

ARE FOOLS TO TRY.

The editor of this paper received during the week a pamphlet called "The Bulletin," coming from a newly organized Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

It is full of rotten statements from the beginning to end, claiming that there are more women and children today that are confirmed drinkers and making drunkards than ever before, having increased since prohibition began.

Here and there may be found some evidence of liquor drinking, it may be found in Chatham county and in adjoining counties but anyone with ordinary common sense knows that there isn't half the drunkenness and devilry now as when bar rooms were in existence.

The charitable folks in mailing us the folders were kind enough to tell us that they would be glad to send us literature from time to time and we answered them as follows:

Gentlemen:—We are in receipt of copy No. 1 of The Bulletin of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. We trust that you will find it convenient to discontinue the sending of same to this office.

One may take the daily papers of the United States or any section thereof and find cases where illicit liquor has played havoc with some good prson. This is because newspapers as a rule publish more "bad" news than "good" these days.

I have passed through both stages of the game with and without prohibition and it has been my misfortune to see hundreds of children and women afflicted with the damnable liquor traffic, and I fully realize that the present day presents a much safer and improved condition than during bar room days.

It might be that in the larger cities and business centers of the U. S. where it is a matter of grave concern to battle with these law violators, that the liquor has not diminished as it should, but I do know that it has been the salvation of North Carolina. Yours truly, COLIN G. SHAW.

Prohibition is here to stay and as the days go by many more people are becoming determined to make an effort to assist the officers in enforcing the laws. The present generation coming on will know a great deal less about liquor and as they come it will eventually be blotted from the States entirely.

The fact that liquor will never be legalized again in the United States is best illustrated in a parody on Poe's "Raven," written by a co-worker, living in Statesville, N. C., by the name of Frederick Berger, as follows:

Once upon a midnight dreary, while I lingered, worn and weary, On the corner of a side street that displayed an empty store— As I listened to the beating footsteps of a slow retreating Watchman, who had passed me, greeting, I sat down there at the door, Just to rest a while and ponder, I sat down there at the door, Only this and nothing more.

As I gazed into the caven darkness I espied a raven, Who, it seemed, had found a haven in the lobby of the door. As I gazed at it in wonder, I began to think and ponder— "Surely, that raven yonder—I have seen that bird before." Merely this and nothing more.

I looked close and nearly fainted, for I saw the bird was painted, And the script beneath acquainted readers with this cheering lore: "Dispensed with in this haven"— "This was painted on the door; And I gazed with loving memories at the painting on the door, Sat and gazed and nothing more.

"It was sure some good old liquor," as I spoke my soul grew sicker, For I thought of prohibition that was passed some years before. And it seemed as I sat thinking of the well-filled glasses, clinking, After stretching, yawning, blinking, that I soon began to snore; I was worn and fell asleep there on the door-step of that store, Dreaming of the days of yore.

And I dreamed of lands abounding with the staff of life we rounding Sons of Gambrinus are hounding— There was wine and beer galore. Scientists and men of learning claim that our dreams are turning Towards things our hearts are yearning. It is nothing strange there-

fore. That I dreamed of that red raven, painted there upon that door, Only this and nothing more.

"Tell me," said I, "Bird symbolic, when will something alcoholic Crown again our feast and frolic as it did in days of yore? When will cabarets and places whose menu your trademark graces Cheer again our downcast faces— throw wide open the closed door? When will cheerful signs of Pilsner lure again as heretofore?" Quoth the raven: "Nevermore."

HANGING IS STRETCHING.

E. E. Dudding is president of the Prisoners' Relief Society, with headquarters in Washington, D. C. He has recently gotten hold of a batch of information in regard to brutal treatment of prisoners in the State prison over at Raleigh. He called attention to the matter of those in authority to have it investigated and those responsible for it to be shown up.

The North Carolina Prison Board met in Raleigh one day last week and decided that inasmuch as Dudding was an ex-convict that no attention would be paid to his charges at all, although it has been stated that as many as seven convicts had been whipped and one of them a woman.

