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STILLS ARE PLENTIFUL

Moonshine Business on the Increase Here.

Only two Sheriffs Have Helped Government Deputies—Wom-en the Best Informers—Two Successful Raids.

"During the year ending November 1st last I believe that the number of illicit or moonshine distilleries in counties in this immediate section has quadrupled," declared Deputy Collector W. G. Pool last night upon his return from a successful raid east of here.

"This has been a foggy, misty day, an ideal time for running the stills, and I should not be surprised if 100 in Johnston and 150 in Durham counties were in operation today," continued the deputy. "During the year 45 stills within a radius of eight miles of Durham have been destroyed."

An officer ventured the estimate that 35 stills in Johnston, 12 in Wake, 16 in Franklin, 10 in Moore, 20 in Chatham and 5 in Columbus have been cut up by government officers within the year.

Under the Watts law, also the Ward Act, it is the duty of sheriffs to suppress illicit distilling as much as it is incumbent on the United States officers, but Deputy Pool says that in only two instances has he received aid from county authorities. The sheriff of Chatham got one moonshine outfit and turned it over to the deputies. In Pitt county a deputy sheriff located a still and guided the government deputies to the place. These are the only instances Deputy Pool has come across in this section.

Strange as it may seem the best informers the government has are women. The men in the community become debauched by the operation of the still or by liberally patronizing it and as a result some woman gives the officers a tip to put an end to the demoralizing influence.

Yesterday while searching for a still three miles from Benson Deputies W. G. Pool and C. A. Banks found several kegs of whiskey in the woods near the house of the supposed blockader.

Sunday, while within a mile and a half of Timothy the same deputies seized and destroyed a still, a number of gallons of beer, kegs of low wines and an outfit. No one was present. The deputies reached the place about three o'clock in the afternoon and finding the beer in proper condition for distillation waiting until dark, thinking that some one would come to begin operations. The still was in a very large woods and at six in the evening the deputies decided that they might as well cut up the still and make their way home.—Raleigh Times.

CHILLIE NEWS.

Miss Ruth Jones is off teaching school again this fall.

Mr. Alonzo Talton spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives near Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Mitchiner spent part of last week visiting relatives near Raleigh.

Mrs. B. A. Turnage, who has been sick for some time, is improving we are glad to say.

Miss Mary Mitchiner returned from near Raleigh Sunday where she went to attend the marriage of her cousin.

Miss Vonnie Jordan returned to her home near Shiloh Sunday after spending several days visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Talton.

Mr. Hubert C. Jordan, accompanied by his cousin, Miss Jessie Wood, spent last Friday Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Talton.

AGONY OVER AT LAST.

The Famous Gattis-Kilgo Suit Thrown out of Court and Gattis Taxed With the Costs.

The case of Rev. T. J. Gattis vs. Rev. John C. Kilgo and Mr. B. N. Duke, one of the most celebrated cases in the annals of North Carolina, goes off the docket on a dog-fall, and Rev. Mr. Gattis, being the under dog in the fight, has to pay the costs in the case, after having won the only two times the case has been tried by a jury.

In the Supreme Court yesterday (Chief Justice Clark not sitting) the Supreme Court evenly divided upon the appeal from Judge Moore's ruling that there was not, under Justice Montgomery's decision, sufficient evidence to go to the jury. Judge Moore gave that ruling with hesitancy, feeling bound by Justice Montgomery's erroneous opinion that set aside the \$15,000 verdict, and ordered a new trial. It is reported that Justices Walker and Hoke (the two western men on the bench) voted to over-rule Judge Moore and let the case be tried by a jury, while Justices Brown and Connor (the two eastern men on the bench) voted to affirm Judge Moore. As Chief Justice Clark did not sit in the case, under the rules, if the court divides evenly, then the opinion of the lower court is affirmed. Under this rule, though Judge Moore's decision is not really affirmed by a majority of the court, Rev. Mr. Gattis loses out and his case can never have a hearing on its merits by a jury.

Since this case has been on the docket thirty-two men have passed upon it as sworn jurors or judges, and of the thirty-two only three have held there was no evidence against Dr. Kilgo.

