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# THE BATTLE HAS ONLY BEGUN

### Every Ounce of Influence Should be Exerted to Secure Effective Legislation.

To the Editor: I thank you for the magnificent paper of last Sunday. Never before has a daily paper so adequately voiced the demands of the people of North Carolina. You deserve praise not only for this edition, but for the constant support you have given the campaign for temperance legislation.

Let me say to your readers that the hearing last week, so well reported in your columns, was all that could have been desired. The movement toward Raleigh was spontaneous. Many delegations came without any call from me whatever. Never in our State's history has there been so impressive a demonstration that nothing can do down. We are as sure to win the battle for moral supremacy as we were to win the battle for white supremacy.

The hearing was a triumph. But it was only the beginning of the battle. The hard fighting lies ahead. Let the men and women who are in earnest go right on with their work. Every ounce of good influence in the State should be centered on the General Assembly the next three weeks. This is the hour to advance—the enemy is falling back.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. BAILEY,

Chairman Anti-Saloon League.

## REPRESENTATIVE SMITH'S BILL

### He Points Out the Provisions of This Measure to Regulate Liquor.

Representative L. L. Smith, of Gates, having been asked as to the special provisions of his bill to regulate the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, replied as follows:

"My bill is the only bill introduced on that subject, which recognizes the right of the people to regulate their own affairs. It places the moral responsibility for the manufacture and sale of liquor upon the people in every community where it may be manufactured or sold. Both the London bill and Wats bill utterly ignore that principle as to all the people except incorporated towns, having a population of 500 or 1,000. That is a clear discrimination which ought not to obtain in any free government. Let all be treated alike.

"Equal privileges to all—special privileges to none. Another advantage of my bill is that under its provisions, the manufacture and sale by saloons and the sale by dispensaries can all be determined in one election, or any one or any two of those questions.

"Give the people a chance, and sooner or later they will do right.

"A Representative has no right to take snap judgment on the people. Before I would do so, I would resign my seat. It would be wrong to deceive the people even in the attempt to bring about a moral reform.

"In every locality where the temperance sentiment prevails, there would be no election, and the manufacture and sale would stop by common consent. No law without the consent of the governed is effective.

"There are thousands of free and independent North Carolinians who would not think of assuming the moral responsibility for the sale of liquor in their communities, who, nevertheless, would resent any attempt to force them into a position not of their own choosing. The principle of local self-government in the several counties bears the same relation to the State, that the doctrine of State sovereignty bears to the nation.

"The latter was firmly upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States in the comparatively recent case of Beckham vs. Taylor, from Kentucky. 'May the former never perish in the hands of its friends in North Carolina.'

### THERE WERE GOOD MEN IN SODOM.

They Were Like the Distilling Deacon in Wilkes County and Were Scolded.

To the Editor: Bearing upon the temperance question the editorial in Sunday's News and Observer was a perfect gem. It should be read by everybody without regard to creed or profession.

Among the many good things, I find the following: "Some of the whiskey attorneys who have assumed the guardianship of the Democratic party, need be reminded that there are whiskey men, quite as deeply concerned for the success of the party as they are, and fully as competent to guide its policy." and again, "If such legislation drives the distillers and saloon-keepers and their friends out of the Democratic party, we say as Horace Greeley said about the Scotchmen: 'Let them go in peace.'"

If the price of their support is to continue this stream of evil that goes out from them, then the price is too high to pay for it." Words well and aptly spoken. The great Democratic party is founded on morality and what is not moral is not Democratic.

The good people of Banner Elk wish to tender to 22 members of the House a sincere vote of thanks for helping them get rid of the greatest curse they were ever afflicted with by incorporating the Lees-MacRae Institute here at this place.

As a sister county, Watauga is naturally interested in whatever affects the moral welfare of Wilkes, and the good people of Watauga would be glad to see her sister on the road to reformation.

No doubt the two gentlemen who have the honor to represent Wilkes "to some extent" feel just a little irritated because a representative from another county introduces a bill which a portion of their constituents think they would be

opposed to introducing. But they have no kick coming to them on that score, for if they only represent the liquor interest they do not represent the best element of the people. Touching the matter of representation, between the two men, Dr. Pegram or the Hon. John Quincy Adams Bryan, the latter is by far the most consistent. The writer is neither a church member nor a prohibitionist, but I do believe in morality and sobriety. I notice that Dr. Pegram is not in favor of giving the "State" of Wilkes any temperance legislation because it was not brought up in the campaign in which he was elected. He also says in his speech, "we make the whiskey in Wilkes but we do not drink it." That is so, they do make as vile stuff as ever went down the throat of any toper, but I wish to thank the good Doctor first and foremost for his speech, that we do not need any of his liquor up in Watauga, because the manhood and morals of this community.

