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THE DISPENSARY TANGLE.

There seems to be some confusion in the minds of the voters as to just what the people pass on in November relative to the establishment of dispensaries or agencies, as the system's friends insist, with the petulance of a miscalled religious denomination, on styling them.

The enabling act at least permitted, if it did not command, the establishment of a dispensary in each city of 2,000 population and one in each county that did not contain a city of that population.

The legislature so prescribed and made the act an emergency measure. But a referendum was applied to it. In case the voters in the November election, by majority vote, pronounce against the system, it repeals the law and the governor is ordered to dispose of the liquors on hand and all incidental property to the best advantage of the state.

But there is really no provision continuing the present dispensary system without at the same time voting for its extension to towns of 1,000, or at any place in this state where a public necessity exists therefor.

One cannot favor one dispensary in a county or in cities of 2,000 population without at the same time favoring a dispensary in each town of 1,000 population, or at the "other place," etc. By voting down the "other place" extension the voters at the same time vote down the sort of dispensary the enabling act is said to have contemplated. In that event the question would naturally arise as to whether the enabling act provision, made a part of the constitution, did not make the establishment of one dispensary in a county compulsory. The lawyers would row around over this indefinitely.

Whether it was merely another piece of clumsiness like some features of the election law, or whether it was a deliberate attempt to put the people in a box is not clear.

There are many people who might favor the present system who do not feel like extending it, and by placing it in the constitution fasten on the people of the state a system by which any governor could establish a state saloon at any "other place in the state" where he might fancy or pretend "a public necessity exists therefor."

The dispensary proposition looks as if it were loaded.—McAlester News.

THE CHURCH STIKES ITSELF.

The action of the Presbyterian synod in endorsing that political crime and monstrosity known as the dispensary system, only shows to what low and miserable purposes a splendid organization with a glorious past may be led. The writer cannot at this time discuss this event rationally. He was bred, born and reared in the Presbyterian faith, and with scores of others who have at first hands watched the reclamation of that wilderness that has since burst into gorgeous bloom as the state of Oklahoma, has seen the early disciples of Presbyterianism do their full share in the civilization and Christianization of this bit of savagery and plain. His ideas have ever been the highest concerning the Presbyterian church, what it has been, what it is at present, what it hoped and proposed to be. But those ideas are at opposites with this latest official act of the great church.

And there remains only this to say—and it is said not for one, but many—if the act of the Presbyterian synod in permitting itself to be dominated by a handful of unscrupulous politicians for the furtherance of a most corrupt end, be it Presbyterianism or Christianity, then may honest men be well through with both. The worst enemies of the church never struck it fouler blow than did these churchmen themselves when they eulogized a system that has created a hell on earth, and is fast bringing depravity to the entire state.—Tulsa World.

The dispensary is not a dispensary, but an agency, is the latest.

Even the gas meter clicks livelier these days.

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

An event that in the largest sense was of national import was marked recently by a three days' commemoration, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, of the founding of the first religious paper published in America. It was called the Herald of Religious Liberty, and was established in 1808.

The centenary attracted less attention from the newspapers than it deserved, for during the last century the religious press played a much greater part in American life than the younger portion of the present generation realize, and a different part from that which it plays today.

The soil from which the religious papers sprang was partizanship and sectarianism, which were far more common a half-century ago than they are now. No sect was too small to found and support its own paper, and even the different wings of the same denomination in many cases had their own mouthpieces.

The country being then thinly settled, and the newspapers few and of small circulation, the religious papers, which were taken through sectarian pride, became to a large degree the medium of news exchange, and what is of much greater consequence, the molders of the opinion of whole communities. This has been their most important work.

Today, when the daily paper penetrates everywhere, and when every corner of the literary field is occupied by secular publications, many of which contain excellent news summaries and well digested editorials, the influence of the religious press has considerably declined, so far as the people are concerned; but the lowering of interdenominational barriers, although it has resulted in the extinction of some of the weaker religious papers, has at the same time greatly increased the power and influence of a few of the broader and abler publications. They fill a useful place and seem destined to increase in honor and influence.—Youths Companion.

