

THE REIGN OF NON-LAW

HOW PROHIBITION IS EVADED.

Florida-Faced Observer Writer Tells of Some Things He Has Observed Here and There—Various Ways of Dodging the Law Prohibiting the Sale of Whiskey—Its Official Name is No. 1875—Disrespect For the Law Seems to Be Growing—Immoral Women Unless the Hosts to an Extent Unknown Herebefore.

"One day early in the summer, I learned something," said Red Buck, as he placed one medium-sized foot on a nearby table, reverently and carefully removed his Washington-bought green hat and ran his hand reminiscently through his auburn locks. Out in the world beyond the Mile-Run things were persistently refusing to happen, and it was with readiness that the staff of city writers turned them from their typewriters which they were driving to action by main force, to listen to their associate, who though he was wound up to talk for an hour.

"Four or five miles from the county seat, in the heart of the country, we passed a little home, in a large clearing, where an old man stood in the front door. "Hello, Colonel!" said my companion. "Ain't you going to stop?" was the reply. "Not now."

"A woman—tall, lank, lithe, and chipper, wearing tan shoes, silk stockings, and a princess dress, came out and passed the door. "Nothing this morning," said she. "What have you?" "Anything you want—beer on ice, whiskey and brandy."

"On the return trip we tarried a moment to get a bottle or two, possibly three of beer. There was plenty left. "Fifteen last Sunday, but twenty-two two weeks before. "These startling facts to men and women who stay at home, retire with the chickens, and go to church regularly on Sunday, but they are as true as gospel."

"Not long ago, in one of the leading cities of the state, where it is said that you cannot get a drink for love or money, was met by a newspaper man and asked if I would have a drink. "I do not care for the drink but I would like to know the ropes, was my reply. "Come in here," said he, turning into a well-equipped lunch room, on the main street.

"Give me a couple of 'thirteen-seventy-five,' was his order to the clerk. "The place was full of people, and within two minutes we were face to face with two bottles of Budweiser. "That seemed easy to me. I had never heard it called '1375' but it was the real cheese. "Everywhere you turn you find it for young and old, male and female, alike."

TRAFFIC PAYS WELL. "If a man breaks one law with impunity he will get so it is not difficult for him to break others. All kinds of lawlessness follow. Thousands and thousands of dollars are being made out of the whiskey traffic in North Carolina counties that are supposed to be dry.

"Disrespect for the law seems to be growing. There is no telling to what extent it will spread and swell. "Ten years ago, when I first went on the road, it was the rarest thing to find a crooked woman at a hotel. To-day it is a rare thing to enter a hotel without finding one or more. Sometime ago, when attending a political meeting in a neighboring town, I saw a gay damsel in the dining room of the leading hotel. This creature, in the feathers, looked as demure and modest as a canary bird. She had one of the best rooms in the hotel. In public she was the most careful dame in the land. In private she was as wicked as women get to be. I learned her record. The next week when I returned to Charlotte she was registered at one of the local hotels, and she chatted pleasantly with any of the ladies of the house who would permit her to do so. She had the appearance of being all right, but she makes a business of fooling the better half of the world and living off of the other half. The day has come when it is dangerous for good women to travel alone in North Carolina. Newspaper men, hunting persons, dare not print a name from the hotel registers lest they get the wrong person. The hotels are not at fault for, like goody-goody men, they cannot see earmarks.

"Men who go about North Carolina know that what I say is true, and that the conditions growing worse every day for the dispersing law is rampant. The land is full of sneaks, hypocrites, and Dr. Jekyle and Mr. Hyde. Preachers are accused, the accusations are forgotten, they go away, remain quiet for a time, and then go to other fields to labor. Within the memory of young people in this county several instances of this are fresh. People forget."

"If the season is over," said an irreverent reporter, who affected a questionable necktie, an indubitable chrysanthemum, and a daring waistcoat. "I move that we drown our sorrow at this situation in a drink of whiskey."

Comptroller Metz, of New York, Coming To-Day. Comptroller H. A. Metz, of New York City, will arrive in the city this morning to spend several days here looking over the office of H. A. Metz & Co., of which he is president, and of which Mr. George Stevonit is the local manager. Mr. Metz is a New Yorker by birth and is now being spoken of in connection with the mayoralty of America's greatest city.

