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An annual turnover of \$3,600,000, 000 a year in business comprises a major industry. Yet this is the value of liquor made and sold in the United States out of industrial alcohol alone, according to Emory R. Buckner, United States District Attorney in New York City, testifying before a United States Senate committee last week sitting to investigate prohibition. These figures make one gasp. It is difficult to comprehend that sixty million gallons of industrial alcohol is diverted each year into bootleg channels in this country, but these are the figures given by Buckner. Out of this sixty million gallons of alcohol, Buckner says there are 720 million quarts of liquor made and that the average price for which it is sold is \$5 per quart. The district attorney stated also that of all the liquor analyzed by government chemists under supervision of his office 98 per cent of it contained poison.

THREATEN FORCE BILL

The Republican State convention at Durham Thursday of last week demanded a change in the election laws of North Carolina. "If we cannot be given this relief," the convention said, "it shall become our duty to petition to Congress of the United States to enact a national election law." It will be remembered that Senator Lodge of Massachusetts introduced in Congress once a bill which he called a "Federal election law." The country as a whole, the News and Observer reminds us, called it by its true name, "Force Bill." It failed because Southern and Western Congressmen, many of the latter being Republicans, united to defeat this measure which was fraught with so much evil.

In threatening a force bill in this day of enlightenment, the Republican party is merely paving the way for an increased Democratic majority in North Carolina. The Republican party in North Carolina and everywhere else in the South has no hope of elevating itself to office until it can vote every illiterate negro. The party fought the present constitutional amendment that made suffrage dependent upon intelligence. That the Republican party in North Carolina would destroy this amendment if they could, is the warning issued by the Raleigh News and Observer. If any young man in North Carolina doubts this, continues this newspaper, let him read the history of Russellism and Reconstruction.

NOT ALARMING

There has been a lot of comment recently upon the fact that North Carolina's bonded indebtedness is the second largest per capita in the union. The bonded debt of the State is given at \$48.36 per capita. The figures when considered by themselves alone, according to the Charlotte Observer, do not place North Carolina in a very favorable light. But a vast proportion of the State's bonded indebtedness is for good roads. The payment of these bonds and the interest on them as well as the cost of maintaining the miles of good highways in the State is taken care of by means of the gasoline tax and the license taxes. The other part of the bonded indebtedness, a very small item for a State the size of North Carolina, is for permanent improvements and for schools.

Continuing with a statement of facts on the bonded indebtedness of the State, the Charlotte Observer says:

Just how well our large issues of road bonds are being provided for is revealed in a statement made a few days ago by Mr. J. Elwood Cox, one of the ablest members of the North Carolina Highway Commission, and one of the best business men in the State. He estimated that the State will secure between \$13,000,000 and \$15,000,000 during 1926 from its four-cent gasoline tax and the automobile license taxes. The sum assured will not only pay the interest in all outstanding road bonds, retire \$500,000 to the sinking fund, in accordance with the bond retirement program, and take care of the maintenance of highways to the extent of \$4,000,000, but will leave approximately \$4,000,000 from these sources for new highway construction.

It is estimated that North Carolina could retire every good roads bond outstanding within the next 20 years without materially affecting the continuation of the road construction program. In fact, it is pretty generally assumed that the next Legislature of North Carolina will authorize a further issue of \$25,000,000 to \$35,000,000 for the continuance of our highway construction program, it being estimated that approximately these amounts will enable the highway commission to complete the 6,000 miles of highway embraced in the State highway system as it is constituted at present.

The policy which North Carolina has adopted for the construction and financing of its highway system has been recommended from one end of the country to the other, and certainly there is no dissatisfaction in North Carolina with its operation. A further assurance of the soundness of this policy is the confidence of North Carolina bond buyers toward our bonds. No difficulty has been experienced in selling our road bonds on most favorable and satisfactory terms.

NOTICE OF DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETINGS

The Democratic voters of Randolph county are hereby requested to assemble at their respective voting precincts on SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1926, at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the Democratic County Convention for Randolph county which will be held at the court house in Asheboro on Saturday, April 24th, 1926, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. and to transact any other business which might be deemed proper at such meetings.

All Democratic voters are urged to be present at these various precinct meetings promptly on the day and hour above mentioned.

C. C. CRANFORD, Chairman
 Democratic Executive Committee for Randolph County.

MODEST REPUBLICANS

(Charlotte Observer)
 The North Carolina Republicans are nothing if not modest. They are laying claim to three congressional districts, while it would have been as easy to lay claim to all of them. That is the way they always start out their campaigns in this state, however. Always they find some people who believe what they say they are going to do, and always these people are fooled and either pull out or go into cold storage, so far as state politics is concerned. And that is one reason why the Republican party in North Carolina persistently refuses to grow.