Mr. Squee Gee or Too-qua-stee, or whatever you call it—evidently Cherokee for "barkeep"—has another heartfelt appeal for the dispensary system in last week's Vinita Journal. Squee Gee sees his job swiftly slipping from his grasp, and as it is evidently the only job he ever had, in an official sense, there is reason (to him) for his anxiety to hang onto something official—anything, oh King Haskell, so it bears the name of office.—Welch Watchman.

The conscience of the people of Oklahoma is the dominant influence that will eventually give us good government, no matter what political party may happen be in power. This is true in a national sense, also. Another and a more familiar name for the same force is public opinion, without which there can be no law nor enforcement of law.

The large public improvements now going on in Vinita are of vastly more interest to The Chieftain than any mere partisan advantage, or the turn of politics at the coming election. The outlook for Vinita was never so good before in all its history. The thing to do now is to keep the work moving.

No sidewalk that is not up to the engineer's specifications should be approved, and no one should pay for such work until it is so approved. The council is doing its best to give the city good service, and none but first-class work should be tolerated.

Every republican who wants to see Raymondism prevail in the Third congressional district should support Creager. But there are very many who don't want to do any such thing, and should vote for Jim Davenport, the democratic nominee.

Oklahoma will go democratic, in spite of the mistakes, or worse, of party leaders. Then when the election is over she will purge herself of a bunch of venal politicians. The reform will be carried on within the ranks of the democratic party.

Every man who believes in the people—that they are to be trusted and are safe should vote the democratic ticket in Oklahoma this year. This will not be an endorsement of any one man or policy, except that the people shall rule.

The Oklahoma bank guaranty law is one of the many acts of the first legislature that will not only stick, but in some form or other will spread to all the states and finally be enacted into a national law.

Personals

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

Ross Mode is here from Grove on business.

Lee McWhirter of Afton is in the city today.

R. A. Armstrong was down from Afton today.

J. Sam Morton left this morning for Parsons.

E. N. Williamson went to Miami this morning.

W. D. Hartwell, of Cushing, spent today in Vinita on business.

John V. Ford came down from Fairland last night on business.

T. J. Wilson has gone to Kansas City on a business trip.

E. A. Lilly of Talala is here on a business mission.

J. Carter Cook of Muskogee spent this forenoon here.

Byron Kirkpatrick came up from Muskogee last night.

L. P. Garrison made a business trip to Afton this morning.

Heber Skinner is here from the ranch at Talala for a few days.

John Sheehan is building a new residence on the east side.

Jordan P. Morris is in town today from his farm near Wimer.

Seymour Riddle is at Claremore on business this afternoon.

J. G. Lipe of Talala, spent this forenoon here on business.

W. B. Higgins, of Bartlesville is in this city on a business visit.

Miss Trece Overly arrived last night from Joplin for a short visit.

L. M. Burgess left this morning for a business trip to Bluejacket.

W. L. Mayes is among the throng of visitor here from Pryor Creek.

W. H. Kornegay went to Claremore today to attend the district court.

Mrs. Susan Sanders left this morning for a business trip to Tulsa.

Frank Crowell and wife are here from Afton for a visit with Mrs. J. S. Martin.

The Cabin Valley Mining company brought in a 150 barrel oil well in the Chelsea field yesterday.

Arthur Masterson was here from Adair last night en route to Claremore where he is a witness in the district court.

Hazel Cook from Claremore visited the Misses Robbins' yesterday.

C. J. Hunt is at Grove today on business for the Indian Agency.

J. W. Roberts was among the Claremore visitors here this morning.

R. Lee Martin, the well known Adair merchant spent today in this city.

N. L. Linebaugh is here from Oklahoma City in the interest of the "dispensary system."

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. White came up from Adair last night. Dr. White went to Claremore as a witness in the district court.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Terry, who have been visiting the family of L. P. Smartt, left last night for their home at Bentonville, Ark.

State Bank Examiner, W. E. Gordon, of Tulsa, spent today in Vinita, examining the International Bank & Trust Company.

L. N. McDonald writes from Bluejacket that he is doing all he can to make the Farmers Institute here next week a big success.

Ed Davidson returned last night from Tulsa where he represented Vinita at the meeting of the Federated Commercial clubs.

Agent W. H. Deck at the Frisco received authority today to employ another helper at the freight house. This shows a rapidly increasing business for the Frisco here.

