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DUAL COUNTY LOCAL OPTION.

County local option has assumed even greater proportions in Richmond and Wayne county since the late election than before that—unhappy, as far as republicans are concerned—event. This is due to the efforts of a local committee that is circulating a petition, having for its object the calling of a special election in this county to decide whether or not we will remain "wet," or become "dry."

As to the merits of either contention that Wayne county retain or eliminate the saloon, the Palladium does not feel it to be within its scope to comment one way or the other editorially, but simply to give the news of both sides of this question as it arises from day to day. Primarily, the question of whether one's vote is to go for a "dry" county or a "wet" county, should be settled as each individual voter's intelligence dictates.

In considering the county local option law, however, and especially as it is at present administered, we believe it could be amended in such a manner as to work to better advantage and in a fairer spirit. Not that the Palladium for one minute backs down on the proposition that the county is the proper unit, or that it considers the democratic proposition of the ward and township unit as anything but a step backward, as far as just and wise temperance legislation is concerned. The Palladium does believe, however, that the present county local option law has at least one serious drawback and that it should be removed by an amendment.

Instead of the present form of the law with the county as the sole unit, it would be much wiser and fairer if a dual form of county local option were provided. Fairer in this respect, that in counties such as Wayne with a city the size of Richmond, it would work to better advantage if, under the law, the city were allowed to vote separately from the rest of the county regarding the settlement of this question within its limits.

To our minds it would be wise if the next general assembly would amend the present county local option law in this wise; in all counties in which there is no city of 5,000 population or over as shown by the nearest census, let the present law apply; in all counties in which is located one, or more than one, city of 5,000 population or more, as shown by the nearest census, let the dual form apply and let any such city, or, if there is more than one, let all the cities in the county of the prescribed population, vote on the question separately from the rest of the county; and, finally, retain the Moore Remonstrance law in order that the majority of people living in any word or township in a "wet" county, may state whether or not saloons shall locate there.

In every way the above proposed plan would be fair under conditions as they exist today. Just as the democratic plan of ward and township local option was a step of twenty-five years backward, so was the republican plan of county local option as enacted into law by the general assembly in special session assembled last September, a step too far in advance along temperance lines, to do the most good under existing conditions regarding the majority of citizens' understanding of such matters. Dual local option in a county and the retention of the present Moore Remonstrance law will work to far better advantage and will be the wisest and safest, besides being the fairest, compromise along temperance legislative lines, that the next general assembly could devise.

SHOPPING EARLY.

All over the country the movement has been started for doing Christmas shopping early. This is indicative of the realization not only of consideration for other people, but of (it may be cynical to say) consideration for self.

Many a man and woman has put off that luxury of the Christmas season—buying gifts—until the last minute on the night before Christmas and then wondered why it is that the gifts

which they had selected were all gone. They have wondered why they woke up on the next morning with a vexed and cross disposition; why they had little pleasure out of the day; why it was that the things which they shipped by express were never delivered until weeks afterward and why (much more important in their eyes) the box from home didn't get to their house at the time appointed. Now although people have known this for years, they have only commenced to think about putting their resolutions into practice.

And as they are thinking the matter over the entirely selfish and material side of it begins to merge into memories of tired and hollow eyed clerks, of boys and girls who run the errands of the large stores out in all sorts of inclement weather and at all manner of late hours. They remember the hacking cough of a man who was on a delivery wagon in a cold and drizzling rain and the puff and heave of the sides of the tired horse dripping and lathering at the curb. They remember the sigh of the fagged express man and the clerks in stamp windows after the long day's work.

And so it is that at this time of year when by right the whole world should relax a little from its selfishness and take heed of the affairs of other men that people have lost a little of the selfish worldliness of Cain. The time of the Christmas holidays is the time of all others when the reply of the simple Nazarene to the cross questionings of the man of affairs should come home to a world full of business. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On this hang all the laws and the prophets.

What boots it to send gifts supposedly tokens of love and affection if those very packages are stained with the blood of child labor and the tears of worn and haggard women? Is that the way to celebrate the festival of the birth of the child whose mission on earth was to teach men the lesson of human charity?