NEWS IN BRIEF

It costs \$6,167 to raise a girl and \$6,077 to raise a boy to the age of 18, a life insurance company's statistics disclose.

Gasoline taxes collected in the country last year amounted to nearly 150 million dollars, of which North Carolinians paid \$6,082,378 and ranked in this respect seventh among the states of the union. Four states, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York, collect no gasoline taxes.

Four hundred boys and girls of Davidson county are enrolled in boys' and girls' club work in Davidson county, according to report made by county agent, C. A. Sheffield. This represents by far the largest number of boys and girls ever enrolled in Davidson county in such work.

Mrs. A. C. Atkinson, 47, native of Alamance county, but resident of High Point for 12 years, died Thursday night.

The board of commissioners of Montgomery county at their last meeting voted to place the county officials on a salary basis beginning with next term. At the same meeting E. H. Wood was named county tax supervisor.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that there are 30,655,000 people living on farms in the United States, or 801,000 fewer persons than a year ago.

Henderson county Tuesday voted by 250 majority to levy a special school tax to run the schools of the county eight months in the year.

Snow flurries swept the entire state of Virginia Tuesday with the exception of the counties along the Atlantic coast. It was followed by rain and brisk winds.

Blowing Rock, in Western North Carolina, was covered with a blanket of snow and ice Tuesday.

Mrs. Miriam Moffitt Mendenhall, aged 83, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Hodgins, at Jamestown. Funeral services were held Monday at Guilford College.

Six men were slain at Herrin, Illinois, Tuesday during the progress of a municipal election and a State-wide primary. Troops are on duty in the town to guard against further disorders. The strife is said to have grown out of old feuds started when S. Glenn Young was dictator of the county in which Herrin is situated.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S LAND SALE

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Randolph county, made and entered in a cause therein pending, wherein C. C. Frye is plaintiff and Frank Cheek and his wife, Alice Cheek, are defendants, the undersigned commissioner will offer and sell, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the courthouse door in Asheboro, Randolph county on Thursday, May 13th, 1926, at one o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of satisfying said judgments and the note and mortgage described in the pleadings in said cause described, the following piece or tract of land in Randolph county, North Carolina, in Brewer township, and described and defined as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a post, Louis Spinks' corner in Macoon line, thence West in said line, 22 chains to a hickory, Brown corner, thence S. on Brown's line 10 chs. to a stake, Lewis Spinks' corner, thence E. on his line 20 chs. to a stake in the original line; thence N. on said line 10 chs. to the beginning, containing 22 acres, more or less. Adjoining the lands of Tyson and Leach and others, and for better description see mortgage deed from Frank Cheek to Tyson and Leach as appears on record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Randolph county, in Book 175, Page 127.

This April 15, 1926.
 W. R. CLEGG, Com.
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Fire originating from an electric blow torch or from defective electric wiring destroyed the west wing of the State Hospital for the Insane at Dix Hill, Raleigh, Saturday afternoon. The 900 or 1000 demented inmates of the institution were marched out of the burning building between files of State College students without the loss of a person. Low water pressure kept the firemen from checking the headway of the flames.

J. W. Hayes, Kannapolis carpenter, was shot and killed Saturday afternoon by his seventeen-year-old daughter, a Cannon mill employe, while Hayes in a drunken rage was attacking his wife.

All Southern railway grade crossings in Greensboro will be eliminated at a cost of approximately one million dollars to be shared equally by the city of Greensboro and the railroad company.

Luther Burbank, aged 77 years, world famed horticulturist, died Sunday at his home in Santa Rosa, Cal., from the infirmities of age.

Samuel W. Small, of Georgia, writer and lecturer, in a syndicated letter published in a number of newspapers last week, suggests either Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh, N. C. News and Observer, and Secretary of the Navy under Woodrow Wilson, and Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, and former president of the University of North Carolina, for Democratic candidate for President. Both of these North Carolinians, according to Small, are eminently qualified for the position.

WANT COLUMN

Buster Brown and His Real Dog, Tige, at Capitol Theatre at 3:45 this afternoon. Coffin and Scarborough giving free tickets upon personal application.

FROSTPROOF CABBAGE PLANTS, leading varieties, mailed postpaid, 250 for 50c; 500, 75c; 1000, \$1.50. Walter Parks, Darien, Ga. It. 4 8 26.

LOST—White and black spotted Hound bitch with lemon spotted head. Large size. Reward. J. R. Dougan, Asheboro, Box 6. 2t pd.

FOR SALE—Enough soy beans to sow an acre for \$1.75. Also 1925 model ton truck. C. E. Macon, Ramseur, Rt. 1, N. C. 4t pd 4 8 26.

