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Editorial.

LOCAL OPTION AND THIRD PARTY PROHIBITION.

Local option differs from party prohibition in that the former fights the liquor business on moral grounds exclusively, while the latter fights it on moral and political grounds combined. The one takes the question of prohibition out of politics and the other puts it into politics. In other words, local option does not seek to formulate a party platform and nominate men for office, and strive to elect them through political methods; while party prohibition is a partisan organization with its platform, its nominees and its campaign managers. In all local option contests, third party prohibition joins the moral forces of local option, but in the third party effort to elect a State or National ticket, as a party movement, local option keeps its hands off. Both are seeking to accomplish the same end, but through different methods. Local option is doing the real work and accomplishing the practical results of prohibition. It is bringing the country little by little under the rule of prohibition just as fast as it succeeds in cultivating public sentiment sufficient to support and sustain it. By this method it is bringing the people into line against the saloon instead of arraying them against each other in a purely political contest. Local option cares nothing about a man's party politics and makes no appeal to his political conviction, but it strives to win over his moral sense against the evils and degradations of the liquor business by appealing to his moral nature. Hence, local option is gradually winning its way into the hearts of the people, and county after county is expelling the saloon from its borders. The liquorites see this and in order to prejudice the voters against local option they are trying to make it appear that the friends of local option are quietly supporting the third party ticket for State offices instead of the ticket put out by the recent Democratic convention. But there is no truth in the allegation, and the questions involved in the pending local option elections are in no way connected with the political campaign to be fought out by the political parties this fall. The man who heads the Democratic ticket for Governor is morally as strong a prohibitionist as the man who heads the third party Prohibition ticket. It is well, therefore, for us to give the anti-saloonists to understand that party politics will have nothing to do with the numerous county local option elections to come off within the next few weeks, and that they will not be permitted to run political issues into these elections. Thousands and thousands of local optionists are strong Democrats when it comes to politics, but on moral grounds they vote against the saloon in these precinct and county contests. The fact is, the Democratic administrations have given us these local option laws in order to keep the question out of politics, and the vast majority of the opponents of the liquor business are perfectly satisfied with the present arrangement. We now have, under this wise arrangement, all the prohibition that public sentiment will sustain, and as public sentiment continues

to grow so will prohibition continue to develop under local option tuition and methods. And we do not hesitate to say that we have the best local option laws of any State in the Union. Let us, therefore, continue to stand by them and guard them against any and all political alliances.

"THE BATTLE IS LOST, BUT THERE IS TIME TO GAIN ANOTHER."

These are the memorable words uttered by Napoleon on the battlefield of Marengo as he met the French troops in full retreat with the victorious Austrians in close pursuit. Such were the wonderful resources of this great military genius that his very presence in front of his retreating columns brought them to a speedy halt, and his magic words soon formed them into new lines of battle, and the renewed attack of Marshal Desaix in front and the terrible charge of Kellermann on the flank of the coming Austrian army, threw them into confusion; and the impending defeat of the French army was at once turned into the most brilliant victory ever won by Bonaparte. His words were not only prophetic, but they were expressions of an awful truth. And such was the brilliancy of the achievement that he never afterward grew tired of discussing it. He even kept throughout his after life the cloak that he wore at Marengo. Five years after that bloody day, when he crossed the Alps with Josephine and visited Marengo, he clad himself in that same cloak and spoke with pride of the scenes it had witnessed. When he was a lone prisoner on the Island of St. Helena, he would often array himself in the clothes that he wore at Marengo, and in memory live over the tragic events of that glorious day. And even when his wasted form lay motionless and cold, "the cloak which he had worn at Marengo" was thrown over his feet. Its associations and memories were not permitted to die, for it called up the fact that out of humiliating defeat the great Corsican Captain snatched a glorious victory. "The battle is lost, but there is time to gain another" are words that ought to inspire us in many of the unequalled conflicts of life. There are times with us all when it looks like the battle is lost and that hope is fled, and that we are in full retreat pursued by a relentless enemy. But such need not be the case if we will put forth a superhuman effort, rally our forces and in God's name turn with vigor upon the foe. Victory can be snatched from defeat and the day become memorable in our history. How often men have risen from shame and humiliation, asserted their moral manhood, regained their feet, turned from a wicked and wrecked life and won spiritual triumph right in the face of ruin and despair. Then let no man with Christ at his side give up the battle of life. Though the day may be far spent, still there is ample time to repent, to believe, be saved and to rise to the heights of heirship in the kingdom of God. The resources of the gospel are inexhaustible and in them any man may find the effective means of a complete salvation by laying hold upon Christ as the sinner's only and unfailing Savior.

TRANSFERRING PREACHERS TO TEXAS.

