

The Commonwealth.

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND GAMBLING.

MR. EDITOR:—Will you please print for the benefit of the public the present State law concerning the duties of municipal officers in reference to gambling? It seems to me that all should be informed in regard to this matter.

ESQUIRE.

In answer to the foregoing inquiry we give the law as we find it in the Code and Acts of subsequent date.

Code, Vol. I, chapter 25, section 1043, reads:

"If any keeper of an ordinary, or house of entertainment, or of a house wherein liquors are retailed, shall knowingly suffer any game, at which money or property, or anything of value, is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, to be played in any such house, or on any part of the premises occupied therewith; or shall furnish persons so playing or betting with drink or other thing for their comfort or subsistence during the time of play, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined not less than ten dollars, and be imprisoned not more than thirty days."

Laws of 1891, chapter 29, reads:

"Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to play at any game of chance at which money, property or other thing of value is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, and those who play and those who bet thereon shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Laws of North Carolina 1901, chapter 753, reads:

"Section 1. That section 1043 of The Code of North Carolina be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'betting' and before the word 'with' in line seven thereof the words 'either on said premises or elsewhere,' and by striking out the word 'ter' in line nine (9) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'five hundred,' and by striking out the word 'more' in line ten thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'less,' and by striking out in line ten thereof the words 'thirty days' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'six months.'"

"Sec. 2. That the said section 1043 be and the same is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said section and as a part thereof the following: 'Any person who shall be convicted under this section shall, upon such conviction, forfeit his license to do any of the businesses mentioned in this section, and shall be forever debarred from doing any of the said businesses in this State, and the Court shall embody in its judgment that such person has forfeited his said license, and no Board of County Commissioners, Board of Town Commissioners or Board of Aldermen shall hereafter have power or authority to grant to such convicted person or his agent a license to do any of the businesses mentioned herein.'"

"Sec. 3. That the said section 1043 of The Code be and the same is hereby further amended by adding thereto and as a part thereof the following: 'It shall be the duty of every police officer of the cities, towns and villages of this State to make diligent inquiry and to exercise constant watchfulness to discover whether any of the offenses enumerated in said section are being committed, and to report once a week under oath to the Mayor or other chief officer of the city, town or village, whether such offenses are being committed, and if the chief officer has information relating thereto, and if any such police officer shall know or have information that such offenses are being committed and shall fail or neglect to report the same to such Mayor or chief officer, together with all the information known to him, as to the person or persons committing the same, the time and place of the commission and the names of the witnesses thereto, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned or both, in the discretion of the Court and shall forfeit his office. And it shall be the duty of such Mayor or chief officer to require the said report herein provided for, and to require that the same shall be verified by the oath of such policeman, and if it appears

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upon such reports that any of the said offenses have been committed, it shall be the duty of such Mayor or chief officer to issue his warrant for the arrest of the offender. Any such Mayor or chief officer of any of the said cities, towns or villages who shall fail or neglect to require the reports herein mentioned, or shall fail or neglect to require of such police officer to verify the same upon oath, or who shall refuse or neglect upon its appearing from such reports that there is probable cause to believe that any of the said offenses has been committed to issue his warrant for the arrest of the offender, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

"Sec. 4. That the said section 1043 of The Code be and the same is hereby further amended by adding thereto and as a part thereof the following: 'That any person committing any of the offenses mentioned in the said section shall be liable to a penalty of (\$500.00) five hundred dollars to be recovered by suit in the Superior Court in the county in which such offense or offenses may have been committed, one-half thereof to the use of the person bringing said suit, and one-half to the school fund of the county.'"