On the first trial the Superior court judge let the case go to the jury and they unanimously returned a verdict for Mr. Gattis of \$20,000. Thus thirteen men held against Duke and Kilgo. On the second trial Judge Shaw held there was evidence to go to the jury and the twelve held it sufficient to warrant a verdict for \$15,000. On appeal each time the four judges sitting over-ruled the plea that there was no evidence though giving a new trial.

On the third trial Judge Moore held that there was no evidence. On appeal, two judges held with him.—News and Observer, 23.

Hinton Alford.

On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Alford, their daughter, Miss Mattie, was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. The solemn words that made them husband and wife were spoken by Rev. J. F. Owens, of Dunn. The attendants were as follows: Mr. Rufus Johnson with Miss Ada Hinton, Mr. Albert Youngblood with Miss Hattie Alford, Mr. Andrew Johnson with Miss Mollie Pope, Mr. Arthur Barnes with Miss Aurelia Parker. After the ceremony the bridal party attended church at Hopewell, and returning to the home of the grooms' father, Mr. G. M. Hinton, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. We wish for the young couple much happiness and success.

A witness.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my Mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years, however, on the slightest sign of a Cough or Cold, I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store. Trial bottle free.

MADE RESTITUTION TO BANK.

Haigh and Myrover Plead Guilty and Judgment was Suspended.

Fayetteville, N. C., November 21.—This afternoon in the cases of alleged embezzlement of ex-Cashier J. C. Haigh, and ex-Teller G. G. Myrover, defendants appeared in the court accompanied by counsel and submitted to a plea of guilty to the indictment pending, it appearing that satisfaction had been made to the bank, and to the bonding company. On the recommendation of the Bank of Fayetteville and at the request of the solicitor Judge Moore suspended judgment on payment of costs and the defendants were discharged.

KENLY NOTES

Mr. H. F. Edgerton made a business trip of two days to Raleigh this week.

Messrs. Leon and Edgar Stevens, of Smithfield, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton.

Miss Annie Strickland, of Lucama, spent Saturday Sunday here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. G. High.

Mrs. J. W. Darden who has been spending several days visiting friends and relatives in Smithfield returned Friday.

Mr. R. H. Alford, cashier of the Bank of Kenly, moved Tuesday, into his handsome new dwelling on Max-Welton Heights.

Mrs. W. S. Stevens and Mrs. Edgar Stevens, of Smithfield, spent several days here this week with relatives and friends.

Rev. Marion Culbreth, of Wilmington, will preach at the Methodist church Wednesday night, Nov. 29, at 7:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sasser spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Sasser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sasser, near Princeton.

Mr. W. T. a very prosperous farmer living near here, is also a very successful hog raiser. He reports one now which measures 6½ ft. long 6 feet and 4 inches in circumference and will weigh about 600 lbs.

Mr. Ed. L. Pierce, a young farmer living near here, had the misfortune of losing his barn by fire Saturday night. About twelve he was awakened by the light from it as the flames burst through the top, and reached it only just in time to save his mule and buggy. A quantity of seed cotton, several hundred pounds of hay and about twenty barrels of corn were burned.

Mrs. Annie "Edgerton" Williams from near Guilford College, who a few months ago, returned home from India, after spending about 6 years there as a Missionary, gave a lecture here in the Methodist church Wednesday night of last week, which was greatly enjoyed by the large congregation present. The house was filled to its capacity. She had many curios, of that country, on exhibition, which was interesting.

Next Sunday, Nov. 26th, has been designated by the National Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. as a day of thanksgiving by the order, and each council is requested to attend some divine worship in a body and in accordance with the above request. Kenly Council No. 136 has secured Rev. J. J. Barker of Goldsboro to preach for them next Sunday, at 11:00 a. m. The members are requested to meet in their Hall at 10:30 from whence they will march to the church. Let everybody come as this is a public service.

A Disastrous Calamity.

It is a disastrous calamity, when you lose your health, because indigestion and constipation have sapped it away. Prompt relief can be had in Dr. King's New Life Pills. They build up your digestive organs, and cure headache, dizziness, colic, constipation, etc. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. drug store; 25c.

CLARK WROTE DECREE

Dispensary Must Remain in Raleigh for the Present.

According to Chief Justice Clark the Watts Law is Misleading in Its Language—Must Pay Poll-Tax to Sign Petition.