I am sorry for the Doctor's whiskey-making deacon who runs a distillery within 200 yards of his church, who never gets drunk, and who does not tolerate drunkenness around his place. Of course the deacon does not tolerate drunkenness around his place. But the wonder is, how in the world the church and the surrounding community tolerate that deacon.

That there are plenty of good people in Wilkes I know full well; so, also that there are plenty of bad people in Wilkes in Sodom, but they kept on drinking away, heeding not the voice of the angel who came to warn them, and were engaged in the general catastrophe that overthrew the cities of the plain.

T. L. LOWE.  
Banner Elk, N. C., Jan. 29, 1902.

### WHAT IS RIGHT!

Elder P. D. Gold writes on the Agitation Concerning the Liquor Traffic.

There is much agitation concerning the liquor traffic in this State now. Quite a change in view of this question is being taken. A general impression is fastening on the people that there is great danger arising to our population because of such traffic and drinking, and that the bar-room business is responsible for much of it. Old men are becoming anxious about their sons. Tax-payers are feeling the burden of paying for so much wrong-doing. Women are often cursed with drunken husbands. Children are deprived of the benefit of education, and disgraced with drunken fathers. Mothers are made wretched on account of debauched sons, and sons-in-law.

The people at large are seriously considering a remedy for this monstrous evil of drunkenness—that unfits the naturally brightest men for usefulness, that prevents talent that paralyzes industries, that causes so many wretched men as a blot on society. The people are feeling that the bar-rooms are responsible for much of it—that we are all guilty in licensing the manufacture and traffic in liquor. Many men engage in three sale of liquor no doubt, that would much prefer to earn a living some other way than in encouraging drunkenness.

Now what should be done? Suppose a law were passed at this Legislature compelling every man engaged in the liquor traffic to abandon his business at once. Would that be right? Would that be treating that class of men fair? No. It would not. Why? The State authorizes them, grants license to them to sell. True the fact that the State grants certain ones license to do this is an admission that they have not a natural right to make or sell it. A farmer does not have to take out a license to farm. He has a natural right to do this without paying anything for the privilege. But when a man buys a license or permission to sell liquor he has a legal right to do this. That State authorizes him to do this. It has sold him the privilege. Would it not be wrong for the State to take that right away from him before his time expires? Yes. He perhaps has rented a house in which to sell it, and has bought a stock of liquor. Now it would work a hardship upon him to compel him to lose all this, give him a reasonable time to get rid of his stock, and let his term expire.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20, 1902.

### The Press on Temperance Legislation.

Webster's Weekly.

We heartily endorse Gov. Aycock's recommendations. They are wise, safe and conservative. The country grog shop and distillery constitute the most dangerous and debauching feature of the business. Liquor ought not to be sold where there is no police supervision and protection. Drive it into the incorporated towns, and be careful that its sale is not restored where the people have voted it out, as the Governor pointedly says. We ought to say in this connection that the present Legislature should take the necessary means to see that no towns are incorporated to make a place for a bar-room.

Mr. London, of Onslow, has also introduced a bill embodying the Governor's recommendations and in addition those of the Anti-Saloon League. It restricts the sale of whiskey to incorporated towns having a population of not less than 500, and its manufacture to towns of not less

than 1,000 population. It goes further and puts the whole State on a prohibition basis pending an affirmative vote for saloons or dispensaries in incorporated towns. One who desires license to manufacture or sell liquor must first secure the signatures of a majority of the people of the community to a petition requesting that license be granted him. This bill is unwise and in advance of public sentiment. Its enactment would cause a world of trouble and do very little good. The reasonableness of a law is the surest guarantee of its enforcement. Arbitrary prohibition would aggravate the trouble. The sale of whiskey can not be broken up by a legislative trick, such as is proposed by the Anti-Saloon League's bill.

Treat him fairly. Give him due notice and opportunity to close up his business, and engage in some other occupation, and soon he will be glad of his bettered condition.

Can there not be an arrangement, rather an understanding, that the people in an amicable way may be freed from this unwise and hurtful business, so that our people may be engaged in better pursuits, and all be benefited? Can not this be done in a friendly way which evidently will in the end better all classes of our people?

Let us not pass laws to wrong any man, but enact laws that will benefit men in all useful pursuits, and that will encourage all men to engage in useful occupations.

