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Thursday, August 12, 1909

This dispensary election matter bids fair to get pretty badly tangled up before the lawyers get through with it.

It is announced that President Taft is to visit Florence? Will the Rev. Josh Wilson, negro postmaster, be a member of the reception committee?

It is said by a good many people here that whiskey is being sold in Bamberg illegally. Those who know who it is that is selling it should swear out warrants and prosecute.

The act under which the dispensary election is to be held is puzzling to a great many people, and it would seem from reading it that no person has a right to keep a little whiskey in his home even.

The negroes of Bamberg might as well understand right now that a negro who minds his own business can get along all right in Bamberg, but we have no room for these fellows who want to breed trouble and they will not be tolerated. There are some other negroes here who need to be taught a lesson, and it will be taught them and that soon if they do not watch their conduct pretty close.

From what we have learned from reliable gentlemen, there seems to have been a great change of opinion recently in counties which are to vote on the dispensary question. A few weeks ago it seemed that prohibition would prevail in these counties by a large vote, but there has been a change in sentiment, and it is likely that the vote in several counties below Columbia will be close. We have heard from several that dispensary sentiment is getting stronger in this county the nearer the election approaches.

BLOOD HOUNDS WOUND MAN.

Georgia Farmer Dying as Result of Attack by Savage Dogs.

Douglas, Ga., August 8.—P. C. Butts, an aged farmer, is said to be dying at his home in this county as the result of a savage attack made on him by two bloodhounds owned by a neighbor. The man's neck, body and arms and legs were lacerated by the teeth of the animals. The aged man's cries for help brought aid almost too late. The dogs were finally beaten off, but the wounds they inflicted are said to be almost necessarily fatal, when the farmer's age is taken into account.

Dragged to Death by Mule.

Lancaster, Aug. 9.—Mr. A. C. Floe, who lived on the farm of Judge Jones, three miles from this town, met a horrible death on his farm late this afternoon.

Mr. Floe had finished his day's work and was returning to his home riding a mule with the gear on when the animal became frightened at a passing negro, riding a bicycle, and ran, throwing Mr. Floe from the mule and catching him in the trace chain.

In this condition Mr. Floe was dragged a considerable distance to his home. The mule continued to drag the unconscious man through his yard, relatives being unable to stop the frightened animal.

Mr. Floe was dead when the mule was stopped, his head being crushed and his body badly bruised. He leaves a wife and nine children and was a good citizen. The funeral services will be held tomorrow.

Womanhood is only safe morally where manhood is sound morally. No amount of fine theorizing, or the application of regulative experiments, can keep the sexes from rising or falling together.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

Kidnappers Demand \$25,000 for Return of Children.

St. Louis, August 2.—Grace Viviano, five years old, and Thomas Viviano, three, were kidnapped to-day near the home of their wealthy parents, in the Italian colony.

Shortly after a letter demanding \$25,000 was delivered to the father of the children, Pietro Viviano, and a cousin of the same name. The Vivianos are manufacturers of spaghetti.

The police are searching for Samuel Turrissi, an employe of the Vivianos, said to have been seen with the children shortly before the disappearance. Playmates said Turrissi offered to buy ice cream for the children.

"The children are with me and are safe," read a letter, "and they will be safe if you send the \$25,000 to Wellston."

The missive was signed "Baska Chimsa" (closed mouth). Wellston is a suburb.

To-night the father of the children went to the place designated, carrying a satchel and guarded by detectives. None of the abductors appeared and the attempt to solve the case was given up for the night.

Several threatening letters have been received by the Vivianos and a grocery owned by them has twice been damaged by explosives.

Turrissi is from Palermo, Sicily, of which the Vivianos are also natives.

Blow to Negro Secret Orders.

Atlanta, Ga., August 7.—Negroes in Georgia who organize lodges or secret societies whose membership is confined exclusively to whites will go to jail, if the house approves a bill passed by the senate.

The bill is supported by the Elks, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen. Only recently the Pythians secured an injunction against some negroes who organized a lodge. The Elks have had similar trouble. The bill makes it a penal offense to wear insignia, badges or regalia of a lodge by a negro, or for negroes to adopt a name of society used by whites.

Fight on Saloons in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Catholic temperance advocates of the United States marshaled their forces in Chicago yesterday, and directed at the liquor traffic a blow calculated to have a mighty effect in coming political battles against the saloon. Following a parade of 4,500 men, women and children down Michigan avenue, the Sunday saloon and liquor industry as a whole was vigorously attacked by Right Rev. J. F. Regis Canevin, bishop of Pittsburg, and other speakers last night at a mass meeting in the Auditorium theatre.

The parade, witnessed by thousands of persons who thronged both sides of Michigan avenue from Twentieth to Congress streets, signaled the "silent answer" of Catholic Total Abstinence union to the declaration of Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, that the church of Rome is not opposed to drink.

Rev. O. J. Frier Reviews Dr. Jones's Recent Sermon in Charleston on the Dispensary Issue.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large crowd attended the Baptist church in Bamberg Sunday night to listen to a review of Dr. Howard S. Jones's recent sermon in Charleston that has occasioned a good deal of comment in this community. The large congregation listened with breathless interest to the kindly but thoughtful and earnest review by the pastor.

He first read the Lord's Prayer, as it is called, in the sixth chapter of Matthew, as the model Christian prayer, and made a few remarks on the consistency between Christian prayer and true Christian attitude and action. The choir then sang "Vote as you pray."

