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Alabama Is A Dry State Today.

Montgomery, Ala., July 1.—Alabama today is dry, being under a statewide prohibition measure and two prohibition regulation and enforcement laws. The statewide laws went into effect at midnight Wednesday, while the enforcement laws, the anti-liquor advertising law and anti liquor shipping law went into effect upon passage several months ago. In Montgomery the Saloons with but few exceptions closed Wednesday afternoon, their stocks of liquor being exhausted by the bargain sale price offered.

In Mobile.
Mobile, Ala., July 1.—Mobile for the second time in the two hundred years of her existence is dry, due to the passage of the recent prohibition laws by the Alabama legislature. People as early as 6 o'clock in the evening began to occupy the tables at the cafes and cabarets and streets were crowded with people of every class who marched up and down carrying away tons of various kinds of liquors that were disposed of at auction by the various liquor dealers throughout the city. At the principal hotels the crowds remained until after midnight and on the stroke of midnight nearly a thousands men and women were singing "It's a Long Way to Pensacola," as a parody on "Tipperary." Pensacola is the nearest city where liquor now is sold.

Center Grove News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Overton of Mars Hill attended services here Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. C. L. Dowell filled his regular appointment here Sunday, leaving with his people many good thoughts, as he usually does.

Sorry Mr. Junious Holloman was not able to attend services Saturday and Sunday. We miss his face very much.

We are sorry Mr. G. C. Harrell, who is at his daughters, Mrs. R. A. Dilday, continues unable to get out. We miss the old faces, and hope they will soon be with us again in our Sunday school.

Mr. R. A. Dilday went to see his son-in-law, Mr. Lessie Congleton, who is sick at his home near Union.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Godwin visited the home of Mr. A. J. Early Sunday.

Boys be careful with your dynamite. Mr. Bill Myers says it is very dangerous.

The Sunday school here will have a Childrens Day in August, the date to be fixed later. We are expecting some good speaking and good music. everybody will be invited, dinner will be on the ground. Watch for the names of the speakers and the date.

Revival services will begin here the Fourth Sunday in July.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet next Sunday immediately after Sunday school.

Mr. Everette Hall and wife, Mr. Congleton, Miss Blow and Joyner, of St. John, were the guests of Mrs. Agnes Leggett Sunday.

The much needed rain that fell here Saturday and Sunday made the farmers feel good. The crops are looking very good now; cotton is a little small for the time of year.

Don't forget Sunday school next Sunday at 3 o'clock. We hope all will try to come. The Supt. feels good when you are there and your teacher feels good when you answer to your name.

When the doors of the church was opened last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jenkin came forward with a letter of dismission from a Baptist church in Norfolk. Mr. Jenkin was formerly a member of this church. We are glad to have them join with us.

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Hail Insurance on Growing Crops

Address Delivered by Mr. O. K. Laroque, of Marion, S. C. Before the North Carolina Bankers' Association, in its Recent Session at Wrightsville Beach.

It is a recognized fact that in any community where the farmers are prosperous all classes of business are booming and the banks carry a good line of deposits with very small bills payable and redemptions. It is therefore the duty of the bankers and other business men to render to their farmer friends and customers every possible assistance in their efforts to become prosperous and continue so.

It is upon the farmer that the prosperity and progress of our Southland depends. The man who is securing the largest net return from his farming operations is the man who, by the use of improved machinery and scientific farming methods, is harvesting two bales of cotton or two bushels of grain where one formerly grew. He doesn't object to 50 per cent, increased income.

Of what avail, however, is the improved machinery or scientific methods if, when the crop, in the production of which he and his family have toiled from early morn till the late evening, following the plow or bending over the hoe, for the purpose of paying that mortgage, perhaps, and providing for those children the education to which they are entitled; of what avail, I say, is all this work and hardship, if, just before the harvest, which gives promise of results even beyond the expectations of the most optimistic, a cloud comes up in the evening and, in a few moments the storm breaks over the farm, and the dreadful hail, driven by a strong wind, sweeps away the results of that labor and blasts the farmer's hopes of paying his obligations and providing the necessary education and support for his dependent ones.