Seymour Riddle addressed the democratic club of Bluejacket last night. About two thousand voters were present to hear national and state issues discussed.

Dr. M. P. Haines brought five sweet potatoes in from his farm near White Oak today that weighed 27 pounds and three ounces. The largest of these potatoes, alone, weighed 7 1-4 pounds.

Turner Long, manager of the Auditorium Moving picture show, which closed its season here Saturday night, says he is much gratified at the patronage extended them during their stay here. Mr. Long and associates will leave next week for Kansas City, and desires to express their appreciation of Vinita's patronage.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY

Vote no on the sale of the school lands.

Vote no on the liquor agency proposition.

Jim Thompson is in town from Chelsea today.

A. E. Hicks went to Miami on business today.

Rev. G. W. Snodgrass left this morning for Miami.

Otis Tittle went to Muskogee on business today.

C. J. Hunt left this morning for Miami on business.

J. Sam Morton returned this morning from Parsons.

F. M. Miller and wife, of Chelsea spent today in Vinita.

O. D. Neville made a business trip to Muskogee today.

Miss Florence Bramble left this morning for a visit at Afton.

Four room house close in at \$8 per month. Apply here.

Mrs. George Coney left this morning for a visit at Muskogee.

F. M. Lewis left this morning for Parsons to attend the fair.

W. E. Gordon, state bank examiner left this morning for Welch.

There is a great scarcity of houses to rent these days in Vinita.

J. B. Harlin, of Grove was transacting business in Vinita today.

W. F. Farley came in last night from the ranch near Talala.

Geo. R. Smith, of Muskogee was in the city today on business.

J. S. Johnson, of Coffeyville, was among the visitors here today.

W. L. Doherty, of Grove was among the visitors in the city today.

J. R. Ketchum, of Alluwe, was mingling with the throng here today.

Tom Gray came over from Chelsea last night for a visit with friends.

W. H. Condon, of Oswego, is spending a few days in Vinita on business.

F. P. Dewey of Centralia was in the city on business this morning.

E. F. Hill of Coffeyville, Kans. had business in Vinita this morning.

J. S. Smith returned today from Afton.

Hugh McAffrey was here from Afton today.

George Nidiffer returned today from St. Louis.

W. R. Badgett went to Chelsea today on business.

Major H. C. Casey is in Welch today on business.

Mrs. Charley Monroe was here from Grove today.

W. J. Creekmore returned this morning from Muskogee.

Joe Harris left this morning for Nela-gony on a business trip.

Misses Louise and Susie McLaughlin of Afton were here today.

J. S. Risingfawn of Horse Creek was trading here today.

WHITE OAK ITEMS

Dated Oct. 13

Jesse Harrison was here yesterday.

Eck Head and father have returned from Wellston.

Carl Rooks of Centralia transacted business here yesterday.

Two cars of lumber have been received here and several wagons are engaged in hauling lumber to Centralia.

Mrs. Trantham and family spent Sunday at the Littrell home.

Herman Brown and family have moved to Delaware.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Herndon is seriously ill.

Mrs. J. W. Harrison arrived tonight.

Cris Whiteaker has returned from an absence of several months in Texas.

Mrs. Frank Marange of Seales, is visiting relatives here.

Wm. Rafferty of Vinita visited his brother Roe, Monday night.

Norman Kilgore was in Afton Sunday.

C. W. Kilgore and family and Geo. Harlan and family leave Friday for a several days outing on Grand river.

A number of Frisco passengers breakfasted here this morning on the account of a wreck a few miles west.

Clarence Simmons and Norman Kilgore attended a show in Vinita last night. Mr. Kilgore returned on the 10:30 today.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ss.

County of Craig.

In the County Court.

In the matter of the guardianship of Clara E. Martin, a minor, Frank Martin, Guardian.

Probate No. 1584.

ORDER FOR HEARING PETITION TO SELL REAL ESTATE.

The petition of Frank Martin, as guardian of Clara E. Martin, a minor, having been presented to this Court, praying that an order be made authorizing said petitioner to sell the whole or so much of such portions of the real estate described in said petition as the Court shall judge necessary and beneficial at private sale. And it appearing to the Court from such petition that it is necessary to sell the whole or so much of said real estate for the purposes and reasons mentioned in said petition, therefore, said petition will be filed herein, and a time appointed for hearing the same.

