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20.00 " "	15.00	6.00 " "	4.50	1.50 " "	- - - \$1.20
25.00 " "	18.75	7.50 " "	5.60	2.00 " "	- - - 1.60
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Projected Medical Dispensary Held Up to Ridicule—Section by Section a Correspondent Discusses the Proposed Law and Sets Forth His Reason For Thinking It Impracticable and Inadvisable—Why the Reason For Dishing Out Liquor as Medicine Only?—Dismal the Intelligence That Threw the Thing Together—Does Not Believe That an Intelligent Man in the County Will Stand For It.

To the Editor of The Observer:

In your issue of the 22d instant, there appears the drift of a bill for a medical depository for Mecklenburg county.

The object of the bill, as stated, is to take away from the druggists the authority to sell liquor of any kind on the prescription of a physician, and to lodge that authority in what is to be called a medical depository.

This depository shall be the sole place in the county whence any kind of liquor may be bought, and under the conditions laid down in the bill. I have carefully read the proposed bill, and, while space will not permit me from commenting upon its provisions seriatim, yet I trust you will allow me in behalf of probably a majority of citizens in this county to call attention to what the probable majority may think are reasonable objections to some of its provisions.

Here is one extract: "That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the said manager from selling for communion purposes to the official of any church or religious society upon the written certificate of the pastor or minister of said church or religious society, or by the secretary or clerk of the church board thereof, duly dated and setting forth the quantity needed for such purposes."

This seems to me to be sacrilegious if not bordering on blasphemy. Let us draw the picture of a bright Sunday morning in the depository, having in his inside pocket the certificate of the pastor or secretary or "clerk" whatever that may mean, of the church setting forth the quantity of "wines" needed for the next day's communion. Why this certificate should doubt be raised lest the "official" would get more "wines" than was necessary for the communion, and for what or for whom, pray? Would any decent official of a church accept or carry any such authorization or limitation? when his only mission would be to supply for the deep sacredness of a holy sacrament the symbol of what has always stood for the sweetness, the strength, the binding tie of Christianity—namely, the atoning blood of the Lamb? The horror of the proposition is too much to allow me to dwell upon it further. It amounts simply to this:

Clergyman to official: "Brother, take this note to the depository and get some 'wines' for our communion; and in order that you may not get more than we need, I am putting down the exact amount in the note."

The clergyman, also, is not under suspicion. Note "setting forth the quantity needed for such purposes." Should the clergyman wonder that the quantity was greater than that thought by the manager of the depository to be sufficient for the cleansing of the communicants, of course it would be his duty to cut it down, and the waiting congregation would have to get along as best it could. In my judgment, it would be better, as was seriously proposed in Charlotte and other places, some twenty years ago, to serve butter-milk for communion purposes rather than to go through this astonishing performance.

Section 1. That the board of county commissioners for Mecklenburg county shall, at their first meeting in April, A. D. 1909, and annually thereafter, appoint some suitable and fit person who is entitled under the laws of this State to vote in said county and who resides in the City of Charlotte, to be known as manager of the medical depository for the County of Mecklenburg, and who shall hold such office for a term of twelve months and until his successor has been appointed and qualified.

orders for communion services. Suppose there be a shortage of wines and all the tied prescriptions are checked up o. k., the shortage must be traced logically to some over-supply either for communion or to some over-supply elsewhere. For, mind you, the communion supply is placed duly under espionage from the time it is ordered from the pastor's study until it is, under the discretion of the manager, forthcoming. This is not written for the purpose of forecasting any charge against anybody, but it is valid to say that in South Carolina, where the dispensary had the greatest swing, the graft was in proportion. To quote from an editorial in Collier's Weekly of January 24d: "Only when in the second stage of the investigation, Christensen and Lyon opened up the affairs of the central dispensary board, and showed that the whiskey firms and their allies had stolen at least \$3,000,000 in five years, did Tillman withdraw from his position, and lose interest in the 'great moral institution.'"

Again, from this editorial: "The dispensary was corrupt from the beginning. If Tillman did not know that it was corrupt, he was more trusting and obtuse than any other politician in South Carolina. That the directors were fattening on bribes from whiskey firms, that the local and county dispensers were taking commissions contrary to law, bought and sold, everyone understood. So powerful was the ring that no one made a public move against it until Senator Christensen and Representative Lyon turned a white-washing commission into a real investigation. They registered in State documents evidence of open corruption in nearly every county dispensary in South Carolina. Yet, when certain counties, roused by this exposure, started prohibition campaigns, Tillman came down from Washington and took the stump for the dispensary" with the result, as given in the first quotation above.

We do not know, but we believe that what happened in South Carolina, will, if this proposed bill becomes a law, happen in Mecklenburg county.

