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There Will Be No Country Club.

The proposed movement to establish a "Country Club" in the vicinity of Manning has aroused public sentiment in opposition so strong that we doubt very much if the projectors will attempt to carry out their purpose. It is known that the law forbids the establishment of an institution which permits the storing of intoxicants where persons congregate to drink, such places are declared a nuisance, and subject to severe penalties, not only so, but where the public sentiment is manifested, is so much opposed, it would be foolhardy for any man or set of men to attempt to defy it.
The projectors of this club applied to the Secretary of State for a charter to establish a club for social, literary, and charitable purposes, with the privilege of having amusements, and other features, but this does not allow features which the law forbids, and the storing of liquors is contrary to law, all clubs, whether under the lockers or otherwise are illegal, and will not be permitted by the people of this community.

There are many who favor the legal sale of intoxicants who are as much opposed to the club scheme as are the most ardent prohibitionists, these will heartily join in to prevent the establishment of a lawless institution because they regard such a move as an open barroom of a dispensary. To belong to "the club" is more enticing to the young than an open bar, because, the bar is so condemned that the young, out of regard for public sentiment, will remain away, but with a club which is visited by the prominent, gives to the young a certain amount of imaginary prestige which they will crave to get within its portals, and disaster results.

Last Sunday the subject was taken up and handled from the several pulpits. Sunday night the service at the Baptist church was converted into a general mass meeting, and participated in by members of the several churches, as well as non-members. Charlton DuRant, Esq., was the principal speaker. He discussed the liquor question thoroughly, and his remarks met with the approval of the entire congregation. Rev. J. A. Ansley, Capt. D. J. Bradham, Mr. A. S. Briggs, Mr. F. C. Thomas, and others also discussed the matter forcibly, and made it clear that the contemplated country club was not desired, and would not be tolerated.

At the conclusion of the meeting the following resolution was adopted unanimously:
Be it resolved, by the members of the several Christian churches, and citizens of Manning, assembled in Manning Baptist church, that we put ourselves on record as being opposed to the establishment of the Clarendon Country Club, or any other place for the sale or distribution of alcoholic liquor, and pledge ourselves to support all lawful efforts to prevent the same.—Manning Times.

TRAGEDY AT STILL.

Man Killed and Wife Perhaps Fatally Wounded.

Guyton, Ga., Dec. 24.—Jordan Wall was shot, perhaps fatally, and his wife killed outright this afternoon at a turpentine still near Marlow, Ga. Deputy sheriffs, armed with a warrant, are searching for Gus Richardson, charged with the shooting.

A Missing Hero Lad.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 25.—People here and along the line of the Seaboard Air Line Railway are searching for an unknown little boy who saw a bridge on the railroad burning Wednesday afternoon and ran for half a mile to flag down the approaching train from Atlanta before it rounded the curve, and would be on the burned trestle and wrecked. He disappeared after waving down the train with his own shirt and has not been located for identification.

The forest service maintains nine experiment stations for studies in reforestation and similar subjects.

An Honest Primary

(The Item will publish a few articles under the above caption written by a member of the legislature. They are strictly non-partisan and point out the changes necessary to eliminate fraud without taking away from any South Carolina Democrat. The articles are in no way inspired by any candidate for office and none know of their preparation. They are designed solely to assist the mass of Democratic primary voters to clean house. Bills to this end will be acted on in the next legislature and our readers are of course interested in the subject at this particular time.)

Sailing Stormier Seas.

Rapidly growing cities and towns and the activities of candidates with a corruption fund, are the two principal causes of our primary election troubles. In an earlier day when election managers knew each voter as he came to the ballot box, and when bribery was resented, it was easy to detect the dishonest voter and the temptation to vote dishonestly was not so strong.

The problem now is to change the law so as to carry out the same primary idea under new conditions. It is the same old ship but sailing stormier seas, and needing a stouter keel and tighter caulking.

When you come down to it the necessary changes are simple and few, but they are as necessary as the keel is to a ship.

Some say the constitution and rules of the party are all right, and it is in the execution of them that the fault lies.

Both need reform. But execution is a broken reed unless it is supported by sound laws.

When Factional Storms Rage.