He then prefaced his remarks by several passages of scripture read from the American revision of the Bible, with brief explanations, as follows: Exodus 32:19-26, in which he compared Aaron, who had yielded to the pressure of the people and the stress of circumstances, to Moses who said, "Who is on Jehovah's side? Let him come unto me." 1 John 3:7-8, in which Christ's attitude toward all evil is expressed; and 1 Cor. 11:1, where Paul, like Moses above, exhorts to imitate Christ as he did, that is, with him. Then he read Rom. 12:21, where Paul lays down the principle of how to overcome evil, which is not by regulation or compromise, but by the opposite element—good. Lastly he read Eph. 5:3-11, expressing the uncompromising attitude of Christianity toward moral darkness and evil in the world.

He then prefaced his review by saying that it was not his purpose to impugn the motives of Dr. Jones, but rather ascribe the best possible motives to him. Nor to sit in judgment on him, as "to his own Master he standeth or falleth;" but to weigh his attitude as a Christian minister in the scales of Divine Truth which all ministers are to preach.

The following is a summary of what he said: "In the first place, Dr. Jones has been much misused by the liquor element. His bold but compromising utterances subjected him to this, however. I admire any man who has the courage of his convictions; but I am sad and sorrowful when a brother minister feels called upon to assume such an attitude on a great

moral question like this, that those who are lined up against Christianity count him on their side."

He then showed from the public utterances of Dr. Jones where he had been misapplied, as he was dealing with the problem of a sea coast city where conditions are quite different from what they are in the country and country towns. He then reviewed the sermon in general from the standpoint of a Christian minister. He said: "His so-called sermon hasn't the same ring as the utterances of Moses and Paul, read at the outset. They sound more like a politician weighing things from a standpoint of expediency than of right and wrong, as the scriptures weigh every question. They seem more like a lecture on moral philosophy by some professor of a secular institution, who does not take the Bible as his guide. I did not notice any reference to the scriptures in Dr. Jones's published utterances, but the text he used, and so vague and indirect is its bearing on what he said, that from my view point, it condemns his attitude rather than justifies it."

"His logic even seems faulty in one special point in which he avows his sympathy with the ideals of prohibition but discounts and doubts the efficiency of prohibition as a method of reaching that end. There is a vital relation between right ideals and right methods that is inseparable. As a stairway is to its landing so are these related."

"There are questionable methods of prohibition work like there are of Christian evangelism, that are subject to criticism. But certain methods of prohibition, and prohibition as a method, are two different things. You will never bring about a Christian conscience on this question among our citizens so long as the liquor business is made legitimate and honorable by law. Paul's logic applies here. If we ever overcome this great evil that has fastened itself upon the body politic of our people, it must be done by good, or the enthronement of right in our laws and outlawing wrong."

"Dr. Jones seems to find himself and his people between two evils in Charleston, the prohibition cause advocated by the blind tiger element and a minority (?) of the best people there, as he sees it, which would render a prohibition law 'a screaming farce' if enacted; on the other hand is the dispensary law acknowledged by him to be a farce already, and shown by information that I have in my possession (which was read to the congregation) to be a roaring farce so far as enforcement and lack of public sentiment behind it is concerned. He is afraid of lawlessness under prohibition law, and leads his flock over into lawlessness already established by law as the lesser of two evils."

"Why should he choose either horn of the dilemma? Why did he not, like Moses, above quoted, take a stand for right with his Lord and bid his people come to him, in opposition to both evils, advocating a prohibition law from right motives; and instead of recommending that an organization be formed for the enforcement of the dispensary law, recommend that a law and order league be formed to see that the prohibition law would be enforced if the cause should win, dictating such terms to the blind tiger element that they would be forced out of the ranks, or agree to abide by the law? If he had done so he would stand squarely on a scripture platform which shuns every form of evil (1 Thes. 5:22) and not have invoked the censure of his brethren, nor caused rejoicing in the 'camp of the Philistines.'"

"While Dr. Jones justifies his attitude toward blind tigers and dispensary in Charleston for fear of lawlessness, this is not the common motive of those he has lined up with; but love of liquor and love of money are the commonly expressed motives. Paul says—1 Tim. 5:10—that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil, and is the tap root of the liquor business that is so fastened on our people. This is as immoral as blind tigers, since it breaks two commandments in the moral law. Paul says it is idolatry."

Rev. Mr. Frier concluded his remarks by a very solemn presentation of the whole situation in general before the judgment seat of Christ with judgment already rendered—Matt. 18:6-7, where he solemnly warns against putting an occasion of stumbling in the way of a weak follower of his, and pronounces a woe unto those by whom such occasions come. Since his words shall judge us in the last day (John 12:48), we can read our condemnation now if we dare the responsibility of doing so.

The choir then sang impressively, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

Personal Mention.

—B. T. Rice, Esq., of Barnwell, spent Tuesday in the city.

—President F. N. K. Bailey, of the S. C. C. I., at Edgefield, is spending a few days in the city.

—Miss Otes Ransdale, of Orangeburg, spent several days in the city last week with Miss Camille Price.

—Mrs. Geo. F. Hair and daughter, Miss Blanche, have gone to Glenn Springs for a stay of several weeks.

—Mrs. Jones A. Williams and little daughter, Mary, are at home again from a stay in the mountains of North Carolina.

—Mrs. F. M. Bailey and daughter, Miss Mildred, of Edisto Island, are spending some time in the city with Mrs. E. B. Price.

—Mrs. D. F. Hooton and little daughters, Thelma and Natalie, are spending some time on the Isle of Hope, near Savannah, with her father's family.

—Mr. D. F. Hooton, the popular cashier of Bamberg Banking Company, has returned from his vacation trip. He visited Savannah and sea shore resorts, Orangeburg, and other places.

—Mr. W. S. Hogan and his brother are spending a few days in the city. Mr. Hogan has accepted the principalship of the Summerton graded school, at Summerton, Clarendon county, and will teach there the coming year.

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