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CARROLL VS. McNAMEE; THE JOINT DEBATE

As told in Saturday's Star fully 600 persons had assembled and more were arriving to hear the joint debate between Rev. C. C. Carroll and Hon. Robert McNamee.

Dr. Carroll made the best argument for temperance and the abolition of the saloon he has made since coming to Ocala and he has made many good ones. This, however, was conceded to be the best.

Judge Richard McConathy in introducing Mr. McNamee, of Tampa, asked for him a respectful hearing and it was given him. Judge McConathy said the question had two sides and the people should become familiar with the arguments for and against.

The speaker for the wets was received with enthusiasm. His supporters were there in force and their champion did not lack applause. He said it was an open question and all he asked was fair play in its presentation for his standpoint. He then referred to the report of his stage fright at Dunnellon as reported in the Banner but whatever may have been his state of mind in the Phosphate City, his tonic self-possession was in the saddle and he rode it finely over the wet journey.

Mr. McNamee referred to Noah's getting drunk and the fact that whisky had been in the world for many thousands of years and yet the people of the earth today were better than in Noah's time, hence liquor was not the contaminating liquid as painted by the prohibitionists. He then told how essential champagne was in cases of typhoid fever, brandy in cases of dysentery and beer in stomach troubles, and scathed the Georgia prohibition law cutting the supply down to half a pint of raw alcohol to one family in cases of sickness, to be obtained only by the head of the house and upon a doctor's written prescription. He instanced the case of a drummer's wife, who if taken sick and her husband was out on his drumming trip, she would have to await his return before she could even get the pint of raw alcohol. He seemed to think the Georgia law an outrage on humanity. But he never stated that the law was written by the best physicians in the state to abolish the drugstores and blind tigers.

He then took up the argument of the prohibits, that whisky steals away homes and wrecks the brain. He then quoted the prosperity of Duval, Hillsborough and Marion county, wet counties, saying those counties had more children in school than any of the dry counties of the state, hence its destroying power was nil by comparison and the dry argument fell to the ground. That the argument was lame, you need only give it a thought, because you would have to insist because they were wet it made them prosperous and populous, hence had many children. Ergo, liquidity begets little ones.

He then turned on his religious powers to religious craze and fanaticism; also that the dollar was not thrown away, but that the growing of the grape and the distillation of the grain formed part of the great industries of the land and helped to make us the progressive people we were, instead of a people eating mad dog on the half shell. He then referred to E. W. Davis' letter, saying how demoralizing the drink habit was and the cause of 75 per cent of the cases in our courts. He paid him a high compliment as an attorney, one worthy of the honor bestowed and greater ones to follow, but said it was a curious fact that four of the five counties in his circuit were dry and yet a special term of court had to be called in Citrus county to get rid of liquor cases—blind tigers, the result of prohibition.

He then touched on the names of the framers of our new constitution, showed what marked, able men they were, and they had not written prohibition in the constitution, but had made this a high license state. Referring to the fact that the prohibits said drink filled our insane asylums, he said this was a misstatement, that religion or its excitement caused most people to be placed in the asylum; that those devising patents came next and that drink or alcohol came third. He spoke of the effect of the blind tiger on the boy; said if you let a boy know and see a thing and bring him up right he would be a good citizen, but to hide it from him and he was sure to find it and use it. He spoke of his Puritanical raising. Said he was raised to look not upon the wine when it was red, and as a result went out with the boys early in life. He had a boy who he wanted to grow up

in sobriety. So from his youth he set wine and beer on the table; result, he didn't taste either. He said home training at the mother's knee was the place to make a sober man and temperance that would predominate thro' life.

He then took up temperance legislation in Maine over fifty years ago and four magazine articles testified to by those living there that more drunkenness existed there and more arrests and trials for inebriety existed today than half a century ago. That it created a race of hypocrites, liars and evaders of the law. He gave the testimony of W. B. Clarkson and Dr. L'Engle, of Jacksonville, who spent the past summer in Maine and they said liquor could be had without even asking for it. He referred to the states of Massachusetts and Vermont, which states had prohibition and both had abandoned the idea; Iowa and Kansas, where the law was evaded as if there were no such thing. For all of these lills he besought high license and regulation and no blind tiger in it. He spoke of the training of the children, the church and its duties and those persistently and conscientiously performed would bring up a sober and a God fearing people, instead of a nation of hypocrites, law breakers and court falsifiers.