Many things can be behind this refusal to investigate these charges. We trust that politics has nothing to do with it, but we do know that the charges should be looked into. There is no reason to believe that George Ross Pou would willfully allow cruelty in the State prison, he being the superintendent, but it has been suggested that there has been cruel, brutal treatment and it should be proven one way or the other.

No man that takes advantage of a helpless convict should be allowed to draw a salary from the State of North Carolina and there are evidently a few of them in the State and not all of them have charge of prisoners in the State and not all of them have charge of prisoners in the penitentiary, either.

The State of Florida is now undergoing a reaction as a result of the beating to death of a young man of good family from North Dakota, who had been caught, beating his way on the train. It has been shown up that numerous other cruelties had been inflicted on prisoner at the camps in Florida, and it is nauseous to read of the heartlessness of the men in charge of the convicts there. The question is whether it is any better in North Carolina? It can be known only by a thorough investigation of the charges that have been made.

Surely Mr. Pou would not want to retain men in his employ who cruelly and brutally treat prisoners. How is he to know if the matter is not taken into consideration? Dudding claims to have absolute evidence, together with affidavits. Then those in position to order it should demand that the investigation be made without delay.

Is it any wonder that a man is worse on returning from a prison than before he was sent? Is it any wonder that they lose confidence in humanity? Incarceration is punishment within itself and if political influence were taken from the officialdom of prisons and camps, from the superintendent down to the guard, including the doctors and any with authority, then the unfortunate folks who are sent to the prisons would become better citizens instead of being more degenerate upon leaving.

No man with a heart as small as a mustard seed could be guilty of the crimes that have been laid at the door of some of these wardens and overseers. They are both degenerate and scoundrels to take helpless, human beings and inflict death wounds upon the body and drive them with the help of a "black maria" to a death bed, left bleeding and crying for mercy, which they obtain only when life passes out and they enter into that better land, and enjoy the pleasures of a just and living God.

Florida has voted to abolish the lash upon its convicts. Wonder if it won't make better prisoners and better men and women when they are released.

Over in Darkest Africa an electric light plant has been established, and when the lights were turned on the natives were greatly surprised. If the ignorant Africans are surprised, what about some people living in this section who are afraid to have lights put in their houses fearing lightning will burn up their homes. Africa has nothing on Chatham.

There must have been more smoke than fire in the legislative committee report that there was something "rotten in Denmark," about the affairs at Sanatorium and Dr. McBrayer. At the thirteenth annual session of the State medical convention, in session at New Bern last week, Dr. McBrayer sent in his resignation as secretary-treasurer but the committee on nominations sent in his name again and the society by a unanimous vote refused to accept the resignation and applauded his re-election. Somebody will have to start something else to worry people.

Fred M. Hans, Indian fighter, scout and a quick trigger expert, always wanted to die with his boots on and he did. He was crushed to death in an elevator shaft in Omaha a few days ago.

Everything and everybody are trying to get into the limelight by making records. Two men in an airplane have been continuously in the air for over 36 hours. Then men and women are making dancing records. One man danced 73 hours on a stretch. Then a woman came along and beat the man's record by dancing 90 hours and kept going. "What fools we mortals be."

OBSERVATIONS.

By Rambler. "Cooler than yesterday," remarked an old timer Tuesday morning. "Hail must have fallen somewhere yesterday." "You are wrong," said young America, standing nearby. "The weather man yesterday said cooler, falling temperature." "Then the old timer looked around at Young America with a sneer on his face, as much as to say, "You young people know too much."

"I was hoping Pittsboro would get out of her old habits," spoke an old lady Monday afternoon. "It used to be an everyday occurrence to see dogs run rabbits through our streets and I thought we had gotten so civilized we'd never see anything like it again. But listen at the folks hollering. They've got a rabbit going now. Pittsboro will never be anything but a village, where rabbits and birds come to feed," and the old lady went trudging down the street, packing a bundle she had just bought from a store.

"One, two, three, four, five, six, seven dogs, no account dogs, right here on the business street," said a citizen yesterday. "This is the doggonedest town I have ever seen. Near about as many dogs as there are people on the streets, and they are not fit for anything except to suck eggs. Just look yonder," and he pointed at a little white shaggy dog about as big as a two-weeks old pig. "Now what is that thing fit for?" he asked. "If they would make the owners pay taxes on them, and I mean make—there wouldn't be so many loose, worthless dogs on the streets, barking at every vehicle that passes or going into people's back yards looking for hen's nests."

