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Which?

Prohibition stands preeminently for piety, purity, probity, peace, plenty, prosperity.

Dispensary stands decidedly for devilry, debauchery, dissipation, degradation, drunkenness, damnation.

Which do you stand for?

Let conscience answer.—Edgefield advertiser.

Drinking Men Not Wanted.

Strong drink steals away a person's health, steals away his money, steals away his friends, steals away his home. It murders his body. It murders his mind. It murders his character. It murders his morals, and it murders his soul. Nobody now wants a man that drinks. He is not wanted as a lawyer, as a doctor, as a merchant, as a drummer, as a clerk, as a laborer of any kind, as a teacher, and certainly not as a preacher. The railroads will not have him. Many of the leading railroads have announced that they will not employ a man in any position who drinks, either on or off duty. Gov. Hauley, of Indiana, recently announced that he would not appoint to office any man who drinks. The Brewers' Association of Chicago announced that it would not employ as a driver of a beer wagon any one who drinks. The Bartenders Association of New York City put in its constitution a plank to the effect that any man to be a member of that association must be a sober man. Temperance sentiment must be getting pretty strong when it extends to drivers of beer wagons and bartenders.—Dr. E. E. Folk, in Christian Advantage.

The bulls are doing their utmost to send cotton up to the 12 cent mark and while they will put money into the pockets of the farmers it will not help much in the long run. In an interview the other day former Senator McLaurin said: "When cotton gets much over 12 cents other articles come into competition, and experience has shown that in proportion as it advances above that price there is a steady decrease in the consumption. Mills close down, labor is thrown out of employment, and with the slackening of the demand for goods comes a surplus of raw cotton to be carried over as a club to break prices the next year." That is good sense. When we know the cost of production, we likewise know that cotton is not worth twelve cents, and the South would be richer if the price remained stable around the ten cent mark. Harvie Jordan told the farmers not to wait for the fancy figures, but the farmers have nothing to do with this advance. It is a gamble, pure and simple. Still, the South as a whole has little to gain if cotton sells above twelve cents and mills are forced to close down for the farmer cannot feed the idle operative.—Greenville News.

Hon Ben R Tillman, who established the dispensary in South Carolina, is out in a letter in which he says: "If the dispensary cannot be purified, I'll help kill it. Get your pitchfork ready, Ben, you can't purify a liquor den.—Hartwell (Ga.) Sun.

The Dispensary Situation in Lancaster County.

Lancaster cor. The News and Courier: Unlike many counties in the State, Lancaster has been, up to the present time, comparatively free from anything like a general agitation of the dispensary question, though the matter has been more or less quietly talked about for several months.

The county is now, however, on the eve of a lively dispensary fight. Petitions asking for an election under the Brice law were prepared this week and will be put in circulation at once, if, in fact, the work of canvassing for signatures has not already begun, as is reported to be the case in the Fork Hill section. No time has been fixed for the election, but it is thought that it will be held in August, an idle month with the farmers. The parties in charge of the petitions will have no trouble in securing the requisite number of signatures, for the sentiment in the county at present is overwhelmingly against the dispensary. In the towns opinion is divided, with probably a preference in favor of the dispensary.

Were the election to be held now the county would vote out its dispensaries by a very large majority, and there is probably no doubt when the election is held later on the same result will be achieved, but not by so large a vote, for many who are now eager to vote against the dispensary are expected to vote for it when the financial part of the business is brought home to them, so to speak, by the dispensary advocates. But little or no stress has as yet been laid upon that feature of the system.

Full one-half of the revenues of the towns of Lancaster and Kershaw, the only towns in the county in which dispensaries are located, are derived from the dispensary, and at least one-third of the money received by the schools in the county is "dispensary money." These facts will naturally have their weight with the taxpayers when the campaign fairly opens.

The strong sentiment in the county against the dispensary is largely due to the conviction in the minds of the people that there is corruption and graft in the management of the State institution and they do not see how the situation can be improved except by abolishing the entire system.

The quality of the liquor sold is also complained of, and there are many who think that the expenses of the local dispensaries are larger than necessary. It is on these grounds that a goodly number who have heretofore supported the dispensary are now opposed to it.

On the other hand, there are not a few who originally fought the establishment of the dispensary system that will vote for its retention now rather than see Lancaster experiment again with prohibition, having distinct recollections of what a failure it was when tried here in the past.

