

"Lest We Forget"

Have you gentlemen that intend to vote for prohibition in the Referendum on September 14 thought of the forces that will be aligned with you? Harken to this quotation of August 27, 1915, in The Columbia State, an organ that always investigates its facts before it prints them, even if it is opposed to the theory of Prohibition:

"It (prohibition) will be voted for by the prohibitionist and probably by all the 'blind tigers' and their allies."

It is openly talked by the "blind tigers" that they will vote for prohibition. Why? Other states have gone "dry"—notably Tennessee and West Virginia—and the consequence has been disastrous in most of them. The prohibitionists, however, are not governed by expediency.

What, think you, will happen to South Carolina, should prohibition carry in this state?

Should this state vote State-wide prohibition, for the continuance of the Liquor traffic it will be expedient to put those in power who will wink at the illicit selling of liquor. Do you honestly believe that no effort will be made to continue to sell the millions of dollars worth of liquor imported into South Carolina? If so, you are indeed credulous. Other states show you that political fights to elect "wet" Legislators and administrations are being waged.

Have you any assurance that your next general assembly will not be composed of "wet" legislators?

Hardly!

If they are wet, then where will you be?

Think!

Is it not plausible to think that when the fifteen "wet" counties of the State feel the increasing burden of taxation that they will use every effort to send to the general assembly men who favor the legal sale of whiskey in South Carolina? Don't you realize your victory at the polls, if there is such, will be only transient; that the probability that your laurels will be snatched from you in one year is very great?

You men of the "dry" counties now have prohibition. And, if you cause the fifteen "wet" counties to go "dry," can't you see what the result probably will lead to?

The result is inevitable.

You know and there ought to be no need to tell you this, for you are intelligent men, the liquor people and those others opposing prohibition as a state-wide scheme, will use every means in their power to make the state "wet" again. And the fight will be on one year from now, or the signs of the times are deceptive. The full electorate, numbering from 115,000 to 150,000 votes, will be massed to the polls; not the probable 50,000 electors that will participate in the referendum.

Again we abjure you THINK!

There are thousands of men in South Carolina who are tipplers. They will be averse to prohibition; because they rightly think it is interfering with their personal liberty. Do you suppose they will be stalwart forces in the enforcement of the law? Again we quote the Columbia State in its editorial of August 27:

"The point is that many influential citizens want whiskey and would resent interference with their sources of supply. Railing at them does not in the least affect the fact. Prohibition will chill their ardor for good government as it has chilled it before."

Those counties of the state, under the present local option—Democracy to the cure-system, which desire to be "dry" are "dry." Should state-wide prohibition carry, the expectant probably will happen—the pendulum will swing to the other extreme. What then?

A STATE-WIDE DISPENSARY OR OPEN BAR ROOMS? MORE LIKELY THE LATTER.

Then, Mr. Voter in the "dry" counties, where will you be? Don't you think a successful attempt will be made to vitiate the election should the state go prohibition? Again we quote from the editorial in the Columbia State:

"Who will be the candidates of the liquor gang next year. The State does not say, but let the prohibitionists understand fully and clearly now that a ticket will be run to save the whiskey business and give it easy going. Furthermore, if the whiskey people elect an administration in 1916, the counties now 'dry' or comparatively 'dry' will in all likelihood be invaded by whiskey sellers."

"The State, if prohibition be voted, will exert itself to the utmost for the enforcement of the law; everybody who knows the State knows that, but if, in 1916, a liquor administration be elected, South Carolina will be far more 'liquor soaked' and generally demoralized state than it has been since the fall of the state dispensary."

"We are not presenting an anti-prohibition argument, but we are putting the prohibitionists on notice that if they have their way in September and then fail in efforts, however earnest and strenuous, to elect a law enforcing administration next year, having forced the issue forward at this time, the RESPONSIBILITY FOR A PERIOD OF DISORDER, CORRUPTION AND CRIME, WITH OPEN IF UNLAWFUL BAR ROOMS, WILL BE ON THEM."

AGAIN WE SAY HARKEN! THINK! AND YOU WILL SAVE YOUR STATE BY VOTING AGAINST PROHIBITION.