Day Nursery Well Remembered. The officers and directors of the Charlotte Day Nursery tender their gratitude to Superintendent Alexander Graham, every teacher and every pupil of the city schools for the very many nice things sent to the institution as a Thanksgiving offering. There were several wagon loads of remembrances and a neat sum of money, for all of which profound thanks are offered the donors.

Mr. Duke to Build Fine House. Mr. C. C. Hook, of the architectural firm of Hook & Rogers, returned yesterday from New York, where he had been conferring with Mr. E. N. Duke for whom he is drawing plans and specifications for a magnificent residence at Durham. Mr. Duke will have the construction work to begin at once.

LINK-REEVES WEDDINGS.

Lovely Home Wedding Last Night at the Residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Link on South Tryon Street. Miss Louise Link and Mr. Jones Reeves Married by Rev. E. L. Bain. In the front parlor of the residence of the bride's parents, at No. 409 South Tryon street, in a room made beautiful by tasteful decorations of potted plants and amylax, and graced by the presence of many relatives and intimate friends, Miss Louise Link, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Link, was last night wedded to Mr. Jones Reeves, of Atlanta, Ga. In accordance with the sweetly solemn and impressive ceremony of the Methodist Church the vows were spoken and the two pronounced ones, Rev. E. L. Bain, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, being the officiating minister.

The bride, attired in an empire gown of white Duchess satin trimmed in pink lace, with veil, and carrying a shower bouquet of flowers, was accompanied by her father. Her going-away gown was of black broadcloth. She was attended by her sister, Miss Pearl Link, maid of honor, wearing pink Duchess satin, trimmed with real lace and carrying pink carnations. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. William Ware, best man.

At the piano was Miss Marguerite Halliday and to the entralling strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, the party entered the front parlor promptly at 7 o'clock. Little Miss Marjorie Gallagher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gallagher, carried the wedding ring. During the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was softly played.

Miss Margaret Halliday caught the bride's bouquet. A handsome display of valuable presents was in the library, a scene of beauty in decorations of pink. Among the finest of the presents was a set of Leicett china, given by several different divisions of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, with which Mr. Reeves is employed. At the close of the wedding an extremely enjoyable reception was tendered to the bridal couple and guests. Those receiving, in addition to the bride's parents, were: Mrs. G. C. Brinkman, Mrs. Leona Littlejohn, Misses Jessie Link, Bertha Edwards, Eugenia Tucker, Fannie Sims, Rosa Butt, Ethel and Annie Todd, Eula and Estelle Kelly, Mary Sims and Alice Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Link, Jr. Among the out-of-town guests present were: Mrs. Sarah Link and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hill, of Monroe; Mr. Harry Wurzbacher, of Greensboro, and Mr. W. J. Reeves, of Atlanta. Much interest centered in last night's event and the young people carry away with them to their Atlanta home, for which they left last night, the best wishes of a legion of friends.

Funeral of Mrs. John Howie. The remains of Mrs. John Howie, of Croft, were yesterday morning taken to that place, where the funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Mr. West, pastor of Williams Memorial chapel, was in charge of the religious service. Accompanying the remains from Charlotte were: Mrs. G. W. Little and Miss Mattie G. Howie, sisters-in-law, and Miss Bessie Honeycutt, a sister. Mrs. Howie, who was 27 years old, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Honeycutt, of the vicinity of Croft. She is survived by her husband and three children, and was highly regarded by her friends. She died at the Mercy General Hospital Tuesday.

Big Dinner at County Home. A fine array of delicious and toothsome nibbles appropriate to the Thanksgiving season was corralled yesterday morning by Mrs. E. C. Register and other ladies and sent out to the inmates of the county home for a sumptuous breakfast, such as they enjoy not often. Turkeys, cranberries, oranges, bananas and cake—a big wagon load in all—were the results of the efforts of the ladies.

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RECEPTION TO-NIGHT. Y. M. C. A. Will Appropriately Celebrate Coming of Physical Director. A most enjoyable evening is in store for the members of the Young Men's Christian Association to-night. The executive committee has planned for a reception to Mr. B. B. Foster, the new physical director, and an entertainment of considerable merit by Mr. Karl Jansen will also be a feature. Mr. Jansen's programme will consist of Swedish sports and games, a demonstration of Swedish physical education and training, broadsword practice and a fencing bout with a local fencer. In addition Mr. Jansen will give the sixth and seventh scenes from the fifth act of Richard III. It is expected that a large number of the members of the association will attend. Friends of the movement particularly interested in this entertainment and reception to the new director are invited to attend. You are cordially invited to attend our exhibit any day this week. Come and have a cup of coffee and hot bread, for instance, to buy or not. Southern Hardware Co.