As to the enforcement of the dispensary law, there is probably no county in the State that comes nearer carrying out its provisions than does Lancaster. The dispensers at Lancaster and Kershaw are good, capable officers and have been repeatedly elected to their present positions. Barring the written request feature, which does not seem to be observed anywhere, the dispensers in this county are faithfully

carrying out both the letter and the spirit of the law, so far as your correspondent has been able to learn.

There are at least two portions of the county, Heath Springs and Vanwyck, where blind tigers are said to exist. There is also some suspicion that such an animal may be doing business in the town of Lancaster, but if so his sales are inconsequential. So far as your correspondent has been able to ascertain there is no State constable at work in this county, though the services of such an officer are evidently needed in the communities mentioned—Heath Springs and Van Wyck—from what has been told the writer.

Dispensary Conditions.

The News and Courier, through correspondents in the several counties of the state, today publishes a summary of dispensary conditions in the state as compiled from their statements. The review is of considerable interest and has its value in showing to what extent the movement against the dispensary has taken.

In eighteen counties it is stated there is an active agitation against the dispensary, these being Marion, Saluda, Newberry, Edgefield, Union, Colleton, York, Lancaster, Williamsburg, Oconee, Spartanburg, Florence, Darlington and Lexington. It is hardly correct to say that there is an "active" campaign in all of these counties. In some there is, while in others the agitation has just begun, and to what proportions it will reach cannot be foretold. Our contemporary concludes, in its summary, that in the first fourteen named the chances are distinctly with the prohibitionists. Nothing is certain, however, until the votes are counted, and the reports as to some of these counties show that the outcome is very doubtful. It is so in Newberry, for instance, where the dispensary advocates are gaining ground, and it is so in Edgefield, it is reported.

In fourteen counties there is no agitation whatever to vote away the dispensaries. These include: Georgetown, Sumter, Beaufort, Richland, Charleston, Bamberg, Orangeburg, Abbeville, Kershaw, Lee, Barnwell, Clarendon, Dorchester and Fairfield. In practically all of these the reports show that the people are in favor of the dispensary system. Aiken, Greenville and Hampton are placed as probably in the dispensary column, should the agitation reach the point of an election, while Greenwood and Marlboro, already being prohibition counties are not considered.

Our contemporary finds that the enforcement of the law generally is rigid in the towns except in Charleston and Columbia, and it is surprising in view of the current belief that dispensers generally fail to observe the law as required. The request book feature of law is not very generally enforced according to observation of the correspondents.—Columbia Record.

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Foley's Honey and Tar for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

New York Cotton Market.

Effect of the New Acreage Report Sends the Price Up to 11-17, but it Falls Again to 11.02.

New York, July 26.—Prices for cotton bounded upward almost instantly today when the Government report of a decrease of 14.9 in the acreage planted, as compared with last year, was received on the Exchange. The gains ranged from twelve to fourteen points, October reaching 11-17. tremendous selling, presumably by large long interests, followed, and prices went tumbling. October was beaten down fifteen points from the highest to 11.02 the market was excited and irregular.

Two More Convictions.

Jury Finds Jesse And Leonard Rawlings Guilty of Murder of Carter Children.

Valdosta Ga., July 26.—The jury in the case against Jesse and Leonard Rawlings, charged with the murder of the Carter children returned the following verdict late today: "We the jury, find the defendants, Jesse Rawlings and Leonard Rawlings both guilty and recommend that Leonard Rawlings be sentenced to the penitentiary for life."

The jury had been out nearly four hours. The court was crowded when the verdict was read, the mother and two sisters of the young men being by the r side. Jesse Rawlings is said to be 17 years old and Leonard 18, though both look older. This makes three convictions for this crime. The father of the young men will likely be tried to-morrow.

Yellow Fever Spreads.

Twenty-Nine Deaths So Far Reported and one Hundred and Forty-one Cases.

New Orleans, July 26.—All over the city today and up and down the river for a stretch of five miles physicians and employees of the board of health are busily engaged striving to stamp out yellow fever, which has caused twenty-nine deaths and cases of which has numbered a hundred and forty-one since July 15th. This activity is due to the adoption of the mosquito theory of the disease, and every possible effort is being made to avoid infection through that source.

Violated Election Laws?