Information is reaching us that since the General Conference met in this city a great many brethren from beyond the Mississippi feel a special call to this field of labor. Texas opened their eyes to the real conditions and wonderful possibilities of Methodism in this empire of the West. Hence, scores of them are anxious to cast their lot with us and become a part of our progress and development. We do not blame them for such desires, for there is no field in Methodism so inviting and so promising as Texas. Nevertheless, we are not in need of a general influx of pastoral help at this particular time. We have no disposition even to intimate to our presiding Bishop anything like caution in the exercise of his transfer prerogative, for he is one of the wisest and most painstaking members of the Episcopal College, but it is a fact that we are not suffering from a dearth of ministerial supply throughout this territory. It is true that we can stand a few accessions of men of decided talent to our ranks—men who have made their work a success in their home conferences and who are in pressing demand, where they have lived and labored, on account of their efficiency in the pulpit and the pastorate—but we do not need every man who fancies that he has a call to Texas. There was a time when all that was necessary for a man to get a transfer to this field was to fail somewhere else, but that time is far back in the past. We most certainly do not want any of that class at the present time. We have reached a point now at which we are capable of producing our own ministerial supply, and we are not falling very far short of meeting our demands. But we are not so narrow and hide-bound as to seek to bar our doors to such excellent workmen as a wise Bishop may deem suitable to our work. It is against the coming in of a promiscuous and mediocre class of unsuccessful men that we protest. Out here we are just as particular and choice in selecting our pulpit supplies as the churches are east of the Mississippi. We are not in need of non-progressive, unsuccessful, smooth-worn, inefficient and run-down preachers in this section of the Church. This is a country of robust life, wonderful enterprise, great plans and unrivaled possibilities, and none but men of big brains, consecrated hearts, unquestioned ability and of trained resources need look in this direction for work and welcome.

THE BOY WHO LOVES HIS MOTHER.

A great many boys seem to think that it is girlish to show tender affection to their mothers, and while deep in their hearts they are not lacking in genuine filial love, nevertheless they do not regard it as manly to give expression to it. This is puerile, and it evinces a weakness rather than a true manliness. There is something noble in the conduct of the boy whose perfect devotion to his mother is known and read of all men. She is the most persistent and self-sacrificing friend of whom he can boast, and there

is nothing too tender and affectionate that he can afford to withhold from her. When all others fail him, she will remain true in her love for him and in her desire to serve him. A few weeks ago there was a young desperado of good family, convicted in Alabama for murder and sentenced to be hanged, and the higher courts affirmed the sentence. Every influence possible was brought to bear upon the Governor to commute the penalty to life imprisonment on account of the standing of the young man's family, but such was the nature of the offense that the Executive refused to interfere. The young criminal was placed in the death cell, but his mother, with aching heart, took up her position as near him as the authorities would allow. Day after day she lingered close to him and wept and pleaded with him to become reconciled to God, but her entreaties were met with horrible curses against all who had had anything to do with his conviction. When the morning came for the execution, this devoted mother begged the privilege of going with him to the scaffold and standing by him in his fearful ordeal, but this was denied her. Then she embraced him in her arms, kissed him time and again, sat down in the jail till the death sentence had been executed and then kissed his pale face and took his dead body to the family cemetery and interred it. She could not have done otherwise, for she was his mother. Only a mother would and could do this. How the mother loves her boy, even though he be a condemned criminal! And how deeply the boy ought always to love his mother! When he goes from her presence he ought to place his arms arounds her and kiss her good-bye, and when he returns the same affection ought to be shown. No unkind words ought ever to escape his lips toward her, and it ought to be the joy of his life to acknowledge her sovereignty over him in all matters of company and conduct. No evil will ever betide that sort of a boy.

The man whose mouth is full of complaints and criticisms never accomplishes anything but the curtailment of his own influence for good. But the man who sees the evil as it exists and addresses himself to the work of providing a remedy is a leader who will never lack a following. The one is a pessimist and the other is an optimist. The pessimist whines and finds fault, but the optimist keeps in a cheerful mood and works.

The man who stays out of the Church because it has hypocrites in it is an old, fault-finding misanthrope. How does he expect to keep out of the company of hypocrites after death? He is now traveling toward their destination, and in the next world they will be his constant companions. Then, again, if he knows how to give to the world a religion that is free from all hypocrisy, he ought to come at once into the Church and give us a sample of it. No, he is mean, querulous, crooked, grotesque and unlovable in his nature, and if he were in the Church he would be the most arrant hypocrite in the entire list of members—for this is what he really is out in the world.

OBITUARIES.

The space allowed obituaries is twenty to twenty-five lines, or about 150 or 160 words. The privilege is reserved of non-payment of obituaries unless they appear in full as written, should there be any money to pay...

DEATH OF JOHN IN HIS HOME IN TEXAS. Mr. John In was born in Mississippi...

DEATH OF J. T. HARRISON. Mr. J. T. Harrison was born March 27, 1826, in Alabama...

DEATH OF Mrs. Elizabeth. Mrs. Elizabeth was born November 18, 1828, and died at Dallas, Texas, July 8, 1902...

DEATH OF Nathan Jephth Morris. Mr. Nathan Jephth Morris was born in Rowan County, Tenn. February 6, 1817...

HUNTER. She younger where in the shales afar there was a light a brilliant star there only darkness now...

Bluna and Kate to come over and listen to Walter and Lewie play on guitar and mandolin...

DEATH OF Mrs. Mary M. Hart. Mrs. Mary M. Hart (nee Jackson) was born March 5, 1826, in Jackson County, Fla...