If that immortal novelist to whom we owe at Christmas time a debt of more than national gratitude, Charles Dickens, were alive his pen would have impaled the late shopper along with the Scrooges.

With the gaiety and jollity of the happiest season in the year, when we unbend a little, it is well to remember that the pleasure and duty of the season is not contained in the buying of gifts for a price; but that the elusive essence of the thing is lost if every thing has not been done in the spirit of human fellowship.

That means early Christmas shopping and if the simple formula of consideration for others is followed out there will be more zest to being alive on Xmas day with the warming consciousness in your heart that Christmas is not altogether a matter of money.

Buy your gifts early. For as some one has happily said: "After all, the Christmas Creed is a reasonable one and keeps close to everyday facts. It is not the assertion that there is no evil; but it is the assertion that we may overcome evil with good. Good-will is not a bit of weak sentimentalism; it is the force actively engaged in righting the wrongs it sees."

THE EMMANUEL MOVEMENT.

Almost everyone has heard of the Emmanuel Movement. Few have any definite conception of what it is nor what it accomplishes. The Emmanuel Movement was instituted by the Reverend Elwood Worcester of Emmanuel church, Boston, for the purpose of alleviating pain and the treatment of disease by what is the underlying force of all that is successful in Christian Science and other forms of "mental healing." This force or treatment is by no means new and has been known to physicians of all ages as psycho-therapy.

Associated with Worcester is a man who has a thorough knowledge of modern medical methods—a practicing physician. In this way much of the harm that has been associated with other mental healing movements have been avoided.

The Civil war left us with a heritage of physical weakness all over the country. It is the result of the loss of so many of our sturdiest youths in the war. It is a parallel in a less degree to the physical deterioration of France after the ravages made by the armies led by the first Napoleon. In the United States this heritage has not only led to physical weakening of the average man, but it is a direct cause of the craze for insidious patent medicines, drug and drink habits, and various nervous disabilities. Coming on top of all this, modern business with its hurry, hustle and worry has magnified these evils not only by business methods themselves—but by the centralization of vast bodies of men in cities and factories and offices.

There are other causes of course. But the condition is so prevalent that we do not realize its full horror of nervous strain. Men give out before their time. Thousands are troubled with nervous prostration. It is to

these people that the Emmanuel Movement brings words of cheer and touches what neither knife nor medicine can hope to touch, namely: mind and soul. It is in reality a message of hope.

You, like many others will probably ask "What has a minister or a clergyman to do with treatment by suggestion?" It is only when we reflect on the teachings of Christ that we see that they are all suggestions too. For in any relation with human beings it is suggestion which is most powerful.

The fact is, that suggestion is too powerful a thing to be played with. And hence it is that it would better be left in the hands of trustworthy and capable persons such as physicians who know what they are doing when they use it. But no one can successfully contravert the great work of the Emmanuel movement and it is fitting indeed that the work of Dr. Worcester should be used in conjunction with medical practice.

Any thing which discourages intemperance, which cures drug and patent medicine habits and which gives rest and peace of mind to men whose nerves are all a jangle is more than proper in enlarging the sphere of the usefulness of the church.

THE GIFT TOWN.

Just a few months ago Richmond held her Fall Opening and invited all her friends to come and see the things she had to show. The people who had never been here before, and indeed many who had lived here all their lives, were surprised at the tremendous stock of everything attractive contained within the four walls of Richmond merchants.

What would those people say now that the holiday goods are laid in?

There are or rather have been many people who have gone out of town to look for Christmas presents—most of them have now concluded that there is no need for such a procedure. For not only are the lines of local merchants far more complete, but the prices are quite as reasonable to say nothing of the added expense and trouble of traveling to other places.

If any of our welcome visitors will come and look through the attractive stores where once the Fall Festival held forth, they too, will call Richmond the Gift Town.

You will gain by buying your Christmas presents in Richmond!

A 70,000 ton oil tank belonging to the Standard Oil company and located at Bayonne, New Jersey, was totally destroyed in an explosion yesterday morning.—News Item.

Did John D. do it in order to prove that the oil business really was hazardous, as he recently testified?

Council says the west side shall have no hose house this year. It might have added also that in view of this decision many sections of the west side will be unable, for lack of proper protection against fire, to obtain insurance to protect their homes.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES ON ISLE OF PINES

Dr. James M. Harris Has Relatives Here.

