

L. L. WAGNON COMES AGAIN

Answers Critics of License Bill. New Law Prohibits Nobody; but Places Peddler, Vender or Dealer on Footing with Merchant and Farmer

Mr. Editor:—I came across this a few days since: "There is a bar against all information, condemnation before investigation," and judging from the letters of my friends Neu, Harris and Orr, I stand condemned, and judging from the nature of the condemnation, there certainly has not been any investigation on their part at least.

I have long since learned that any action of a public nature, by a public servant, is subject to criticism and if it deserves it, to condemnation; for such criticism and condemnation I have no complaint to make, I am willing always to improve by any mistakes that may be pointed out and realizing that when you serve the people it is a case of be "cussed if you do, and be cussed if you don't" and having a clear conscience and a firm conviction of the justice, equity, democracy, constructive and progressive nature of the License Bill which has provoked so much of the "cussing" from my good friends, I am unwilling to believe that it comes from any source other than lack of knowledge of the principles and purposes of the bill, and to that end, permit me to answer a few of the arguments and criticisms.

Neb says "there is a lot of complaint about the bill, forbidding non-residents of Union county from bringing their produce to this county to dispose of," the fact is that the bill does not forbid anybody from bringing anything at any time or in any way, and selling it at any time or in any way, but it does provide that the non-resident, non-taxpaying "dealer, peddler and vender" shall, for the privilege of so dealing, peddling and vending, do as the balance of the democratic farmers, producers and merchants of Union county, do pay a reasonable license for so doing. Anything wrong about that? Anything to forbid anybody from selling anything in that?

Again, Neb says, "how much of such produce does the farmers of this county raise?" I will leave that for Neb to answer, by asking to whose shame is it, that the farmers of Union county do not raise all the produce it can consume, and thousands of dollars worth for shipment? There is not an item mentioned by Neb but that can be grown as abundantly and practically and as successfully here, in a few short months of time, as anywhere in the South, unless it be apples, and I have yet to be convinced that with a few years effort and patience we could not grow as good and as many apples as North Carolina or any other State.

He also asks, "is the law for the benefit of the poor, etc., is it democratic?" and then proceeds to quote Holy Writ for the authority that we will always have the poor with us. I am glad Neb put this as he did, for I believe he is fair, and I can say without fear of contradiction, that this law is fully as much for the benefit of the poor as any other tax that was ever levied since the beginning of time; the fact is, taxes and licenses are not levied except incidentally for the poor, at all, nor against the poor or rich either, for that matter; they are levied for the purpose of running the government, and in these days, for schools, colleges, roads and the thousands of advantages of civilized government that the poor and rich enjoy alike. And as to it being democratic, the very foundations of democracy is to tax all alike and to let all share alike in the benefits paid for with our taxes. One of the prime purposes of this bill is, to stop a special privilege enjoyed by the few at the expense of Neb and every farmer and merchant of Union county. Do you believe in special privilege? Do you advocate taxing and licensing the masses, and they your home people, your own fellow farmers, merchants and citizens, and subsidizing the alien and stranger, allowing him the graft of doing free of charge what your fellow citizens have to pay for every time they turn around? If so, why don't you go a step further and advocate bringing in the Dago, the Pole, the Hun and the Chinaman, remove all taxes and because they will live in hovels, like beasts, to compete with and run all our native sons of South Carolina out of the mills and all other jobs and businesses, because they are relieved of all the burdens of taxation, and living like beasts, (which, thank God, our people will not do) can work cheaper than our people can? Is that democracy, if so I have missed my calling, for I am a democrat, first, last and all the time, and if any man objects to this bill when he understands it, then he has got to abandon the rock-ribbed foundations of democracy from the time of Jefferson to this year of grace, 1915, which says tax all or none, tax all alike, that share under the government alike, and not turn over to the man from New York, Mexico or North Carolina, free and for nothing, what every resident of Union county has to pay for. Yes, if I know what democracy is, this bill is democratic, and one of its chief purposes is to stop the few from grafting off the many, by having free the privileges that the many pay for.