The enormous havoc wrought by hail storms has only been realized during the past few years. Hail storms have been destroying growing crops of tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat, oats and other small grain for many years, but until the day of good roads, rural free delivery and telephones, the news was not passed about generally. The farmers of one community would suffer from the destruction of their neighbors in another community would know nothing about it. It is now fully recognized that hail storms yearly wipe out millions of dollars' worth of growing crops all over the Southland, and in order to distribute these losses and save the unfortunate losers from utter bankruptcy, hail insurance has been devised, and numbers of the most progressive farmers are now securing this protection each year.

When a real estate loan is made, the mortgage invariably requires a fire insurance policy as security against loss in the event the mortgaged building or buildings are damaged or destroyed by fire. This is a protection to both mortgage and mortgagee and the premiums are among the best investments the mortgagor makes. There are methods of preventing or extinguishing fires, but no man has yet devised a method of preventing a hail storm or stopping it after it has started.

Is it not more important, therefore, as a plain business proposition, that a farmer protect his life's work and investment, as well as his creditors, by providing himself with a hail insurance policy when he requests a loan or when his crop is planted?

Chief Inspector Sloan, of the State Department of Agriculture, South Carolina, in his report to Commissioner E. J. Watson, has the following to say in reference to the destruction caused by a hail storm in York county, S. C., July, 1914:

"Crops of both corn and cotton which had every promise of yielding large returns are left a scene

Mr. Bill Myers Tells About a Fast Runner Over in Bertie County.

A cool breeze had set in from the southwest and the shade was pleasant on the side of the Colonel Hotel, in Aho Skie, N. C. Ab. Holloman and Lee Sumner, two champion checker players, had just finished their ten games with honor about even. Mayor Frank Tayloe had just lit his corn cob pipe and was enjoying a delightful smoke. Ex-Mayor W. W. Rogers, who had been hard at work in his law office, had come down and taken his seat for a few minutes rest among the agreeable company of Aho Skie citizens who had honored him by electing him Mayor until he had to positively refuse to allow the use of his name in the town convention. Mr. Bill Myers, who likes good company, came along and was invited to occupy a vacant chair in the shade and enjoy the breeze. He dropped down in the chair, thanking the gentleman for their courtesy, stroked his white whiskers with his right hand and looked the very picture of ease and comfort.

There was a lull in the conversation, but it soon started up again when the subject took a turn about fast running. Billie Rogers told about some foot races he had seen.

Mr. Myers reached up and removed his big black felt hat and hung it on his cross-legged knees. Then addressing Mr. Rogers, he said:

"Why Billie, if that is all you know about fast running, you don't know much about getting along in a hurry."

"Well," said Mr. Rogers, "where and when did you ever know or see anyone who could outrun those boys in Winton, about whom I was just talking?"

"Why," said Mr. Myers, "when I was with my father over in Bertie county, one day a man came up to the house from the big road and introduced himself. He was fine looking fellow. I can tell you. He was dressed pretty well and looked every inch a gentleman. He told my daddy that he had just finished college, but he was no college-bred fool, and did not mind work and would like to help around on the farm, until he could get something better to do, as he did not want to go home and put up on his folks. My daddy liked to hear that young man talk that way, for he had been told that when a boy went to college, he would come back a startnatal fool and was completely ruined for work the balance of his life, if he lived to be a hundred, because you just couldn't get that college stuff out of him."

"Well," said Mr. Rogers, "what has all this got to do with fast running?"

"You wait now," said Mr. Myers, "if you will just let me alone, I'll tell you something."

"All right, then, go ahead," said Mr. Rogers.