Light—but nutritious Plain—yet delicious Eat all you want of them Uneeda Biscuit 5c In dust tight, moisture proof packages. Never sold in bulk. NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY

The Shortest Sermon on Record. The shortest and perhaps most effective sermons which have ever been preached in Charlotte are being delivered at intervals during the day by a gentleman of 35 or 40 years, who is evidently a Seventh Day Adventist. With voice of unusual power he shouts at intervals of about a hundred feet: "Friends! Jesus is coming. Repent. Be sure your sin will find you out. He not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." He might have been a prophet of old, in all but looks, sounding forth Old Testament warnings to the wicked cities where vice abounded. "He comes mighty near covering the whole ground," said an auditor. There is no snapping of watches on this preacher.

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Get it at Hawley's. CREAMY COLDNESS Luscious, creamy and cold, our Ice Cream is perfection. Expert attendants. Get some at the fountain, or order it delivered. Any flavor you want. Hawley's Pharmacy. 2709 AND FIFTH STS. Phone 13 and 260. Academy Advance Sale.

GOLDEN GLORY TALKS NUMBER FOUR. Cotton seed oil is a clean, pure, wholesome product of the soil, free from the contamination of the slaughter house. Most of the superiority of the French and Italian cooking is due to the use of Olive or our own Cotton Seed Oil. Early history shows us Olive Oil and Sacred Writ shows us Patriarchs. Methuseleh ate no fat but oil, lived a thousand years, and never took a dyspepsia tablet. Unfortunately the world outlawed the olive. Enter the hog closely followed by bad cooking and indigestion. But a wise world is waking up. The consumption of cotton seed oil in the American kitchen is growing by leaps and bounds. The days of the hog are numbered. Even now fastidious cooks in Charlotte depend on Golden Glory Oil for fancy frying. Brannon Carbonating Co. Distributors.

"Congo" The Only Hoop Backed by a Guarantee BOND IN EVERY ROLL. Guaranteed to last as follows: One-Ply for 3 years. Two-Ply for 7 years. Three-Ply for 10 years. Specifications for applying and free sample sent on request. B. F. WITHERS Distributor, Charlotte, N. C.

Cleaning the Children's Clothing. Children's clothing, especially wraps, soon become soiled and stained. You'll be surprised at the difference our dry cleaning process will make in such garments. It almost makes them new again. And it costs so little that it's a simple and inexpensive matter to keep your children's wraps in a "just as good as new" condition, until worn out. Charlotte Steam Laundry. Laundresses, Dyers, Cleaners, 219 South Tryon St.

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WE MAKE PICTURE FRAMES. Get your Christmas orders in early. Our moulding is the latest, workmanship the best, service prompt. Stone & Barringer Co. Bookbinders and Stationers.

Gifts of Silverware. We carry a handsome line and such a variety as to make a selection easy. Look, too, at our beautiful new Chafing Dishes. No handsomer gift than one of these. WEDDINGTON HARDWARE CO.

A GOOD STOVE. It is a comfort and joy. We have one for you, either a base burner, a hot blast, an oak stove or any style for coal, wood or oil. Let us show you. J.N. McCausland & Co. "THE STOVE MEN." 221 South Tryon. HACKNEY BROS. CO. Plumbing and Heating Contractors. Jobbers in Supplies. Bell Phone 511. Nos. 1 and 3 W. Fifth St., Charlotte, N. C.

THANKSGIVING. We beg to-day to thank our customers for their past patronage, and to ask for a continuance of the same. Our store will be closed to-day after 10 o'clock in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Ed. Mellon Co.

THE MATCHLESS MILTON PIANO. The best Piano for \$250.00 that is made. Easy payments if desired. No deviation in the price. Interest at 6 per cent. when time is wanted. See some of the new styles. PARKER-GARDNER CO. TABLES OF QUALITY. No doubt you will entertain your Friends and Relatives on Thanksgiving and will want the Dining Room in order. We show some very attractive Dining Room Suites at low prices. For your convenience we have them attractively arranged on first floor. If it is only a Rug or pair of Curtains we have them at lowest prices. PARKER-GARDNER CO.