In this same issue of Collier's there is a two-page article on the South Carolina dispensary from which we quote: (Hub Evans was the Guardian Angel of the liquor) "Hub had lived in a cottage, toward the end of his dispensary days, he bought the old presidential house of Newberry College and had it rebuilt into a mansion. His critics—his real enemies—call it 'Rebate Mansion' as a hint at its origin."

Afterward, a carload of furniture arrived, including one marvelous transformable mahogany table which Hub put through all its paces for his admiring neighbors. At least \$1,500 worth of that furniture—so the reformers declare—was paid for by Blumenthal & Bickert, a firm of Georgia liquor dealers deep in the dispensary mire. He is also charged that William Lanahan & Son, makers of Hunter Rye, gave the cow for the new estate. And Hub's days at home in Newberry were as merry and generous as his days in Columbia. The unhappy time of reckoning came upon the State dispensary. Senator Christensen and Representative Lyon, by the sheer power of being not afraid, overthrew the dispensary machine which had started the grand expose, and started the grand expose.

But enough of this. Let us return to our bill. This liquor shall at all times be kept in sealed packages or bottles of not less than one-half (1-2) pint or more than a quart, bearing the label of kind and quality contained therein, together with the words "For Medicinal Only" and when sold as herein provided for it shall be labeled with the name of the patient, the dose, the physician who gave the prescription and the number of the prescription and the date, provided, however, when sold for sacramental purposes said bottles need not be labeled."

It should be observed that if this liquor is given "for medicine only," and the language of the bill shows this to be disingenuous—for no person wants a quart of liquor "for medicine only" as a rule. Why should all this paraphernalia be gone through with? Is it so with morphine or cocaine—which is doing more harm to the country over now than whiskey? why not have every prescription given by a doctor made a record by the county? There is not a liquid prescription in the whole Pharmacopoeia, with possibly one exception, that does not contain over 8 per cent. of alcohol.

For example, here are some popular and well-known drugs with their proportions of alcohol: Beef, Iron and Wine, 18 per cent. alcohol. Elixir, Iron, Quinine and Strychnine, 19 per cent. alcohol. Dilligham's Plant Juice, (licensed lately by the city), 20 per cent. alcohol. Hagee's Cod Liver Oil, 8 per cent. alcohol. Hood's Sarsaparilla, 18 per cent. alcohol. Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, 18 per cent. alcohol. Wilmington Liver Regulator, 16 per cent. alcohol. Three S's, 16 per cent. alcohol. Hayden's Viburnum Compound, 50 per cent. alcohol. Valerianate of Ammonia, 15 per cent. alcohol. Miles' Nervine, 10 per cent. alcohol. Extracts Lemon, Vanilla, etc., 50 to 100 per cent. alcohol. Wintermuth's Chill Tonic, 27 per cent. alcohol. All perfumes nearly 100 per cent. alcohol. Essence of cinnamon and all flavoring extracts, 20 to 90 per cent. alcohol. Tooth washes, over 8 per cent. alcohol. Capudine, 8 per cent. alcohol. Extract ginger, 98 per cent. alcohol. Tincture acetone 32 per cent. alcohol. Lactated pepsin, 20 per cent. alcohol. Lacto-Peptin, 19 per cent. alcohol. Spirit of camphor, 95 per cent. alcohol. Tincture of capsicum, 95 per cent. alcohol. Harper's Cephaline, 32 per cent. alcohol. Let us be consistent, gentlemen, and have this manager get an order from the clergyman for Rubiflox and Castoria, lest he get his six months' infant on a jag, and let it be registered. We do not mean to be frivolous, and poor old beer with 2 per cent. "near" of alcohol stands with its dear old face hidden to the wall, while Castoria with 8 per cent. is darning to the

shen song of the lascivious lute. Beer, that has saved to us from suicide some of our best citizens, that has caught up the tired nerves in its room and pressed them to its heart and sold in the darkest hours just before day to the trembling wretch, "Rest your head upon my breast, my son, and be a man again." Beer! that divine compromise between the stupid, blue-eyed prohibitionist and the wild man of the spree, steps upon the wild waters of the soul, with the face to face again with its God. Yet it goes into utter darkness while ginger snaps her eyes in defiance at the forehead.

But to our bill. The provisions of Section 14 strikes at nothing short of an attempt to make hypocrites both of the physician and his patient. Here it is: "Sec. 14. That it shall be unlawful for any physician to make or give a prescription for any intoxicating liquors, bitters, checkers or other intoxicating liquors or drinks by whatever name known or called, to or well it goes into utter darkness while ginger snaps her eyes in defiance at the forehead."