"Who's going to the new jailer?" is the question of the hour. Probably no one will know until a few suns pass over our heads.

"Wouldn't it be nice if Pittsboro had a picture show one or two nights a week," asked a pretty young lady. "It is so lonesome there at night, nowhere to go and nothing to do but sit around and talk until bedtime. No wonder the young boys and girls have the place and go off to the cities. There is nothing here to amuse them."

"The question of the hour before the farmer today," remarked one of our bankers the other day, "is how's your crop?" And it is so. Farmers get together and they talk mostly about farming. Railroad men talk nothing but railroading when you are in their company. And so it is in every trade or vocation.

Oakland News.

Monroe, Pt. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bland and children and Mr. T. L. Burns of Pittsboro spent Sunday in the home of W. M. Burns.

Mrs. Jno. Woodleaf and baby, of Kirtrell, spent last week with Mrs. Woodleaf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Burns.

Miss Lelia Johnson spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. T. B. Clegg. Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Knight of Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Knight and son, Miss Stella Womble and Mr. Euvie Womble of Lockville, visited in the home of C. J. Knight Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burns last Wednesday, a son.

Owing to prevalence of measles in the community, memorial services which were to be held at Center Grove church the third Sunday in May, are postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Gibson of Fayetteville is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. J. T. Clegg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garter visited in Durham last week.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL

WISE AND OTHERWISE Some Our'n—Some Their'n

Mr. John B. Little is as large as the average man.

A retentive memory can become a blamed nuisance.

The chaste young woman has nothing to run from.

Not a good idea to rejoice too much or to mourn too long.

It is easy to struggle along without the things you want.

Idolize a woman if you will, but do not try to understand her.

Have faith in your friends if you would keep them faithful.

The girl who is ready in a minute is worth waiting a life time for.

Not much trouble to stab the man in the back that is ahead of you.

People wish a newly married couple happiness as though they meant it.

Some folks go to church to save their faces—never think of their souls.

Sometimes when you think you embrace an opportunity, you are only hugging a delusion.

If the hot air some folks give off could be utilized it would heat an ordinary blast furnace.

Farmer down on route 5 from Siler City wants to buy 100 hens that want to set. He needs them, he says, to keep his corn warm so that it can come up.

Aviators fly high so that should any thing go wrong with their machine they can right it before reaching the earth. They usually write it on a tombstone.

"I Never Knew You Could Keep Rats Out of a Butcher Shop."

What Ralph Watkins says: "Figured rats around store had enough to feed on; wouldn't touch anything suspicious. Heard about RAT-SNAP, gave it a trial. Results were wonderful. Cleaned all rats out in ten days. Dogs about store night and day never touch RAT-SNAP." Three sizes, 25c. 50c., \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by Siler City Drug Store and The Hardware, Siler City; W. L. London and Son, Pilkington Pharmacy and The Chatham Hardware Co., Pittsboro, N. C.

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Wants Bridge Fixed. To the Honorable County Commissioners: There is a beautiful little river that winds its way through the eastern part of our county. The franchises of the large oak and scaly bark trees almost meet across this little stream, forming a deep gorge of shade. Through this gorge the water is ever moving. At a beautiful elbow curve on this little river is a monument erected in the form of a little steel bridge by the county. It is a wonderful structure. Looking northward from the old shaky and rotten structure it seems as if it might be a safe little bridge for traffic. But the people know nothing of its safety. Perhaps

the county is waiting for the old bridge to fall in. If so may the day speedily come when she will crumple down. We are afraid that this will be the watery grave of some poor mother or innocent child that knows nothing of its dangers. Now may the commissioners wake up and get this steel bridge abutments and fill put in before some one loses his life on the old one. It has been ready to cross except grading the fills ever since about August 15, 1922. So now county commissioners, please grade these abutments in order that we may get off the old dangerous structure. Yours truly, Pittsboro, R-1, Apr. 21. TAX PAYER. BUILD A HOME NOW!



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