Mr. McNamee made the best speech ever delivered on the wet side in Ocala or in the state and he found many sympathetic listeners. He spoke only in praise of his friend Carroll and there was nothing said or done in the arguments that was not strictly decorous.

Rev. Carroll's reply was to the point, meeting every argument of his antagonist to the complete satisfaction of his friends. So enthused were they that at the close of his reply took him on their shoulders and gave him a grand demonstration of their approval of what he had said. It was the greatest occasion this city has ever seen for the cause. The speeches made have never been surpassed. The ladies were out in force and most of them remained to hear Dr. Carroll's reply, as did several countrymen, one of whom remarked that he had six sons and every one of whom would vote the dry ticket.

It was easily to be seen that the colored man was on the moist side of the question. The consensus of opinion is that Dr. Carroll had the best side of the question and he made the best argument, but for a doubtful cause McNamee covered himself with glory.

THE CULPEPPER MEETINGS

The Culpepper meeting Saturday night was well attended and his theme was largely temperance, in which he took occasion to say that the speeches made at the Ocala House were the equal of the best and on the wet question as presented by Hon. Robert McNamee, the best he had ever heard. It pleased him to see with what courtesy and kindness the speakers referred to each other. Speaking of Maine, he said people could always find what they were looking for, but in spite of it, each time the question came to a vote, prohibition won.

Sunday morning a large crowd was in attendance and Rev. J. B. Culpepper preached one of his most inspiring and convincing sermons on "Don't You Want to Know Christ?" He spoke for an hour and a half and men and women heard with bated breath his wonderful words and word painted pictures.

He said if people would get to thinking and talking about Christ as they did of Julius Caesar, Napoleon, Washington, Lincoln, Lee and Grant. While all these had done great things for the world, except the personal ambition of Caesar and Napoleon and were benefactors of their race and the world, yet compared to Christ's work for humanity, it became a mere handful. He spoke magnificently and wonderfully of the Bible, the source of all knowledge. That if Columbus had not been a reader of the Bible he never would have discovered America. The Bible told him the world was round, so he went on, believing in the Bible and Christ. Closing he gave several word pictures. One, the woman, who was the child of the autocrat, but grew up to be a good woman, fleeing from her brother who camped on her trail from young womanhood and attempted to lead her astray, until a conductor spoke the first words of love to her. His sudden death confirmed her belief that no one loved her. She attended Mr. Culpepper's meetings and became converted through his showing that Christ died for the world. His illustrations were marvellous.

In the afternoon he spoke to the negroes, half of the tent being turned over to them and half to the white people and made an impression sure. He showed the old time manner of the negroes making their contributions to the church. The negro drunk or sober always does this. He marches up to the altar and in the presence of the pastor deposits his nickel. He made conversions to the dry cause. T. J. Anderson, one of our intelligent colored men, said he had always worked for whisky; built and opened one of

the first saloons ever opened in Ocala, but was done with it forever. Had been converted Saturday night at a meeting held by Rev. Harris. It was a great gathering.

At night the tent was full, the biggest audience yet, about 2,000. He spoke on "Building." His text was the touch of blood in the left ear, on the right hand and on the right toe. He said this was to say the ear hears, be careful of what you hear and see. He took notice of Bob Ingersoll. He did it because he had lately been extolled for a great temperance speech he had made. He said men like Ingersoll sowed the seed of death and destruction. Unbelief was one of the curses of the world. Said Ingersoll had made his money getting Congress to enact the revenue on whisky. For this he got \$125,000. Spoke of his early popularity. Knew the time when in St. Louis, a carriage drawn by six white horses met him at the depot and drove him to the opera house, where a crowd greeted and cheered him. Knew him in his old age, when no one met him in that city and an audience of only sixty persons heard him, but Sam Jones, who was then holding a revival in St. Louis, drew thousands. But so it goes. God's words go marching on to triumph and glory and the ways of the world die.

He spoke grandly of Ocala and her upbuilding and closed by saying every one that wanted to, to come up and grasp his hand. About all in that audience marched up and did this. It was a scene of intense enthusiasm.

This morning there was a meeting of the temperance women. Also an effort to get the school children out tomorrow.