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

A good farmer said at the court house Monday that THE COMMONWEALTH is almost a pioneer in the claims for the proper treatment of stock. He said our position on the subject of cruelty to animals is highly commendable. He said further that persons who live in towns do not see half the cruelty that is practiced on dumb animals. He said that the cruelty which ought to be stopped consists in overloading, overdriving and poor feeding of stock. Detailing some things he had observed, this farmer said that it is not an uncommon thing for a horse to be put into a reed patch or pasture to do the best he can in getting a meal and when the owner gets his breakfast he takes the horse out, hitches him to a wagon or buggy, takes three or four persons behind him and drives to a meeting of some kind, ties the horse out all day and takes him back home and turns him in a reed patch to do the best he can for another feed.

There is no question about the fact that there is too much neglect of the law against cruelty to animals, and it ought to appeal to every good citizen in the land to make effort to relieve suffering dumb animals.

THE COMMONWEALTH has printed much on this subject and hopes yet to see the matter taken up by the organization of proper societies for the protection of animals.

SEVERAL THINGS DISCUSSED.

EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH:
Good roads are important and all ought to be interested for them, without regard to politics.

I notice some would bring politics into the appointment of school committees, magistrates, etc. My opinion is that we send men who have the good of the people in view more than we need political tricksters and pap-hunters for school committees, road supervisors, etc.

As for magistrates, I agree with the News and Observer when it says there are too many of them who are appointed to do some official relative a job to keep him hanging on to the public treasury. Magistrates should be men of strong, sterling common-sense and informed as to the law and should have manhood and character sufficient to carry out justice regardless of whom it may offend. Same as to school managers, etc.

One thing is certain: If we expect good government we must have men of honor and character to enact and enforce the laws, for regardless of party if office-holders try to trim sails to meet every breeze, seek office for the money there is in it instead of letting the public seek them, the country will suffer.

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Ringwood, Aug. 4th, 1903.

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"DEMOCRAT" ANSWERED.

TO THE EDITOR:
In last week's issue of THE COMMONWEALTH there was a communication purporting to come from Brinkleyville and signed "Democrat," which reduced to its elements says:
First, That "Democrat" finds it hard to understand why the county board of education made certain appointments on the township school committees at its July meeting;

Second, That in his opinion these appointments should be given only to those who hold a certain shade of political belief; and
Third, That there is widespread dissatisfaction on account of the action of the board.

If he cannot understand that the board of education is not an annex of any political party or faction, or that it has a higher duty to perform in looking after the educational interests of the children of the county, now is a good time to disabuse his mind of these errors. The board will not permit itself to be made an instrument for the punishment or humiliation of any one, especially of such as have rendered faithful service to the cause of common-school education. In this connection it will not be amiss to remind "Democrat" and others who think as he does, that it has not been very long ago since many of our best citizens became offended with local political methods and organized an independent movement, more in protest than with hope of success. Without expressing an opinion as to the wisdom or necessity of life-long Democrats thus departing from their old and cherished affiliations, the fact remains that there was a split in the Democratic party of the county and that these independents claimed then and now to be straight Democrats, but without muzzle or collar.

If these, our friends and brethren, are to be punished for having convictions and expressing them, would "Democrat" seriously ask the board of education to engage in the hunt? It is believed that his cooler judgment and sense of justice would forbid it.

As to the statement that there is dissatisfaction on account of these appointments, it may be answered that not a solitary complaint has been made except that of "Democrat," and it is hoped that after a little while even he will rub his head again and find it is not sore at all.

Not having the opportunity of consultation with the other members of the board the writer expresses only his own opinions, but in these he believes his colleagues will agree with him.

JOHN A. COLLINS,
Chairman Board of Education.
Enfield, N. C., Aug. 3, 1903.

WINTERTVILLE NEWS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

WINTERTVILLE, N. C., Aug. 2, 1903.
B. W. Spillman remarked in his lecture here the other night that some men did not have sense enough to know which end of a cow got up first. A few years from today that class of farmers will be the only ones not using the Economic Back Bands.

Mrs. C. E. Lineberry, who has been spending the summer up in the middle section of the State, came home Thursday evening.

Misses Carrie Brown, of Greenville, and Ella Lassiter, of Durham, have been visiting Mrs. J. R. Johnson this week.

