bruce Whitmore, R. A. Told, R. A. Larew, C. S. Watson, E. McLearn, H. B. Sproul and others: Gentlemen—In response to your call published in the Staunton Dispatch (The News) of the 27th, inst., it gives me to say that this expression of confidence on the part of so many of the good people of Augusta County and the City of Staunton, is very gratifying.

Relying on the cordial support of my friends who have signed this call, and many others who have urged me to enter this race, I announce myself a candidate for the House of Delegates from Augusta County and the City of Staunton, subject to the Democratic primary to be held August 5th, 1909. If nominated and elected, I pledge my best efforts to secure the passage of such laws as will best promote the moral and material welfare of my County and State.

RESPECTFULLY,

JAMES R. KEMPER.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute,

BLACKSBURG, VA.

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RAILROAD IN BLAND.

Pearisburg, Va., June 29.—Bland county is to have a railroad at last. The New River, Holland Western Railroad Company let the contract last week to W. O. Lipscomb, of Roanoke, for an eight mile extension of its road, which takes it to Rocky Gap, within 14 miles of Bland Courthouse. This road leaves the N. & W. at Narrows, in Giles county, and runs up Wolfe creek 21 miles into Bland county.

The extension will develop a fine agricultural country and what is regarded as the best undeveloped timber section in South-west Virginia, and, it is claimed, large deposits of iron ore. Leas & McVitty, who own a large tannery at this place, are the principal owners of the railroad.

Every Old Thing Made New.

An old chair with a small can of L. & M. Home Finish Varnish Stain. Any old furniture with a small can of L. & M. Home Finish Varnish. A kitchen floor, porch floor, with a small can of L. & M. Home Finish Floor Paint. Old kitchen chairs, benches, any old small things with a pound or two of the L. & M. Home Finish Domestic Paint. A carriage, a buggy, with about a dollar's worth of L. & M. Home Finish Carriage Varnish Paint. Porch furniture, lawn swings, iron railings with a small can of L. & M. Home Finish Porch Enamel Paint in all colors. An old leaky roof made tight, with a can of Eclipse Roof and Bridge Paint. All old things made new with these little cans of L. & M. Home Finish Paints. Cost is trifling. Be sure to get them from J. B. Roden, Waynesboro, Va. 4f

WANTED.

200,000 ft. White Oak, Red Oak and Black Oak, sawed strong inch, even lengths, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 ft., green or dry. To be delivered inside of 6 months at the rate of 50,000 ft. per month. Cash will be paid for same delivered at our factory. Black walnut wanted at all times, cash paid for same. Good butt logs sawed strong 1 1/2 inches. Young timber sawed strong inch. Good prices paid. W. W. PUTNAM & CO., Staunton, Va.

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,

Staunton, Va., June 23rd, 1909. James H. Skinner's Ex'ors, vs. Fanny Skinner, and als. Pursuant to decree of the circuit court of Augusta county, entered in the foregoing cause on the 29th day of September, 1908, I shall proceed at my office in Staunton, Va., on the 26th day of July, 1909, to make further settlement of the accounts of Joseph A. Waddell and Alex. F. Robertson, executors of Jas. H. Skinner, dec'd., and of H. M. McInnis, agent for the real estate. ARMISTEAD C. GORDON, 6 25 3f Master Commissioner.

KENTUCKY CHIEF.

Sired by Honest Joe, by Joe McClelland, he by Old Bourbon Chief. First dam by Humphries Wilkes, he by George Wilkes. Second dam by Star Magic. Third dam by Coliver's Abolish. KENTUCKY CHIEF is a rich Mahogany Bay, with black points. Foaled in 1904, 15-3 hands high, weighs 1150 lbs. This handsome young stallion will make the season of 1909 at R. H. ASHBY'S STABLE (Thornburg's Big Barn) at \$10.00 to insure a live colt. Not responsible for accidents or escapes. Mare parted with or tried to another horse, the money will be claimed for service rendered by my horse. EDWARD ALEXANDER.

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Do not allow your baby to suffer when DR. FAHRNEY'S TEething SYRUP Will absolutely prevent it. A boon for every baby. Cures Colic in ten minutes. Read the teething time safe and easy. Can be given in trial one day old. Keen the bowels healthy. 25 cents at druggists. Trial bottle free if you mention this paper. Made only by DR. D. FAHRNEY & SON, HAZELSTOWN, Md.

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You have a chance now to buy a Brick Business House and home in one building, located on Haile street in Staunton, Va. A warehouse, stable, good lot and garden. The small sum of \$1,600 pays for all. I want cash, hence this good bargain is offered. A. LEE KNOWLES, Building, Real Estate and General Insurance. STAUNTON, VA.

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will be in force for the next 30 days. All our Men's and Boys' Suits, including the very latest styles and colors, will be sold at greatly reduced prices. If you have ever dealt at this store, you know that when we announced a REDUCTION it means that we positively do reduce prices. This sale will also include our Negligee and Working Shirts, Overalls and Hosiery.

SPECIAL:

We have an odd lot of suits, sizes 33 to 35, that we will sell at \$4.00 a suits. These clothes include the cassimeres and worsteds and are a great Bargain. Every one of them cost us more. All Straw Hats will be sold at Absolute Cost. Jos. L. Barth & Company No. 9 S. Augusta St., Staunton, Va.

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