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How does that explanation compare with the statement recently issued by Armour & Co., in connection with the listing on the stock exchange of a \$30,000,000 bond issue, wherein the company shows that it made a gross profit of \$10,582,000 for the year on a capital stock of \$20,000,000 and earned a surplus of \$7,127,926?

Thirty-five per cent. per annum may be a legitimate profit for a trust. If it were shown, for instance, that the trust method of handling the industry resulted in any profit at all to the consumer, the trust may be justified in taking any profit it could make. In other words, if an article of common necessity that sold for 11 cents a pound under competition could be reduced to 10 cents a pound by intelligent monopoly, or even any fraction less than 11 cents, without loss or injustice to the producer, the operation of such a trust might be called in some senses sound economy, no matter how great its profits.

But a trust in meat products that enables one of its affiliated concerns

to make 25 per cent., or the half of that, while the price of the products is steadily rising, is a bad trust—an intolerably bad trust.

THE DANNENBERG CASE.

The reason that a high license tax is imposed upon liquor dealers under the police power of the State, delegated to the municipality, is theoretically that by the nature of their business they add to the burden of the cost of policing. The reason that liquor sellers are not permitted to do business like grocers and milk dealers is found in the nature of the effect of alcohol upon the nervous system.

In theory, the licensing of saloons has always been perfectly fair and square. It has not been a case of dulling the State's conscience with money. It has not been the legitimizing of an illegitimate occupation. It has not been a levy of tribute. It has been a police regulation, to protect the people from the burdens imposed by a theoretical additional cost of keeping the peace.

In the case of the State vs. Dannenberg, which has been finally decided in favor of the plaintiff, the facts were these:

The city of Charlotte passed an ordinance requiring all dealers in near beer to pay an annual license tax of \$1.00.

The defendant was indicted and convicted for selling near beer without having obtained a license from the city.

The defendant contended that the ordinance of the city of Charlotte is void for that:

1. The city of Charlotte is without authority to pass an ordinance requiring a license to sell near beer.

2. That the license tax on near beer is discriminatory.

3. That the amount of the tax is unreasonable and prohibitive.

In his brief Attorney General Bicket presented the following argument:

The evidence in this case from Dannenberg himself is that it near beer is a beverage readily salable as a substitute for beer. It is made by the people who make beer and drunk by the people who drink beer. It looks like beer, smells like beer, tastes like beer. We submit the doctrine of necessity in social affairs, and when near beer becomes the subject of a police regulation, it ought to be regulated like beer. Certainly, the two things approach each other so closely that the court cannot judicially declare that a license fee valid as to beer would be invalid as to near beer.

Furthermore, it appears in the record that these near-beer saloons were general headquarters for the warrant element, that a great majority of the people who habitate there were idle and immoral; that they require police supervision to keep order, and the chief of police of the city estimates that it will take two policemen for each saloon. Surely such a beverage should be watched with jealous care.

The decision of the Supreme court, following this line of argument, seems to bring things out at a point not so remote from where they started in.

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We have been wondering how long it would be before someone would build an automobile speedway in the cove—a four or five miles road with no grade crossings of wagon roads, upon which our scorches might be allowed to scorch to their hearts' content. The cove has room for this, and a fine, large lake, and carriage drives, and any number of homes, with gardens and poultry yards, besides.

With the mountain tunneled, that part of the railway track could be electrified, putting the cove within a few minutes of Pack square.

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"In the science of road building New Jersey may be said to lead the country. She could boast for a long time of more miles of Macadam than Massachusetts or even New York, and now successful experiments by Road Commissioner Frederick Gilkyson with asphalt binder stone promise a surface that will resist the wear and tear caused by the automobile better than the best Macadam. New Jersey already has 85 miles of the asphalt binder stone or bituminous roads, as they are also called, and not only does the new process cost less than the old, but it makes a road almost free from dust. Commissioner Gilkyson says that results justify the announcement that no more Macadam roads will be built in New Jersey."

While experimenting in the construction of good roads, would it not be well to try a mile or so of this asphalt binder?

The astute Mrs. Pankhurst says: "The fight over the budget will not result in the dissolution of the house of lords. There are too many liberals who want to become lords." While we may entertain doubt as to whether there are any liberals who want

to become lords, it is an illuminating idea that so many wish to reach that estate.

King Manuel of Portugal and President Falleres killed 650 head of game in one day in the forest of Ramboillet. Presume they hold Butchers' union cards?

Our friend Zelaya should view the future with much less alarm, with the Cruiser Prairie and seven hundred marines stuck in the mud.

Figures.

Editor of The Gazette-News: Nothing in your first column of your first page an article entitled: "More whiskey is, according to official report, being consumed." I feel as though the truth of this matter should be had. Under the heading "Not so Much Beer," you state the whiskey consumption of the nation increased more than 5,000,000 gallons, which I wish to reply to.

The spirits withdrawn for consumption, for every year since and including 1907 are below quoted from the "Annual Reports of Commissioner of Internal Revenue":

Spirits Withdrawn for Consumption, Year	Gallons	Page
1907	126,135,762	29
1908	121,478,423	29
1909	116,850,185	7
Nearly 20,000,000 gallons short, and you find nearly every case of the kind to be true as follows:		
Withdrawals for all purposes, including export, leakage, evaporation, etc., are as follows:		
1908 (Government figures)	137,449,000 gallons.	Report of 1908, pages 54 and 55.
1909 (Liquor figures)	134,901,408 gallons.	

This year's report was issued July 27, 1909, and is by some who wish to improve on the government report, news yet.

