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THE BEER DISPENSARY.

That delectable institution, the Beer Dispensary, is now in full blast, and we happen to know it is being operated under very queer rules. Go to any well regulated city beer dispensary and you will find comfortable seats provided, a waiter to take your order, and everything done that can possibly conduce to your comfort. Here, on the contrary, you must buy your bottle of beer, and go out into a little wired pen at the rear of the dispensary, and drink it. If this is the true intent and purpose of the State Board of Dispensary Directors in inaugurating this system of beer dispensaries, then we say, down with them.

Our idea was that they are merely tolerated by the Board as an instrument for the curtailing of the sale of spirituous liquors, there being no warrant in the provisions of the dispensary law for their establishment.

We further thought that the State Board, in their scheme of tolerance, would recognize the fact that as a rule the class of men who buy beer are not the class who buy whiskey. This is not said in an invidious sense, for from the highest to the lowest, not a day passes but that some member of both classes buys whiskey. We merely give this to you as an illustration of how a few narrow-minded men, resolved in power, can make a good thing odious.

Talking about that, who authorized the discontinuance of the signing of that request book at the regular dispensary? That provision is still on the statute books, and for the past two weeks no one has been required to sign a request. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and if we are compelled to go into a wired pen to quench our thirst with a harmless bottle of beer, we insist that the signing provision of the dispensary law be carried out to the letter.

This thing ought to be talked among the people. The dispensary law as at present conducted is a humbug pure and simple, unworthy of the support of any honest man, and unless we can gather together a coterie of statesmen (excuse us, please), who can at the next session of the Legislature reduce it to a common sense standpoint, we say, repeal the law.

Since its enactment we have had nothing but murders of men, women and children, and the courts congested with cases in which some poor devil who had, perhaps, purchased his liquor at the dispensary, is taken up because of having a pint, or half pint, on his person, or in his house.

We may, and very probably will, give you later more remarks on this subject, but this is enough for the nonce.

TROLLEY LINE TO COLUMBIA.

There is no question in our mind as to the value of a trolley line connecting Camden with Columbia. We hope some of our citizens who have money to invest will carefully consider the project and take steps to build the line. There are a number of young people in this city and its suburbs who have extremely friendly relations with the young people in our sister city. There would not a day pass if this established but one or more large excursion parties would pass to or from Camden on pleasure boat, not to speak of the convenience to business and travelling men of both cities.

The establishment of the line would render necessary the organizing of a brass band and orchestra. We have, perhaps, the best local musical talent in the State, and it is through pure apathy and the loss of W. R. McCreight that we have not now as fine a band and orchestra as the State can show.

Come, ye moneyed men, prove your patriotism and city pride,

and let us make at least an effort to get something that will be of real interest to all the people, and not go into any more money sinks such as we might mention. Live enterprises. Something to help and not to hinder. Give this thing careful thought.

JUDGE PARKER IS CHOICE OF INDIANA.

So sayeth the Democratic Convention of Indiana. This proves the truth of the old saying "that all the fools are not dead yet." Indiana is normally a Republican State, and, with Parker as the Democratic nominee for President, will prove this fall to be abnormally so.

Hearst Promises To Vote The Ticket.

Washing. Post, May 15. William Randolph Hearst will support the nominee of the St. Louis Democratic convention, whoever he may be. He today authorized the Washington Post to make this statement unequivocally.

He said he had been making his fight for the nomination in the name of progressive Democracy, but his fight had been within party lines and would continue to be so. Whatever the result, he intended personally and through his newspapers to support the regular ticket.

"I am for the St. Louis nominee," said Mr. Hearst to The Post. Having uttered that plain spoken sentence, he added with a smile: "I should, of course, like any other man, be honored and gratified should the Democrats see fit to nominate me. But I do not have to be bribed by office to be a Democrat. I have supported the Democratic ticket in the last five campaigns. I supported Cleveland three times and Bryan twice. I intend to support the nominee of the party at St. Louis, whoever he may be."—The State.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. J. Pierpont Morgan speaks of retiring from active life. It must make some of the minor European potentates jealous to see how easy it is for a king of finance to abdicate.

The Panama stockholders have not as yet expressed the slightest regret over their decision to take the forty millions and let this country have the glory.

The trusts may as well make up their minds to have some very sarcastic things said about them by members of both parties this summer.

Scientists still insist that people eat too much in spite of the efforts to scare them so that they will lose their appetites.

Mr. Bryan declares that he has been honest with the people. And the people are disposed to be perfectly frank with Mr. Bryan.

It looks as if the Japanese, in addition to learning all the old tricks of warfare, might invent a few of their own.

Port Arthur is one of the few cities that entertain no hopes of real estate boom for some time to come.

