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THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming!

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On that shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,

Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,

What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,

As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,

In full glory reflected now shines on the stream;

'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

And where is that band whose vauntingly swore

That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion

A home and a country should leave us no more?

Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave

From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave;

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand

Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation!

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,

And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

Francis Scott Key.

CIGARETTES AND ILL-BREEDING

Years ago a story went the rounds of the papers in which it was related that a young man asked his escort, a young lady of refinement, if she cared if a gentleman should smoke in her presence, wishing thereby to secure permission to indulge in a few whiffs of nicotine, to which the young lady replied: "I am sure I do not know, no GENTLEMAN ever wished to smoke in my presence."

Apparently there are few, if any, prototypes of this young lady at the present time, for we see on every hand men and boys industriously puffing away at a cigarette, blowing the smoke right into the faces of their lady escorts. At the tent show Tuesday night the writer watched a young man, scarcely out of his teens, smoke fourteen (actual count) cigarettes and the bulk of the smoke went into the face of his escort, a young girl possibly sixteen years old. Nor was this boy alone in his smoking for men and boys all about the tent could be seen puffing away.

It does seem that if a man has any sort of consideration for good breeding and manners he would not smoke in the presence of ladies. To smoke at all is bad enough, but to smoke where there are ladies, to many of whom it is very aggravating, shows the very height of ill-breeding.

And at this place we wish also to mention another place where the smokers cause a great deal of annoyance, and that is at the picture show. While no smoking is allowed in the auditorium, the cigarette

fiends gather in large numbers just outside in the entry at the head of the steps, and the draft coming up the stairs carries the smoke back into the room, making it as bad, if not worse, than if they were allowed to smoke inside. We know of at least two ladies who have had to leave the theatre on this account.

While the News does not care to class all smokers as ill-bred, there being many smokers who do so in appropriate places, there are literally hundreds who seem to think that their desire for tobacco should outweigh every other consideration, and we see more and more liberties being taken by the smokers, until it would seem that it will be only a short time until they will take the earth.

As an usher in a church the writer has within the past few months removed at least one-half dozen cigarettes from the mouths of men coming into the church, which shows that they have become so accustomed to having a cigarette in their mouths they forgot to remove them when coming into the church on Sunday. Before we would let a habit get such a hold on us we would buy a seventy-five cent shot gun and let air into the chamber where our brains ought to be.

While many men contend that cigarettes do not hurt the smoker, this scribe has a different opinion, and from this time on as long as we require the services of any person in running our business, there will be no cigarette smokers on the payroll, even in the humblest capacity. Even if cigarettes do not hurt a person they certainly do no good, and the using of them, or tobacco in any form, is a dirty, filthy and expensive habit.

SHERIFFS AND COLLECTORS

Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, has been wondering why it is that the deputy collectors in the employ of the federal government have been able to go into many counties in North Carolina time after time and destroy blockade stills, while the sheriffs of these same counties are never able to locate a still, and from the tone of the following letter it would seem that the superintendent has decided that the reason for this state of affairs is that the sheriffs do not want to find the stills, and with this idea in mind he has written the following to the Greensboro News, putting the sheriffs on notice as to what he intends to do about the matter.

The letter of Rev. Davis will be of interest to the people of Transylvania county. It reads as follows:

"I have noticed lately that the deputy collectors throughout this section have been making headway breaking up blockade stills and catching and convicting blockaders. In some counties I notice that the sheriffs are succeeding in doing the same sort of work. We have, however, a good many sheriffs in the state who have not learned this art, or, having learned it, are not practicing it. The law of our state says, 'It shall be the duty of the sheriff of each county in the state and of the police of each incorporated city or town in the state to search for and seize any distillery or apparatus used for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of North Carolina and to deliver the same, with any materials used for making such liquors found on the premises to the board of county commissioners.' How any sheriff can take the oath of office and then disregard this direct duty is more than I can understand.

When I read of Bud Snell, Gulky and others seizing blockade stills in Wake, Johnson and other counties, I wonder why it is that the sheriffs do not get some too. Has the revenue officer a different vision or different olfactories from a sheriff? Are they each subject to the same sort of limitations and influences? If so, why does not the resourcefulness and the activity of the sheriff bring the same results? The fact that revenue officers can continue to go into any county, arrest distillers and break up blockade stills when the sheriff of that county is not doing the same thing is a sad comment on the efficiency of that sheriff and is an occasion for the people to ask the question, 'why?'

If one crime is more heinous than another, the crime of blockading liquor is a greater crime under the state law than it is under the federal law, for the state prohibits the manufacture, but the federal government indorses the manufacture and only holds the party guilty for not paying the revenue. To break up this crime the state makes it the duty of the sheriff and his deputies, and every citizen of the state ought to require that his sheriff search for and seize these blockade stills. If the sheriff is averse to doing this, he ought to resign, and any sheriff who does not do it, for any cause, ought to be elected by the people to stay at home. I fear that too many sheriffs in the state have not measured up to their responsibilities at this point. For the next twelve months the Anti Saloon league will agitate this point and call upon the people everywhere to demand of their sheriffs that they "search for and seize" blockade stills.

