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THE WHISKEY PROBLEM.

It will have been noted that THE PEOPLE has had a considerable amount of its space devoted to discussions on the subject of 'The Whiskey Problem' both pro and con. These discussions continue as will be seen by a perusal of this issue. Now, in connection with the subject, we merely want to remark that individually, we do not care the snap of a finger how the question is finally settled in this State, if it is ever finally settled. We, of course, with everyone who thinks he has a thinker, have our own ideas as to what should be the final disposition of it. These ideas are not in accord with those of a large number of others, but that is neither here nor there. Either we are a fool, or the other fellow is, and time alone will decide the point. We have one idea however on which I think we are all in accord. That is simply this; that to make prohibition absolutely of force and effective of its object, the revenue laws of the United States affecting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic spirits must be repealed, and severe penalties imposed and enforced on those who are detected in violating any statute relating to whiskey.

This idea was well expressed on Sunday evening by Rev. J. J. Wicker. Prohibition in a single community, county or a state has proved to be a blooming farce. If you are honest friend, and wanting real and not bogus prohibition, strike at the head of the snake which is the United States government. In every contest for a seat in the National Assembly, put the question squarely up to the candidate; "Do you, or do you not favor National prohibition", and then vote for the candidate who comes nearest to your ideas on the subject, always provided that his opponent is not a stronger man, and better equipped to give you more satisfactory service on other lines of thought and action in legislation.

To elect or vote for any man for congress merely because he stands squarely with your ideas on only one subject would place you in the same position of the man who bought a dog on the recommendation that he was a good coon dog. On trial the animal proved to be no good. The purchaser went back to the party who had unloaded the dog on him and received the very consolatory remark from the seller: "Well, I thought he must be a good coon dog as I had tried him on everything else and found him of no account." The moral is obvious.

Leads the South.

As is well known, our neighbor, South Carolina, leads the south as a cotton manufacturing state, and is second in the Union. According to late statistics there are 162 textile manufacturing corporations in South Carolina, with a capitalization of \$59,582,950, operating 3,419,523 spindles and 92,741 looms. About 60,000 operatives are employed in producing \$77,000,000 worth of finished fabrics for 800,000 bales of cotton. North Carolina has 352 mills, including those devoted to cotton, woolen, silk and knitting, but their total capitalization is less than that of the South Carolina mills and they operate only 2,103,079 spindles and 55,660 looms. Of the cotton manufacturing states

Massachusetts leads with about 9,500,000 spindles. South Carolina is second, North Carolina third, Rhode Island fourth, Georgia fifth and New Hampshire sixth.—Augusta Chronicle.

Santo Domingo In Grip of War

Revolutionary Movement There is Spreading.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, May 23. (By courier from Monte Christi, Santo Domingo.)—The revolutionary movement is spreading. Gen. Camacho, the former governor of Monte Christi, who is working in unison with General Quirio Felice, for the overthrow of the government, has attacked and seized Quayubin and Dajabon, which are situated on the Haytian frontier, Dajabon being the northwest boundary between Hayti and the Dominican republic. There has been fighting between the revolutionists and the loyal forces at Monte Christi. The fate of Jose Bordas, governor of Puerto Plata, is not known, but it is reported that he is either dead or a prisoner.

Communications are interrupted and government troops expected to reach the disaffected district by sea.

Premium List of State Fair.

Over 15,000 in Prizes and Purses Offered.

Columbia State, May 20: The premium lists for the next State fair have arrived and are being mailed out as rapidly as possible. The list is in convenient "pocket edition" size and contains the offer of prizes to the amount of about \$8,000, in addition to the race stakes and purses which amount to over \$7,000, making a very handsome total amount, the largest that has ever been offered by the society. This will undoubtedly make the next State fair the greatest success, both from an exhibit and from an attendance point of view.

Many important changes have been made in the new list, the most notable being in the field crop, horse, cattle, swine, poultry, bench show, household and educational departments, all of which will be published from time to time. New prizes have been offered and former ones increased in value.

An important announcement is made and a most searching question asked in the following: "To Farmers and Stock Raisers: The South Carolina State fair offers liberal prizes in all departments, pays the freight on State raised exhibits, and extends every courtesy possible; if you are not an exhibitor, why not?"