A number of people will wish that Mr. Cleveland would be more punctual with his explanations.

Now that the Japs have surrounded Port Arthur, a question arises as to what they shall do with it.

The democracy might feel better if Mr. Parker would consent to talk and Mr. Bryan would consent to be silent.

The employees of the Congressional Library are now on the warpath in defense of their right to life, liberty, and thirty days in bed.

This is a picturesque war. The generals on both sides are of types to which the halftone is becoming.

If anything could make Judge Parker speak, the insinuation that Gorman has been using him to pull Democratic chestnuts out of the Hearst blaze ought to cause him to use cuss words.

IS THE COLORED BROTHER A MONKEY?

Chicago, May 10.—When the committee on credentials recommended the unseating of a delegate to-day at the general conference of the A. M. E. Church, half the members of the conference jumped to their feet demanding the floor. The committee on credentials recommended that C. S. Long, of Orlando, Fla., be unseated as a delegate from the Windward Island conference and that Richard E. Moore, of Chicago be seated. Bishop C. S. Smith obtained the floor and attempted to make an explanation, but was hissed and cried down by the delegates. "We are acting like a lot of monkeys," shouted J. I. Lowe, of Arkansas, "and I think it is time the negroes were learning some sense."

Nothing wrong in that proposition our colored brother from Arkansas.—Ed.

Society Notes.

A merry group of young people including Misses Annie Johnson, Margaret Eldridge and Francis Boykin, and Messrs. Henry Carison and L. H. Deas gathered around Mrs. Adams' table last Monday evening, for a social game of cards and a party game of six-handed euchre with Mr. Clarence Banks on the eve of his departure to his southern home.

Decidedly the most unique entertainment given this season in Camden was tendered the Young Matrons Club on last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. T. J. Kirkland at her home, Cool Springs. The invitations bore the stamp of their sender's originality and were in the form of a command to a company and were enclosed in minute U. S. flags. The idea was further carried out in home decorations and when the guests assembled they were instructed that the euchre games would represent a war between nations and each table the fort of the nation selected.

At the end of each game instead of a punch being made in the place cards, a small flag was hoisted by the winners on the forts they had originally defended. Fun and excitement reigned supreme and it seemed only a fitting ending when the United States was declared victorious. The combatants then cooled their ardor with dainty refreshments of ices and cakes and left for home, showering congratulations upon their hostess and hoping she would soon again issue a royal mandate for another battle of cards.

After a week of idleness, the members of the Acorn Club were doubly glad to receive invitations from Miss Sarah Boykin, requesting their presence at "The Terraces," on Wednesday at noon. Quite a party took advantage of the bright spring weather for an outing in the country and enjoyed the hospitality for which the venerable mansion and its owners, the Boykins have been renowned ever since long "fo' de war."

Mrs. Blake, of New York, who has been the guest of Mrs. Allen Boykin, at "The Terraces," returned to Camden last Saturday.

Miss Sadie Anicum has accepted a position as stenographer and bookkeeper with Mr. Miller, an insurance man, in Columbia, and will make the Capital City her home for the future, much to the regret of her hosts of friends in Camden, who wish her much success in her venture out into the world of business women.

Mr. Caleb Moore has purchased a lot on Hobkirk Hill from Mr. Allen Deas and will erect a modern and model cottage in the near future.

The several members of Mr. Wm. Shannon's family have returned from their visits abroad and are once more at home to their friends.

Miss Leila Shannon is on a visit to Mrs. Furman at Clemson.

Mrs. Thomas Reeves, of Charleston, is on a business trip to Camden, and is stopping at Miss Ellen Tweed's.

Mr. William Boykin spent Sunday and Monday with his relatives in Camden and accompanied Mrs. Blakely as far as Sumter on Monday afternoon.

The numerous friends of Miss Louise Allen, of Staunton, Va., who has visited Miss Mea Vilepique here for several seasons, will be glad to know that she is once more among us, and at present visiting Mrs. David Williams, Jr., at Bloomsbury.

Miss Stoney, of San Francisco, Cal., a niece of Mrs. Darlington, formerly Miss Lizzie Stoney, is visiting Mrs. Val Jordan and family.

Little master Dalton Kennedy Shannon is on a visit to his grandfather, Mr. Alexander, of Augustine, Fla., is on a visit to her daughters, Mrs. T. J. Kirkland and Mrs. Henry Savage.

An Appreciated Letter.

