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DISPENSARY DENOUNCED.

"Uncle Iv" Girds on His Arm. Appeals to Christian Voters. Reminiscent of '76.

Mr. Editor: It seems from what I glean from The Advertiser that 'tis a fact that some of the voters of our county are disposed to want the dispensary established again.

I had heard while on my way to Mrs. Mary Prince's burial that petitions were going around for those who favored the Dispensary, but tried to hope that it was not true. But alas! when your paper came, I found that the declaration of a fight was on hand. Well, I am really too weak physically to say what I want to say, but something about or in me seems to say; "Old man gird on the sword again; there is the sound of another struggle for you.

Well, God being my helper, I am ready for another fight against that which I consider one of the worst evils that can be legalized. I read your twenty reasons, and also your argument against the reasons given by those who favor the re-establishing of the dispensary; and say Amen to every one and your rebuttal against the reasons of those favoring the dispensary.

There comes to me while I write a scene at Edgefield C. H. in 1876. Old Mr. Geo. Penn (father I believe of W. B.) had gone up in the Court House to cast his vote against Radical rule. He was old and feeble, and after casting his vote walked to the steps to go to his home or place of business. The writer, then a young man, took the old man's arm and helped him down the steps. It was the last time that I remember ever seeing him, and it impressed me deeply, and as I see him now in my imagination it gives me courage, for the fight in which he and I were engaged was won, and Radical and Carpet bag rule was at an end.

Sometimes we old people are misjudged, because of the stand we take against evil, but those who misjudge us now if they should live to see and pass through the ordeal of the old men, will wonder why they did it. I have too many sons and grandsons of my own, to say nothing of others sons and grandsons, to be a party to placing a temptation before them that I know from my own experience to be one of the hardest to resist. Count my vote one, against selling whiskey as a beverage in any form. Allow me before I close, to take off my hat to G. D. M. for the stand he takes in the matter, and let me say, if that stand affects him or any other candidate let them glory in that defeat. There is a hymn that is often sung that has a line like this, "Sometime we'll stand before the judgment throne."

Ah! how true, and now Christian voter, what about it? If we who claim to be Christians give our sanction or votes to saddle a known curse on our fellowman, what ought we expect when we appear before that bar? Will it be "Enter into the joys of thy Lord," or will it be "depart from me for I never knew you." Christian voter think. Don't help on an evil.

E. G. Morgan.

The Dispensary and Business Men.

If no more whiskey were sold under dispensary than under prohibition the majority of our business men might be for dispensary for these two reasons: first, it in some measure lowers taxes, second, it might attract a few people to Edgefield to trade.

Are a majority of our business men for it?

I have talked with thirty-one business men—most of them heads of enterprises, men who pay business license and tax. Lack of time prevented my talking with several others and with clerks. One clerk said to me in substance, "Give us clerks a chance to express ourselves, for we have to wait on the trade." As much as to say, "under the dispensary we are troubled with more drunk men." It has been remarked that under the dispensary regime here, ladies could hardly go on the streets on Saturday afternoons. Out of the thirty-one men talked

with, twenty-five expressed themselves as opposed to the re-establishment of the dispensary in Edgefield. Six did not say positively. I believe that several—if not all—of these six will vote against the dispensary. It seems to me that the stand of a large majority of our Edgefield business men ought to have some weight with the rest of us, especially when practically all of this decided majority believe that it is morally wrong to vote back the dispensary. Unless I had a real conviction that legalized liquor selling with its probable attendant illegal selling were morally better than prohibition, I should hesitate to put myself against the moral sense of our Christian women, our preachers, and a majority of our business and professional men, and a majority of every occupation.

Nearly all of these twenty-five business men believe that the dispensary will hurt their business. Now if this money were turned into some better channel we might say, "Well, Mr. Business Man, we are sorry for you, but it is for the best for others." But will it be turned into better channels if more money goes for liquor? And that is what our business men expect if the dispensary is re-established. Is it better for a man to buy liquor or a good suit of clothes? liquor or a dress for his wife? liquor or shoes for his children? liquor or bread and meat for his family? liquor to weaken his body, mind, and soul, or fertilizer to strengthen his land, and books and papers to enrich the minds in his home and help to save the souls?