No election will be held in Raleigh on the question of "saloons" or "dispensary."

The Supreme Court this afternoon sustained the position of a majority of the board of Aldermen and dismissed the mandamus issued by Judge Justice in the Superior Court to compel the "City Fathers" to order this election in obedience to the petitions presented to the municipal body by citizens.

The opinion of the court was written by Chief Justice Clark. Justice Brown filed a dissenting opinion and Justice Walker concurred in the opinion of dissent.

The verdict means that the dispensary will remain in the city of Raleigh, for the time being, at least. All along the dispensary advocates have claimed that even in the event of an election they would be able to defeat the re-opening of saloons, and while many predicted that the Supreme Court would reverse the decision of Judge Justice of the Superior Court, the general opinion was that an election would be ordered.

The whole question turned on what was meant by a registered voter, whether a voter who had failed to pay his poll tax prior to last May and was registered on the lists, could sign an election petition or not.

The Watts law governing the calling of these elections says that the board of aldermen shall at the proper time, not oftener than once in two years, upon the petition of one-third of the registered voters, who were registered at the last municipal election, call an election.

A number of voters "registered at the last municipal election," to quote the words of the statute, who had failed to pay poll-tax prior to last May, had signed the petition for the election. Striking these off, there would not be left sufficient to make up the one-third.

The decision of the court is based on the ground that a "registered" voter in the meaning of the law is not only a man who is "registered," but who has also paid his poll tax as required by the amendment to the constitution. It will be remembered that in the proceeding before the aldermen the advocates of the election presented to the aldermen petitions signed by one-third of the registered voters of the city and the aldermen took this list and purged it of all names in which the "registered" voters poll tax had not been paid, or reduced the list of those who could actually vote. This action the Supreme Court upholds.

JUDGE BROWN'S DISSSENT.

In his dissenting opinion, Justice Brown, with the concurrence of Justice Walker, declares that his convictions are strong that the board of aldermen illegally struck from the petition the names of a large number of those who had the legal right to sign it. That the board had no right, first, to strike the names off for the non-payment of poll tax; second, no authority to pass on such fact; third, if they had such authority they exercised it in an illegal manner and based their findings upon utterly incompetent evidence.

The dissenting opinion consists of nine typewritten pages and is an elaborate argument and citation of authority for the position he laid down for differing from the court.—Raleigh Times, 22nd.

300 Children's suits at cost. Austin Stephenson Co.

REPORT OF THE CENSUS BUREAU.

Amount of Cotton Ginned to November 14th Placed at 7,498,167 Bales.

Washington, November 21.—The census bureau today issued a bulletin placing the amount of cotton ginned to November 14 at 7,498,167 bales.

In 1904 the products of the ginneries up to November 14 was 9,786,646, and in 1903, 6,815,162 bales. The total crop of 1904 was 13,451,337 bales, and of 1903, 9,819,968 bales. In 1904 about 73 per cent of the cotton had been ginned to November 14, and in 1903 about 69 1-2 per cent. The production by bales for the present year by states is as follows: Alabama, 942,918; Arkansas, 313,164; Florida, 56,612; Georgia, 1,437,099; Indian Territory, 183,550; Kansas, —; Kentucky 471; Louisiana, 283,074; Mississippi, 664,150; Missouri, 22,143; North Carolina, 510,124; Oklahoma, 179,839; South Carolina, 914,772; Tennessee, 176,393; Texas, 1,822,942; Virginia, 10,896.

EZRA DOTS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dixon, of Angier, spent Sunday in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Barber spent Saturday and Sunday in Harnett.

Mr. Herman Barnes, of Duke, spent Saturday night and Sunday in this section.

The school at Ezra opened the 13th with Miss Mary L. Dunn, of Beasley, as teacher.

Messrs. Delma Hardee and B. F. Johnson spent Sunday afternoon in the Spilona section.

Messrs. A. E. and M. R. Johnson are going to move there saw mill near Mr. J. P. Strickland's in the near future.

Mr. J. W. Warren, of Sampson county, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the family of Mr. Lemuel Hardee.

There will be services at Johnson Chapel Saturday at 3 p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. by the regular pastor, Rev. W. H. Avery.