Now as to the reminder from Divine authority, that we will always have the poor with us, I point Neb to the same authority, for the rule of "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," and ask if under that rule he could afford to tax and license the farmers and merchants of Union county to provide roads, schools, and government, and then take what little chance they have for making a living and paying these taxes away from them, by turning other dealers, peddlers and

venders loose to get rich off our people without money and without price? We know that in the times of the Great Teacher that men paid taxes, and I believe that when He laid down the golden rule as the standard of relations that should govern all men, He laid the foundations of democracy and I am willing to stand or fall by that rule. Take all the taxes off the merchants and farmers of Union county, and I am perfectly willing that others may come in and share with us without taxes or licenses, but if the home merchant and farmer has them to pay, you will have to go further than the authority of God's word or the foundations of democracy to get justification for giving them free to outsiders, whether they be responsible citizens or fakirs and quacks, which is the main thing the bill is aimed to guard against.

As my friend Orr puts all his questions in such a way that they drive to practically the same point, I believe that he will be fair enough to acknowledge that I can answer all his questions, with others, and will have to admit that his position carried to its logical conclusion, would disrupt all organized government, destroy every school in the county and leave him facing starvation, without a chance of making a living.

I don't know what they pay now to the town of Union, but the fact that they may pay a license to the town of Union, does not justify them in not paying a license to Union county any more than any other citizen of Union. They every one pay a tax to the town of Union—on your basis—then every man in Union who pays a tax to the town of Union should be exempted from paying a tax to Union county, carry it out and you will have just about half the taxes you now have to run Union county and every part of the county will suffer as a consequence. You ask if this is not more than the average merchant pays, I cannot answer for the average, but I can say it is about one tenth of what some of our merchants pay, in fact about as much per year as some of our merchants pay per month, and even if it were more, it should be more, for the reason that the home merchant stays in one place and pays his taxes and licenses for the privilege of doing business in that one place, the other man is allowed to go all over the county and even to the door of the home man, and rob him of the privilege he has paid for. How would you feel, Mr. Orr if the Jap or Chinaman, who may or may not pay a small tax to China or Japan, were to sit down next door to you, send his children to your school and pay nothing for it, and you pay as you do now; get his fertilizer with all tax off, and you pay as you do now; ride over and haul over your roads and do no work and pay no road tax, and you pay as you do now; be protected by your sheriff and courts free, and you pay as you do now; have his cotton ginned free and his corn ground without toll, and you pay as you do now; have his cotton and produce hauled to market free while you drag through the mud and pay for the privilege, as you do now? Would you call that democracy, would you think you were getting equal rights with the Jap and Chinaman? Would you condemn a farmer who went to the legislature as your servant, and passed a law saying to the Jap and Chinaman—not that you shall not live here, not that you shall not have a chance with the rest of us to make a living and sell your stuff like the rest of us, but saying to him, if you want to live here in democratic Union county, we will be glad to have you, but you must pay your share of taxes like Orr and Wagon, and every other farmer and merchant in Union. I believe you and every farmer in Union county would rise up to condemn the special privilege given the Jap, Chinese or other alien and it would not make any difference to you if he did pay taxes to China and Japan, if he was making his living off of Union county people and they all paying for themselves and him too, and he going free—you would rise up and call the farmer who went to the legislature "blessed" who tried to give you this relief. Well that is exactly what I have tried to do, friend Orr, with this difference, I happen to be a merchant and not a farmer, and the people who are enjoying these free privileges are not Chinaman or Japs, but good honest men, who I believe will themselves acknowledge the justice democracy and equity of the license law, once they understand it, and will be glad to pay for the privileges they enjoy, like the balance of the white democrats of Union county do. So, don't allow the fact that I happen to be a merchant prejudice you, friend Orr, the bill may do the Union Grocery Company some good indirectly, if there is where the prejudice lies, I hope it may, but there is not a one horse farmer in Union county it will not benefit more than it will the Union Grocery Company, and I doubt if there is a business, large or small in Union county that it makes as little difference to as it does to the Union Grocery Company, and further the fact that I am a merchant would not any more prevent my laboring in the legislature for the benefit of the merchants only, as you seem to feel, than it would any farmer who might send laboring for the benefits of the farmer only, or lawyer who might send laboring for the benefits of the lawyer only, would you condemn a farmer for laboring for farmers?—then why condemn a merchant for laboring for every farmer, merchant and producer in Union county, God knows if they don't need somebody to labor for them, what class of people on earth do? You ask about the prices of potatoes, cabbage and apples, the burden of the query being, did any one ever know them so cheap. If their being cheap

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,
County of Union.