Local relatives have received news of the death of Dr. James M. Harris, a former resident of this city. At the time of his death Dr. Harris was residing on the Isle of Pines. Death occurred November 19. The deceased was seventy-two years old. He was a son of the late Benjamin Harris, who resided in Fairview. Dr. Harris was the uncle of Attorney Benj. Harris, Mrs. M. F. Johnston and Dr. C. S. Bond, of this city. He studied medicine in this city under the late Dr. Kersey. He practiced medicine at Yellow Springs, Ohio. He was a veteran of the civil war and served in the same regiment as Joseph Betzold, former sergeant of the police force. Dr. Harris's wife died about one year ago. He has four sons residing in the United States.

This Is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zeilinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at A. G. Luken & Co. drug store. 25c.

REMOVE GUTTER GRATINGS

Much Complaint Registered by West Richmondsites.

Exceptions have been taken to the removal of the iron gratings over the gutters at the cross walks on a number of West Richmond streets. President Staubaugh of the board of public works has said the gratings were removed because they impeded the progress of the water in the gutters. The objections are made, because now it will be necessary to jump or splash through the water in the gutters following heavy rainfalls. On Kinsey street the curbing is so high that since the removal of the gratings, the step is so high that it is an inconvenience, especially to women.

To Discuss Natural Resources

Great Conservation Congress Will Convene in Washington Tuesday and Will Serve as Wedge for Roosevelt.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Conservation week will be inaugurated with the meeting at the Belasco theater the afternoon of December 8. President Roosevelt, Judge Taft and scores of other strong men interested in the natural resources of the United States will get together at the big end of the flying wedge that the president will launch at congress soon after it assembles.

Information as to the natural resources of the country has been accumulated with a view to preparedness for the great meeting in the Belasco. Hundreds of special investigators in the several branches of the government service have been gathering data for months.

Inventory of Resources.

It is really an inventory of the natural resources of the nation. It is the first time that such an inventory has ever been made in this country.

The meat of the whole investigation will be embodied in the report to the president. He in turn will tell congress what ought to be done about it.

What congress will do, if anything, is a question of the future. But the commission and its allies have put in a lot of hard work collecting facts. Conscience of opinion, however, is that something will have to be done to stop the waste of natural wealth.

Governors of more than half the states of the union have appointed special commissions on the subject. Through these the country as a whole is pretty thoroughly keyed up, for action.

The opening of the campaign will be in the Belasco theater. Mr. Taft will preside and introduce the president, who will speak. Conferences of the governors of the states will follow and there will be also the meeting of twenty-five or thirty chairmen of state conservation commissions and others who have been working in the conservation field.

The chairmen of the state commissions will make their reports. These, together with the detailed reports of the government specialists, will be condensed into the final report of the chairman of the conservation commission to President Roosevelt.

It will be on this report that the president will base his message to congress.

Prominent Men Invited.

This meeting will be a notable affair. Not only will all the governors be present, but there will be guests of national prominence.

James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell have already signified their intention of attending. W. J. Bryan has been invited, but has not yet said whether he could attend; chances are he will not.

The report of the conservation commission has been an immense work. Few reports of such magnitude has the government ever undertaken. It has been divided into heads, each under an expert, and all the machinery of government has been turned on to sweep together data.

Some idea of its scope can be given by its chief divisions. These are waters, lands, forests and minerals. Each section has been intrusted to a committee of twelve, all experts in the field to which they were assigned. Reed Smoot, W. J. McGee, Overton Price, Knute Nelson and J. A. Holmes are some of the chairmen and secretaries of the section.

They have had at their disposal all the machinery of the government, the reclamation service, the forest service, the land office, the geological survey, the department of agriculture and kindred bureaus and departments which could either furnish facts already collected or had men to throw into the field and dig up the new facts and figures.

Other Meetings to Follow.

The meeting of the joint conservation conference will be followed by other meetings of the same trend, but on special lines, that will be no less important. They will be the rivers and harbors congress, which will have an attendance of between 2,000 and 4,000, and the southern commercial week 1,500 and 2,000.