Do not the drawers of this proposed bill know in their hearts that a man who can care for a quart of liquor a day is not necessarily a bona fide patient in their sense of the word? Why do they know this amount of a quart, well it goes into utter darkness while ginger snaps her eyes in defiance at the forehead? No, this street address business, and this postoffice address business, and this stuff proceed from—well it goes into utter darkness while ginger snaps her eyes in defiance at the forehead! That a physician should not charge for his prescription! If it is lawful for him to make the prescription, shall it be unlawful for him to charge for it? If he can charge for other prescriptions, which he issues lawfully, can he not charge for any lawful prescription? I venture to predict that no physician giving a prescription within the limits of the State law could be inhibited from collecting his fee and he would have as his protection.

But the farther we go along, the more dismal seems the intelligence which threw the matter together, as with a pitchfork. We do not believe the intelligent men of this county, no matter on what side they stand, will stand for any such crazy-stuff as this. If such a bill must be let us get together some practical men of acute intelligence, who know law and men, and maybe the next try will be better. As it stands, it is a Mother Goose medley.

HOW TO AVOID PNEUMONIA. We have never heard of a single instance of a cold resulting in pneumonia or other lung trouble when Foley's Honey and Tar has been taken. It not only stops the cough, but loosens and strengthens the lungs. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Dr. J. B. Bishop, of Agnew, Mich., writes: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three or four severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." R. H. Jordan & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Love Entertain in Honor of Visitors. Special to The Observer. Wayneville, Jan. 23.—The home of Maj. and Mrs. Hugh A. Love was the scene of one of the most delightful and elaborate social events of the season Thursday evening, given in honor of their visitors, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Odenbaugh, of Chicago, Ill. During the evening several musical selections, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered by local talent, at the conclusion of which delicious refreshments were served. Among those present were: Misses Alaterra, of Ohio; Mrs. Hunt, of Asheville; Dr. and Mrs. J. Howell Way, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Stringfield, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roper, Mr. and Mrs. F. Park, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mitchell, Gen. and Mrs. R. D. Gilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Bowella, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson, Mrs. W. T. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sloan, Misses Willie Knight, B. Miller, Caperton Bowella, Marguerite Stringfield, Bessie Love, Evelyn Able, Jennie Ray, Messrs. James and Hillard Atkins, Breaner Gilmer, R. G. A. Love, James Reed and Alden Howell.

Reidsville Parties Want to Sell Whiskey. Special to The Observer. Reidsville, Jan. 23.—Rockingham county commissioners may be asked to grant license for the sale of whiskey to one or more parties in Reidsville at no distant date, as it is freely talked that if Glenn Williams, in Yadkin county, has a right to sell whiskey to drug stores and depositories they have the same right in this county. They argue that some of the brainiest lawyers in the State say that the prohibition bill cannot touch them if they are able to secure the license from the county commissioners.

Rockingham's Road Methods Farical. Special to The Observer. Reidsville, Jan. 23.—Last year Rockingham county spent about \$25,000 on the public roads of the county, and of this amount Reidsville paid into the fund a little more than one-third, for which it has received nothing in road improvement. It is little wonder that Reidsvillians were so anxious to get through the good roads bill which was voted on and defeated a few years ago. It is the general opinion that the old way of working the roads is a farce and it is better to macadamize if it takes a thousand years to do it.

BOWDEN IS ACQUITTED. Slaying of Ira W. Hatch Was in Self-Defense. Wayne Jury Declares by Its Verdict. Special to The Observer. Goldsboro, Jan. 23.—After deliberating for 15 hours, the jury to-day rendered a verdict of not guilty of the charge of murder in the second degree in the case of Basil J. Bowden, charged with the homicide of Ira W. Hatch, in the early morning of Thursday, December 17th, in the Town of Dudley. This case has attracted attention from all parts of the county, and it was thought here last night that it would be a mistrial. It was reported that the jury stood 8 to 4 for acquittal late last night. The case went to the jury about 7 o'clock yesterday evening after Judge Lyon had made a strong and impartial charge. His honor stated that, if the jury believed the defendant's testimony, Bowden acted in self-defense.

Near-Beer Saloons Do Big Business at Reidsville. Special to The Observer. Reidsville, Jan. 23.—The near-beer saloons are doing a rushing business here, notwithstanding the fact that many of the citizens of the place are opposed to them, including the mayor and commissioners. A committee representing the board was sent to Raleigh a few days ago for the purpose of having the Legislature pass a special bill prohibiting these saloons from operating in Reidsville, but it is understood that the committee was not given much encouragement by the law-makers.

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All His Time to Official Duties. Special to The Observer. Gaffney, S. C., Jan. 23.—Mr. E. S. McKeown, the new county superintendent of schools, will be in his office every day until he begins to visit the schools in the county, when he will be in his office three days of every week. Mr. McKeown says it is his purpose to devote his entire time to the duties of the office to which he has been elected.

High Point Falls in Line. Special to The Observer. High Point, Jan. 23.—In line with the movement for better sanitary conditions, inaugurated by the civic leagues and the tuberculous conferences, Mayor Wrenn has ordered that the ordinance against expectorating on the streets be strictly enforced after February 1st.