STATE FAIR GETS LIQUOR LICENSE

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He said he would not vote for prohibition, but thought those who wanted to drink could get plenty in Richmond, and that the country people and their children should not be confronted with the everlasting temptation to get drunk.

Judge Scott asked the witness some questions, in reply to which he said that he could not say how many persons he had seen drunk at fairs. But he had seen more intoxicated people at the recent police picnic than at any time since he was a boy. "If I saw one drunk, I saw forty," he added. But he could recall none at a fair.

R. L. Barnes did not think the grounds a suitable place.

Might Stand For Stuart.

Rev. David Hepburn, a superintendent for the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, was the next witness. He said he thought the protest of the general bodies of Baptists and Methodists should have weight. If Henry C. Stuart and James Bellwood proposed to sell liquor in person perhaps the opposition might not be so great, he added.

Relying to questions by Mr. Carter, the witness did not know of complaints of disorder being made by women who have booths on the grounds. There was a protest, he said, from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Mr. Page added that this society had asked for free space for its booth again.

C. C. Broaddus had been much annoyed by drunkards at the fair. He put the number at fifty, seventy-five per cent of whom had used improper language. He had not reported them to police officers.

Some figures were presented by W. G. Mahone, a small stockholder in the State Fair Association. He thought it would be necessary to sell 200,000 ten-cent drinks to get back the $5,000 which the association gets from the liquor selling privilege. He had seen many drunks make themselves disagreeable, and considered a place where women and children congregate not a proper one in which to sell liquor.

Frank Beveridge had seen drinking. He also presented the resolutions of the clericus, saying that the sale of liquor on the grounds was deemed unwise. They were signed by the late Rev. John Moncure, D. D.

Doubts Population.

C. W. Childrey, a former assessor, thought there might be 500 people within a half mile, counting from the outside of the Fair Grounds, but if the count were made from the centre, it was doubtful. He thought 150 to 200 people live in "Newtown." J. R. Tiller did not know, but thought 300 people might live in the radius. Judge Scott here said it was a matter of mathematics and not of opinion.

Sheriff Kemp did not think the grounds a suitable place, but added that the association had given his men every facility in helping to preserve order. Police officers were sent out from the city. On cross-examination he did not think any place suitable.

In conclusion, resolutions were presented from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the General Association of Virginia Baptists and the Virginia Methodist Conference. Judge Scott said that this was not evidence, but that he would consider it. He did not desire the papers read, since he knew what was in them.

T. Crawford Redd, surveyor for Henrico County, was the first witness in rebuttal. He produced a map of the locality, showing the half-mile lines from the outside of the Fair Grounds.

Counted Inhabitants.

Frank P. Traylor counted the persons within this radius, on last Saturday and Sunday, and found the number to be 925, besides six or seven families who refused to give information. C. B. Nenzel, who had accompanied Mr. Traylor, corroborated his evidence.

Harry Beattie testified that the fair was a suitable place, being better policed than is the city of Richmond. Former Commonwealth's Attorney Julien Gunn said the same thing, having not hesitated to take women to the fair. The police protection, he said, compared favorably with Broad Street.

The greatest drinking ever seen on the grounds by Robert Lecky, Jr., was when the sale of liquor was prohibited—during the track meet last summer, when liquor was not even given away there. He had personal knowledge of the booth operated on the Fair Grounds by the Church of the Covenant, where the women had never been troubled in any way by drinking, although for a time their booth was opposite a drinking place.

W. C. Saunders, a county supervisor, said the grounds are remarkable free from drunkenness. He had acted as mashal for many years, and had opportunities to know. So good was the order, said Blair Bolling, the next witness, that his job as marshal had been abolished as useless, on his advice. He had never seen better behavior anywhere.

Disorderly Young People.

M. A. Chambers, director of the association, found that drunkenness on the grounds was sharply less by comparison than in the city. He, with many other witnesses, commented on the use of whips and rubber balls in former years as creating all the disorder they had noticed. These were in the hands of girls and boys.

Samuel H. Marshall, who saw last year's fair, said the order was better than at a fair he had seen in Wisconsin, where no liquor was allowed to be sold. Also, one year he had seen liquor sold at the Wisconsin fair, and the order was better than at the same place when the sale was prohibited.

L. O. Miller had found the order excellent on the grounds.

The spring track meet had furnished more disorder on the grounds than at any fair, in the opinion of Samuel Cohen. The keeper had picked up 2 1-2 barrels of bottles the next morning, although no liquor was legally sold or given away on the grounds on that occasion. For the good order, he gave the credit to the people of Virginia, "who," he said, "are not as bad as some people try to make us believe." Mr. Diggs hastened to indorse this sentiment. As a rule, he asked the question of the witnesses if the good order was due to the sale of liquor or to policing of the grounds.

Legh R. Page testified that barrooms on the grounds had been placed out of the way of the general run of the crowds. Four had been scattered about. Many churches had booths on the property. Three years ago, he said, Dr. Ashury Christian, who had been in court earlier in the day, had been given an officer as attendant, and orders had been issued to arrest any person whom Dr. Christian found violating the law. Mr. Page said he had heard nothing further from this incident.

