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Proprietors and Publishers.C. L. BITTINGER,
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City Editor and Business Manager.**A GREAT DAY FOR TEMPERANCE**

This morning the temperance ladies met at the tent to get ready the program for the lunch this noon, while Burke Culpepper prepared the children for the march, by pinning on them the prohibition badges and the various colored ribbons representing the different religious denominations. At 10:30 o'clock under the leadership of Marshal John L. Edwards, the children, headed by Revs. J. B. and Burke Culpepper and Harris, marched up to the courthouse and around it. There were fully 300 children, 100 women and a few men in the procession. At the west entrance of the courthouse the children sang, "Down with the Saloon." The procession then marched down North Magnolia street to the domboard depot and back to the tent, when the Hon. Jno. N. C. Stockton made a great speech for temperance.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, after the boys and girls had sung several songs, Attorney L. W. Duval stepped to the front and introduced the Hon. Jno. N. C. Stockton, of Jacksonville, who was received very cordially.

Mr. Stockton extended congratulations on the magnificent demonstration and said he could not see how a man could look on the picture and fail to vote the dry ticket. He then plunged right into his theme and said he could see how the business men in his town who owned property and it was rented at a high rate, could favor the liquor traffic, or men who enjoyed the trade of the liquor men in the business, but all this was pure selfishness, but he had sympathy for the man who believed his liberties were improved by the doing away with drink. He read an interesting article from Collier's Weekly, showing the liquor habit of 300 years ago in England. Signs were prominent saying, a drink for a penny; a dead drunk for two. This shows the low stage of civilization at that era of the world's history. He said: Does liquor license pay? No. I will tell you why. In my city with 100 saloons the revenue to city, county and state is \$130,000. Our citizens spend annually three million. Good for the saloon men but bad for the people of the city. Ocala, Marion county gets \$15,000 from liquor license. The people spend \$300,000 a year. He then took up the argument that a prosperous town must necessarily be a wet town. He denied that liquor brought money to anybody but the saloonkeeper. He illustrated it by instancing Hattieburg, Miss., a town of 22,000 people and enjoying prosperity and public utilities beyond the average and had school nine and ten months in a year.

If business men will only study the liquor traffic from a financial standpoint and with honesty of purpose, they must see that it is not necessary to have drink to be prosperous. The trouble with the business men is they are selfish and hidebound as a class that their eyes can't see anything but the almighty dollar. He said in Jacksonville the liquor men held the balance of power and used it to furtherance of their traffic. He said the liquor men were the men who controlled the finances of the town and owned large blocks of property and had mortgages on the rest. He gave a personal experience. He bought property that had a mortgage held by a liquor man. Knowing Stockton's political sentiments, he was at once notified that the mortgage was due and must be paid. He instanced Hendersonville's (N. C.) prosperity under prohibition; read letter from mayor, which said since Asheville went dry, prohibition does prohibit, for in fifteen days there was not a case of drunk up before his honor. Spoke of the influence of a Florida boy at Princeton University. A custom had existed at that college of learning for fifty years known as "keg day," when the frisky youths went out a mile from the campus and indulged in a celebration. This Florida boy was asked to assist. He said no. That no good could come out of it. Another man said he is right. Another said, let us take it over three days and then decide. They did and voted it down. Later the faculty prohibited it and because forty-two wealthy youths destroyed the rules of college, were expelled.

He then appealed to the boys to learn to love God and fear no man and with this sentiment in their hearts and minds, the commonwealth and the nation was safe. Mr. Stockton spoke for over an hour and was listened to with marked attention. Fully 1200 persons heard him gladly.

Then Rev. J. B. Culpepper told the story of the Georgia custom. Didn't

believe in it, but noted it observed just one time, namely: the boys and girls to hold up and eat at the second table. He said the preacher went to a certain home and the boy was asked to wait for second table. He resented it and begged to be let in at first, but was denied. Well, said the lad, if you won't let preacher eat the gizzard and save it for me, I'll wait. The boy watched the preacher stow away the white meat, the piece that gets over the fence last, the trotters. Then he spied the gizzard and made a dive for it. The boy was watching the parson through a crack in the partition and when he saw the gizzard going, he shouted, Ma, I told you he would eat it. Great laughter.

The dinner was all that could be desired. There was cold ham, cold roast, buttered bread, pies and good coffee in abundance. One lady told the Star reporter that 1000 persons partook and that there was plenty for all. This alone is glory enough for one day for our good women. One lady assured us there were 500 children in the procession and we heard many say it was the grandest demonstration ever known in Ocala. All praise to Burke Culpepper, who made it possible.

THE JOINT DISCUSSION

Opened in front of the Ocala House at 3:15 this afternoon. Judge McConathy was made the chairman. R. L. Anderson, one of the attorneys for the wet side, made a few remarks to the effect his name had been dragged into this question, but would meet any opponent of the dry Monday if he desired to discuss it. Then Rev. C. C. Carroll was introduced and at this writing—3:45—he was still speaking against the open saloon. He is to be followed by Robert McNamee of Tampa for the wets. Mr. Carroll will close the debate. Fully 600 people were listening at 3:30 and the crowd augmenting.

TENT NOTES

Rev. Burke Culpepper yesterday afternoon spoke on how to approach and talk to sinners to bring them to the anxious seat.

