

A WISE CONCLUSION.

The Senate of North Carolina has determined that divorces shall not be made easier by the General Assembly as at present constituted. The House had passed two bills relating to the divorce question, one of which contemplated putting husband and wife on the same footing in seeking divorce on Biblical grounds and the other allowing divorce after five years' separation. There is force in the argument that men should be required to observe the same standard of morals demanded of the weaker sex, but we believe the Senate reached a wise conclusion in putting the stamp of disapproval upon any further laxity in the divorce laws of this State. There have been, already, too many amendments to the laws regulating the divorce evil during the past decade and we believe a continuance of the double-standard of morals will be less harmful than further letting down the bars would be. The suggestion that men who require their wives to "keep themselves unspotted from the world" should lead equally pure lives is not unreasonable and it was pointed out that only three states—Kentucky, New York and North Carolina—make a distinction, but the defenders of the present law strongly contended that the change contemplated might be used by immoral men as a means of easy divorce. The stand-patters won and the divorce evil will receive no further encouragement at this time. And the point is well taken.

GOODBYE BLIND TIGERS.

The House of Representatives at Raleigh recently passed a State-wide search and seizure law by a majority of sixty-one votes and the Senate will doubtless have approved the measure when this issue of the paper appears. Some such a law seems necessary if prohibition is to become really effective in North Carolina. The Gazette-News sizes up the bill in a few words: It says:

"To boil it down: shipment of liquor into a State to be used in the violation of any law of such State is prohibited. The original bill went on to elaborate that such liquor was outlawed, that it had no property status, and that no one could set up ownership therein. In amended form it simply says 'prohibited.' If liquor were seized by the officers of a State, and they could prove to the satisfaction of the jury that anyone claiming property rights or interest in it intended to sell it or to violate law, such claimant could not raise the federal question; by inference, that is outlawed liquor, the federal government will protect no property right in it from the moment it is proved that it was to be used to violate State law. If the claimant swears he did not intend to violate any law, the State may present to the jury facts of the claimant's character and reputation, the sort of places in which he may have his saloons, liquor, the sort of people who have been accustomed to resort thither, and any similar facts tending to show that the claimant would probably sell liquor if given the opportunity. It would be a question for the jury."

The substitute for the Justice State-wide primary bill ought to be approved by both branches of the General Assembly. It applies only to National State and District nominations and leaves optional with the counties the matter of including county officers in the operation of the act. The passage of the bill depends largely upon the support of Western members and we hope they will permit it to go through in the amended form.

It is little wonder that the State of North Carolina has been running behind in financial matters lately. The records show that the insignificant sum of \$6,000 inheritance tax was collected last year, against \$9,000 the year previous. At least \$100,000 should be received annually from this source, and several times as much from other special and privilege taxes. Bring the tax dodgers to books and much less difficulty will be experienced in raising funds for current expenses.

Some folks now refer to members of the House as Archibald Johnson's mules.

THE NATIONAL LIQUOR LAW.

There has long been pending in congress a bill which the public generally was led to believe would prohibit the shipment of wines, liquors and other intoxicants into dry territory. The measure has been designated as the Webb-Sheppard-Kenyon bill; was introduced in the House by Representative E. Yates Webb, of North Carolina, and in the upper branch of congress by Senator Sheppard. It would prohibit shipment of intoxicating liquors from one state to another when intended to be received or sold in violation of the law of the state to which the shipment is made. Friends of prohibition throughout the country have loyally supported the bill and express gratification at the final successful outcome of the prolonged struggle with the strongest paid lobby the liquor element could procure. The new law will not fully remove the evil of inter-state shipments of intoxicants, but the stubborn resistance to its passage by the enemies of prohibition, is the strongest kind of evidence that the bill contains some merit. It is said to be the strongest that the constitution will permit, in its present form, and the temperance people may as well content themselves with the most effective measure of relieve it is possible for congress to give them. In brief, the provisions are:

"Be it enacted, etc., That the shipment or transportation, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of any spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquor of any kind, including beer, ale or wine, from one State, Territory or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to, but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, or from any foreign country into any other State, Territory or District of the United States, or from any foreign country into any State, Territory or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to, but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, which said spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquor is intended, by any person interested therein, directly or indirectly, or in any manner connected with the transaction, to be received, possessed or kept, or in any manner used, either in the original package or otherwise, in violation of any law of such State, Territory or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to, but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, enacted in the exercise of the police powers of such State, Territory or District of the United States, or place noncontiguous to, but subject to the jurisdiction thereof, is hereby prohibited; and any and all contracts pertaining to such transactions are hereby declared to be null and void, and no suit or action shall be maintained in any court of the United States upon any such contract or contracts, or for their enforcement or protection or of any alleged right growing out of such contract or contracts, or for the protection in any manner whatsoever of such prohibited transactions."

It will be seen at a glance that the law does not prohibit any person from ordering any kind of beverage for personal use, interfering only with those individuals who would violate the prohibition laws of their respective states. The New York World thinks well of the Webb bill and says so. We quote:

"State that prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquors have had a reasonable grievance because under the protection of Federal laws contraband goods could be shipped for sale within their boundaries. What is aimed at in the Webb bill, is not prohibition by Federal legislation, but recognition of the police regulations of dry States. The delivery of liquor to individuals who want it for their personal use is not prohibited, but the local authorities are empowered to seize shipments sent to dry States, where intended for sale.

"The efforts of the prohibitionists, as in Maine, have been largely frustrated through the ability of illicit liquor-dealers to secure unlimited supplies through the ordinary channels. But no temperance town ever sheltered a system of blind pigs' or drug store back rooms without the encouragement of a considerable part of the local population. The law was violated because it was offensive to a large element.

"So long, however, as a State votes to close its saloons, it is only fair that Congress should do what it can toward helping to make State laws effective. So long as the shipment of liquors anywhere and for any purpose is free and legal, the dry States are at the mercy of the Federal authority. Where the two systems of law have overlapped, the States have been helpless.

"Whether the Webb bill is constitutional in all its provisions is another question. But it will prove a serious obstacle to the sale of liquor in prohibition States, as the liquor interests testify by their determined opposition.

This is sound logic and the fact that the government seems willing, at last, to recognize the right of the States to police themselves is encouraging. The sale of liquor may now be outlawed in prohibition states, provided the Webb bill has become effective, and blind tigers will have to move on.

The banquet to be given in the Yarrow Hotel, Raleigh on February 28th, complimentary to Governor Craik, Senator Simmons and National Committeeman Daniels is a step in the right direction. We hope the event will be a brilliant success.

MOST STUPENDOUS CIRCULATION

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length of time any of the periods is to run. Get in the Contest early and win easily.

The Prize

The first grand prize in each district will consist of a Magnificent Grand Upright Piano. These instruments have been purchased directly from the manufacturer and are the acme of perfection in piano builders art, and come fully guaranteed with regard to material and workmanship.

The second prize in each district will be a beautiful one hundred dollar diamond ring. The rings are purchased of W. H. Hawkins and Son, Hendersonville's progressive jeweler, which makes it useless to comment further upon them. These beautiful premiums will soon be seen in Hawkins and Son show windows, call by and see them.

The third prize in each district will be an elegant double cased gold watch ladies size. They have been purchased of S. B. Mace and Cagle the jeweler. These with a number of premiums to be given during the life of the campaign will complete the list of premiums. Call at Mace's B. V. Varsity store and see the handsome watch. Also at Cagle the jeweler.

Rules Governing The Campaign. Rule 1. No employee of the French Broad Hustler Co. or member of his family will be permitted to participate in this Campaign.

Rule 2. Ballots cannot be bought. The campaign will be run on a fair basis, fair for all. Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions, either new or renewal, by clipping the nomination coupon or voting certificate out of each issue of the paper.

