

## W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT

Mrs. J. J. Vance, Press Supt.

### HOW GEORGIA W. C. T. U. THWARTED THE LIQUORITES

#### Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans Furnishes Object Lesson.

Mrs. T. E. Patterson, Pres.  
Georgia W. C. T. U.

The Model License League had said, "If we can only hold a 'near beer' saloon in Georgia as a blind to sell everything else, until we can bring the drunkards up to approximately what they were under the license system, and then go before the Georgia Legislature backed a million dollars, nothing in the world can defeat us"; and they had hoped that the United Confederate Veterans' reunion, held at Macon, May 7-9 inclusive, would aid them greatly in the consummation of these plans. They had their plans well laid for a high liquor carnival and had hoped to dispense their wares free and unmolested; in fact, they had been assured by the city officials that they would have a loose rein.

These violators of the law became so insolent and audacious that they began to advertise in the local papers; Cook's beer agent even went so far as to have his letter ordering a solid trainload of forty cars of Cook's beer appear in the paper in a two-color advertisement, and this train was placarded at Evansville, Ind., in great glaring letters, "Cook's Beer, For the Reunion at Macon, Georgia," and as it trailed, like a mighty serpent, across this continent, it tried to advertise to the world, "Prohibition won't prohibit."

But there were other forces behind the scenes—the forces of righteousness. There were letters and telegrams pouring into the hands of the governor from all the W. C. T. U. official boards of all the southern states. To these he replied with a duplicate letter, saying he had no power to help in this matter, notwithstanding the fact that he had stated time and again during his campaign that if elected he would see that not only the prohibition law, but every law, was enforced.

Just at the time that the local W. C. T. U. was most active, Dr. Crafts, in providence of God, visited Macon in the interests of the bills pending in congress. In co-operation with the local union, he called a meeting of the Law and Order League, "rolled up his sleeves and fearlessly pitched in"—he paid the sheriff a visit. Did that gentleman lose his self control? He certainly did and acted in such a way that

those present thought he was a crazy man. The result? In a few days the sheriff, in a statement in the papers, declared for the enforcement of the prohibition law and offered a reward of \$25 for every arrest with evidence to convict!

Mrs. S. B. Merritt, the moving spirit of the effort to keep prohibition from being discredited, then appealed to the mayor and council. As usual, they pleaded "lack of evidence to convict", graciously promising Mrs. Merritt, however, if the W. C. T. U. would produce the evidence that they would see that the offenders were brought to justice. Thus the mayor and council "reckoned without their host." The good woman took them at their word, went out and thru a small boy and her landress secured the evidence, reappeared before the grand jury, made her charge, produced the evidence, and her witnesses, and waited while the sheriff, armed with information furnished by these parties, made the raid, procured seventy-five pints of whiskey and returned to the court room. The party was convicted and given a \$500 fine.

This put the city officials on their mettle. A joint meeting of the W. C. T. U. and the Law and Order League was arranged, and the state president of the W. C. T. U., who had been in constant communication with the local union and the ministerial association, was invited to be present. In the afternoon Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. Merritt visited the solicitor and consulted him in regard to some laws not generally understood in regard to "near beer saloons". All these points were brought out in the evening meeting and are calculated to revolutionize the business in Macon.

On May 8, I visited Macon with no other object in view except to see how the prohibition law would be enforced during the United Confederate Veterans' Reunion. Accompanied by Mrs. Florence E. Atkins of Nashville, Tennessee, I went all over the city, around the railroad stations, out to the parks, the camps, up and down the streets, stood on the street corners, and in every possible way in and out of hte hotels, observed the crowds. I have never seen a more orderly throng in all my life. Though there were thousands of people, covering the face of the earth like locusts, everything was decent, orderly, and everybody seemed happy. I saw only one man who was the least under the influence of whiskey, and he was not drunk. One veteran was heard to say that he had not drunk as much water since he was a child.