R. L. DAVIS,

Superintendent North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

We have been trying to figure out the justice of the action of the federal government in turning over \$30,000,000 to the banks, without interest or security, for the banks to loan to the cotton farmers at six per cent interest, or possibly more, with gilt edge security demanded. As we figure it this money belongs to the people and if it is to be used for their good at all it should be turned over to them directly from the government without allowing the banks to receive a rich haul. This has the appearance of graft to us.

According to official figures gathered by the department of agriculture fifty-four per cent of the farmers of Transylvania county, numbering 173, buy feed. This county stands next to the bottom of the list, New Hanover alone making a poorer showing than we do. Some mistake must have been made in this compilation for we cannot believe that more than half our farmers do not raise feed enough and to spare.

More than half a million rounds of ammunition and fifty-four cases of rifles have been shipped from the United States to Carranza's soldiers during the past week. About 200,000 rounds of ammunition have also been supplied to the Villa faction in the same time. Apparently our government officials have decided to allow the Mexicans to settle their own difficulties.

Ex President Roosevelt should be induced to accept the presidency of Mexico. This would be a satisfactory arrangement all around, for there is no question but that he would prove to be a president after the Mexicans' own hearts, and it is also quite certain that he would have a "hully" time civilizing the people of that country.

We are printing "The Star Spangled Banner" in this week's issue with the suggestion to our readers that they either memorize it or cut it out and paste it in their scrap books. Every American should be familiar with this grand old song, and the few minutes required to memorize the words will be well spent.

EDITORIAL CAUSES RABIES

If an ordinary dog gets hold of a newspaper's "heavyweight" editorial copy and chews up a few sheets of the stuff will it drive him mad? This is the problem that confronts a local newspaper since investigation of a recent mad dog scare disclosed the fact that something, most likely the dog, had eaten some of the next day's editorials.

The dog was not seen to enter the newspaper building in a condition that excited alarm, but it was not long before things began to happen. An effort was made to keep the fact secret, but it leaked out today, and the mystery seems to have been solved. The newspaper in question is the Journal-Herald, of which C. Fort Andrews is managing editor. It is not known who wrote the "stuff" that drove the dog mad.

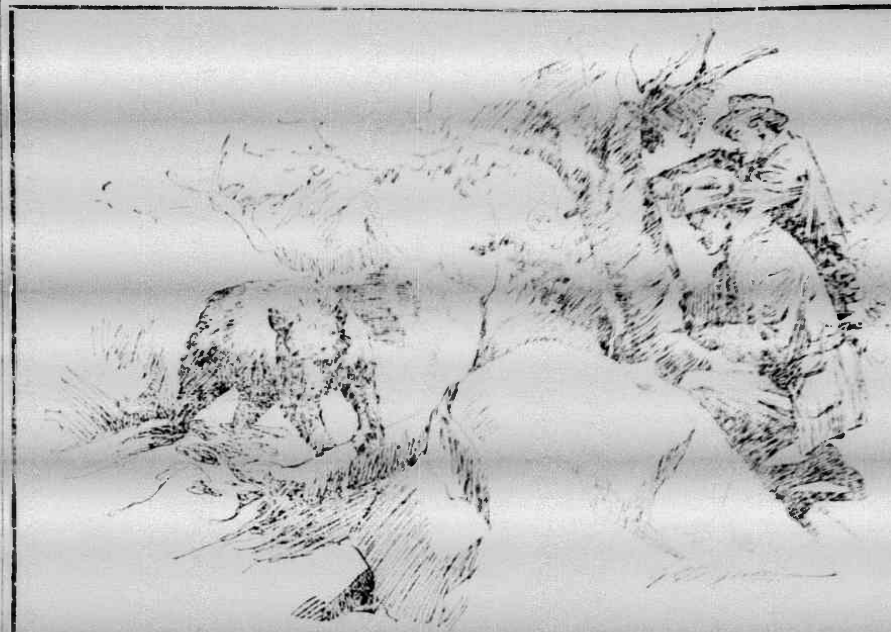
THE DOLLAR MARK



is of very little use to look at, but it means much if you have a multiplicity of dollars in the bank. It would be a wise move for you to start a bank account if you have not one already. And it would be the wisest move to deposit here, where your savings are safe and sure to earn you a good interest. Investigate—for that means knowledge.

Brevard Banking Company

BREVARD, N. C.



Let the KODAK go with you out into the country, and keep the story of your trip, still the film back to us and we'll get the best results from every exposure.

Kodaks, Brownies and all Supplies.

Frank D. Clement

The Jeweler of Transylvania County.

THAT TIRED FEELING.

If you are blue and have that tired feeling that some folks are vexed with, the chances are that you have not been buying your Groceries from the undersigned. Load up on some of our goods and note the effect.

MITCHELL

GOOD ADVICE

Stop talking war and talk business. Stop talking hard times and talk good times and better roads. Turn your dollar loose and put it in circulation. There is more money in the country than ever before, so let us put it to work and make 1915 the best year for business in our history. Thanking you for your liberal patronage during the past year, and hoping for a larger share of it next and with best wishes to you and yours for a happy and prosperous New Year we are, your tor more business.

Duckworth Drug Company

C. C. YONGUE

THE GROCER

In these days of "high cost of living" the housewife has has to economise in every way possible, and I always keep this fact in mind while fixing prices on my goods. Let me help you keep expenses down.