The very foundation stone of our State Democratic organization rests on sand. As long as all is quiet no harm is done. But as soon as the storms and torrents of factionalism and of bribery and greed begin to beat upon the foundation, it crumbles.

The club meetings held in April are the foundation stones. They rest on the party constitutions and rules. These are as sand because they do not safeguard the membership rolls of the clubs.

Any one, without regard to age, nationality, or residence can vote in a club meeting. In fact, there is nothing in them to prevent negroes from taking part, if they declare themselves to be Democrats. You can vote in these meetings even if you are not qualified to vote in the primary.

Designing men can pack club rolls, and thereby control club meetings, county conventions and the State convention, county executive committees and the State executive committee, and name the managers at the ballot box.

Here are two instances, the first occurred in one of the largest voting counties in the State, and the second in one of the smallest.

Rushing a Club Meeting.

The chairman, one of the best known and highly esteemed citizens of South Carolina and an able lawyer, was calling his club meeting to order. It was the night of the regular biennial reorganization. Partisanship was running high, but his particular club had always been so largely a unit that it was presumed that there would be no contest in the meeting. But the opposition was fighting for every advantage no matter how desperate the chance of success. A crowd of men entered the room claiming the right of membership. Consternation reigned among the old members. There was no use to appeal to the party rules and constitution, or to the State laws. They required only that a man be white, 21 and a Democrat. Under the party rules he might be a foreigner, resident of Georgia, or of another part of the State, or a new comer of one day's residence in the precinct and yet be qualified as a club member.

This crowd included a number of men who appeared to be utter strangers in the precinct. Their demand to be recognized as members was accompanied with threats.

While some of the old members delayed proceedings by motions and discussions, others left the hall and hastily gathered up stay-at-home members from all over the precinct. These rushed to the meeting and when the vote for the organization was taken they saved the day by a small margin.

The men who were used in the attempt to rush the meeting were afterward found to be largely temporary residents and some were foreigners. But under the party rules they had a right to participate with all the privileges of the oldest club members.

Where the attempt failed in this instance, it has often succeeded in that county.

Capturing a County.

More than two years ago a mem-

ber of the State executive committee owed his high position in the party councils to a padded club roll. This successful ruse at the same time gave the control of the party in the county to his political faction.

The county was pretty evenly divided. One club conceived the idea of putting on its rolls the names of most of the members of its rival club. They elected delegates to the county convention based on the swollen club list. On the temporary convention roll they had a bare majority. But it was enough. They elected their own organization and threw out the protests.

Under the rules they couldn't be stopped. The scheme was worked again and skillful manipulators can get away with it every time.

Not an Exception.

If you have doubts, examine the records. You can find a hundred examples, and perhaps some to beat a club I know of, that makes up a club roll of 2,300, and yet can show only 750 primary voters.

Many a delegate has sat in a county convention representing a grave yard.

In the first instance we have a method of carrying a club against its will, in the second a willing club increases its power.

Variations of these two methods can be used to the same purpose, without violating the letter of the constitution or the rules.

Summing Up.

The article published a few days ago showed the widespread disregard of the rules we have. This one gives two of the vast number of occurrences that show the rules we have to be vitally defective. There can be no doubt that the party regulations have fallen into disrepute in a large measure because they are so defective.

The legislature has passed laws to assist in enforcing the rules. But it has been like driving nails in rotten planks, they won't hold. Rip off everything to the good timbers and build with sound statutes.

Legislator.

TO BE GENERALLY FAIR.

Such is Prediction for Weather of Week.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Generally fair weather is predicted for the next few days in parts of the country east of the Rocky Mountains and over the southern plateau regions. Rains are expected in the Southeastern States.

The weekly bulletin of the weather bureau issued tonight says:

"A disturbance of moderate intensity central Sunday morning over Louisiana, will advance northeastward and cause rain Monday in the Southeastern States and cloudy weather and probably snows Monday and Tuesday in the Middle Atlantic and New England States, the upper Ohio valley and the lower lake region. With this exception the weather will be fair during the next several days in practically all parts of the country east of the Rocky mountains and over the southern plateau region.