DEATH OF Mrs. Lorey M. Hart. Mrs. Lorey M. Hart (nee Jackson) was born March 5, 1826, in Jackson County, Fla...

MORGAN. Uncle Henry Morgan was born in North Carolina, December 25, 1812, and departed this life July 28, 1902...

HARPER. Robert A. Harper was born in the State of Alabama, on the 19th of May, 1829. With his parents he moved to Mississippi when about 10 years of age...

DEATH OF Jno. L. Harper. His brother, Jno. L. Harper, and his son-in-law, F. B. Buchanan, he expressed his unflinching trust in God...

DEATH OF Emeline Langford. Emeline Langford (nee Potts) was born in DeKalb County, Ga. May 5, 1825, was married to H. C. Langford November 16, 1852...

GAROUTTE. Mary A. Garoutte was born November 1, 1827, and died August 3, 1902. Her parents were Samuel and Nancy Allen...

GILLELAND. J. A. Gilleland, son of John and Martha Gilleland, was born in Milam County, Texas, March 7, 1860...

DEBUSH. Rev. Jonathan Debush was born November 3, 1832, and died August 11, 1902. He was married to Miss Clarissa Bible, December 14, 1854...

HARPER. Lula Mae, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Harper, died at Georgetown, Texas, July 14, 1902, aged 19 months...

BICK. Mrs. Lydia Bick (nee Johnson) was born February 7, 1824. She was converted when quite young and joined the Church...

in death so soon; but God knoweth best, and he saw fit to take this little jewel and transplant it to fairer realms...

KENNEY. Mrs. Ella Jane Kenney was born at Mount Sterling, Brown County, Ill., November 28, 1828, and died at the home of Dr. D. W. McIntyre, in Big Springs, Texas, June 29, 1902...

LOSS OF APPETITE, SICK HEADACHE, INDIGESTION, DIZZY FEELING, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, BILIOUSNESS, DYSPEPSIA.

Advertisement for Radway's Pills, featuring the text 'Radway's Pills' and 'Lightning Well Machy is the Standard'.

Advertisement for Vane-Calvert Paint Co., featuring the text 'Vane-Calvert Paint Co. ST. LOUIS, MO. MIXED PAINTS'.

Large advertisement for Prickly Ash Bitters, titled 'A CROSS WOMAN Prickly Ash Bitters THE SYSTEM REGULATOR.'

Table listing various churches and ministers across different districts, including Vernon District, Clarendon District, and Georgetown District.

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Miss Jane Kenney... at Sterling, Brown county...

Way's Pills... for all ailments...

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Paint Co. PAINTS... OWENS & CO.

PULPITS... Furniture of all kinds...

BELLS... for all churches...

NORTHWEST TEX. CONFERENCE.

- Vernon District—Fourth Round. Teidell, at Bluff, Sat., Sun., Aug. 30, 31...

- Clarendon District—Third Round. Canadian, at Miami, Aug. 30, 31...

- Clarendon District—Fourth Round. Childress sta., 3 p. m., Sept. 17...

- Corpus Christi District—Fourth Round. Rice, at Fort Worth, Sept. 8, 7...

- Georgetown District—Third Round. Bartlett, at Georgetown, Aug. 30, 31...

- Fort Worth District—Fourth Round. McKinney Memorial, Sept. 6, 7...

- Brownwood District—Fourth Round. Hallinger, at Brownwood, Sept. 7, 8...

Waxahachie District—Third Round.

- Alma, at Waxahachie, Aug. 29, 30, 31...

- Waxahachie District—Fourth Round. Venus, at Mt. Peak, Sept. 29, 30...

- Abilene District—Third Round. Merkel, at Abilene, Aug. 30, 31...

- Abilene District—Fourth Round. Big Springs, at Abilene, Sept. 29, 30...

- Gatesville District—Fourth Round. Meador, at Gatesville, Sept. 6, 7...

- Ilano District—Fourth Round. Johnson City Cir., at Ilano, Aug. 29, 30...

- Cuero District—Fourth Round. Yoakum, at Cuero, 1st Sun. Sept. 23...

Belmont District—Third Round.

- Belmont cir., at Nixon, 2d Sun. in Oct. Gonzalez sta., at Nixon, 3d Sun. in Oct...

- North Texas Conference. Sulphur Springs District—Third Round. Lake Creek cir., at Anderson Chapel, Sept. 8, 7...

- Greenville District—Third Round. Quinlan, at Union Valley, Aug. 30, 31...

- Dallas District—Third Round. First Church, at Dallas, 11 a. m., Aug. 21...

- Sherman District—Third Round. Gordonville, at Sherman, 5th Sun. Aug. 21...

- Bonham District—Third Round. Lannus, at Bonham, 2d Sun. Aug. 21...

- Terrell District—Third Round. Fair, at Mt. Zion, Aug. 20, 21...

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- McKinney District—Third Round. Renner cir., at Richardson, Aug. 20, 21...

Austin District—Fourth Round.

- Eagle Lake cir., at Eagle Lake, Aug. 20, 21...

- Harris District—Third Round. Centre, at Houston, Aug. 20, 21...

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