P. D. GOLD.

### Temperance Legislation.

To the Editor: Previous to the constitutional amendment, the negro vote held the key to the political situation in North Carolina. Since the amendment the Democratic party has swept the State. The Republican party has gone into winter quarters, and of course are going to stay there, unless they can get out. What has this to do with temperance legislation or the London bill? Much. From this time the Prohibition party will hold the key to the situation. I do not like the expression, "The Prohibition party," so much, but rather the men who stand for home, temperance and righteous government. Petitions have gone up for the London bill or some strong legislation against the liquor traffic. I venture the statement that more than three-fourths of the names on these petitions of the qualified voters either belong to the Prohibition or Democratic party. The true situation is, that the shrewd leaders of the Republican party are awfully afraid that the Democratic Legislature will pass the London bill, thereby securing the almost solid support and sympathy in the future of the men who are and have been working and waiting for this glorious day.

So far as the two great parties are concerned, Democratic and Republican, if the Democratic Legislature passes the London bill, the Republican party won't come out of winter quarters until Gabriel blows his trumpet, and they know it. But if the measure fails, they stand another chance to make a fight for the key to the situation. No longer using the negro, but appealing to good, honest white men, who are not in the political push, but who want temperance and good government.

Their agitation will be, you had a Democratic Legislature and you made an overwhelming plea for relief, but you failed to get it, therefore, why should you stand longer by the party that refused to help you when they had all power to do it. No measure will come before the present Legislature that will give it a greater opportunity to make the Democratic party responsible in North Carolina than the London bill or something equally as strong. While this should not be a party issue, yet we know that so far as the parties are concerned, as a rule, the men who are pleading for this relief are Democrats, yet we respect and welcome every honest Republican that stands for home, temperance, good morals and religion. Let this Legislature forever seal its power in North Carolina by passing the London bill or something equally as strong. You know it is right and righteous, therefore do the right and fear no man.

J. S. JONES.

### Bravest and Most Effective Espousal.

To the Editor: I have filed your editorial utterance of last Sunday on the London Bill as the bravest and most effective espousal of North Carolina's good name and the cause of civic righteousness ever made by secular journalism in that State.

The attorneys who use the threat of party treason to prevent the will of the good men and women of the State in a matter affecting the homes of the people and the young manhood of the State, belong in the ranks of party guardians and not in the ranks of party guardians. You have done much to fix their status for the future. Here North Carolina will reap the first fruits of the Constitutional Amendment. The London Bill will pass. If not today, tomorrow. If not tomorrow the next day. The future is with it. As a North Carolinian in war and wolf I thank the editor of the News and Observer.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20, 1902.

### SHOULD NOT DISAPPOINT THE PEOPLE.

Duplin Journal.

The News and Observer of Sunday was a temperance issue indeed, and the large whiskey procession cartoon with one sheet of temperance editorial will be heartily appreciated by the white people of the State who are looking to the present legislature for the realization of their temperance anticipations. May they be disappointed. This is the opportunity of the Democratic party to redeem its pledges of good government economically administered for the betterment and welfare of the whole people of the State. Let the party not forget its great mission at this most opportune time.

### FAVOR THE LONDON BILL.

Marion News.

Our law makers at Raleigh, have the ability and the opportunity now to make laws for our State that will be wholesome and for the upbuilding of every interest. We hope none of them will run from a righteous cause because it does not happen to be popular with the masses. It is right and just to consider the wishes of the people, but it is frequently the case that children want that which is not best for them to have. Our law makers have been selected and we ought not to try to induce them to make laws that would be hurtful to us. A large majority of the best people of the State are now pleading with our law makers for the passage of an important act, "The London bill." It remains to be seen what they will do.

### THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

The London Bill now pending before the Legislature for the regulation of the

liquor traffic, is a fair and good bill and should be enacted into a law. It provides for the opening of a saloon or a dispensary on the vote of the people if they want it, and if they prefer no liquor their votes will settle the question in any town, city or county. The bill also gives ample protection to prohibition territory by preventing the importation of intoxicating liquors into it. The bill will perhaps be somewhat modified as a compromise between its advocates and those of the Wats bill also pending before the Legislature. The Press favors the London Bill.

### DOWNRIGHT FUNNY.

The liquor men have raised the cry that any temperance legislation will injure the Democratic party. Let it hurt, if passing laws restricting the liquor traffic in this State will hurt the Democratic party. It is downright funny to hear some of the hired attorneys of the liquor makers and dealers talk about the ruin of the Democratic party if any stringent liquor law is passed. If the Democratic party has stood it to have these fellows, who are prophesying its downfall in it all these years, it is tough enough to stand anything. If the Democratic party depends upon the liquor men for existence, then it has existed long enough.