"Well Sir," continued Mr.

of destitution which would remind one of the pale winter scene during the month of January. Farmers are disheartened and tenants are leaving the farm. Farmers who own their own land might be able to borrow money to carry them over, but if this is hard on a land owner, what will become of the tenant who owns no land, and who has already had merchants to advance him money and provisions over the prospects of a once promising crop, which during the hail storm was fully 90 per cent destroyed. Merchants, themselves, are hard struck and they could not, no matter how much they wish to carry these farmers over from this season to the next. I think I am conservative when I estimate that the loss to this particular section will come up above the half million mark. (See report Commissioner E. J. Watson, South Carolina 1915, pages 80 and 81).

An appeal was made for help and a relief committee raised several thousand dollars with which to purchase seed and sup-

plies for distribution among the unfortunate losers. This is only one instance among many in the Southern States last year.

Do you think it would have been necessary to issue this appeal for assistance if these unfortunate people had provided themselves with protection against loss by hail?

What about the banks and supply merchants from whom many of these farmers had secured loans and supplies with which to make this crop? Would any of them have been embarrassed by reason of the losses resulting to their customers from this hail storm?

Now Gentlemen, the farmer looks to you for advice and assistance. You are the moulders of public opinion in the business world. Give this matter of hail insurance your careful thought and consideration, and if after a thorough investigation of the subject you are convinced that it is a good business proposition, advise your farmer friends and customers accordingly, and you will be fulfilling your mission in the business world, that of public benefactors and community builders.—Ex.

Myers," as I was going on to say, that young fellow was one of the best working hands on the place. All that Latin and Dutch hadn't swelled his head a bit. He would plow, work cotton, weed corn, cut wood and do anything that come to hand. He was a powerful man and full of energy."

"Oh, cut that out," said Mr. Rogers, "do you know what you are trying to tell?"

"Now if I hadn't known what I was trying to tell I wouldn't have undertaken it," continued Mr. Myers. "Now just as I was going on to say when Billie Rogers, stopped me, one day late in the evening, jam by night, my daddy asked this college-bred-man if he could run? 'What! Can I run? Well,' said he, 'I think I can, if I haven't forgot how, for I won the medal at college for being the fastest runner there.' 'Well,' said my daddy, 'you go down to the woods and run my sheep up and pen 'em.' Yes, Sir, off this fellow went and he wasn't gone long, before here he come back and says he to my daddy, 'I have got them sheep all up, but the lambs were powerful skittish, but I got them up without much trouble, by running some of them in and catching the others and putting them in the sheep pen with the other sheep.' My daddy says to him like this, 'What are you talking about, I know there aint narry lamb in the flock.' But that college bred-fellow just stood my daddy down that there were lambs and if he didn't believe him just go down to the sheep pen and see for himself. So my father gets up and goes down to the sheep pen and looks in and there's all the sheep sure enough. And upon my word, there were five rabbits in the pen that college-bred-fellow had mistook for lambs and run down and put in the pen with the sheep."

"What kind of rabbits were they?" asked Mr. Rogers.

"Why they were great big Jack rabbits, just like you find in Bertie," said Mr. Myers as he struck hard on the ground with his walking stick. "Billie Rogers, you talk about running, you just ought to have seen that man run. He could just get up and burn the wind. You talk about them boys in Winton running! If I were you, I wouldn't tell that any more, for they were just stragglers."

Mr. Rogers went back to his law office to dictate more copy to his stenographer; Mr. Raleigh J. Baker went down to the postoffice to get his evening mail; Mayor Tayloe re-filled his corn cob pipe; Squire C. N. Pruden walked off in the direction of his office; while Mr. Cad. Jenkins got up and went to the Manhattan Hotel. Mr. Myers was then amusing himself by marking on the ground with his walking stick.—Contributed.

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This summer school has been planned in lieu of a county teachers' institute, for these three counties. Attendance at this school or some similar summer school or institute, will be compulsory to the teachers of Bertie, Northampton and Hertford counties.

There will be no tuition charges nor fees. The only expense for the entire term of four weeks will be board, which has been fixed at the following low rates:

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