Rule 3. All collections made by Contestants must be turned promptly to the Campaign Manager.

Rule 4. Subscribers are cautioned to demand a receipt for all money given to contestants and return same to Campaign Manager to be dated according to books, showing date of expiration.

Rule 5. The Campaign Manager's signature must be affixed to votes before same are of any value in Campaign.

Rule 6. Candidates will not be restricted in securing subscriptions to any territory, but may secure them in any place in the United States.

Rule 7. Only one nominating coupon entitling each contestant or nominee to five thousand (5,000) votes, will be allowed.

Rule 8. These Rules and Regulations are subject to change or alteration without notice.

Rule 9. Votes once issued cannot be transferred to another contestant.

Rule 10. Nominators of Campaign in the Western Carolina Democrat must agree to accept all rules and conditions.

Rule 11. The right is reserved to reject the name of any contestant for cause, also to alter these rules should the occasion demand.

Rule 12. Any question that may arise between contests will be determined by the Campaign manager and his decision will be final.

Cut out the nomination coupon and send it in at once. Enter your name or that of some friend, it cost nothing and will prove beneficial. There will be no losers in our Campaign.

NOMINATION COUPON 5000 VOTES

I Nominate M..... State.....

Nominated by.....

The nominator's name will not be divulged under any circumstance. Only one nomination coupon credited to a candidate.

FREE VOTING COUPON good for 25 VOTES.

For M..... For O.....

This free Vote Coupon must be presented at the French Broad Hustler company's office by 5 P. M. March 6th, 1913. Void after that date and hour.

For full particulars regarding this grand Subscription Campaign call write or phone the Campaign department of the Western Carolina Democrat and French Broad Hustler, Hendersonville, N. C. Phone No. 6.

Mrs. P. C. Walker has returned after a visit to friends and relatives at Evergreen Ala.

Wanted

Those interested in Real Estate, or needing Fire Insurance, to call on W. A. Blake, office Peoples National Bank. 2-20-4tc

Notice.

All persons are hereby notified that claims against the estate of Mrs. M. E. Dermid, deceased, must be presented on or before March 1, 1913, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing the estate will make prompt settlement. J. M. DERMID, For the Heirs

-1-30-4tc

FOR SALE—Three registered Guernsey bulls and seven registered pigs. Will sell cheap to right party. J. P. FLETCHER, Fletcher, N. C.

2-1314tc.

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice Ten Thousand and two year Apples. Trees fine as grown, must sell at once, most all varieties. Write for prices. Greenville Nursery Company, Greenville, S. C. 2-20-4tc

Make Way Sale of SHOES

WE have a large table of best grade all leather shoes on the market. They are selling fast. Your size and style may be among them—they may not be—if you are not in a hurry.

This Sale is to "make way" for new goods. It is better that we sell for less than cost than to carry the goods in our shelves another season. \$3.50 and \$4.00 Shoes for \$1.98

This is as long as they last The best on the market

Lott's Cash Shoe Store

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PRESCRIPTION

For a Long Life.

This is the prescription for a long life given by an old gentleman in Connecticut, who is ninety-nine years old and still well and cheerful, "Live temperately, be slow to anger, don't worry, take plenty of exercise in the fresh air, and, above all, keep cheerful."

Should the system get run down—digestive organs weak—the blood thin and sluggish, take Vinol, which is a delicious combination of the medicine—body-building properties of cods' livers, with the useless grease eliminated and tonic iron added. We regard Vinol as one of the greatest body-builders and strength-creators in the world for aged people.

Mrs. Mary Ivey, of Columbus, Ga., says: "If people only knew the good Vinol does old people, you would be unable to supply the demand; it is the finest tonic and strength-creator I ever used."

We wish every feeble old person in this vicinity would try Vinol on our agreement to return their money if it fails to give satisfaction.