This last will be devoted especially to southern interests. It is expected to have an important effect in the material awakening that is going on in the south. There has been great progress made in the last few years in southern manufactures and in commercial life in general. Business men of the south and of the country at large, however, feel that the south has not begun to take full advantage of its great natural resources.

Forests have been neglected or ill-advisedly cut. Farm lands have not been developed to any thing like the extent they might. Waterways have been almost totally neglected, instead of being developed as they might well be to the great advantage of the section.

That there is still a trace of the sectional prejudice between the South and the North, though this is fast dying out, is believed, and it is hoped that the present meeting of Southern and Northern business men will do much to efface this line of demarcation.

Conservation week is looked forward to by its promoters as one of the most important epochs that the country has seen. It remains only for congress to take action on the mass of important information about the nation's resources that will be presented to it.

Notable Men Interested.

Some idea of the sort of men and the wide field they represent may be gathered from a list of the conservation commission which is itself only a part of the joint conference. These are: Gifford Pinchot, chairman; Thomas R. Shipp, secretary. Executive committee, Gifford Pinchot, Theodore E. Burton, Reed Smoot, Knute Nelson, John Dalzell, W. J. McGee, Overton W. Price, G. W. Woodruff, Joseph A. Holmes.

Chairman: Francis G. Newlands, Nevada; Jonathan P. Dolliver, Iowa; William Warner, Missouri; John H. Bankhead, Alabama; W. J. McGee, bureau of soils, secretary; F. H. Newell, reclamation service; Gifford Pinchot, forest service; Herbert Knox Smith, bureau of corporations; Joseph E. Ransdell, Louisiana; G. F. Swain, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; W. L. Marshall, brigadier general, U. S. A., chief of engineers.

Forests—Reed Smoot, Utah, chairman; Albert J. Beveridge, Indiana; Charles F. Scott, Kansas; Champ Clark, Missouri; J. B. White, Missouri; Henry S. Graves, Yale Forest School; William Irvine, Wisconsin; Newton C. Blanchard, Louisiana; Charles L. Pack, New Jersey; Irving Fisher, Connecticut; Gustav H. Schwab, New York; Overton W. Price, forest service, secretary.

Lands—Knute Nelson, Minnesota, chairman; Francis E. Warren, Wyoming; Swager Sherley, Kentucky; Herbert Parsons, New York; N. B. Broward, Florida; James J. Hill, Minnesota; George C. Pardee, California; Charles Macdonald, New York; Murdo Mackenzie, Colorado; T. C. Chamberlin, University of Chicago; Frank C. Goudy, Colorado; George W. Woodruff, interior department, secretary.

Minerals—John Dalzell, Pennsylvania, chairman; Joseph M. Dixon, Montana; Frank P. Flint, California; Lee S. Overman, North Carolina; Philo Hall, South Dakota; James L. Slayden, Texas; Andrew Carnegie, New York; Charles R. Van Hise, Wisconsin; John Mitchell, Illinois; John Hays Hammond, Massachusetts; I. G. White, West Virginia; J. A. Holmes, geological survey, secretary.

4,000 DELEGATES.

National Rivers and Harbors Congress to be Well Attended.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Capt. J. F. Ellison, of Cincinnati, Ohio, secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, has opened headquarters at the New Willard, preparatory to the fifth annual convention of the congress, which will be held in this city, December 9th to 11th.

Reports received from governors of states, mayors of cities, and commercial and trade bodies indicate that there will be upward of 4,000 delegates present during the session of the congress.

The Southern Commercial congress, which has for its object, closer trade relations between the North and South and a better understanding of social conditions in the sections named, will meet in convention on December 7th, to continue in session until the day following, when the delegates to the Commercial congress will be merged into the National Rivers and Harbors congress.

Among the distinguished men who will deliver addresses before the Rivers and Harbors congress, are Ambassador Nabuco, of Brazil, Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain; Major J. A. Ockerson, of the Mississippi River commission; Gov. W. F. Frear, of Hawaii; Secretary of the Interior James A. Garfield; Horace McFarland, president of the National Civil Federation; Gov. N. B. Broward, of Florida, and president of the National Drainage association Admiral C. M. Chester, who was a delegate to the International Waterways congress, recently held at St. Petersburg, and Samuel Gompers, who will discuss "Labor's Interest in Waterways Development."