WOMEN PLAN TUESDAY'S WORK

The temperance women organized at the tent this noon. Rev. J. B. Culpepper gave them such a talk as they never heard before. He spoke about modesty and a Christian's duty and active and persistent work against an evil, which was a great one, which liquor is. He said to go in and work. He said that the prohibition campaign in Marion county had cost him \$300. He gave it freely. What temperance and the dry cause wanted was organization, consecrated, men and women. Prayer is good. Down-right work, with heart and judgment is better. Go in and win. Rev. Burke Culpepper will lead the singing and he will be assisted by Rev. Harris. The temperance women will be on deck tomorrow. They will have refreshment tables on the sidewalk in front of the Corner Drugstore, Variety Store and the Ocala House, where ham sandwiches and hot coffee will be handed out to the voter. Also women will guard the walks around the square and put in work for home and the empty bottle. Twelve hams were quickly subscribed, 87 loaves of bread and all the coffee, sugar and cream. Allen Bridges offered to buy pickles, but the offer was declined with thanks on the ground that pickles engendered appetite. Mrs. Bridgewater made a fine talk and it was requested to be written out and published. Three committees were appointed to look after the three tables. The chairmen are Mrs. Burford, Mrs. Bittinger and Mrs. Rentz.

There will be a prayer meeting conducted at the Baptist church tomorrow all day, beginning at 6 a. m. Mrs. Van Hood will lead the first hour. The hams and supplies are to be at the Corner Drugstore at 7 a. m. Seymour will erect the tables. The children are to meet at the tent at 8:30 a. m.

Several complimentary speeches were made praising Mrs. Hood on her zeal and efficient work in the cause and the sentiment was loudly applauded. Mrs. Bridgewater was appointed on a committee with Burke Culpepper to go up to the school house and get every child to get permission from its parents to join the singing procession. Clifford Anderson was chairman of the meeting and took down the names of the committees, including about fifty women. Great enthusiasm was in the work.

GOOD WOMEN TO SERVE LUNCH

The women of Ocala, although weary and worn from the hard work of Saturday, are again going to serve lunch on the streets to the voters tomorrow. Surely such sublime sacrifice will move the hearts of the men of our town to come to the defense of helpless, pleading womanhood.

NOTICE!

Tuesday morning (tomorrow) at 6:30 a. m. an all day prayer meeting will begin at the Baptist church. When the voters in Ocala hear the church bell ring, and it will be rung every hour in the day, they may know that the Christian women of the city are on their knees pleading that God may direct their votes for the protection of the homes, the women and the children.

WANTED—Student nurses at the Marion County Hospital. Reply by letter or in person to W. V. Newsom, M. D., secretary, Ocala, Florida.

Reduction SALE OF Millinery

We have more hats of all kinds than we need in our business. They must be sold and if reduced prices will move them they will soon be gone. The stock includes Trimmed and Untrimmed Children's Sailors, Hats, Caps, etc. The sale begins

Monday Morning

lasting until these quick-cut prices clear them out. It is your opportunity. Improve it.

Miss Affleck

Ocala House Block

OCALA, FLORIDA

A CALL TO THE WOMEN

At the Tent to Meet Tuesday Morning to Aid in Temperance Movement

We feel that this is God's work, in which all women should stand united, irrespective of creed or organization. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me, as he died to make men holy let us work to set men free! Free, from the saloon and its attendant evils!

A MAN DROWNING—HELP!

Dear Mrs. Van Hood—I have never met you, but I know your heart is in the work of trying to save Ocala. I am a drunkard's wife! You who have never felt the curse cannot know the agony I suffer. I have tried every way to save my husband. Took him to the Keeley Cure last February, but that proved a failure. I feel like one who sees a loved one drowning—sinking—sinking—and am powerless to help.

Oh, for the sake of the drunkards, for the sake of the drunkard's wives and children, do not stop your work nor your prayers, until the saloons are driven from Ocala. I send you \$5, the last money I have in the world, and which I made by my own hands to help in the fight.

Yours in sorrow,

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Can any man with a spark of manhood in him fail to respond to this?

THE REASON WHY

The reason why the Anti-Saloon League don't want the good, enthusiastic temperance workers in the courthouse rotunda tomorrow is to conciliate the business men who signed the whisky petition for a wet or dry election, but they will work all the same.

