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The Beer Argument

The beer question seems to be about settled, and we hear many people praising it. They argue that it will produce a whole lot of tax money and stop the bootlegger and the moonshiner.

Of course, the beer barons put out these arguments, and many people are stupid enough to believe them. Beer certainly will not prevent bootlegging because the average drinker will stick to his old moonshine, out of which he can procure a drunk for about one-tenth of the cost of a beer drunk. And if he doesn't especially like the burning liquor, then he will drink the 10 per cent home brew, which will not cost half as much as beer. So the fellows who think it will decrease the bootleg business are just simpletons.

People who know remember the old moonshiner, even when we had whisky laws and taxes. A saloon would sell 25 barrels of liquor on one stamp, causing the loss of about \$55 per barrel on the 24 unstamped barrels, or more than \$1,300 in government taxes. Even in those old days the bartender had his backwoods still and supplied his trade by moonshine.

Now about that tax money. That is perhaps the most foolish argument that can be advanced in favor of beer. Suppose a farmer or a mechanic wants his child to go to school and is willing to pay a tax to support the school. At present he takes a load of potatoes to town, sell them for \$5, which he takes to the tax collector and pays for the benefit of his own child. He has a neighbor who also wishes to do the same thing for his child. He also takes a load of potatoes, sell them for \$5. He then goes to the beer salesman, wallows around all day, talks with reasonable sense for about an hour; then he changes key, talks louder but with less sense. He continues to drink. He soon becomes so familiar with his friends that he hugs them and slobbers all over them and curses his enemies. At last the \$5 is gone, all to the beer salesman, who keeps a portion, turns \$1 over to the tax collector and send the balance to the beer barons' syndicate, composed of men who have no love for children nor respect for God. And so the poor foolish man finally reaches home in no shape to meet a wife of love and service. Children come out view a dilapidated father who carried away \$5 worth of potatoes, put \$1 of it in the treasury, and wasted the balance on himself, which incapacitated him as a citizen, and as a gentleman, because he has put himself in a condition clear out of line with the design of his Creator.

Farmer Number Two is paying too high a price for the education of his child. Farmer Number One has paid five times as much taxes with the same effort, gone home in proper shape to meet a faithful wife and greet loving children; and if by chance he had met death by accident on the way home, he would have been in better condition to enter into the presence of his God than the poor fellow who had weakened his body, his mind, and his soul with beer, which so many people are praising.

Too Anxious To Try New Things

Now comes the demand for a full investigation of the destruction of the Akron, with nearly all on board gone to their long home. It is very likely that the direct cause will never be known beyond mere guesses.

According to our way of thinking, the sooner the nations of the world can be satisfied to remain on the earth and stop making preparations to try things which are rather out of harmony with nature, the better it will be for us.

We are too anxious to try new things, regardless of the cost in money or the hazard of life. Men will never be able to build anything that will overcome the forces of nature.

Why spend so much in trying to do things not consistent with good business.

Squeezing the Little Fellow

One of our chief mistakes in government has been the attempt to establish a market for our big manufacturing monopolists. This policy has greatly handicapped the markets for our cotton, tobacco, wheat, and livestock farmers.

The cotton farmer would fare better on a basis of a low tariff, fair and friendly trade. The tariff fight is where the little fellows gets squeezed.

According To Importance

One legislator of Eastern North Carolina has written his home county people on three subjects in the legislature, presumably according to their importance. First, beer; second, dogs; third, schools. Lots of folks would apparently grade them on the same basis.

A Job for the Government

If things are to be done on a big scale, the government must do it. It can not be done by individuals or combinations. Russia is beating us two to one in handling things, all because the government protects the weak and curbs the strong.

Railroad combinations very largely dominated the country for a quarter of a century. They spent money wastefully, built where they were not needed, competed with each other at heavy expense, paid dozens of men more salaries than the President of the United States ever got, gobbled up many millions of acres of America's best public lands. And now they are begging the government to save them.

The fact is private ownership, with superior government privileges, proved a boomerang. Their greed caused them to plan and build unwisely.

The railroads offer only one illustration of the action taken by many other trusts. They built too extensively. The basis of the whole load—the needs of the public—could not stand the high salaries paid and interest and dividends on the watered stock.

The question has been raised as to whether the government should attempt to put over its farm relief plan. It will certainly be better for the government to rescue and stand by the farmer than it will be to leave him alone to the merciless speculator and gambler, who have already bankrupted him.

If our present-day civilization is to continue, it must rest itself on principles higher than government by riches.