And it is hereby ordered by the Court that Saturday, the 14th day of November, 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on said day, that being a day of the regular October, 1908, term of this Court, be, and the same is appointed as the time when all persons interested in said estate are directed to appear before this Court and show cause why an order should not be granted to said petitioner to sell so much of the real estate described in said petition as is necessary.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published for three consecutive weeks, in a newspaper of general circulation, both in the County of Delaware, State of Oklahoma, and in the County of Craig, State of Oklahoma, before the hearing day on said petition, the first publication to appear four weeks before the hearing day.

Dated this 13th day of October, 1908.
THEO. D. B. FREAR,
Judge of the County Court.
A. A. BROWN, Att'y. for Guardian.

LIST OF PREMIUMS OFFERED BY VINITA

Commercial Club Offers Great Incentives to Farmers to Show Their Produce.

The following premiums are offered by the Commercial club for the Farmers' Institute to be held here October 20-21.

An entrance fee will be charged on all horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep which are entered for prizes in the following list. Ten per cent of the whole premium will be charged for each animal exhibited and must be paid and a card issued from the Superintendent, which will entitle the animal to participate for a prize.

HORSES.

	1st.	2nd.	Total	
Best saddle, any age	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$8.00	
Best light harness team, any age	6.00	4.00	10.00	
Best single driver, in harness, any age	5.00	3.00	8.00	
1st. 2nd. 3rd. Total				
All purpose stallion	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$20.00
Draft stallion	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best brood mare	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best 2 year colt, all purposes	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best all purpose colt under 1 yr.	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best mule colt, under 1 year	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best pair mules, under 2 years	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best span mules, any age	5.00			5.00
Best draft team horses, farmer's team	5.00			5.00
Best jack, any age	Diploma	Diploma		
Best saddle stallion, any age	Diploma	Diploma		

CATTLE.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total
Best bull, any age	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$10.00
Best bull calf, under 1 year	3.00	2.00		5.00
Best dairy cow, under 1 year	5.00	3.00	2.00	10.00
Best heifer calf, under 1 year	3.00	2.00		5.00
Best Jersey bull, under 1 year	3.00	2.00		5.00

HOGS.

	1st.	2nd.
Best boar, any age or breed	2.50	2.50
Best sow, any age or breed	2.50	2.50
Best boar, under 6 mo.	2.50	2.50
Best sow, under 6 mo.	2.50	2.50

SHEEP.

	1st.	2nd.
Best exhibit of five sheep	\$5.00	5.00
Best buck, any age or breed	2.50	2.50
Best ewe, any age or breed	2.50	2.50

POULTRY.

	1st.	2nd.	
Plymouth Rock, best cock and 2 hens	\$1.00	50	\$1.50
White Rock, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Silver Wyandotte, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
White Wyandotte, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Light Bantams, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Buff Cochons, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Brown Leghorns, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
White Leghorns, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Black Minorcas, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Black Langshans, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Rhode Island Reds, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Houdans, best cock and 2 hens	1.00	50	1.50
Pair Bantams	1.00	50	1.50
Best pair Bronze Turkeys	2.00	2.00	
Best pair White Turkeys	2.00	2.00	
Best pair Geese	2.00	2.00	
Best pair Ducks	2.00	2.00	
Cornish Indian Games	1.00	50	
Pitt Games, to fight	1.00		

FARM PRODUCTS.

	1st.	2nd.
Largest pumpkin	\$1.00	
Best display farm products, 1 person	5.00	
Second display farm products, 1 person	2.50	
Best 1/2 bushel onions	1.00	
Best 1/2 dozen beets	1.50	
Largest 1/2 dozen cabbage	1.00	
Best 1/2 bushel Irish potatoes	1.50	
Best 1/2 bushel sweet potatoes	1.50	
Best 1/2 bushel turnips	1.00	
Best 1/2 bushel tomatoes	1.00	
Largest sweet potato	50	
Best 2 lbs. country butter	1.00	
Best 5 lbs. honey	1.00	
Best 1 bushel corn meal, from some mill	1.00	
Best 12 ears white corn	1.00	
Best 12 ears yellow corn	1.00	