FOR SALE AT AUCTION—On April 17 we will sell property of Mrs. Frances Kime, including household and kitchen furniture, among which is old furniture, bureaus and a three cornered cupboard; also wheat, corn, a wheat drill, 2-horse corn planter, buggy and other articles too numerous to mention. Mrs. J. P. Fields, E. E. Kime, Admrs., Chimax, N. C. 2t 4 8 26.

FOR SALE—We have a few good second hand typewriters for sale cheap. Come and see them today. Asheboro Printing Co., Asheboro, N. C. 2t pd 4 8 26.

WANTED—Young men and young women Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Salesmen, learn in a few weeks in the Oldest Business College in North Carolina's Largest City, small fee, easy terms. Board and room for boys and girls in the dormitory reasonable. Howard's Business College, Winston-Salem, N. C. St 3 11 26.

FARM FOR RENT—Good stock and land. Farm 1 1-2 miles above Randleman on Deep River. I will also hire tenant the year round when not needed in his crop. E. A. Aldridge, Randleman, Rt. 1, N. C. 2t pd 4 1 26.

The Four Furnished Rooms at the M. E. Parsonage, now occupied by Mr. A. Peterson, to let April 15th, \$15. tfn pd.

FOR SALE—My 9-room house with modern improvements, water and lights, garage and out buildings. Mrs. Elsie Brown, Asheboro, N. C. 4 15 26.

FOR SALE—1 20-horse power Fulgor boiler and engine and saw mill in A-1 condition. Apply, J. A. Brady.

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THE BACKYARD FARMER'S NIGHTMARE

By A. B. CHAPIN



Coffin and Scarborough are announcing Buster Brown and Tige at the Capitol Theatre this afternoon at 3:45. Free tickets by applying to Coffin and Scarborough.

FOR RENT—Excellent nine-room house, good out buildings, chicken and cow lot fenced, good well, six minutes from Asheboro by car on hard surfaced road. Reasonable rent. See H. L. Ingram, Asheboro, N. C.

WILL EXCHANGE—Two story, Brick Store House in the City of High Point, N. C., well located and all rented, for Farm, with good dwellings, stables and other out buildings, country store and a water-power mill. Must be on or near good road. Describe what you have, give location and price. Address Post Office Box 365, High Point, N. C. 2t pd 4 1 26.

FOR RENT—Two five room cottages in East Asheboro, one seven room house in South Asheboro, one two room house near oil tanks, south of town. Apply Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer.

WANTED—Reddish gray combings or cut hair. England's Beauty Parlor. 1t pd.

ASHEBORO-MONCURE BUS—Connections at Siler City to and from Sanford at Moncure to and from Durham at Moncure to and from Raleigh, \$3.50. Carolina Central Bus Line, G. L. Craven, Owner. 5t 4 8 26.

FOR RENT OR SALE—My 8-Room residence in Greystone Terrace. Modern conveniences, bath, hot and cold water. I also have 21 lots on Sunset Avenue. Apply to C. M. Bunting or G. R. Bonkymeyer, Asheboro, N. C. 4t pd 4 1 26.

USED CARS FOR SALE—One 1924 Chevrolet Roadster, one 1923 Chevrolet Roadster, one 1924 Ford Coupe, one 1924 Ford Roadster. Priced for quick sale. Hill-Nance Chevrolet Co., Asheboro N. C. 4 15 26.

Fine Hardy Cabbage Plants from Darien, Ga., 250 postpaid, 50c; 500 postpaid, 75c; Expressed \$1 thousand. At Flagah Farm \$1 thousand. R. O. Parks. tfn 1 14 26.

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Fascinating display of taffeta silks in both the plain and changeable effects so desirable now. For many purposes such dresses for street, afternoon, evening and party dresses.

36-Inch Printed Crepes \$1.49

Shown in over 10 of the very newest patterns of the season on light and dark grounds. Suitable for frocks, combinations, effects and scarfs.

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Shown in over a dozen color combinations in light and dark grounds. This fabric is a decided vogue summer dresses

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 Heavy, all-silk georgette, in new and standard colors! Smart for spring and summer, for street frocks, dance frocks, and delicate lingerie! \$1.00

Flowered Voiles 39c

36-inch flowered voiles. Refreshing spring patterns, medium designs.

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39c Shirt Madras 19c

Short lengths of 5 to 10 yards—of regular 39c shirt madras—shown in good patterns, fast colors.

Dress Gingham 17c

3800 yards dress gingham, fine domestic quality, in plaids, checks, stripes and plain colors; warranted fast.

Novelty Crepes 59c

36 inch mixed novelty crepes, attractive large and small, light and dark patterns.

Soisette Prints 39c

32 inches wide—solid colors, also light and dark printed patterns, guaranteed fast colors.