Notice is hereby given that a special election for the county of Union aforesaid, will be held at the voting precincts, in said county prescribed by law, on Tuesday, April 6, 1915, upon the issuance of bonds under the terms of the following Act passed by the General Assembly of South Carolina, at the regular session of 1915, and duly approved by the Governor of the State of South Carolina:

"AN ACT
To Authorize the Holding of an Election in Union County on the Issuance of \$200,000 of Coupon Bonds for Building Permanent Roads, to Name Seven Commissioners to Expel the Proceeds of Said Bonds and Otherwise Define Their Duties, Powers and Term of Office.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:—

Section 1. That on the 6th day of April, 1915, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of Union County the question of issuing \$200,000 of coupon bonds, bearing not more than five (5) per cent. interest, for constructing public highways of said county.

Sec. 2. This election shall be held under the laws governing the holding of general elections in this State. The ballots shall be provided according to law; on the one ballot shall be printed the words: For Permanent Roads Bonds—Yes; on the other, For Permanent Roads Bonds—No. If a majority of the ballots cast in said election shall be for the issuing of said bonds, the seven Commissioners hereinafter provided for, to be known as the Highway Commission of Union County, shall advertise for sealed bids of said bonds. No bid shall be considered for less than the par value of the bonds. The Commission shall have the right to reject all bids and re-advertise for bids until the bonds are sold," etc.

The qualifications for suffrage are as follows:

Residence in State for two years, in the county one year, in the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote, for four months, and the payment six months before any election of any poll tax then due and payable: Provided, That ministers in charge of an organized church and teachers of public schools shall be entitled to vote after six months' residence in the State, if otherwise qualified.

Managers of election must require of each voter the production of a registration certificate and the proof of the payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed and collectible during the previous year. The production of a certificate of the receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

Before the hour fixed for opening the polls, Managers and Clerks must take and subscribe the Constitutional oath. The Chairman of the Board of Managers can administer the oath to the other members and to the Clerk; an officer duly qualified thereto must administer the oath to the Chairman. The Managers elect their Chairman and Clerk.

Polls at each voting place must be opened at 7:00 o'clock a. m. and closed at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

The managers have the power to fill a vacancy, and if none of the managers attend, the citizens can appoint from among the qualified voters, the Managers, who after being sworn can conduct the election.

The following Managers are appointed for the aforesaid election, and they are requested to call at the office of the Master in the Courthouse for ballot boxes, ballot forms and instructions:

MANAGERS

Union—John Whitlock, J. D. High, J. G. Long, Sr.

Monarch Mills—S. C. Crosby, W. G. Puckett, Thomas Austin.

Knitting Mill—J. J. Eison, Frank Hart, J. Haskell Thomas.

Cross Keys—T. E. Davis, Norman Beaty, Robert Glenn.

Black Rock—Aus. Tucker, C. W. T. Willard, Will J. Wilson.

Carlisle—Reuben S. Thomas, J. Edd Hancock, J. D. Flemming.

Santuc—M. R. Jeter, Starks Austin, E. W. Jeter.

Meadors—John Meador, John Sinclair, Will Carter.

Lockhart Mills—Pete Childers, B. B. Belue, Charlie D. Broom.

Adamsburg—Lonnie Adams, J. J. Hughes, John Scales.

Kelton—Jack Farr, Boyd Gallman, Haskell Garner.

Jonesville—R. N. Mabry, C. L. Reeves, A. D. Plexico.

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Gibbs—Mills Malone, Henry Smith, Fincher Lawson.

West Springs—Boyd Lancaster, C. D. Bogan, T. J. West.

Colerain—Gordon Smith, John Harrison, Holland West.

D. C. WHITE,
W. C. WILBURN,
J. P. THOMAS,

Commissioners for State and County Elections for Union County.

March 8, 1915.

FINAL DISCHARGE

State of South Carolina—County of Union—Court of Probate.

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of April, 1915, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Court of Probate for said County, the undersigned will make his final settlement as guardian of the Estate of Herbert Fowler, and that thereupon he will apply to the Judge of said Court, for his final discharge as such guardian.

W. B. FOWLER.

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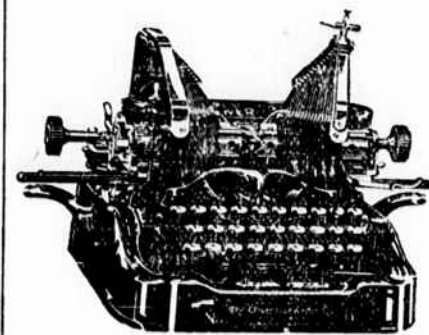
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