Richmond, Va., July 26.—The grand jury today brought in indictments against five men, including Alfred B. Williams, editor of an afternoon paper, for alleged violation of election laws in the recent Democratic primary here. The indictment alleges Mr. Williams agreed to pay \$25 to one of the others indicted for influencing votes in behalf of a candidate for common wealth attorney. All except one, who is out of town, gave \$500 bond each. The cases will be tried in September.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co. He who lives on his past reputation has a half-starved look. A man seldom makes his money fast if his father made it first. The pain of a lost love story is what many a woman has paid for a home.

[For The Ledger. Do Oats Turn to Cheat and Back to Oats?

MR. EDITOR:—I was at the farmers' institute at Elgin Tuesday, and having heard so much talk of cheat being a plant of its own I asked the question why at times there was so much cheat in oats and at other times none, and what caused cheat. They seemed to think the seed had gotten in with the oats somehow or probably had been lying in the ground for years and happened to come up in the oats.

Now, I have been watching up the matter of cheat in oats for sixteen years and I find that oats pastured late in the Spring and tramped down will turn to cheat, and also that they will turn to cheat in wet sprouty places if the winter is much cold.

There is a lot of cheat this year, and I would like for our farmers to experiment with it by sowing to itself, and see if it doesn't come up and make as good oats as any from the oat seed, unless pastured down. I have sowed the pure cheat and made good oats every time and no cheat, and I say cheat is not a thing of itself. It comes from oats and goes back to oats. If out stubble is plowed under this Fall what seed are on the ground will come up and be oats, and left out next year without being turned under it will come up, and being on top not covered, will be mostly cheat. Jas W Collins. Osceola, July 26, 1905.

He who praises men and flatters women has many friends.

TWO BOTTLES CURED HIM

"I was troubled with kidney complaint for about two years," writes A. H. Davis, of Mt. Sterling, Ia., "but two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure effected a permanent cure." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

General Repair Shop.

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FOR COTTON WEIGHER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of public cotton weigher at Lancaster, S. C. J. F. Nisbet.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Public Cotton weigher at Lancaster C. H. A. J. Bailey.

FOR COTTON WEIGHER AT HEATH SPRINGS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Public Cotton Weigher at Heath Springs, S. C. A. L. Mobley.

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Notice to Debtors and Creditors of B. F. Miller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the estate of B. F. Miller, deceased, will present them properly proven to the undersigned for payment; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment of the same to L. C. Lazenby, Administrator. July 6—8w

Notice of Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 1905, the undersigned as Administrator of the estate of Jerro M. Knight deceased, will make her final return and settlement, and make application to the Probate Court of Lancaster county, S. C., for a final discharge as such Administrator.

Laura J. Knight, Administrator.

Dated July 26th, 1905.

JOHN E. WELSH, DENTIST, Lancaster, S. C.

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COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

BY J. E. STEWART, Esq. Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, the County med. will to me, to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and of the estate of Emma A. Miller.

THESE ARE THEREFORE, to give and administer all and singular the Real and Personal Estate of said Emma A. Miller deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Lancaster, S. C. on Saturday, July 29th next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand this 15th day of July Anno Domini, 1905. J. E. Stewart, Probate Judge.

SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY ACADEMY.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN BOARD OF VISITORS. CHARLESTON, S. C. JULY 6, 1905.

One vacancy in a State Beneficiary scholarship to be filled by competitive examination exists in Lancaster County.

Application blanks may be obtained at the office of C. S. GADSDEN, Chairman, Charleston, S. C., or from the County Superintendent of Education. These applications, fully filled must be in the hands of the Chairman on July 31, in order to receive consideration. (Signed) C. S. GADSDEN, Chairman, Board of Visitors. July 10-3w

Notice of Election.

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature an election will be held at the following places, viz: Lancaster C. H., Heath Springs and Kershaw on the second Tuesday in August, 1905, for the purpose of electing a cotton weigher for each of the above named places. Polls open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 4 o'clock p. m. All qualified voters are entitled to vote. The following managers are appointed: Lancaster, C. H.—J. B. Conser, R. J. Harper, W. B. Cantler. Heath Springs—D. W. Hendrix, M. L. Beckham, J. H. Crighton. Kershaw—B. F. Hilton, W. T. Blackmon, Henry Boston.

By order of Board of County Commissioners. M. C. GARDNER, Co. Supervisor.

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