

ALL FOR PROFIT.

What Has Charleston to Gain by the Abolition of the State Dispensary?

Mr. Editor: In an editorial in the News and Courier occupying nearly a column on Tuesday, the Old Lady on Broad Street discusses the "Carey Bill and Charleston," in an effort to tell what Charleston will gain by the change from the State dispensary to the county dispensary.

It says: "A dispensary system would be managed by Charleston men."

"The profits would go to Charleston, city and county."

"The incentive would be given to Charleston County taxpayers to see that the system were honestly and efficiently managed."

"Under the existing regime, there is no reason to believe that improvement in enforcement in Charleston would inure to Charleston's financial benefit," hence there is no incentive to enforce the law.

"With the county dispensary system established in Charleston, it would be the duty and the opportunity of substantial, upright and intelligent taxpayers to take it in hand and endeavor to manage it so that the greatest possible benefit should be derived from it."

So it seems to be a question of "pecuniary profits" to Charleston that has inspired the fight against the State dispensary made by the News and Courier during the last campaign, and that has caused the persistent and open violation of the dispensary law by Charleston from its enactment. This opposition to and disregard of the law does not date from the time of the investigating committee, but existed at the time the law became effective. Before the "State dispensary was the exposed and unblushing thing that it is," blind tigers flourished and were encouraged in Charleston, and neither private citizen nor officer of the law made an honest effort to enforce the law. In the light of this editorial it appears that the "pecuniary profits" which Charleston did not get, was considered by the good citizen as well as the tough, sufficient justification for the open violation of the law.

"The Charleston man who condemns the local blind tiger feels that it would make him the picture of a fool were he to become an aggressive crusader against it when the evidence is overwhelming that the State dispensary is in the main unlawfully managed."

What an argument to excuse an unlawful act! Even admitting all that is charged against the management of the State dispensary, does it help the case or make it right to encourage lawlessness in Charleston? If the mismanagement of the State dispensary is the justification for the existence of blind tigers in Charleston, what right had they to exist before the mismanagement was proven? They were there the day the old bar-rooms were legally closed, and have been there every day since.

Has it been a case of "pecuniary profits" all along?

If the Charleston man feels that he would be "the picture of a fool" if he helped to drive out blind tigers—helped to uphold and enforce the law of the State—now since the dispensary management has been shown up in a bad light, does he not feel that he has looked like the picture of a knave to the rest of the State when he made no effort to uphold the law, when this excuse for encouraging the blind tiger to flourish in Charleston did not exist?

Charleston is "a community utterly unlike any other in the State as to habits and education, so far as the consumption of intoxicants and their sale are concerned," says the News and Courier, and the inference is that she should therefore ignore a State law, if it does not suit her taste, or bring her "pecuniary profit." It is "a community utterly unlike any other" in many respects besides its peculiar education on the liquor question, and my experience agrees with a number of business men that whenever there is a chance for "pecuniary profits" the Charleston spirit shows itself.

The position of the News and Courier on the dispensary question and its effort to kill the law at any cost, without regard to what condition would come after, has not had the ring of sincerity, and as intended solely for the good of the State. With the statements made in the editorial to which I refer, there is no room to doubt the motive—"pecuniary profits."

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AN HISTORIC RELIC.

Land Warrant Signed by Patrick Henry Now the Property of a Sumterite.

Mr. T. E. Richardson has in his possession an interesting historical relic. It is a genuine land warrant issued in the State of Virginia on January 20, 1780, in favor of George Rogers Clarke and it bears the signature of the great Patrick Henry. The warrant, issued 127 years ago, is in a wonderful state of preservation, as is also the official seal upon the document, which is an impression made in wax.

The warrant was picked up in Louisville by Mr. E. J. Dunn, who presented it to Mr. Richardson.

Maj. George Rogers Clark, to whom the document was issued, has collateral descendants in this city; therefore, in this connection, we give a resume of the biography of this great warrior and hero of the Revolution and eventual pacifier of the Indian in colonial days.

George Rogers Clarke was born in Albermarle county, Virginia, on the 19th of November, 1752. Little is known of his early youth. He was engaged in land surveying and this led him to love a forest life. He commanded a company in Dunsmore's army in 1774, and then became better acquainted with the country west of the Alleghanies. In 1775 he first went to Kentucky, and, while there, he was placed in temporary command of armed settlers. His subsequent career until the close of the Revolutionary war made him one of the greatest characters in this great struggle for liberty. Three years after the conclusion of the war (1786), Clarke commanded an expedition of one thousand men against the Indians on the Wabash. It was disastrous. Several years afterward, Genet, the French minister, undertook to raise and organize a force in Kentucky, for a secret expedition against the Spaniards on the Mississippi, and General Clarke accepted a commission as major general in the armies of France to conduct the enterprise. Before it could be matured, Genet was recalled and Clarke's commission annulled. General Clarke never appeared in public life afterward. After suffering for many years from a rheumatic affection, he was prostrated by paralysis, and died near Louisville, in February, 1818, at the age of 66.