Mr. Editor: After reading your editorial headed "Politics" in last week's issue, we wish to say, amen. The writer does not agree with you editor, as to the New Court House, nor as to Mr. Hearst, but he does realize that very few men think alike on all matters, and he does admire a paper, or rather an editor who has convictions, and the courage to speak them. The Editor of The People and "B" will never come to blows, nor will "B," resign his one year policy, on account of Hearst, Court Houses or what not. An editor holds a rather responsible position, for to the press falls the duty of educating the people on current events. Should some candidates offer for office, of whom the editor of The People knows something that would disqualify him for office, and perhaps only a dozen men in the county know it, is it not the editor's duty to publish what he knows? This is but one instance.

Speak out on all questions fearlessly. Personally we may think you mistaken, but our admiration for your honesty and courage, is not shaken. You, sir, are giving us a good weekly. We know that, with cooperation on the part of correspondents scattered through the country, you can give us a better paper, and we believe you will give us an honest paper, editorially.

Now, Mr. Editor, the Court House question will soon be settled, and I'll add, that I hope to your disappointment, and I want to direct your attention to the matter of registration. It is necessary that every white voter in the State of South Carolina should be a qualified voter and that he should vote at both Primary and General Elections. We haven't the figures, but our impression is that in the Primaries, S. C. polls from 85,000

to 95,000 votes, and in the General Election barely more than half as many. The Primary practically elects officers here, but the vote in the General Election is the vote we get the credit for. We must remember that the "Hero of San Juan Hill," that great and bloody, that world shaking battle that gave us several Major-Generals and a President, and after all was but a skirmish compared to battles of the Civil War; we must remember that that hero, wants to be re-elected. Haven't we seen enough of him to prove that he will do anything? Suppose a Republican ticket is sprung on us at the end of the campaign? We nominate in the Primary, but we show a poor vote in the Election, because we have neglected to register and can't vote. Let us all register and poll so large a vote at the Election that even the latest American "Genius of War," and lover of the colored brother, can find no grounds to have our elections contested.

Again have we forgotten Crum-packer? Suppose our representation is reduced to the basis of our vote in the last General Election? Better have a Congressional Representation for 95,000 voters than 55,000.

We hope that the constitution of the Democratic Party will be amended so as to require all voters at the Primary to be qualified voters, but we also want the necessity of registration and of voting, impressed on every white citizen of S. C. and of the whole South. Cannot The People exert some influence in this matter? We believe so and beg that you, Mr. Editor, will take up this matter? "B."

New and Important Enterprise for Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, May 15.—Mr. R. H. Baer, who recently moved here from Charleston, has embarked in the stock raising and poultry business. He recently purchased 180 acres of land near Mt. Zion on the Clifton road which he is having improved and put in proper order for his purposes. He is erecting a handsome home there and a large barn which will be lighted by electricity; he is also building numbers of chicken houses, and it is his aim to supply to a degree the local market. He will also raise blooded horses. Mr. Baer is confident of making a success of his venture, and being possessed of ample capital to carry out his schemes, he will doubtless teach the people of the county some lessons in the poultry raising and stock raising lines.—The State.

GRADED SCHOOL COMPOSITIONS.

HONOR. Honor means fidelity, virtue, reverence. To be honorable is to be true and faithful, and it is one of the best things in the world to be so. If a person is honorable, he can get along much better than one who is dishonorable. People have more respect for an honorable man than for a dishonorable one. To be an honorable man one has to be trained to be honorable when a child. If he is careless about the smallest points of honor when a child, he is apt to be careless about greater things when a man. He might be careless about paying his debts, and to pay one's debts is one of the truest points of honor.

If one is true and honorable to himself, he will be so to every body else. Shakespeare has said: "This above all to thine own self be true, And it must follow as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."—Elise Birchmore, Age 16, High School, 3rd Grade.

A LETTER.

Camden, S. C., March 11, 1904.

Dear Margaret: I arrived in Camden on Monday morning and I am staying at a hotel called "The Court Inn." There is a large flower garden in front and a ground of southern pines at the side. Camden is a very pretty place and also historic. Baron DeKalb is buried in the old Presbyterian church yard, and there is a monument erected to him. The great LaFayette also visited Camden and staid in a house on Broad Street which is now called "LaFayette Hall." Camden was built on the Water River in order to ship goods, and the cemetery is down there, but, as the climate was unhealthy near the river, it was moved higher up. We went riding out to the precinct near Camden and it is very beautiful there. I also went up to Knights Hill from which we got a beautiful view of the surroundings.

Elizabeth DuBose, Age 11, Grade 6.

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Shop on LAW RANGE, near old postoffice. Camden, S. C.

Restaurant. Winyah James, the old and well-known Restaurant-our of our city has removed to Broad Street just north of Mr. Moscoe Johnson's pinder shop. "Nine" will be glad to have all his old patrons call on him there. Meals at all hours. New patronage solicited.

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