When a dollar goes for liquor two dollars are wasted, for a man unfit himself to make the other dollar.

I give a few samples of what the business men say:

Mr. B. Timmons: "I am opposed to a dispensary because it puts temptation in reach of the boys."

Mr. J. D. Holstein: "I would rather pay more tax than have dispensary. There was greater disorder on the public days during time of dispensary than since."

Mr. W. L. Dunovant: "I am opposed to whiskey all the way through. I do not want to put the temptation in the way of my boys. I think a man owes it to his children to vote against it."

Mr. W. H. Harling: "I am opposed to the dispensary. There is not so much drunkenness as under dispensary."

Mr. W. H. Turner: "I believe it is better from a moral and business standpoint to have no dispensary. The order is better. There is at least twice as much drinking and there are at least twice as many arrests with dispensary as compared with prohibition."

Mr. E. S. Rives: "There are people who would drink if there were a dispensary who do not as it is."

Mr. W. C. Lynch: "Conditions are better now than under dispensary, better even from a business standpoint."

Mr. W. H. Dorn, representing Dorn & Mims: "It is a bad move morally, and not good from a business standpoint. Even if it meant better business, I would oppose it from a moral standpoint."

Mr. H. H. Sanders: "I am not in favor of dispensary as it demoralizes business in general."

Stewart & Kernaghan: We believe it would be worse from a moral standpoint to have a dispensary."

Dunovant & Co.: We are opposed to dispensary because the harder you make it for people to get whiskey the better for the community. Our business has increased 25 per cent or more under prohibition."

Ramsey & Jones: "Our business has gained considerably under prohibition. Besides it is very much more satisfactory. We do not believe a dispensary will add anything to our business but will contribute much unnecessary annoyance."

Mr. W. W. Adams says: "I understand a petition is being circulated to re-establish a dispensary in Edgefield county, and being asked to write a few words, I hurriedly express my views as follows: I unhesitatingly say, that I am not in favor of dispensaries. I believe they would be a curse to our county, or any other county, in that they encourage the youth of our land to touch, taste, and handle the unclean stuff, which they should be taught to shun as an adder. Whiskey degrades, impoverishes, and finally

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Sad Death of Miss Aline Crouch. Preparations for Flower Show. Dining For Rev. and Mrs. Bailey.

Miss Mary Jumper, of Springfield, has been the guest of Mrs. F. L. Parker.

Miss Mary Riley is visiting at the home of Mr. W. R. Eidson.

Miss Rhett Warren has closed her school near Fruit Hill and is at home for a vacation.

Mr. Alvin McLenna, of Waldo, Fla., spent last week here with his mother, Mrs. Lucy McLenna.

Visitors to Augusta during the past week were Mesdames M. E. Norris, H. W. Crouch, S. J. Watson and Miss Elise Crouch.

Mrs. James Strother will go to Allendale next week to visit her daughter, Miss Gertrude Strother, who is teaching school there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsh entertained with an elegant dining on last Thursday in honor of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Bailey who were spending a few days at their home.

Miss Edith Coleman went to Greenville last Tuesday to attend the marriage of her friend and classmate, Miss Mary Cox, which occurred during the week, and she formed one of the bridal party.

On Tuesday afternoon, at the hospitable suburban home of the president, Mrs. J. W. Marsh, the new century club held the regular meeting, and the balmy spring weather tempted a full attendance out. Delegates from this club to the state federation, to be held in Abbeville, May 7th-9th, were elected at this time and were Mrs. J. W. Marsh and Miss Mattie Waters; alternates Mesdames F. M. Boyd and J. A. Dozier. Following this the lesson study, "A trip down the Nile valley" and "The Khedival family," was taught by Miss Zena Payne, and Mrs. J. A. Dozier was appointed to teach the next lesson, "Life among the Bedouins." After the books were laid aside, Miss Mary Gwynn delighted all with musical selections and the hostess served a sweet course followed by French coffee with cheese dates and lastly mints. The club colors

ruins the boy or man who becomes addicted to its use. Few indeed there are, who ever shake themselves loose from the bonds of this monster, once they become enchained by it.