Local Option League

of South Carolina

BETHUNE IS A PRETTY AND HEALTHY MUNICIPALITY

Surrounded by Fertile Farming Lands With a Progressive Cityzenry, Live Merchants and Good School Facilities.

There are some statements that will do to repeat over and over and one is that the town of Bethune is one of the prettiest as well as the healthiest and ideally located municipalities anywhere. It possesses advantages that many other small towns do not and has opportunities to become eventually a place of importance and influence.

With the exception of Camden Bethune is already the largest and most important town on the Seaboard road between Columbia and Cheraw. Its growth has been steady and sure. It has never been afflicted with any mushroom booms, but with indomitable energy, pluck and perseverance, it is now Kershaw county's second largest city.

Bethune is surrounded and supported by fertile, productive, well-tilled farms. Lands in this section which were worth from \$5 to \$10 per acre fifteen or twenty years ago are now valued at and will readily sell at \$40 to \$75 an acre. Our farmers are taking more interest than ever before in raising thoroughbred stock, grain, peapants and other moneyed crops. They are using more improved machinery, a number own automobiles and are living in better homes.

Bethune has wide, level streets, each of which is lined on both sides with beautiful shade trees. Its residences are roomy and tasty and handsome. The water here is pure, clear and sparkling.

We have a splendid high school with a corps of six teachers. The enrollment of nearly 200. A bond issue of \$9,300 was recently voted by this school district with which to erect a handsome new brick school building in Bethune. We are informed that the contract for this building is to be let on August 31st.

There are sixteen mercantile establishments here—a town hall, bank, drug store, two livery stables, blacksmith shop, pressing club, barber shop, garage, gasoline station, an ice dealer and a market, two physicians and one dentist. The town is lighted with electricity and has a telephone exchange. An up-to-date ginnersy is located near the business part of town. There are about twenty automobiles here and several others may be bought soon. Splendid roads lead out from town in every direction.

Bethune has a progressive town council and a board of trade. The members of council are as follows: Mayor, E. Brannon; Wardens, C. C. Gardner, B. W. Brannon, A. B. McLaurin, J. M. Clyburn; chief of police, G. R. Brannon.

There is a fine enclosed baseball park here. The Washington-to-Atlanta automobile highway passes directly through Bethune. There is one of the best hotels in this section of the state here. It is conveniently located, built of brick and is modern and up-to-date in every respect. This hostelry is owned and conducted by Mr. G. S. King, an experienced hotel man and one of our leading business men.

All our merchants keep fresh, saleable stocks of goods and sell them as cheap as elsewhere. Our cotton buyers pay the highest cash price for cotton and the weights are satisfactory.

The following firms are Bethune's leading business houses and will all give you a square deal and low prices. Their policy is to "live and let live":

Stevens Mercantile Co.

This firm has been in business here for the past twelve years and is one of the town's strongest institutions. Formerly they conducted a general merchandise and supply business, but at present they only sell fertilizers, buy cotton and cotton seed, and they do a large amount of business. John T. Stevens, of Kershaw, is president; Joe Hough, of Bethune, is secretary and manager.

Bethune Supply Co.

This firm carries a full line of clothing, dry goods, hardware, heavy groceries and a gasoline station. It is composed of some of Bethune's leading and most substantial business men, namely: N. A. Bethune, A. B. McLaurin and L. K. Yarbrough. Their place of business is located in the opera house building.

Clyburn & Davis.

Dealers in general merchandise. These are also two of our substantial citizens and business men. They do a large cash and time trade and enjoy the confidence of the buying public. The members of the firm are J. M. Clyburn and W. E. Davis.

Z. Brannon.

Mr. Brannon has only been in business a few months, but he has built up a splendid trade by keeping fresh, seasonable goods on hand. He deals in fancy groceries, fruits, cold drinks, etc.

C. E. Cassidy.

There are few persons in this section of the country who do not know Chap Cassidy. He has been in business here for a number of years and has built up a lucrative trade by hon-

est, fair dealing and courteous treatment of his customers. He carries a full line of groceries, notions, and fruits.