W. H. JUSTICE, DRUGGIST, Hendersonville, N. C.

MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by S. M. Mace and Clella Mace, his wife, dated the 2nd day of January, 1912, and recorded in Book No. 33 at page 78 of the Henderson County Records for mortgages and deeds of trust, which said mortgage was given to secure the payment of four certain notes, with interest thereon, and providing that in case of default in the payment of the said notes, or any of them, of the interests thereon, the undersigned mortgagee may sell the same as provided by law, and default having been made in the payment of both principal and interest on said indebtedness I will sell at public auction, for cash, during the legal hours for public sales, (12 to 2 P. M.) to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Hendersonville, N. C., on January 30th 1913, (Thursday) all the following described piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being in the county of Henderson and township of Crab Creek and known and described as follows: Lying on the waters of Big Willow creek joining the lands of Leonard Thomas, Henry Cantrell and others, Beginning on a rock on top of the ridge in said Thomas' line and runs with his line North 7 1-2 degrees East 81 poles to a small hickory, thence east 36 poles to a Spanish oak in said Cantrell's line, thence with his line South passing his rock corner 87 poles to a rock, thence South 87 1-2 degrees west 47 poles and 10 links to the beginning, containing 22 acres more or less.

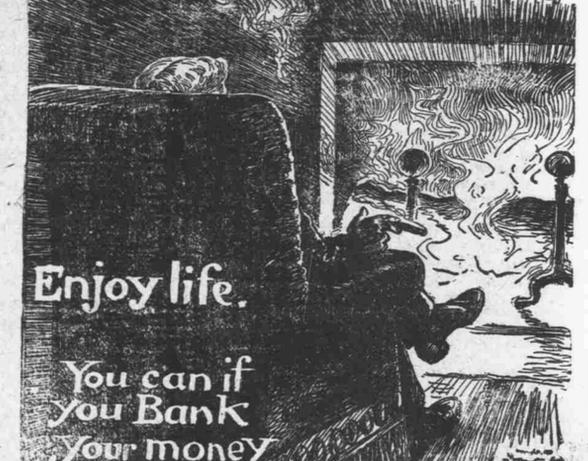
This the 27th day of December, 1912. D. M. ORR, Mortgagee. by Shipp & Ewbank, Attorneys. 1-2-4tc

To whom it may concern.

Please take notice that the undersigned purchased at the tax sale conducted by the tax collector of Henderson county, for the collection of delinquent taxes, on the 1st Monday in May 1912, all that tract of land lying on the South side of the Transylvania railway and bounded by the lands of Jas. McCrary, J. F. Miller and others and fully described in Book 70 at page 13 of the Henderson county records for deeds to which reference is made for full description, said land being listed for 1912 as the lands of Chas. E. Miller. The time of the redemption of said land will expire on the first day of May 1913 at which time the undersigned will demand a deed of said land unless the owner of said land shall redeem the same on or before that date. J. F. MILLER, 17-tc.

FOR SALE—50 shares of the capital stock of the Peoples National Bank of Hendersonville, N. C. For terms and price address W. H. Milton, Marianna, Fla. 2-13-4tc.

PREPARE FOR OLD AGE

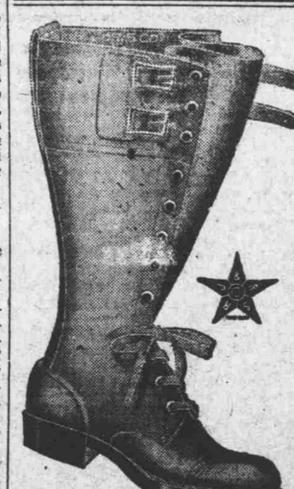


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Every life has its December. Every man is looking forward to a comfortable old age; for when the STORMS OF ADVERSITY come, we wish to feel that we are in, out of trouble. Old age with adversity is a very DISMAL PROSPECT for any one. If you want to be comfortably cared for when you grow old, begin caring for yourself now. Start a bank account with us NOW Do YOUR banking with US.

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