Argument Is Begun.

This ended the evidence. Hill Carter, briefly opening the argument, reviewed the law points. He said it had been clearly shown that 500 people live within a half-mile of the grounds; that the association kept them well policed, and that good order had been demonstrated. It would be a crime against temperance, he concluded, to grant the intemperate request of Mr. Diggs.

The Fair Grounds are not contiguous to the city of Richmond within the law, argued Mr. Diggs in reply. The association, he said, should not be permitted to sell liquor in four places on one license, and then come into court and claim that in computing the necessary population, the radius should be from all around the Fair Grounds. The measurement, he contended, should be from the exact point of sale.

Had Refused Licenses.

On one occasion, said M. Diggs, the Supreme Court had refused a liquor license because it was at a place where crowds gathered. In Charles City County, Judge Henley had refused license at Roxbury because women and children came there to take trains. Since the death of Judge Witt, Judge Wells has refused license at Eighth and Broad Sts., because people gather there to see plays. Judge Clopton once refused it at Seventh and Broad. No place, he concluded, is suitable where women and children congregate.

Mr. Carter, making the final argument, said that the issue could not be settled on the opinions of people who do not believe that any is a suitable place, because they do not approve of the law as it stands. A temperance lecture, he said, is out of place in a court of justice. He called attention to the law, which provides that the county, and not the community, must be contiguous to the city.

Judge Scott then rendered an oral opinion, directing the clerk to issue the license on payment of the fee.

Incidentally, while delivering his opinion, Judge Scott said there were more policemen on the Fair Grounds than he had seen in once place, and that when he visits the scene he wonders how the city of Richmond is getting along without her entire police force.

INSULTED WOMEN

E. P. Cathcart Allowed to Pay Nominal Fine in Police Court.

E. P. Cathcart was fined $5 and costs yesterday morning in Police Court for annoying Mrs. R. W. Saunders and her daughter, Miss Eva Saunders, of 711 Beverly Street.

Mrs. Saunders testified that Cathcart followed them from Fourteenth and Main Streets to Eighth and Main, making improper remarks and using insulting language. Patrolman Hertwell was at this point and he went to the rescue of the women and placed Cathcart under arrest.

Cathcart defended himself by saying he had been drinking and was not aware of what he had done. He paid the fine.

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Such an exhibition of Virginia's resources, live stock, manufacturing and farm products, as are housed in the buildings of the seventh annual State Fair, have never been brought together at one time before. When the gates of the Fair Grounds opened yesterday morning, other departments were not finished by any means, but the various exhibits were almost without exception ready to be shown. Every inch of floor space in the Industrial Hall is occupied by booths, the farm products building is crowded to its capacity with the fruits of Virginia soil, while the houses that shelter the live stock can scarcely accommodate the entries.

In spite of the innumerable attractions on the War Path, the enthusiastic screaming of the "barkers," the lure of the races, the Japanese day fire works and the cavalry drills, the exhibition buildings themselves seem to hold the attention of the visitors to this year's fair. All day long the people streamed through Industrial Hall and the Farm Products Building gathering souvenirs and marvelling over the magnificent display on every hand. The crowd never seemd to tire of the exhibits.

Industrial Hall.

Its a far cry from a miniature oil field actually spouting oil to a pianola playing popular airs, but Industrial Hall offers such a range of entertainment and instruction to the visitors. The greatest ingenuity has been used in the construction and decoration of the exhibition booths themselves, and striking effects have been produced. A local manufacturing company, famous for selling baking powder by the car load, has constructed a four-sided booth in the centre of the hall, using baking powder cans exclusively for the building. Richmond seed houses and dealers in farmers' supplies have arranged novel booths for the exhibition of their products, working elaborate designs in seeds. Watermelons inconceivably huge decorate one seed booth and tempt the appetite and honesty of all who look.

The oil field in miniature, equipped with the machinery necessary to pump oil from the wells, is kept running as part of the exhibit of one large oil company. Local manufacturers have drawn on their ingenuity freely in showing off their wares to the best advantage, while many out-of-town manufacturers have set up elaborate and expensive booths.

On the north wall of this hall the Boys' Corn Club of Virginia has arranged an exhibition of good farming that is astonishing. Great ripe ears of yellow corn, white corn, red corn, almost every known variety of corn is shown, all grown by the youthful members of this association. It forms one of the most interesting exhibits in this building. Rivalling the interest of the corn exhibit is the display of the women's department in the same hall. The classes shown in this large booth are almost too numerous to mention, but show every luscious, appetizing edible; every product of the needle and thread; every token of feminine cunning that can be imagined. Prizes were awarded in this department yesterday.

Of particular interest in Industrial Hall is the exhibit of the State Department of Agriculture and Immigration. Commissioner Koiner has arranged one double-sized booth to show the visitor the unlimited resources of the Old Dominion. In the same building are the booths of the Bible Society, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Richmond Health Department and the American Game Protective and Propagation Association.