J. E. Copeland.

Mr. Copeland is one of Bethune's standbys and has been in business here several years. He believes in giving every man a square deal. He handles a nice line of heavy and fancy groceries, notions, etc. He is the magistrate here, having been elected twice to this office.

People's Grocery Co.

This firm has only been in business here a little over a year and a half, but enjoys a large and increasing trade. It carries a full line of heavy and fancy groceries, notions, drugs, etc. The business is ably managed by Mr. R. A. Stokes.

G. S. King.

Mr. King is one of our leading and strongest merchants. He conducts two stores, a clothing, dry goods, millinery and gent's furnishings establishment, and a grocery, hardware and furniture store. He has been merchandising nearly all his life and enjoys a large custom.

Bethune Drug Co.

This is the only drug store in Bethune and is one of the neatest and cleanest establishments in this section of the state. They keep a splendid line of fresh drugs, medicines, toilet articles, paints, oils, etc. Dr. L. O. Johnson is manager.

The Bank of Bethune.

Few small banks enjoy the enviable reputation for safe and sound banking principles, fair dealing or courteous treatment as does the Bank of Bethune. It is strong, reliable and safe, and is controlled by some of our best business men. N. A. Bethune is president; D. T. Yarbrough, vice-president, and J. A. Stone cashier.

J. L. King.

Lonnie King is one of our youngest merchants but by square, honest dealing and strict attention to business he has built up a fine trade. He deals in heavy and fancy groceries, notions, ice, etc.

C. C. Gardner.

To sell for small profits, give full weight and every man a square deal is the motto of C. C. Gardner. He numbers his customers among our best people and is regarded as one of our leading business men and citizens. He carries a full and splendid line of groceries, shoes, hose, notions, etc.

E. S. Copeland.

Jewelry and general repair work. Stough Copeland is one of our best young men and does a splendid business in his particular line. If you need a watch, clock or bicycle "doctored" give him a call.

The Bethune Barber Shop.

Of course it is essential for all towns the size of Bethune to have a barber shop, but few barbers are better than our friend, Ripley Copeland, who wields a razor or a pair of shears with the best of 'em. He is a graduate of Mohler's Barber College, of Atlanta, and is "Johnny on the spot" when you need a first class hair cut, shave or shampoo. He is ably assisted by Willie Newman, who has been in the "shaving business" here many years.

The Bethune Ginnersy.

Is fully equipped and ready to gin all the cotton that may be brought here. The ginnersy is being thoroughly overhauled and put in shape and will be ready for business by September 1st. This gin is equipped with four improved gins and the capacity is about forty bales per day.

The citizens of Bethune are justly proud of their town—of its growth, cleanliness, its healthiness, religious and educational advantages, beauty, etc. WATCH BETHUNE GROW!

MACARONI MILL.

Colony of Waldensians are Attracting Attention by Industry.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The little colony of Waldensians, at Valdese, Burke county, is attracting nation-wide attention by its enterprise, industry and adaptability.

Records at the department of commerce show that several Waldensians are now erecting a factory to make macaroni, vermicelli, spaghetti and noodles. That will be a new industry for that portion of North Carolina. The Waldensians will make their own flour from home-grown wheat.

The imports of macaroni and kindred products to this country have fallen off considerably since the European war commenced. In June, 1914, the United States imported 10,649,000 pounds at \$478,151 and in June, 1915, the quantity fell to 3,440,582 pounds at \$205,841. If the war continues for another year this country will be exporting macaroni and spaghetti. By that time the cheese business, according to the way it is going now, will be controlled by Uncle Sam.

The Waldensians are proving themselves very valuable citizens. They make good wine, fine fruit and excellent knit goods. The department of commerce is watching their efforts with keen interest. Recently a special agent has been down to look over their plants.

Three or four commercial cheese factories and one macaroni factory since the war started is not bad for western North Carolina.

Law Suit Over Catching a Coon.

Quite an interesting case was tried in Magistrate M. B. McCutcheon's court last Monday. It seems that some of the Stokes Bridge boys went coon hunting and cut a tree down on Mr. Murray Marshall's land in the Lynchburg swamp and Mr. Marshall preferred charges against them for trespassing. The tree was near the line of lands of Mr. G. H. Ried and the fact could not be established that the tree was on Mr. Marshall's land, so the jury brought in a verdict for the defendants.—Bishopville Vindicator.