Rich men are fully entitled to honest government and fair play. On the other hand, the poor man is equally entitled to a voice in everything, just as much so as the rich. For we must remember that there has never been a rich man who did not gather his riches from the poor. Of course, it may be honestly done. But he must not get above the source of his income, nor forget those who created his wealth.

A Step in the Right Direction

Some folks are complaining and saying that President Roosevelt is assuming the role of a dictator. There is not a word of truth about it. He has done nothing but his duty; that is, kicked the big dogs off of the little ones.

It was a good deed, Mr. Roosevelt. If they don't like it and don't stop growling, kick 'em again. They certainly needed all they got.

No nation of people in all the world's history has been choked and smothered so badly by dishonest methods of capital as we Americans.

The President should now go a step further and destroy the methods by which they wrought these iniquities. Crush the combines and trusts.

Our Most Important Task

We have heard lots of talk about confidence recently, and nearly always, the talk placed the emphasis in the wrong place.

We were taught to think that wealth was afraid to invest because of the attitude of the people generally, which is entirely wrong. The truth is that wealth has acted in such a manner that would give general business a panicky feeling, and then it would jump on them and rob them.

This has been fully proven by recent investigations of the very people and institutions that have been paraded before the public as business builders and financial saviors, when, in fact, they have never been higher in the scale of business or citizenship than thieves and robbers.

Just ask the millions who have been caught by them. They have dominated Washington and perpetrated their games of robbery from coast to coast.

The big and most important task before the country today is to break up the big combines and monopolies, and especially futures-gambling dens as well as most of the stock exchanges. No gambling is honest and it is always detrimental to honest dealings in a community.

"The First Citizen of North Carolina"

Labor.

When Josephus Daniels, new ambassador to Mexico, took the oath of office before his elder brother the other day, some one called him the "First Citizen of North Carolina." At the risk of starting an argument on state's rights, Labor approves the title, and adds that Mr. Daniels is pretty well up in the citizenship of the United States.

He was one of the best, if not the very best, Secretary of the United States Navy ever had. He kept the sea arm at a high pitch of efficiency, and in all the building and confusion of the war period, there was no hint of graft in his administration. Yet, while giving naval officers the widest freedom and responsibility in war, he kept that civilian attitude which is vital in the minister of a republic. And the sheer profane eloquence with which he "cussed out" the grafters who tried to get the naval oil reserves should not be forgotten.

Daniels is a Democrat, with a small "d" as well as with a large one. He is a Southern liberal; and that puts him in a mighty valuable group. He will go to Mexico as representative of the American people, not of American bankers; and if he gets a chance to help Mexico he will do it. The United States is fortunate to have him for an envoy, and Mexico is fortunate in having him as a national guest.

Farmers-Ready To Start All Over Again Now

"As usual, when winter gives way to spring, the farmer becomes optimistic and plans for another year, trusting that things will change in his favor."—County Agent R. W. Pott, of Forsyth.

Grain Feed Alone Causes Leg Weakness of Chicks

Grain feed alone or other unbalanced rations will invariably cause chicks to suffer from leg weakness. They begin to limp and finally get down, the comb turns white, and there is a general falling off in feeding. This condition may be corrected by supplementing the ration with some form of animal protein. In some cases this protein is supplied by bugs and worms on open range, but if the range is not available the grain ration should be supplemented with milk, meat scraps, or fish meal to supply the necessary feeds.

NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Peter R. Rives, late of the county of Martin, notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against said estate to present same to me on or before the 1st day of March, 1934, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery of same.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement of the same.
This March 1st, 1933.
M. R. RIVES,
Administrator.
Graham, N. C.

WANTS

WANTED: TO BUY TURKEY EGGS. See J. F. Weaver, Edgewood Dairy, Williamston, N. C. 2t

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
North Carolina, Martin County—In Superior Court.
S. J. Moore vs. Mary Moore
The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to obtain an absolute divorce on the grounds of adultery and separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court of Martin County at Williamston, North Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the date of service of summons, and answer the complaint within the time prescribed by law, which is of record in the Clerk's Office, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
R. J. PEEL, Clerk, Superior Court.
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The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Martin County, North Carolina, to recover damages against the defendant for personal injuries in the sum of \$2,000.00. Defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County within 30 days after the final publication of this notice and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by R. J. Peel, clerk of the Superior Court of Martin County on the 15th day of February, 1933, against the property of said defendant, which warrant is returnable before said Clerk at the time and place above named for the return of the summons.
This the 6th day of March, 1933.
R. J. PEEL,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

Poultry Truck

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WILL BE PAID:
 Colored Hens, lb. 10c Leghorn Hens, lb. 8c
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