Mr. Richardson announces that he will take pleasure in showing the old warrant to those desiring to see it.

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TOWNSEND WANTED.

Negro Now on the Gang is Wanted by the Government Authorities.

J. H. Townsend, the negro recently arrested by the police officers of the city for vagrancy and swindling, and sentenced to a 70-day term of service on the county chaingang, is even more of a crook than was at first thought.

The following letter was recently received by Sheriff Epperson:

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 31, 1907.

Sir: I notice in today's paper that a man by the name of John Townsend was recently arrested in your city and sent to the chaingang. I have been trying to locate a brown negro who has been going about this State representing himself as a pension agent sent out from Washington to increase pensions, and I hope you have the man. Please send me his description, and please do me the favor to hold him until I can get there next week. Very respectfully,
E. H. Jennings,
Special Examiner.

It was unnecessary for Sheriff Epperson to issue any orders for the detention of the negro, as he was doing service on the chaingang; and Tuesday, when Mr. Jennings reached the city, he was taken immediately to the convict camp, and unhesitatingly picked out Townsend from the thirty negroes at work as the man he wanted.

At the expiration of the term of his present sentence, Townsend will be held here for the United States authorities, who will have him taken to Charleston for trial.

As Townsend's activity in swindling the members of his own race have been so extensive, and covering a period of some months, it is likely that his punishment will be in keeping with the large number of swindlers that he is said to have perpetrated.

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Col. W. J. Norris' Death.

Col. Wm. J. Norris died at his home in Chihuahua, Mex., Wednesday, January 16th. He was ill but a few days, having been taken with dysentery Monday week before his death, when out in the Sierra Madres on one of his frequent business trips. The attack was an extremely severe one, and principally owing to his age. 71 years, he rapidly grew worse. He was attended by his particular friend and physician, Dr. T. H. Swayne, and everything was done that could be. The interment was made at the Panteon de la Regla.

Col. Norris left a daughter who resides in Florence, S. C., and was an uncle of Mr. J. A. Boykin, of this city.

The Colonel has resided in Chihuahua for about ten years and was at one time in the employ of the Chihuahua and Pacific railroad and later with the U. S. and Mexican Trust Co. At the time of his death he was associated with Dr. T. H. Swayne in the promotion of some timber land deals.

Col. Norris was always known as a quiet, unassuming and highly honorable man. He was a South Carolinian of the "old school" and more, a noble man, and as such, was highly respected by all who knew him here. He obtained his title of colonel in the Confederate army.

Skin Disease of 20 Years Standing Cured.

"I want you to know how much Chamberlain's Salve has done for me. It has cured my face of a skin disease of almost 20 years' standing. I have been treated by several smart physicians as we have in this country and they did me no good, but two boxes of this salve has cured me—Mrs. Fannie Griffin, Troy, Ala. Chamberlain's Salve is for sale by DeLorme's Pharmacy."

The champion cotton raiser of Oklahoma is a colored man named Alfred Smith. He has not only taken all the premiums offered in that State for the first and best cotton, but his product has received the blue ribbon at the world's fair and first prize in England. Smith was born near Atlanta and says that when Sherman marched through he was ploughing near by with an old gray mule. Another colored farmer who has become noted in his State is Junius G. Groves, of Kansas, who owns 500 acres of fine land in the Kaw valley. Groves raises about 75,000 bushels of potatoes every year, which is considerably more than is produced by any other individual grower in the world.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)
"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry, warm clothing are the proper safeguards. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well established, ripe cold is to the germs of diphtheria what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to the child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold, slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by DeLorme's Pharmacy."

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Rising From the Grave.

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SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

Mr. J. A. Harris, the late honored president of the Abbeville cotton mills, died Tuesday morning in Philadelphia, where he had gone to undergo an operation, which proved fatal.

The surveying corps of the South Carolina Public Service corporation is at work on the line from Aiken to Orangeburg.

The nine-year-old daughter of Mr. L. P. Boling, of Chester county, was burned to death Sunday.

The Wittekind is expected to reach Charleston Saturday with the second lot of Watson's immigrants.

Charles S. Strickland, of Columbia, and his second wife are in jail in Asheville awaiting trial for bigamy.

Col. B. F. Crayton, of Anderson, died at his home in that city on last Wednesday. Col. Crayton was known as Anderson's "Grand Old Man."

H. Rudolph Rabens, the Charleston blind tiger who acted as a "fence" for the gang of safe blowers that operated in this State several years ago, has been convicted on the testimony of John McCarthy, one of the safe blowers, who is now serving a sentence in New Hampshire.

BARGAIN FOR PRINTERS

We have one 8 Point Simplex Typesetting Machine and about 450 pounds of type that will be sold cheap for cash or on time to responsible person. In good order, but discarded to make room for Linotype. Also one 6x9 Job Press, in good order and now in daily use, but to be displaced by a larger press. Also one 2 h. p. Gasoline Engine.
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