C. H. Dame is very proud of a \$5 alpine hat received from Sovereign Commander Root, of the W. O. W., with headquarters at Omaha, Neb., for the splendid work he has done for Woodcraft in Florida. Mr. Dame has completed his third year as organizer in Florida and in that time has added nearly 2,000 members to the order. He begins on his fourth year with an increased salary and brighter prospects than ever.

No thinking person will entrust the care of their eyes to a novice or incompetent person. Speaking of Dr. Frye, the eyesight specialist, now stopping at the Montezuma hotel, the Gainesville Sun, of Jan. 15th, says: "Dr. Frye has received such a flattering practice during his stay in the city that he has consented to remain another week. He has fitted glasses for a large number of patients, including some of the most prominent people of the city and none but words of praise and commendation are heard." Dr. Frye is a specialist widely and favorably known in many of the Southern states and his visit to Ocala will doubtless prove a blessing to many who suffer from defective eyes. A representative of Dr. Frye will make the rounds of the city and it will be easy to arrange an engagement with him. No charge for examination.

People who fail to hear Culpepper, miss something they can never replace.

L. L. Akin, the veteran of Rock Springs, who spent several months in Lakeland, buying and shipping oranges, was in town today. He expects to return to Ocala in a month or so to reside.

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. 50c at Tydings & Co.'s drug store.

PROHIBITION PROHIBITS

In Citrus County Says Walter Warnock

Inverness, Fla., Jan. 20, 1908.
Rev. C. C. Carroll, Ocala, Florida:
Dear Mr. Carroll—I understand that the conditions existing in Citrus county as regards the illicit sale of liquor is cutting some figure in the local option election pending in Marion and that among other things it is charged that prohibition here does not prohibit, and I have been requested to give you a statement along this line.

It is true that prohibition, with a very light fine, sometimes as low as \$25, did not have much of a deterrent effect, and that while the practice of fleeing those convicted of selling liquor was in vogue, we did have a great number of "blind tigers," but at the special term of the court held in September and at the regular term held in November of last year, Judge Bullock gave all persons convicted a straight jail sentence, and prohibition with jail sentences for its violation is prohibiting the sale of liquor in this county. There is not an open tiger in the county today, and there has not been one since the special term of court held in September, when the judge commuted the imposition of jail sentence—all those tried at the November term being for sales made prior to the special term. The prohibition law is being enforced in this county and we are today in better shape than ever before.

Very respectfully yours,
Walter F. Warnock,
Clerk of the Circuit Court.

TESTIMONY FROM A DRY COUNTY!

Hernando, Fla., Jan. 17, 1908.
Dear White Ribboners—Inclosed find check for the temperance work in Marion. We pray for your success. We want no more whisky selling in our county. We are better off without it.
Yours for the Cause,
Mrs. C. Croft.

All honor to Burke Culpepper and Rev. J. B. Harris for their labor in getting up the children's procession Saturday. Rev. Culpepper led them and Rev. Harris trained them to sing, which they not only did in front of the courthouse, but in front of every saloon in Ocala. Also praise to Marshal John L. Edwards and Rev. C. C. Carroll.

WEATHER FORECAST

Washington, Jan. 20.—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

MIND YOUR BUSINESS

If you don't, nobody will. It is your business to keep out of all the trouble you can, and you can and will keep out of liver and bowel trouble if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They keep biliousness, malaria and jaundice out of your system. Twenty-five cents at Tydings & Co's drugstore.

Electric smoothing irons, the finest thing ever invented for the home. Every woman should have one in the house. Call and see them at Tucker & Mathews' electrical store.

TO RENT—To gentleman and wife, a large, neatly furnished room, close in. Address, "G", care Star office.

AN INSIDIOUS DANGER

One of the worst features of kidney trouble is that it is an insidious disease and before the victim realizes his danger he may have a fatal malady. Take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first sign of trouble, as it corrects irregularities, and prevents Bright's disease and diabetes. Sold by all dealers.

FOR RENT—5-room house across street from waterworks. Apply to H. C. Jones.

HOW TO AVOID PNEUMONIA

You can avoid pneumonia and other serious results from a cold by taking Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough and expels the cold from the system, as it is mildly laxative. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. Sold by all dealers.