The vocal union at Four Oaks Saturday was attended by a large majority of our people. They all report a very pleasant trip.

Miss Vivian Johnson and Mr. Lawrence Barber, of near Clayton, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Johnson.

Y. Z.

ARCHER LODGE NEWS.

Mr. Richard Finnelle went to Smithfield Friday.

Messrs. W. B. and J. L. Boyett sold a lot of tobacco last week that averaged them \$13 25 per hundred.

Two new members were baptized into the fellowship of Salem church Sunday morning by the pastor, Elder J. A. T. Jones.

The Misses Richardson entertained quite a number of friends Saturday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Eva Daniels, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Joseph Thomson and Mrs. Martha Hinnant were married at the home of the bride last Sunday morning by Elder J. A. T. Jones. The groom is one of Wilson's best farmers and the bride is one of our most worthy ladies.

S. L. W.

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"I Thank the Lord"

cried Hannah Plant, of Little Rock, Ark., "for the relief I got from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured my fearful running sores, which nothing else would heal, and from which I had suffered for 5 years." It is a marvelous healer for cuts, burns and wounds. Guaranteed at Hood Bros. Drug store; 25c.

Stephenson-Beasley.

A lovely marriage ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. J. M. Beasley on Thursday, Nov. 16, at nine o'clock A. M., when Mr. David Stephenson and Miss Mattie Bell Beasley were united in the bond of matrimony, Rev. Mr. Guyton, of Newton Grove, officiating. The parlor was simply and artistically decorated in evergreens, and as the wedding march was sweetly rendered by Mrs. Mattie Hiroch, of Kipling, N. C., sister of the bride, the brides maids all in gray, and groomsmen entered as follows: Miss Willie Stephenson and Mr. Stone Adams, of Raleigh; Miss Lottie Thornton, of Beasley, and Mr. Herman Upchurch, of Four Oaks; Miss Mary Mitchener, of Smithfield, and Mr. Claud Beasley. Then came the bride carrying white chrysanthemums leaning on the arm of her sister, Miss Alma Beasley, who carried yellow chrysanthemums. From the opposite door came the groom with his best man, Mr. Ralph Stephenson, of Raleigh. During the ceremony Mrs. Hiroch softly played "Rock of Ages."

The bride was attired in an elegant gown of silver gray silk, and is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley. The groom wore the conventional black, and is very popular wherever known.

Immediately after the ceremony the entire bridal party started for the home of the groom near Raleigh for the reception, where numerous friends heartily gathered to shower blessings on the happy couple. A sumptuous supper awaited them, also good music as the Raleigh band was present. The large number of beautiful and unique presents attests the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson are held by their wide circle of friends.

May their pathway through life be ever strewn with sweet scented flowers.

A. B.

BENSON NEWS.

Mr. S. C. Smith spent Sunday in Smithfield.

Miss Bertie Taylor, of Preston, N. C., is the guest of Miss Nellie Parrish.

Mr. J. F. Woodall came up from Fayetteville on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Floy Johnson spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in the Spilona section.

A good number of our people attended services at Hannah's Creek church last Sunday.

An effort is being made to have our night mail service again continued, as it is greatly needed and which we hope will be successful.

On Wednesday evening, November 8th at 7:45 o'clock the marriage of Mr. A. T. Ryals, of Benson, to Miss Vira Smith, of the same place, was solemnized at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. R. F. Smith. A large number of relatives and friends were present to witness the occasion. Miss Leola Smith acted as maid of honor, and Mr. W. C. Woodall as best man, the other attendants being Mr. T. J. Stewart and Miss Lettie Ryals, Mr. R. D. Overby and Miss Minnie Smith. The wedding march was beautifully played by Miss Nita Penny, and the solemn ceremony was rendered by Elder William Woodard, of Wilson, N. C. Immediately after the ceremony, and congratulations, the marriage party attended services at the Primitive Baptist church, conducted by Mr. Woodard. The newly married couple are among the most popular young people of the community, the groom being the son of C. C. Ryals, Esq., and the bride the beautiful and cultured daughter of the late W. H. Smith. May life's pathway for this young couple be strewn with richest and rarest flowers. is the wish of their large circle of friends.

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