Bring or send your exhibits, win some of the big prizes and sell what you please—the opportunity for sales is excellent. Every exhibit will be carefully looked after, no matter how small; information and aid cheerfully given at all times.

Not in Lanahan's Employ.

Mr. Boykin Points to Error in Recent Testimony.

To the Editor of The State: In today's issue of your paper I notice that Mr. William Lanahan is reported as saying "at one time they employed B. H. Boykin at a salary of \$1,000 a year, before Boykin was elected on the board."

I wish to beg that you will correct this statement. I was elected by the legislature in the winter of 1899 to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Cooper, he having been elected secretary of State. I served until the legislature met again the following winter, when I refused to stand for re-election.

As a matter of fact I have not represented any liquor house, before, during or since being on the board. I was there simply to work for the best interest of the State, as my record and those associated with the institution at the time can testify.

B. H. Boykin.
Boykin, S. C., May 22, 1909.

OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

If many more animals "bite the dust" over in Africa soon, we fear the landscape will be all cleared up before the coon gets well started on that hunt.

If Mr. James Patten's recent wheat manipulations really do bring about a wholesale corn-bread revival in this country, it may be that he was a blessing in disguise, after all. Corn bread is not only exceedingly good to eat and highly nutritious, but comparatively inexpensive. This is no joke; it is a delightful and undoubtedly cheerful truth.

And yet Prof. Todd in his balloon effort to talk to Mars may get the wrong number or hear the old familiar "Line's busy."

A Baltimore man has erected a statue to Adam. We are glad to say that the father of mankind is not represented as standing in a heroic attitude with his right hand thrust between the first and second buttons of his prince Albert coat.

Dr. Mary Walker, the quaint little old woman who wears pants, indorses the sheath gown. That ought to finish the sheath gown.

The standpatters are willing to acknowledge that the consumer is overcharged, but they say it's the fellow around the corner who does it.

Texas is the only State big enough to have hailstones the size of beer barrels.

Senator Raynor, of Maryland, although unopposed for re-election, will have to pay something like \$17,000 primary fees, it appears. Still, Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, doubtless looks on that as all kinds of a bargain.

A Maryland minister has announced a forthcoming series of sermons on "Why men do not go to church." When he gets through, however, doubtless he will still be in ignorance of one of the big reasons.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland looks as if she might be level headed enough to sidestep indulgently the advice she is destined to get from her old maid relatives on how to rear that baby.

It is not at all certain that President Taft's inflamed eye is the result of riding in the wind. The President has been trying very hard to see a way out of the tariff tangle.

It is nearly time for an announcement of a change of date for the inauguration of the Panama Canal.

That tax on razors certainly cuts deep into the Republican vote of the South. Look out for another Brownsville case.

Wisconsin has enacted a law against swearing, and a California reformer wants one against kissing. One would be quite as effective as the other, we imagine.

"I am for revenue," says Senator Tillman. With a little iron ore and tea protection on the side, nevertheless.

Philadelphia's discovery of \$1,200 in the city treasury looks as if some one had been sufficiently magnanimous to say, "keep the change."

There is a man in North Carolina so avaricious that he has arranged to die before an inheritance tax law would go into effect if Congress should pass it.

A man has patented a telegraph instrument capable of transmitting 40,000 words an hour. This is calculated to make Mr. Roosevelt bitterly regret throwing up the Presidency a third time.

A Philadelphia man bet he could drink two quarts of whiskey within two hours. He did; but he is dead. A Chicago girl bet she could waltz one hour without stopping. She did; but she is dead. These things save the fool-killer trouble, however.

A Montgomery, Ala., man has been arrested for robbing a gas meter of \$20. While, of course, we are not in favor of robbery, we confess we are not sorry to know that somebody has managed to get back at the gas meter in a measure, at last.

"Who are the consumers?" asks the Portsmouth Star. Merely the pestiferous and unimportant little fellows who foot the bills.

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Hon. W. F. Clayton Replies to Member of W. C. T. U.

Strong Drink and the Scriptures.