"The next disturbance of importance to cross the country will appear on the North Pacific coast Monday or Tuesday, attended by high winds and rains, and cross the great central valleys about Thursday and the Eastern States Friday. This disturbance will cause local snows in the Northern States.

"Another disturbance will reach the North Pacific coast about Thursday and prevail over the Middle West near the end of the week. This disturbance will be attended by general rains and snows and be followed by decidedly colder weather."

Inquests at Calumet.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 29.—With overflowing crowds around the town hall and theatre building, inquest today begun into deaths of seventy-two persons killed in Christmas Eve panic. Sensational testimony is expected.

Stormy Session Ends.

Agram, Croatia, Dec. 28.—The riotous session of the Diet, which began Saturday afternoon, did not end until 3 o'clock this morning. Comparative peace had been restored by that time and Deputy Nedakowitsch was re-elected President. He served as President of the last two Diets.

There is more Ctarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
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BANKS HAVE CHANCE TO SIGN COPIES OF FEDERAL RESERVE ACT ARE MAILED.

Special Force Will Begin Early This Morning Task of Sending Out 7,500 Letters.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Copies of the federal reserve act, the resolution to be adopted by banks which wish to enter the system and the blank drawn by the organization committee for use of applicants for membership will be mailed tomorrow to every national bank in the United States.

There are 7,500 national banks in the country and since the time limit for their entrance into the system was set by congress at 60 days, treasury officials will bend all their energies tomorrow toward giving this sort of formal notification of the enactment of the law. The other 35,000 banks in the United States will be notified as soon as the national bank list has been completed. There is no time limit upon banks of the latter classification.

The physical effort to get 7,500 envelopes and pieces of mail ready to post by tomorrow night will tax the treasury department's resources. A special force of trained men will be put to work early in the day, however, and the organization committee hopes it will be able to finish the task by nightfall.

Scores of telegrams from applicant banks continued to reach the treasury today.

CHRISTMAS QUIET AT PRIVATEER.

Number of People Visiting in the Neighborhood — An Approaching Marriage.

Privateer, Dec. 29.—Christmas was quiet here. Had the weather been better there would have been more bird hunting. The day seemed very much like Sunday, except for the sound of hunters' gun occasionally.

Miss Kate Furman of Sumter spent Christmas at Dr. R. B. Furman's.

Rev. William Haynsworth and family spent Christmas at Denmark.

Mr. G. A. Nettles and family are visiting at St. George.

Mr. R. L. Geddings of Columbia is visiting in the neighborhood.

Mr. Johnson of Alcolu has moved on Mr. J. B. Osteen's place and will run a tobacco farm.

Mr. Osteen and Mr. S. A. Harvin are the only ones that will plant tobacco in this immediate section that we know of.

The Bethel school resumed its duties today.

Mr. F. G. Rivers of Eastover spent Christmas at Mr. E. W. Rivers'.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Kolb have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Larena, to Mr. Louis Mack Jackson on January 1, 1914, at three o'clock, Bethel church.

New Jersey Storm Swept.

Seabright, N. J., Dec. 26.—A terrific storm caused a million dollars damage on the New Jersey coast today. An unknown schooner is pounding to pieces and the life savers are unable to reach crew.

Rebels Advance on Ojinaga.

Presido, Texas, Dec. 29.—Scores of women and children are fleeing across border from Ojinaga where the Rebel army was sighted advancing on the city. Drastic battle is imminent.

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COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Household.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst."

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my household.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

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TILL OF STRIKERS EMPTY.

Garment Workers of Philadelphia Out Since July 15.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Garment workers who have been on strike here since July 15 were notified today at a mass meeting that the treasury of their union is empty and no further strike benefits can be paid. It was decided to take a vote tomorrow to decide whether to capitulate and return to work Monday.

More than \$300,000 has been expended since the beginning of the trouble. The only money remaining

in the treasury last week was applied to furnishing \$7,500 bail for five men held in connection with the shooting of a non-union worker.

The Manufacturers' Association has refused to treat with the strikers as an organization.

Hans Schmidt's Fate Near at Hand.

New York, Dec. 29.—Hans Schmidt, confessed murderer of Anna Aumuller may know his fate by tonight. It is expected that attorneys will finish their addresses and the case will go to the jury late this afternoon.

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