The second trial of Geo. W. Tidwell for the killing of Emmett Walker in Greenville more than a year ago will probably be called this week.

DIPLOMATIC ENCOURAGEMENT.

"Have a cigar," said the young man as he handed out a fine perfecto.
"Thank you," said the older one.
"I was about to ask for your daughter's hand," continued the benefactor, offering a light.
"Oh, indeed," smiled the father, between puffs.
"But I learn she has given her hand to another."
"Oh, well," said the diplomatic parent, enjoying the fine aroma of his gift, "you know she has two hands."

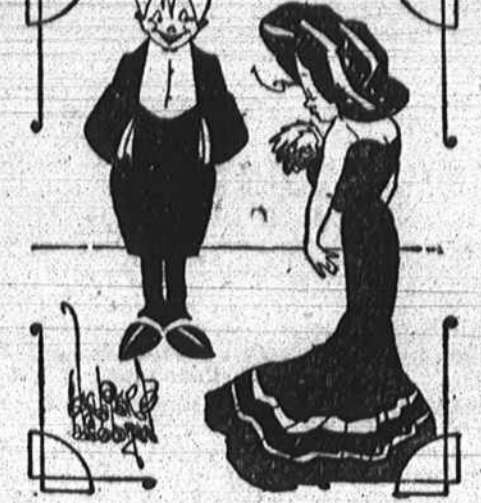
An Appreciative Listener.

"Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "that was a wonderfully appealing and persuasive speech you made."
"The audience seemed to like it."
"Yes. And I was proud to be one of the audience. It's the first time that you have talked in that confidential and respectful tone to me in years."

Seems Reasonable.

"Some people find riding on the wagon wagon quite difficult."
"Tis true."
"And more seem to fall off when it rounds a corner than at any other time."
"I guess that's because so many corners are occupied by saloons."

NEW PARTIES.



She—If women voted, the two old parties would soon be a thing of the past.

He—Yes; they'd be replaced by the tea party and the bridge whist party.

Rough on the "Talent."
Judging by form in the human race, it's as hard to select a winner, as it is to distinguish a would-be saint from an everyday, so-called sinner.

Lost Somewhere.
"Dat's de way Ah got mah start," remarked a gorgeously attired colored man who was critically watching a former laborer digging a ditch and perspiring freely in the hot sun.

"Maybe 'tis," replied the other, without raising his eyes; "but what did you do with it?"—Judge.

Important Consideration.
"A woman ought to be able to cook and keep house," said the thrifty youth.

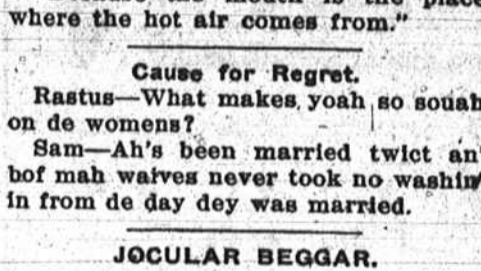
"Don't bother about that, son," replied his father. "Before you marry a girl make up your mind whether she can get on with a servant who will do the work."

Its Use.
"Pop, why does a doctor stick that thing in your mouth to tell if you have fever?"

"Because the mouth is the place where the hot air comes from."

Cause for Regret.
Rastus—What makes you so souch on de womens?
Sam—Ah's been married twict an' bof mah wifes never took no washin' in from de day dey was married.

JOCULAR BEGGAR.



Mr. Krusty (while it's raining hard)—It's a wonder you wouldn't stay home on a day like this.

Beggar—Can't afford it, sir. I need the money to make a payment on my automobile next week.

Modern Music.
The pretty girl no longer sings With voice so low and sweet. Unto the tune machine she clings And warbles with her feet.

A Paradoxical Attitude.
"What do you think those striking bakers declare?"
"What?"
"That they'll want bread before they'll knead it."

Fifty-Fifty.
Patience—How did her divorce suit come out?
Patric—Oh, 50-50. She got the custody of the dog and he of the phonograph.

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