The Southern Commercial congress which will convene here on December 7th and last two days, offers a fine opportunity to the business men of the Northern cities. The investing public to secure a complete understanding of the resources and possibilities of the South without the labor and expense of a long journey.

There will be gathered and placed upon the walls of the auditorium at the New Willard, geological maps, charts and diagrams, enabling those interested, to acquaint themselves immediately with all the possessions and possibilities.

The speakers and topics upon the program include: "Southern Health Condition, Climate and Temperature," Surgeon General Walter Wyman; "The Influence of the Panama Canal on the Industrial Development of the Nation," Gen. Luke Wright, secretary of war; "Ports of the South and Foreign Trade," M. J. Sanders, New Orleans; "Southern Railroads and Their Needs," John F. Wallace, New York; "Water Powers," Frank S. Washburn, Nashville, Tenn.; "The Commercial Meaning of the Appalachian Range," Gifford Pinchot, chief forester; "Coal Resources," Prof. L. C. Glen, Nashville, Tenn.; "General Mineral Wealth," C. W. Hayes, chief geologist, Washington, D. C.; "Cotton Monopoly and Cotton Manufacture," Ellison A. Smythe, Peizer, S. C.; "Building Materials," Wm. J. Oliver, Knoxville, Tenn.; "Timber Resources of the South," John L. Kaul, Birmingham, Ala.; "The Agricultural Revolution," Clarence H. Poe, Raleigh, N. C.

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Doctors in great universities of France and Germany have taken up the study of this mysterious force. Philosophers and metaphysicians have been compelled to admit that they cannot fathom its secrets. You may attribute it to rehabilitation of nerve force, re-establishment of vital magnetic energy, psychic power—or what you will—the fact remains that patients in utter despair have claimed that they have been restored to health by this wonderful treatment when all other things failed.

Mrs. N. W. Bowden, of New Bern, N. C., says: "One year ago I was in a dying condition. Three doctors had given me up to die. I tried Force of Life, and today I am a well woman. I thank God for the day that treatment was sent to me." Here is also a letter from Mrs. Hannah Peters, of Harrisburg, Penn. You may read it for yourself. Mrs. Peters says: "I thank you, Heavenly Father, for guiding me to you, and for the good health you have restored to me. I would have been in my grave had it not been for you. Your treatment has certainly cured me completely." Then take the case of Mr. Hyatt. Here was a man who had gone from doctor to doctor; finally he decided to try Force of Life.

United States Commissioner Ridgeway, who spent over three months investigating Force of Life treatment, says in regard to Mr. Hyatt that his case showed an instance of remarkable recovery—"Raised, as it were, from the grave."

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I do not ask you to send me, one cent of money; merely write me, giving your name and address, and stating the leading symptoms of your trouble, and your case will be diagnosed and I will prescribe for you a special course of treatment. I will send you this course of treatment without one cent of pay. There are absolutely no conditions attached to this offer. If your letter is received today your treatment will be sent tomorrow. This offer is good only to the first 1,000 persons who write me. It will cost a great deal of money to give these free courses of treatment, but I want to prove to the sick and afflicted in every city and locality in this country that at last I have a treatment which is absolutely sure and certain in its effects.

No matter what your disease; no matter what treatment you have tried, I want you to write to me. If I think that I cannot cure you, I will frankly tell you so, but do not hesitate because your case has been pronounced incurable.

I hold in my hand a bundle of letters from people who say they have been restored to health by my treatment after doctors had given them up to die.

If you wish to try my free course of treatment I advise you to sit down and write me today. If you don't wish to try my treatment, write me anyway and I will send you a thorough diagnosis of your case and explain to you in detail just what I think this treatment should do for you. I will also give you full information in regard to my marvelous Psy-Pay Force, or if you wish I will send you a course of treatment absolutely free, and let you take it under the direction of your own family physician, so that there may be absolutely no doubt as to the exact cause of the astonishing results which I feel positive it will produce. Address your letter to G. E. Coutant, M. D., Suite 671 A, No. 18 East 42d St., New York City.

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