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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 1915.

Mrs. Brown Entertains.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Charlie Brown delightfully entertained at cards in honor of her guest, Mrs. Theodore Vogel, of Washington, D. C. and Miss Frances Turpin, of Macon, Ga., who is the guest of Miss Louise Duncan. After a number of games lovely prizes were given the guests of honor and delightful refreshments were served. Those present were: Mrs. Theodore Vogel, Mrs. Gladys Brown Towles, Miss Frances Turpin, Mrs. W. H. Duncan, Misses Louise, Martha Ayer and Nell Duncan, Mesdames P. J. Drew, I. L. Tobin, T. E. Cummings, C. C. Simms and C. F. Molair.

Springfield News.

Springfield, Aug. 28.—Miss Pearl Williamson of Leesville is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. F. Sanders. Misses Lillian and Pauline Smith of Leesville are visiting Miss Ray Jumper.

Miss Lizzie Livingston is with Mrs. Anna Gleaton for a few days.

Miss Clara Hair of Williston is the guest of Mrs. E. W. Odom.

Wilbur Porter is spending a short vacation with his parents here.

A crowd of young people gathered at the park on Tuesday evening for a social hour together.

Rountree—Bennett.

A marriage of much interest to their many friends throughout the county was that of Miss Bessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rountree, to Mr. T. F. Bennett, of Belington, W. Va., which occurred at the home of the bride's parents in Dunbarton yesterday afternoon. Only the immediate family of the bride was present.

The bride, who is a most attractive young lady, was handsomely gowned in a midnight blue broadcloth travelling suit. The groom is a progressive young business man of Dunbarton, being connected with the Kendall Lumber Company of that place.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple left over the Atlantic Coast Line for an extended wedding trip in the North. They have the best wishes of many friends for a long and happy married life.

Major P. J. Drew spent the week-end here with his family.

(Advertisement)

Voters, Harken!

Have you gentlemen that intend to vote for prohibition in the Referendum on September 14 thought of the force that will be aligned with you? Harken to this quotation from an editorial 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 prohibitionists and prohibitionists and probably by all the 'blind tigers' and their allies."

It is openly talked by "blind tigers" that they will vote for prohibition. Why? Other states have gone "dry"—notably Tennessee and West Virginia—and the consequences have 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 necessary to put those in power who will wink at the illicit selling of Liquors. 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 get "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 with in two years 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. And 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 think 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 SYSTEM OR OPEN BARROOMS, 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 select 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 more a "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 on September 14th and then fail in efforts, however earnest and strenuous, to select 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 BARROOMS, WILL BE ON THEM AGAIN."

AGAIN WE SAY: HARKEN! THINK! AND YOU WILL SAVE YOUR STATE BY VOTING AGAINST PROHIBITION. Local Option League, South Carolina.

Notice of Final Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 18th day of September, 1915 I will file my final account with J. K. Snelling, Jndgu of Probate, and ask for letters dismissory as Administratrix of the estate of Melvin M Hair, deceased. Aug. 19th 1915. Mary E. Hair, Administratrix.

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