At night Mrs. Blalock and Mrs. Hampton sang a duet very beautifully. Then Rev. J. B. Culpepper told a very amusing story, after paying Rev. R. H. Barnett, of Ocala, and Dr. Wadsworth, of Augusta, Ga., high compliments for their spiritual graces, about the siege of Vicksburg and the passing along its banks of a U. S. gunboat, which the Confederates attempted to sink by getting a cannon on the banks of the Mississippi concealed in the strip of wood and underbrush, unseen by the gunboat officers. But the thicket was so dense the gun carriage could not be pulled through it, so the howitzer was mounted on a mule and placed in position. The boat coming in sight the fuse was lit, but it sputtered and irritated the mule, who did all kinds of fool stunts, whirled around, kicked and backed and danced the canon and the men in charge got frightened, not knowing what moment the gun would go off and kill everybody around. Some climbed trees, others fell on the ground and the rest took to the woods. It was a very laughable picture and in that manner he introduced Rev. Dr. W. W. Wadsworth, who in years past had done such good work for prohibition.

Dr. Wadsworth said Jonesboro, Ga., a town of 1,000 people had twenty-six saloons. During their existence the jail was full of drunken men. Since prohibition the grass has grown on the path to the entrance and the only man in that town who didn't like prohibition was the jailor, who said it stole his prisoners.

He also related conditions in Atlanta the two years it had prohibition in 1888; that business men said it was the best thing that ever happened to the town. That trade conditions were bettered; that scores of families who had been destitute because of whisky, became self-supporting and prosperous, but as soon as rum was voted in again fell into the old rut. It was a mosterly effort and he was given a grand reception at the close of his remarks. The tent was crowded with people.

Rev. J. B. Culpepper said the Anti-Saloon League executive committee had yielded to the pressure of temperance women to take an active part on election day and they will be in evidence around the polls with songs, prayers and coffee for every man in town to vote dry. He commended the spirit and said every woman who believed in temperance to be a live wire in that day's proceedings. He has a poor opinion of a man who would change his vote from dry to wet because women, than none have a deeper interest than she in the abolition of the saloon, takes an open and active stand for its suppression.

Mr. Culpepper made a lovely plea for the man who sold liquor or was engaged in the business. He said he loved all of them and it was only for this love that he plead with them in all kindness of soul for their good and not harm.

Mr. Emerson of Sparr came in yesterday to see the temperance rally.

**CARROLL ACCEPTED
THE CHALLENGE**

The following appeared in this morning's Banner:

There have been printed and circulated circulars and reports announcing a debate between Hon. John N. C. Stockton and Hon. Robert McNamee in Ocala and at Grahamville. Neither the Anti-Saloon League nor its campaign committee nor Mr. Stockton authorized these announcements or agreed to the same. This is another trick and we denounce it as such. The only official acceptance of the challenge is printed in this issue of the Banner.

Respectfully,
W. D. Carn.
L. W. Duval.
W. T. Gary.
George MacKay.
E. P. Rentz.
Geo. L. Taylor, Sec.

Official Acceptance of the Challenge to Debate of Marion County Protective Association

Gentlemen—This afternoon (Saturday) at 3 o'clock, courthouse square, Rev. C. C. Carroll will meet either one of the following five gentlemen:

Messrs. Ed Carmichael or R. L. Keating, the issuers of the challenge; Hon. R. L. Anderson or Hon. O. T. Green, your local attorneys; Hon. Robert McNamee, the "Napoleon of the Jug."

The question to be: Shall Marion county banish the saloon? We championing the affirmative.

Respectfully,
Campaign Committee of the Marion County Anti-Saloon League.

**HEAR LOU J. BEAUCHAMP
AND RECUPERATE YOUD MIND**

You will be very tired of the wet or dry argument by Monday night. Go to the armory and hear Beauchamp say something new, and refresh your intellect.

Rev. J. B. Harris, the singer evangelist, who held a temperance meeting at Covenant Baptist church, had a crowded house and great enthusiasm. At the close he asked every voter who believed in temperance to come up and give him his hand and pledge himself to vote dry. Every one did so. Later every man in the audience came forward and said they would pledge themselves to do all they could for temperance.

GOOD LEGISLATIVE TIMBER.

As far as we know, there has not a single candidate announced for the legislature, so far. As the opening of the campaign is not far off, it is not out of place to cast about for men to fill these two places. Ocala possesses a man who is eminently qualified to fill one of these places and represent Marion county in the legislature with credit to himself and the county, and a man who could easily secure the nomination and the man is our ex-mayor, Major Laurie T. Izlar, the eloquent old South Carolina gentleman.

STRANGERS IN THE CITY.

There are more strangers in Ocala than we have ever seen before. With just a little advertising in the north, done in the right manner, a few hundred dollars spent judiciously, this city could double its population in winter in a very short time, and many of the people who are induced to come would become permanent citizens. It is a daily occurrence, and many times several a day, call at the Star office to find rooms, board and cottages. The demand for houses, and particularly those of four, five and six rooms, is phenomenal and there is a dozen applications for every house, as soon as it is vacant, and when an item appears in the papers that a cottage is to be built a flood of inquiries greet the prospective builder. The Star has often urged our citizens to build more cottages of this class, and as the city grows and spreads, it is absolutely necessary to do so. It is a good investment, safe and sound, and the property will increase in value.

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Miss Shelly Souter, one of the Belleview teachers, came up to hear the temperance oratory.

Mr. Ausley, the turpentine distiller for Edwards Bros., came in yesterday to hear the wet and dry of it.

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Washington, Jan. 18.—Fair tonight; colder except in extreme south portion; heavy frost in north and light frost in central portion; fair Sunday.

HOW IS YOUR DIGESTION?

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion, prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and alterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50¢ at Tydings & Co.'s drug store.

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