

Dinner Stories

Visitor—Your picture of the Fiery Dragon is a masterpiece. Schram the Artist—Fiery Dragon? Where did you see that? Visitor—In the middle of the wall in the next room. Schram—Oh, that is a portrait of my mother-in-law.

Back—Do you ever violate the prohibition law? White—No, I ain't afraid of the prohibition agents, but I've got to admit that the life insurance agents have me good and scared.

"Have you any bootleggers in Crimston Gulch?" "Not to speak of," answered Cactus Joe. "There's one fellow that pretends he's a bootlegger, but he's only makin believe he's got money in order to get money from the bank."

Laura—Could you suggest something suitable for a girl friend's birthday? Clerk—How about these book ends? Laura—Just the thing! She always reads the ends before she does the beginnings.

Abraham—My boy, ver are my glasses? Isaac—On your nose, fadder. Abraham—Don't be so indefinite.

Do you think he has the necessary qualifications for a poet? "Yes, he has assured income."

New Clerk—Who's that fellow in the office giving the boss such a howling out? O'd Clerk—Oh, that fellow; he's the silent partner.

Salesman—Yes, sir—in this car you'll feel just as if you were at home. Prospective Purchaser (promptly)—Er—have you no other kind?

Church "Dance" Room. They were showing the visitors over the new church. "This is the best room," said one. The visitors' eyes opened in amazement. "Why, certainly they don't have a ballroom in a church, do they?" "Yes, it is where they take the babies when they cry."

Stingiest Person

New York Daily Mirror. The stingiest person I know is the woman where I board. She heats the knives before we come in so that the butter will slide off.

The stingiest person I know is the man who takes his auto apart and puts it in his cellar to save garage rent.

The stingiest person I know is a man who invites his lady friend out to supper after she has died.

WEBB WANTS LIQUOR LAWS STRENGTHENED

Federal Judge Says 18th Amendment Will Not Be Repealed. Charlotte, April 5.—Scorn for persons who assert that the prohibition laws of the nation have failed and advocacy of stricter dry laws than are now provided was expressed by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, Monday, in a charge to the grand jury in the Federal district court here.

"The thumbs of America have been turned down on liquor and efforts of the wets to repeal the eighteenth amendment will not prevail," he declared.

He urged that the courts be "given the power to imprison, in the penitentiary any man found guilty of transporting."

Judge Webb belittled the efforts of the anti-prohibition group. Drugists can sell preparations of eight-ten and twenty per cent alcoholic content for medicinal use, he said but, when they sell it for beverage purposes, then they are guilty of violation of the Volstead law.

The Duke Flowers. Charlotte Observer. Charlotte has no Magnolia Gardens, but it has something next to that in the flower show at the Duke estate. A drive around that place, beautiful at all times, but particularly so in the Spring, develops wonders in floral brilliance that charm and delight. The colorings of flowers and shrubs is of profuse character, the effect being heightened by the general scheme of landscaping. Charlotte people who have not seen the Duke estate in its Spring array are missing the treat of a life-time. A little later on the laurels and the rhododendrons will add charm to the scene.

Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTERS

Blanton Quits Sniping to Drop a Bomb Into D. C. Government. BY CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer

Washington, April 5.—Congressman Tom Blanton, of Texas, is everlastingly sniping at somebody, oratorically, from his place in the House of Representatives.

It's slow work at best, however—this picking 'em off one at a time. So the other day Blanton tried at bomb, hoping for wholesale results from a single explosion.

The thing hit right in the midst of the District of Columbia government, the Veteran's Bureau, the Department of Justice, War and the Navy and St. Elizabeth's Hospital for the Insane, which the interior department runs.

Suppose, says Blanton, somebody decides you're crazy. (This is in the District of Columbia mind.)

You can be arrested without a warrant. You get no hearing. A couple of the district commissioners sign a commitment for you—sing it "perfunctorily," according to Blanton—and—blam!—you land in St. Elizabeth's.

Being dotty, you must have a guardian. Have you any money? If not there's little competition for the job. If you have it's quite likely, Blanton states, that Commissioner F. A. Fenning, of the District of Columbia, will be appointed.

At any rate, Blanton mentions more than 100 patients, now at St. Elizabeth's, as his wards.

The guardian draws, for his services, a percentage of the ward's income. It's at the court's discretion, but Blanton says it usually is 10 per cent. And if the ward dies, his guardian gets a percentage of his estate.

How are the war and navy departments mixed up in what Blanton has to say? Well, he points out, if a soldier or a sailor gives offense in some way that isn't punishable otherwise, St. Elizabeth's is a good place for him.

And the Veterans' Bureau? Oh, comments Blanton, about 75 per cent. of Fenning's wards are World War veterans.

And the justice department? Why, says Blanton, it passes on claims involving veterans' rights, and Fenning's brother is an assistant attorney general.

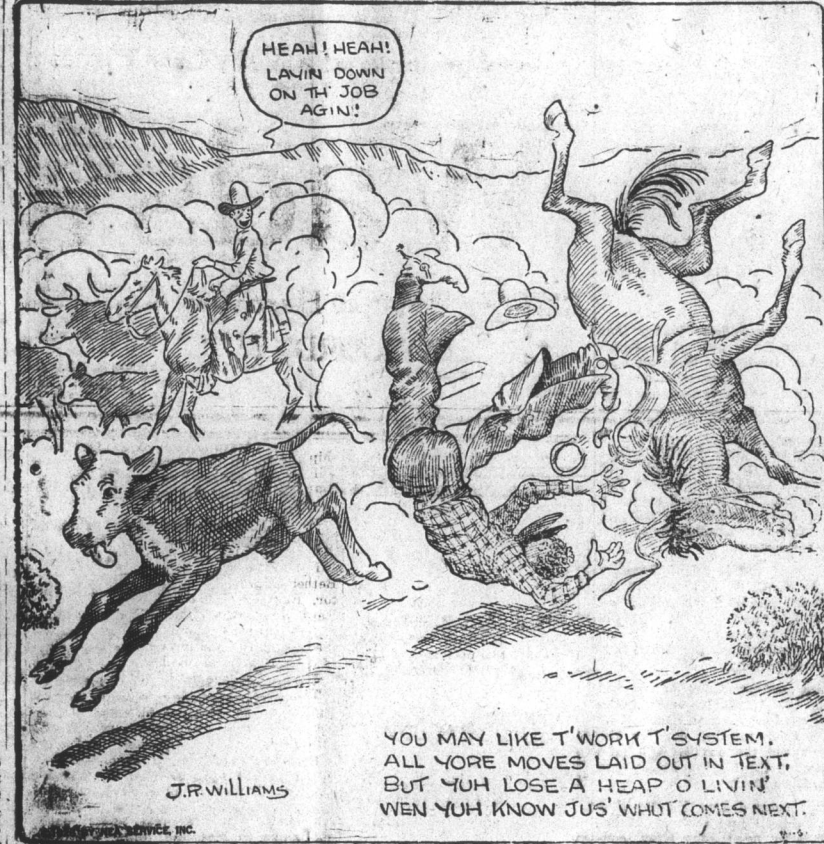
Tom Blanton himself doesn't charge anybody he mentions with a single act he can't justify according to the letter of the law.

What he kicks on is the law and the way he thinks it's being used.



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