Yours truly,
 LEE ROY HENRY,
 Chairman Western North Carolina Prohibition committee,
 Asheville, Dec. 2, 1909.

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In one instance, at least, bad spelling enabled an office boy to express the precise fact. His employer had just reluctantly left to attend a meeting of the bank directors where the proceedings were sure to be long and prosy.

"James," he said to the tow-headed lad, "put up the sign saying that I am out."

James sought for it in vain, so he inscribed and posted the following truthful announcement:

"Out—Gone to a Bored Meeting"—Lippincott's.

Frankfurters Defeat Turkey. St. Louis dispatch to New York World. Frankfurters and sauerkraut, and potatoes, defeated turkey and cranberry sauce in a referendum at the St. Louis workhouse Thanksgiving and at dinner time 250 pounds of sausage took the place of the "American bird." Two frankfurters were appointed to each prisoner, with the cabbage and potatoes as side dishes.

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VESSEL MISTOOK HATTERAS FOR DIAMOND SHOALS LIGHT This Explains the Wreck of the German Ship Brewster, Which Occurred Last Week.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2.—The ill-fated German vessel, the Brewster, was wrecked off Cape Hatteras last week because the beacon light at Hatteras was mistaken for Diamond Shoals Lightship, the Brewster passing on the inner side of the lightship.

This is established by a statement made by the members of the crew rescued.

ASK SMITH'S DRUG STORE Parisian Sage, the Hair Grower, Is Now Sold in America on Money Back Plan.

It's a mighty good thing for the women of America that Parisian Sage can now be obtained in every town of consequence.

No preparation for the hair has done so much to stop falling hair and eradicate dandruff and make women's hair beautiful as Parisian Sage.

Parisian Sage is the only certain destroyer of the dandruff microbe which is the cause of 97 per cent of hair troubles.

These pernicious, persistent and destructive little devils thrive on the ordinary hair tonic.

Parisian Sage is such an extraordinary and quick acting rejuvenator that Smith's Drug Store, who is the agent in Asheville, guarantees it to cure dandruff, stop falling hair and itching scalp in two weeks or money back.

Parisian Sage is most daintily perfumed, it is an ideal preparation, not sticky or greasy.

It is a magnificent dressing for women who desire luxuriant, lustrous hair that compels admiration.

And a large bottle of Parisian Sage costs only 50 cents at Smith's Drug Store and at leading druggists all over America. The girl with the Auburn hair is on every package. Made in America by Giroux Mfg. Co., Buffalo, N. Y., who fill mail orders, all charges prepaid.

SALE OF OIL PAINTINGS. Prof. Otis A. Miller, who sold twenty of his paintings here a month ago, has brought some more from his southern studio, and with several painted recently, will have a Christmas sale in the Peerless.

The display will begin tomorrow and continue all next week. As in the former sale, the first ten paintings go at your own offer.

No gift can exceed a fine oil painting and Prof. Miller is a noted landscape artist.

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Defendant is Charged With the Larceny of Musical Instruments from C. N. Webster.

In the absence of Police Court Judge Cooke, Substitute Judge J. G. Adams presided over a fair sized court this morning. One of the cases to which interest attaches is that against G. O. Bertroux, who was bound over to Superior court upon the charge of stealing certain musical instruments from C. N. Webster, bandmaster of the First Regiment band. While the warrant charges theft from Mr. Webster, it is said that, in reality, it is United States government property that is alleged to have been stolen. Bertroux's defense was that he had simply borrowed the cornet and other instruments from the armory, which incidentally were found by the police officers pawned in Fincklestein's pawn shop.

It seems that Bertroux was at one time a member of the Johnny J. Jones Carnival company, but left the company while they were in Asheville last summer and has remained here since. Bond was fixed at \$100 but he has been unable to raise that sum.

George Murdock was assessed with \$5 and costs for posting bill posters on the poles of the telegraph company within the city limits, in violation of a city ordinance.

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A large number of Asheville people today have received copies of the Thanksgiving edition of the Christian Science Monitor, published in Boston. It is a very voluminous publication and a great many have been wondering why they should be receiving it.

Search through it reveals the cause of such a wide circulation, however, for upon page 11 of the financial and industrial section is recognized something that is familiar to Asheville and North Carolina people. It is a cut of the illustrious Dr. George T. Winston, former president of the North Carolina A. and M. college, now a resident of Asheville. Dr. Winston has written in request an article entitled "Industrial Education Our Present Great Need." The article is couched in Dr. Winston's usual versatile style, and his subject is handled in an interesting and highly intelligent manner.

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Capital and Surplus \$ 812,155.00
 Deposits 4,544,135.00
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Commercial, Savings, Trust and Insurance Departments

T. S. MORRISON, Chairman & Vice-Pres. W. B. WILLIAMSON, Cashier.

The American National Bank

Capital \$300,000. Deposits \$1,000,000
 The Largest Bank in Western North Carolina.
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ACCOUNTS INVITED, LARGE AND SMALL.
 JOHN H. CARTER, President. HENRY REDWOOD, Vice-Pres.
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SCADIN WATER-COLOR PICTURES

These daintily-colored photographs of North Carolina with their beautifully mellow tones, make very acceptable Christmas gifts, when framed as we do them. Place your orders now for holiday delivery.

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BRING YOUR OLD HARNESS

To us and we will make it look like new at a very little cost. Repairing promptly, neatly and reasonably done. We manufacture anything in the harness line.

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We will give 1 pound of 40c coffee with every \$1.00 lb. of Ceylon Tea and 1 lb. of 25c coffee with every 70c lb. of tea. This offer is for Saturday only (Dec. 4) as we wish to introduce our goods.