In my judgment there is entirely too much whiskey sold in our county and towns, through mail order houses and blind tigers. With ten years or more experience as Mayor of our town, I conscientiously say and believe, that the consumption of whiskey with dispensary, was fully ten fold what it is without a dispensary. I fear that a great many good people without a dispensary, lose their self respect and respect, for their friends and neighbors when they have a dispensary, for the fact; that with dispensary they buy a pint or quart bottle of whiskey (which they are not allowed to drink upon the premises) and open it upon the side walks, streets, or highways and drink from the bottle in sight of every person who will take the trouble to look, and be it said to their shame, dispensary customers are not always select as to their drinking companions, but some of them are great promoters of social equality when imbibing their X's.

I believe without a dispensary, the average man who formerly patronized the same will reduce the consumption of whiskey fully nine tenths, thereby saving ninety cents out of every dollar formerly spent, to invest in necessary supplies and luxuries for his family. Some men claim that a dispensary will reduce taxation, but the same men who make these claims, if they did but stop and think, would be compelled to admit that they themselves paid the money to the dispensary, that was turned over to the treasurer to reduce their taxes. I accord every man his opinion, but if you believe him on the wrong side help him with argument, and your vote, to defeat what I believe to be his worst enemy."

Morally a dispensary is worse for every man, woman and child

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PARKSVILLE LETTER.

Dr. Jeffries Commended. Stone-Sanford Marriage. Fine Union Meeting Held at Modoc.

In his most excellent article last week, Dr. M. D. Jeffries well and truly said: "Every true, patriotic citizen, who has at heart the welfare of home, wife and children, the community, and the lower element of society for which the higher must always stand responsible, will not vote the dispensary back, nor even sign a petition." True every word of it. I do not believe that our God-fearing, home loving citizens would think of either voting the dispensary back, or signing a petition for it.

In my last I predicted orange blossoms in Parksville last Thursday, which came to pass exactly as scheduled and on time. Mrs. Virginia Stone, the widow of Mr. J. L. Stone was married to the Rev. James H. Sanford of Orangeburg, the Rev. T. H. Garrett officiating. Mr. Sanford is a popular and learned Baptist preacher of the Orangeburg association, residing at Springfield, and he carried away with him one of our most popular church workers, in the person of Mrs. Stone, who was a Miss Stone before marriage, being the daughter of Mr. Jesse Stone, deceased.

The marriage took place at the pretty residence of the bride, but was a very quiet affair, only the relatives and a few friends witnessing the ceremony. The bride was gowned in a lovely gray silk, trimmed with cream lace, which was very becoming upon a figure that always looks neat, and the groom was dressed in a handsome dress suit. The ceremony took place at 9:30 and at 11:45, they boarded the train for Orangeburg amid many God bless yous, and showers of rice with old shoes thrown in for good measure.

Hearts were saddened at Miss Jennie's departure (for that is what we called her), but we hope for her return often. She reminded the writer, that she could not do without The Advertiser, and asked me to request that it be sent to her at Springfield, route one.

The union meeting of the 3rd division of the Edgefield association convened with the Modoc Baptist church yesterday and day before, the 30th and 31st. After organization all the churches being represented, the union went into an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in re-electing the old officers viz: D. A. J. Bell, moderator, and J. G. McKie, clerk and treasurer. The four queries were well and ably discussed by brethren J. C. Harvelly, J. M. Bussey, H. E. Bunch, Rev. Earl Freeman, Rev. G. W. Bussey, E. G. and J. C. Morgan, Mr. Leggat, Col. W. J. Talbert and others. The verbal reports from the churches were encouraging, and by motion the collection following the

were prettily carried out in the refreshments.