In your issue of May 7th, appears an article said to have been written by a lady, signed "Member W. C. T. U."

purporting to be a reply to an article formerly published from my pen. Now, when a lady throws down the gauntlet, I am reluctant to take it up. Naturally I am under a disadvantage, but I will endeavor to be particularly chivalrous in this, my reply. I only wish that my antagonist was a man. Then I would be on equal terms.

Now, my dear sister, don't you think you were unkind if not unchristian to have made the personal allusions that you did? In my article I was not in any sense personal. I will overlook it however when I know that upon reflection you will experience regret. But, my dear sister, I must say that your education upon this subject of prohibition has been sadly neglected as is the case with a vast majority of those who indulge in that delusion.

You make it a moral question when in point of fact it is purely political, so do not take it amiss if I point out your errors as they appear to me. You say in your article, "Does any man who encourages, or allows by his vote the weaker brother to buy, and take into his body, the accursed stuff," etc. Now, sister who has said that wine or strong drink is accursed stuff?

Certainly not Christ who converted water into wine, and Chap. John, nor David of whom God said "He is a man after my own mind" for in the 10th Psalm he praises the Lord who has given grass for the cattle and wine to cheer the heart of man. Nor Isaiah, Chap. 25, verse 6 for he says, "And in this mountain shall the Lord of Hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of the wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined." Now would Isaiah proclaim a feast to be made by the Lord of Hosts of "accursed stuff"? Why it is unnecessary to ask the question as it answers itself unasked.

Again in Chapter 65, verse 1, he says: "Yea, come, Buy wine and milk without money and without price." Would that grand old prophet urge the people to come and buy "accursed stuff", and if they had no money, it would be given them? We think not, but you say that this is not to be taken in a literal sense, but even admitting that, would an accursed thing, or stuff be made simile of things religious? Hardly.

St. Paul evidently does not consider it accursed stuff, as in 1st Timothy Chapter 3 verse 8 in speaking of the qualifications of a deacon he says, "Likewise must

the deacon be grave, not double tongued, nor given to much wine, nor greedy of filthy lucre." So, even a deacon under Paul's authority could take a little wine, and it was not considered accursed stuff. In his epistle to Titus he says of the aged women, Chap. 2 verse 3 "That they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not given to much wine, nor false accusers, teachers of good things." Now Paul allows them a moderate supply of wine and couples it with teachings of good things and given to holiness, so he certainly does not consider it the accursed stuff. Again he says to Timothy, Chapter 5 verse 23 "Drink no longer of water but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities."

God, himself, the Lord of all and the Creator of the universe does not rank it as the accursed stuff as in Deuteronomy, 14th Chapter he says at Verse 26, "And thou shalt bestow that money for whatever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen or sheep, for wine or strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth, and thou shalt eat there before the Lord, thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thy household." Last, but not least, Christ never called it the accursed stuff for he says in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke Mat. 22, 25; Mark 14, 25; Luke 22 that he would drink no more of the fruit of the vine until he drank it new in his Father's kingdom. So we have the statement of Christ that even in Heaven there will be wine. That however need not disturb either the prohibitionist or anti-prohibitionist as unless we do better than we are doing, very few of us will be eligible to vote on the subject in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, my dear sister, if the above does not convince you that this is not a moral question, you would not believe though one came from the dead.

It is true that the scriptures contain such passages as "Wine is a mocker. Strong drink is raging." Look not upon the wine when it is red." "Give not thy neighbor drink, and put thy bottle to his mouth and make him drunken," but no word of prohibition here, it is entirely cautionary, and not prohibitive.

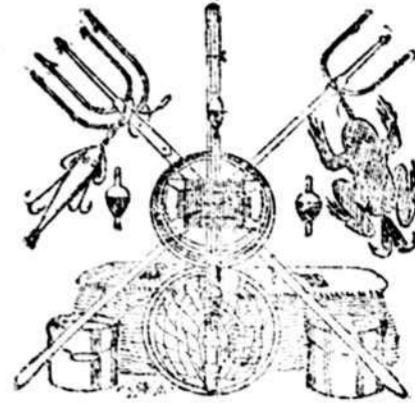
Now if you make your fight upon political grounds, I have nothing to say. Under the police power, the State has a right to prohibit liquor, but with the bible against you, you still insist that it is a moral question. Then you are deceiving the people in obtaining votes under false pretense. Can a Christian afford to do that?

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