The Macon News had the following to say: "Fifty thousand visitors in attendance upon the reunion; 50,000 inhabitants of Macon all drinking heavily, but of water—not intoxicants. Since Monday (the second day of the reunion) 9,000,000 gallons of water have been consumed."

It is said that 10,000 gallons of ice water were drunk on the last day of the reunion—that being the governor's day, an unusually large crowd was present. Only about one dozen arrests were reported during

the reunion. At Monticello, where we were holding a W. C. T. U. Institute, I asked for expressions from men and women who had attended the reunion, and their testimony is practically the same as that given above. We feel gratified, for had the liquor crowd been permitted to carry out plans, it would have discredited prohibition in the eyes of the world. The president of the Law and Order League of Macon, among other things, has the following to say of conditions during the reunion: "I regard the blind tiger situation here during the recent reunion. I take pleasure in saying, that at no time since the prohibition law went into effect was whiskey so hard to buy. This is not hearsay, for four men and I tried at least thirty places on different occasions and found only one where it was possible to make a purchase. This was nominally a club room conducted upstairs, and its influence for evil was comparatively small."

In a letter from Mrs. S. B. Merritt she says, "Well, it's all a thing of the past now, and our cause has been wonderfully, marvelously saved. To God be all the glory! It has been the talk of the town and a lesson to everybody. It has been a great example of law enforcement to the people of Georgia. They see now how the law can be enforced."

#### LEGAL NOTICE

in the District Court of the United States, for the District of Nebraska.

In the matter of Tillett & Mark and Charles W. Tillett and Louis E. Mark, bankrupts (case no. 10):

In Bankruptcy. Voluntary Petition.

On this 16th day of May, A. D. 1912, on filing and reading the petition of above named bankrupt for his discharge herein, it is

ORDERED, that the 19th day of June A. D. 1912, be and the same is hereby fixed as the date on or before which all creditors of, and all other persons interested in said estate and in the matter of the discharge in bankruptcy of the said bankrupt shall, if they desire to oppose the same, file in my said office at Norfolk, Nebraska, in said district, their appearance in writing in opposition to the granting of said discharge, and also, within ten days thereafter file in my said office specifications of the grounds of said opposition.

Witness my hand hereto, at my office in Norfolk, Nebraska, the day and date herein first above written.

E. P. WEATHERBY,  
Referee in Bankruptcy.

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#### A TEACHER TO HIS HOMESTEAD

Lines, on Leaving "The Claim" to Attend Alliance Junior Normal

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Farewell! thou realm, wherein, o'er fowl and brute I hold my lonesome reign without dispute.

Farewell! thou solitude, where I am fed On man-made biscuit or on baker's bread!

I leave thee, and I seek a livelier clime.

Where there is something doing all the time!

Where youth and beauty sit at wisdom's feet,

And burning zeal and wise instruction meet.

Where wit and music grace the assembly hall,

Fair-play and merry, strife the games of ball.

Where, like a book from off a dusty shelf

I find in use a larger happier self,

And springs of life, a rich and goodly store,

Whose bare existence was unfelt before.

Call me not false or fickle, tho' 'tis true

I cherish no regrets at leaving you.

Somewhere within my heart there is a spot

For tender recollection—doubt it not!

But man can't live on tender recollection

Attaching to a dry-land quarter-section!

So, though I leave some memories behind,

Farewell! I go, to mingle with my kind!

—L. H. BALL.

The Broken Bow State Junior Normal has issued a four page, six columns to the page, announcement for 1912, on the plan of the announcements issued by the Alliance State Junior Normal for some years past. It is well edited and neatly printed, and makes a very creditable showing for the Junior Normal which it represents.

## Alliance Shoe Store

S. A. MILLER, Prop.

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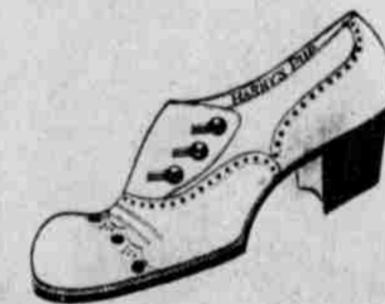
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