Farm Products.

Almost adjoining the Industrial Hall is the building which shelters the exhibits of farm products. This display far surpasses anything that has been shown at previous fairs. This year forty-two counties, against thirty-two last year, have taken booths in this hall to exhibit the products of the soil. While the exhibit of Roanoke County stands out far and above all the county shows, the triple booth filled with the products of James Bellwood's Chesterfield farm offers the greatest exhibit to be seen here. Samples of more than 260 varieties of grasses, all grown on Mr. Bellwood's farm, have been arranged in a striking scheme along the walls of this booth. Visitors to the fair were unanimous in calling this the prize exhibit of the whole fair, showing as it does the tremendous possibilities of Tidewater soil.

The exhibition of alfalfa is a feature of the fair. As a result of the strenuous campaign which Commissioner Koiner and State Demonstrator Sandy have been waging for the introduction of this grass into Virginia, more alfalfa is shown this year than ever before. The Bellwood farm shows some of the best grown. Occupying a side of this building is the exhibit of the Girls' Canning Club, which has prepared a booth that rivals in its products the show of the Boys' Corn Club. Patrick County's apple show was artistic and interesting.

Farm Machinery.

The rapidity with which the Virginia farmer is seizing on the use of modern machinery in his farm work is exemplified in the unprecedented show of farming implements and the number of firms exhibiting. Acres and acres of land are covered by the tents of the exhibitors of farm machinery, and the visitors from the country find no more attractive spot in the entire grounds.

Poultry House.

The exhibition of poultry is unusually fine this season. The tent set aside for this show is taxed to afford space for all the exhibitors. Every variety of domestic fowl, from the giant black leghorn to the white orpington, from the diminutive bantam to the arrogant game cock, from the gawky Cornish to the graceful Rhode Island Red, from the noisy duck to the stately turkey have a place in the show. The interest of the casual visitor seems divided between the sporty game chickens and the buff and silver laced Polish chickens, with their towering crown of feathers.

Arabian Horses.

An absorbingly interesting feature of the live stock exhibit is the tent occupied by the Arabian horses, the exhibit of the Hingham Stock Farm, of Hingham, Mass. These beautiful animals are said to be "the first of the breed ever to be imported from the desert to America, and were obtained only through the assistance of President Roosevelt," who secured an order from the Sultan for the importers. "Muson," the listening horse, is the centre of attraction in this tent.

Fine Horse Display.

Visitors to the horse stalls yesterday spent much time in admiring the six fine animals that compose the team exhibited by the Lafayette Stock Farm. It is the only six-horse team to be shown this year. The fine show of thoroughbreds also comes in for a large share of attention. Road horses seem scarce in the show. The exhibition of draft horses, Percherons, Belgians and English hackneys is particularly good.

Dairy Cattle.

Nothing like the show of dairy cattle on exhibit has ever been seen here. There are Jerseys, Dutch Belted, Holsteins, Guernseys and Ayrshires without number. A giant Holstein bull shares the honors with "Effie," of the Oak Ridge Farm, a fine Guernsey cow that has given 11,446 pounds of milk and 646 pounds of butter in a single year. "Lady Bella," another fine Guernsey from the same farm, holds a record of 10,984 pounds of milk and 610 pounds of butter in a year.

Swine and Sheep.

The show of swine is perhaps not so large as in other years, but it makes up in quality what it lacks in numbers. Oak Ridge exhibits a large entry of Tamworths, while another farm shows a gigantic sow weighing more than 700 pounds. The black Berkshires on exhibit are numerous and of good quality, as are the Poland Chinas and the White Berkshires.

The fine display of sheep is mostly made up of entries from farms outside the State. The show of Lincolns and Southdowns by the Belmont Farm, of Ontario, is attracting great interest, while the White Horse Farm, of Pennsylvania, has made a splendid entry of Shropshires.

The judging of cattle this year promises to offer one of the greatest varieties of opinion possible, as so many ribbon winners have seldom been shown in one fair before. The enormous bull, "Water Boy," winner of innumerable ribbons and declared the champion of the world at the Chicago Stock Yards show, weighs 2,360 pounds. There is a large exhibit of Devons by the Devonshire Farm, of Massachusetts, and some sleek looking Shorthorns shown by Carpenter and Rose, of Ohio, and ribbon-winning Red Polls from the Curls Neck Farm. The judging of cattle begins to-day.

SENT HIM TO ROADS

Tired of committing Eugene Payne, colored, to jail every few months, Police Justice Crutchfield yesterday sent him to the roads to remain there until it is thought he has given up his fondness for strong drink. Eugene was put on probation Saturday morning, and that night was in the Second Police Station for being drunk, disorderly and fighting in the street. He was only released from jail last Friday morning, and was arrested that night for being drunk and disorderly. The following day he was turned over to the probation officers, but now he will have an opportunity to reform by improving the State's highways.

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