### IT WILL DO GOOD.

The Sunday issue of the News and Observer (January 25th), is the strongest temperance paper gotten out by any North Carolina secular paper-maker will believe, during the past ten years. A cartoon represents the procession of drink, headed by the distiller, the wholesaler, the saloon-keeper, and wound up with the drunkard, the murderer, the convict. And Editor Daniels sums up the situation with a terrible arraignment of the paid lobbyist, with the fee of the liquor dealers in his pocket, who takes it upon himself to advise about policies of State; and the arraignment is just. That issue of the paper will do good.

### IT IS A MIGHTY STRUGGLE.

Charity and Children.

We are extremely interested in the struggle now on between the forces of darkness and light in Raleigh. The devil is doing some fine work there, as he is in the habit of doing everywhere; but we must hope that our law-makers will not turn a deaf ear to the voice of North Carolina, who are not so depraved as to stand on the whiskey side. Legislators who are deceived by the false alarm

### BUT ONE WAY.

(Governor Aycock.)

There is but one way only to save the people well, and that is to do the right thing, trusting that, as they may ever be trusted, to improve the things which count for the betterment of the State.

### AND THE OTHERS, TOO.

Judges of the stamp of Shaw, Allen, Hoke and Brown, traveling over the State expounding the true principles of the law and administering it without fear, favor or affection, are worth their weight in diamonds.

# HENRY W. GRADY

## ON THE WHISKEY TRAFFIC.

To-night it enters an humble home to strike the roses from a woman's cheek, and to-morrow it challenges this republic in the halls of Congress.

To-day it strikes a crust from the lips of a starving child, and to-morrow levies tribute from the government itself.

There is no cottage humble enough to escape it, no palace strong enough to shut it out.

It defies the law when it cannot coerce suffrage.

It is flexible to cajole, but merciless in victory.

It is the mortal enemy of peace and order, the despoiler of men and terror of women, the cloud that shadows the face of children, the demon that has dug more graves and sent more souls unshrived to judgment than all the pestilences that have wasted life since God sent the plagues to Egypt, and all the wars since Joshua stood beyond Jericho.

It comes to ruin, and it shall profit mainly by the ruin of your sons and mine. It comes to mislead human souls and to crush human hearts under its rumbling wheels.

It comes to bring gray-haired mothers down in shame and sorrow to their graves.

It comes to change the wife's love into despair and her pride into shame.

It comes to still the laughter on the lips of little children.

It comes to stifle all the music of the home and fill it with silence and desolation.

It comes to ruin your body and mind, to wreck your home, and it knows it must measure its prosperity by the swiftness and certainty with which it wrecks this world.

### THE GOSPEL TRUTH.

(Wilkesboro Chronicle.)

The Republicans have lined up against any liquor legislation and will make it an issue in the next campaign. This is the life of the party. But for the liquor and revenue and Federal court influences, the Republicans could not carry a single white mountain county.

### ITS LOSS FIGHT.

Resolution Passed by Scotland Neck Meeting.

That we endorse the high ground taken by the News and Observer and the bold fight it is making against the evils of the present system of the manufacture and sale of liquor in the State.

### IT IS UNANSWERABLE.

Nashville Graphic.

The value of Sunday's edition of the News and Observer, the State's leading newspaper, cannot be estimated. Its sound arguments in behalf of temperance legislation are unanswerable by the liquor men and their hirelings. The large half-page picture which truly represents the conditions was quite suggestive and it is a pity every whiskey drinker in the State did not get a copy of the paper.

### STRONGEST TEMPERANCE SHEET.

Smithfield Herald.

Last Sunday's edition of the Raleigh News and Observer is one of the strongest temperance sheets we have yet seen. When a daily paper of the power and influence of the News and Observer begins to fight the whiskey evil it means something for the cause. The temperance people of North Carolina owe a debt of gratitude to this paper for the noble stand it has taken in this great fight against the greatest evil that now besmirches the fair name of North Carolina.

### PROHIBITION HELPS IT.

(Sampson Democrat.)

The Sampson Democrat of last week commented editorially upon the progress and growth of the town of Clinton which is indeed gratifying and is generally always the case with Prohibition towns and when Sampson county has a law also preventing the shipping of liquor into the county there will be seen everywhere continued evidence of growth and progress.

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