Maj. J. B. Neal came in from Scotland Neck Thursday evening.

Mr. Elias Sutton had a little boy that wandered some distance in the field the other day and got lost in the tobacco patch. After careful search and much anxiety the little fellow was found O. K.

We could not help smiling one morning this week as we passed the Hunter-ducker buggy shop. They had rolled out five buggies and were just hustling to get their shipment ready. There doesn't seem to be any dull season with them.

An excursion train ran over a sheep and killed it near the depot Thursday. This is the first instance of the kind we ever knew.

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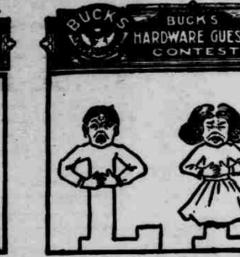
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W. R. WALSTON.
Scotland Neck, N. C., July 30, 1903.

LETTER FROM FLORIDA.
OTTER CREEK, FLA., July 25, 1903.
EDITOR THE COMMONWEALTH:
Your highly appreciated paper just to hand. I read an extract from the Biblical Recorder which speaks my sentiments exactly. I do say that Christian people should not encourage the 'saloon' in any shape or form, for we do absolutely know that whiskey is one of the greatest evils in the land. It causes more trouble than all the wars. Would to God that I could have felt forty years ago towards whiskey as I do today and have felt for the last six years.

I had a slight attack of fever some time ago. The doctor attended me regularly, and after I got to be convalescent the doctor came one morning and told me that I just needed a tonic and he wanted me to send and get a quart of good whiskey, he would put other things in it and it would cure me right away. I told him if there was nothing in the drug store that would build me up that I would certainly go unbullit. He gave me a prescription, however, and I soon got all right without it. I was talking some time ago to a brother Baptist who is considered an example in the neighborhood in which he lives, he is an extra good man. I had heard that he took one or two drams a day, but was considered a very sober man. He told me it was a fact. I asked him if he did not think it was setting a bad example for his six boys. He said he advised them not to touch it. I told him the very idea of a father advising his boys not to do that which he was doing himself. I told him that we always respected that which we sowed and I thought he was sowing drunkenness and in a few years he would be reaping drunkenness. Some of those boys might not have the controlling will power that he had. It is an absolute fact, I would not take a drink of whiskey today for an hundred-dollar bill. With the help of God I am going to die a sober man.

I write you a little news from Levy county: Fodder pulling is over and so are the good melons. For the last three months I have enjoyed them so

much. Corn crop good, some Sea Island cotton planted. Crop good. One man planted a few seed of short staple cotton just to try it, he thinks he will make about one bale, brought me a sample that he had picked out. There are long staple gins here, but don't think there is a short staple cotton gin within two hundred miles of this county.

Pears and sweet potatoes are being shipped in a hurry. Orange crop good. A full apple tree would be as big a show down here as an orange tree would be in North Carolina.

Yours truly,
W. D. PENDER.

NOT OVER-WISE.
There is an old allegorical picture of a girl scared at a grasshopper, but in the act of heedlessness treading on a snake. This is paralleled by the man who spends a large sum of money building a cyclone cellar, but neglects to provide his family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints, whose victims outnumber those of the cyclone a hundred to one. This remedy is everywhere recognized as the most prompt and reliable medicine in use for these diseases. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's drug store, Hobgood.

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CLARA POPE, EXECUTOR.
ASA B. POPE

RINGWOOD NOTES.
RINGWOOD, Aug. 6, 1903.
The rains will greatly benefit the crops which are suffering from drought. Tobacco curing is progressing finely. The magistrates met yesterday to devise plans for roads.

Mr. G. A. Spivey has most promising high-land corn, despite the drought. He may make from five to eight barrels per acre. His tobacco and peanut crop are also good, showing that intensive farming is the only paying method.

Protracted meetings at Fishing Creek, six miles from here. There were large crowds yesterday from Nashville, Littleton and surrounding country. Revs. May and Rosser did the preaching.

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