

The Dispensary.

The State dispensary has been furnishing interesting reading for those who oppose the dispensary.

This newspaper, as far as we are acquainted with the facts, is better satisfied with the law than ever before.

The most objectionable feature of the system—the beer privileges—has been abolished, and after the first of next month the beer shops must close, and those who wish to drink beer must thereafter go to the State dispensers to buy it.

But the most assuring fact lies in the determination of the Board of Control to free the system from all irregularities.

For selling a bottle of liquor contrary to orders chief clerk Outz has been dismissed.

For lack of precision in filling orders of dispensers, and in substituting one liquor for another, and for placing the labels of one brand on the bottle of another, and disregarding the xx's which indicated the strength of the liquor, Commissioner Douthitt has been removed.

While we are sorry for the gentlemen who lost their jobs, yet the Board of Control, if they would demand public confidence must require strict obedience to their orders, and their orders must be in strict compliance with the law.

The fact that the offence of the dispensary officials has been made public, with no desire to conceal anything, proves the determination of the Board to discharge its duty, and that determination will command public confidence in their integrity.

One great good which will result to the public in this law, rests in the watchfulness of its enemies, who seek every opportunity to expose the slightest irregularity. This watchfulness is very gratifying to the friends of the law.

If the law is enforced in a slipshod way instead of to the letter of the law, it might be brought into public contempt.

The revocation of the beer privileges removes the most objectionable feature in the conduct of the business. The granting of the beer privileges was contrary to the spirit of the law, and very discouraging to its friends, who seek to promote temperance.

LOWNESVILLE'S ITEMS.

"Troupe's" Conclusions as to the Dispensary.

Lownesville, Oct. 9, 1899. Mr. F. R. Harris who has been for sometime our depot agent and telegraph operator, having been transferred to Greenwood, left for that place last Saturday week.

Mr. R. W. Collier who spent several years among us and has been living in Mt. Carmel since then, has been assigned to duty here in Mr. Harris' place. We welcome Mr. Collier and family here, as they have been tried here, we have no hesitancy in saying that they will be fully up to all the requirements of the position that they will occupy in our community.

Miss Blanche Jones, of Columbia, came up last week to spend some time with Mrs. J. B. Frank.

Mr. Robert Coffin, of Augusta, reached here a week ago to spend a few days with his friend, Capt. C. T. Baker.

Mr. E. F. Lattimer left Monday for Atlanta to attend another course in the Dental College in that place.

Mr. J. F. Barnes left last Monday for Wofford College, which raises the number of our departed young men to six and which temporarily at least, removes a majority of this class of our citizens.

Mr. Clement Allen who is in the printing department at Washington, D. C., reached here last week on a furlough, which he will spend at his father's, Mr. Hollis Allen and other kindred in and around here.

J. C. Harper who has spent the past several months in Cashier's Valley, came down to his brother's, Mr. E. W. Harper, where he spent a day or two.

Rev. Peter Stokes left Wednesday for a stay of a day or two at Cokesbury and Greenwood. Quite a number of our people are expected to Abbeville Wednesday: Messrs. H. A. Tennent, E. C. Kay, A. L. Lattimer, J. T. Lattimer, Dr. J. E. Mossey and Capt. C. T. Baker. These were all witnesses in a case in Court.

PROTRACTED MEETING. Beginning with the services in the Baptist church in this place on next Sunday, 15th inst. at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., there will be preaching in the same church every night during the most of the week by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Brown. All are cordially invited to attend.

The western approach to the iron bridge across Rocky River near here, was sometime ago set out to be rebuilt. Mr. J. H. Bell was the contractor. The work has been done and seemingly well done.

A. Z. Bowman has a fine young male about six months old, which is and always has been from appearances entirely blind, yet by instinct can get about without trouble.

ABBEVILLE, C. H. A week's sojourn at the above named place brings out the following: Abbeville is a decade and more ago, would see without observing closely, very much changed conditions at Abbeville than she seemed almost destitute of that push and energy so essential to her progress and prosperity now she is fully alive to all of her interests. Her stores are filled with up-to-date goods, artistically and tastefully arranged, so as to be most pleasing to the eye. Her business men are kind, obliging and attentive.

Her splendid cotton factory, under the wise, judicious management of President Bailey is doing a good work for town and community at large. The operatives and their families are daily placing many a dollar in the hands of the business men of Abbeville, and are scattering in the county, their well earned wages, among the truckraisers for everything in the eating line.

The manufactured products of the Factory for several months to come are already engaged and the demand, exceeds the supply, brings about a necessity for increased capacity for which a movement has already been started.

THE DISPENSARY BENEFICIAL TO ABBEVILLE—TESTIMONY OF AN ONLOOKER. An occasional onlooker is obliged to conclude that the adoption of the State's attempted solution of the whiskey problem—the dispensary—has been by no means a powerless factor in the promotion of Abbeville's interests.

As proof, witness the very great change for the better which has taken place in the past few years, on the Northern side of the public square. Then almost every door on that side of the square lead into where the legalized traffic in spurious liquors was carried on, and on public days the sidewalk was so crowded with those who patronized such places, and whose language was not of the most refined kind, that ladies always passed by on the other side. Now how is it? Hourly business houses take up the entire space, with the exception of one small building in which is the Dispensary. This writer was in Abbeville on Saturday the 1st day of September, and on the following Monday, Saturday, on both of which Abbeville was crowded with people, and none in passing up or down the sidewalk by the Dispensary, could have told, without looking, where it was, as there was no noisy, profane crowd inside or out, to designate its locality as is usually the case, with an ordinary dramshop.

A GREAT NUMBER OF SCANDALS NECESSARY TO OVERCOME GOOD OF DISPENSARY. What if an occasional scandal in the management of the dispensary is unearthed, as was the case along that line with Commissioner Douthitt. It would require a large number of such cases to overbalance the good done by it.

Mr. L. J. Moorhead, of Woodland, spent the greater part of last week with the family of his mother, Mrs. A. E. Moorhead.

Mrs. L. O. Martin and Mrs. Henry Heard, of Middleton, Ga., came over the first of last week to the home of their brother, Prof. J. F. Harper, at Barnes, where they spent a few days, then to Messrs. E. W. Harper's and D. L. Barnes, this place where they spent a day or two—then home.

A rather uncommon sight, cattle turned into cotton fields in places, and the cotton being ploughed up at this date. Troupe.

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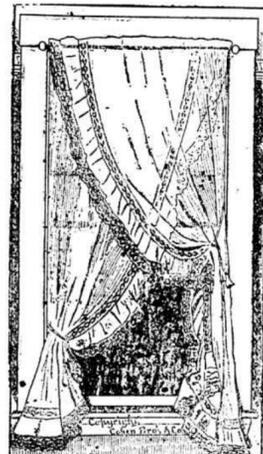
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