Mr. C. F. Pechman, who was operated on in Columbia last Monday, is resting as well as could be expected, considering the painful operation. Mrs. Pechman is at his bedside and will remain with him until he should be sufficiently able to come home.

Mr. C. D. Kenny has returned from Lynchburg, where she visited her father, Mr. McLeod.

Mrs. Lucius Bennett, of Allendale, is a visitor at the home of her father, Mr. Buford Scott, near town.

Hon. Thomas McLeod has accepted the invitation extended him by the D. of C., to deliver the address at the unveiling of the Confederate monument on April 19th.

Miss Aline Crouch, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Crouch, who reside near Harmony, died suddenly on Saturday. She was a bright and lovely young girl of 18 years and her death is a very sad one. The burial took place Sunday afternoon at Ebenezer cemetery at Trenton.

On Sunday morning Dr. W. S. Dorset will preach a special sermon on the greatness of the Sunday school enterprise, and following this, the diplomas will be presented to those who completed the course in the training class taught here recently by Rev. J. D. Moore, state secretary.

CLARK'S HILL NEWS.

Spring Days Welcomed. William Sharpton's Birthday Celebrated. Mr. Geo. Whatley Moves Into New Home.

[Written for Last Week.]

We have been water bound, water logged, mud soaked, and are now in the throes of a blizzard. We think we have been having very hard luck.

The flood of ten days ago in the Savannah river swept away the greater part of the trestle across the Island which separates the two rivers, telegraph poles were washed up, thus leaving us entirely without direct communication with Augusta, mail and express from that point being brought via Columbia. As soon though as the waters subsided, a force was put to work repairing the damage, and the first train passed over last Saturday afternoon, since which time to our delight they have been running fairly well on schedule, a thing we had begun to believe well nigh impossible.

Things are, moving along very quietly with us. On account of the continuous rains very little or almost no farm work has been done. The delicious balmy days of last week would have been delightful for driving, but the thought of the mud holes appalled us, so we decided we would enjoy the breeze from the piazza rather than risk a smash-up on the road.

In spite though of all of those "might be calamities, when we were invited to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sharpton to celebrate the birthday of their son William, we donned our most becoming attire, refused to think of the mud axle-deep, and went, determined to have a good time which every one always does with those charming people. Mrs. Leggett received us at the door in her most gracious manner. We were ushered into the parlor where we were welcomed by the host of the occasion. He was in his happiest humor that evening, and entertained us with some original negro dialect pieces, which he did most excellently well. The music was furnished by Mrs. Bradley and Miss Katherine Adams on the piano, and Mr. Henry Adams on the violin, and was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Leggett had arranged an interesting contest, which tested our knowledge of our native trees, as well as foreign. When the evening came to an end as even delightful things must, we bade our entertainers good bye, wishing that Mr. Wm. Sharpton might have more than one birthday a year.

Mr. George Whatley has moved into his new home, and has also opened a store. Success should attend him in his mercantile business as he has had so much success in that line. His opening day was a good one. Already his place begins to assume a home-like appearance, with barns and other buildings. He will install a telephone in a few days which puts him in communication with all of his neighbors.

Miss Caddie Meriwether is at last convalescent from her long tedious spell.

Messrs. Middleton and Adams have finished their work on the telephone line which gives us the best system we have ever had.

Continued Activity for the Boy Scouts.

The Scout Master and assistant, with the Council of Honor and boys making application for membership, met on Friday afternoon, and further plans were made for thorough organization. Books have been ordered, and examinations will be made of all boys applying to know if they are eligible to membership. As soon as the members are received uniforms will be ordered, and the work will begin.

The bright sunshine and moderate weather brought out many people on Saturday who had been kept in on account of the roads. A larger number of people were on our streets Saturday than at any time before this year, and the streets were crowded with wagons and buggies.

Quills and Their Uses.

Quills are things that are sometimes taken from the opinions of one goose to spread the opinions of another.