

ALCOHOLIC NOSTRUM PEDDLED BY TIGERS

WEST ASHEVILLE MAN OBJECTS TO GUN DIET.

Staley Seems to Mistake Signals for Greetings—Blalock Cut Up Cut- ting Up—Talk Expensive.

A modern Carrie Nation, in the belief of Judge Robert M. Wells, of the city police court, would not permit a woman to gather on her doorstep by reason of the absence of saloons here. She would wield the weapon with a disregard of property rights in the patent medicine departments of the drug stores. It begins to look as though the present day must produce a post whose composition is to replace "The Face on the Barroom Floor." As a title, "The Reflection in the Medicine Counter Mirror" is suggested. The judge of the police court told attendants upon his tribunal yesterday that weeping wives and miserable mothers are visiting his office with regularity now to beg that he do something to save their husbands and sons from the curse of strong drink. And the strong drink, it is explained, is generally beef, iron and wine legitimately sold at local drug stores.

The druggists, however, it appears, are not solely responsible for the distribution of the intoxicating tonic. A patrolman gave the startling information that boot-leggers have added the medicinal jag juice to their lines of goods. Hard drinkers, it is apparent, are getting their staggering gait from cocktails whose ingredients are principally moonshine corn distilled in the mountains and the nostrum from distant laboratories. Blind tigers with stocks equally divided, according to the policeman, are not uncommon now while many inebriates are found with heading corn on one hip and foaming beer, iron and wine on the other. The mixed imbibitions are said to produce such a menagerie as Noah collected and such suffering as Job patiently endured.

The wide distribution of the tonic has been commented on by the court on a number of occasions recently, but not until yesterday did Judge Wells tell of the complaints that have been made to him by neglected and abused women. His comments were made during the trial of A. G. Jones, charged with drunkenness. He recalled taking a couple of drinks of whiskey, but he did not remember the stage reached when he began to favor it with the medicinal preparation. He was arrested Sunday and was docketed for trial Monday morning. At that time, however, he reported, the floor of his room was mistreated him. Every time he got out of bed, the flooring reached up and slapped him back into the bedding. He paid the costs and agreed not to take any strong drink during the next six months.

Neighbors in Trouble.
Roy Peterson and W. A. Rogers, West Asheville, neighbors, are going to treat each other more considerably in the future than they have in the past. They have not revised their opinions of each other, but they have discovered that future troubles between them are going to cost them \$25 each, both being required to give peace bonds of that sum to guarantee they will not put into effect threats they have made against each other. The neighborhood warfare that has waged between them for the past several weeks seems to have reached a climax when Peterson put a blockade on his neighbor's food supply.

Rogers said he acquired the property on which Peterson lives when he learned the latter intended to give it up. He went to plow it for the planting of corn and potatoes, but he found Peterson torpeding his stocks of comestibles with demands that he clear off the premises. He was said to have emphasized the de-

mands with a rock which he fondled in a friendly way and concerning whose power of flight he delivered a most deadly dissertation. He was sworn to have expressed his intention of collecting Rogers' eyeballs and examining his brain without the aid of an X-ray. He was sworn to have told Rogers—perhaps in a considerate spirit—that he need not be alarmed about his family's future, however. Even after he lost his eyeballs and parted with his brain, Peterson was quoted as saying, his wife and babies would not suffer. They would not be capable of doing so, he gave assurances, according to the testimony, the eyeball hunter and brain analyzer having arranged to put them without the sphere of material hardships.

Peterson denied such dire threats, contending that his worst prediction was that Rogers would find his digestion ruined by a gun diet. If he brought his rifle into play, he said Rogers announced his intention of getting the weapon to practice marksmanship across the property line whereupon he was told that if he brought it out, he would have to masticate rather than manipulate it. The owner did not seem to relish the prospect of substituting the gun for the eggs and potatoes of which he was deprived. Peterson said, leaving it to the house when he became convinced that his exhibition would be followed by its devourment.

Signals Are Ignored.
Robert Staley, driver of the automobile of the post exchange at Oteen, has acted in a manner indicating he considered traffic policemen exchanging greetings with friends when they were waving their hands at street corners. And being convinced that he has no friends on the police force, it looks as though he has given no heed to their greetings. Several traffic policemen said it has been his consistent policy to ignore their signals and otherwise run his automobile according to his own ideas of how it should be operated. He paid the costs for disregarding an officers' commands after strenuously denying he had ignored the gesticulations, questioning policemen's veracity in a manner that drew no less than three reprimands from the judge.

Staley's troubles, the judge told him, are due principally to his inexperience as a driver and his unfamiliarity with the traffic laws. He has not been behind a steering wheel very long, he admitted. He will find it handy, he was informed, to watch the officers' hands if he wants to avoid the hand of the law. If he desires to be a good hand at driving, he must get his directions first hand

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and for his own hand, he was advised to work hand in glove with the traffic squad. Otherwise, he was told, he will find his car out of hand and himself on hand at future court sessions. While he was assured that the policemen have no desire to take an underhand advantage of him, the members of the traffic squad are working hand in hand to enforce the traffic laws. He agrees to handle his car in the future so as not to handicap other people on the streets.

Returning to the city after an absence of five years, Jack Blalock told the court he was home to take the cure, his health having failed him during the time spent away from here. Without tickling his chest with a stethoscope or giving him a thermometer to nibble, Judge Wells told him he knew enough about his case to point out to him the superiority of sanitarium omelets over the mephitic atmosphere of the city jail. And he felt qualified, without laying himself liable to criticism for prescribing a sick man without a physician's license, to recommend the adoption of a better balanced meal than the menu which composes prison fare. Blalock was in court for the second time this week on an inebriation charge, and he paid the costs on both occasions. In addition, yesterday he gave bond of \$200 to guarantee that for six months his attitude toward whiskey will be that of a man who believes there is leprosy in every look, scurvy in every smile and death in every drink. He wanted the pledge to run 20 years, but that is a long time, Judge Wells felt.

Blalock was cut up while cutting

up Tuesday night, pushing his right fist through the window pane of the Charles H. Honess offices on Patton avenue with disastrous results to the glass and serious injury to the fist. He is to replace the glass without expense to the tenant or the owner of the building. On his previous debauch a local stick-up man tested the resilience of a black-jack on Blalock's left arm and relieved the inebriate of most of his money while he was taking a nap following the administering of the soporific. When he woke up he found himself unable to recall the incidents leading up to the snooze, but his arm is ample evidence that the black-jack had no giving qualities. With all his misfortune, Blalock should not be downcast. He's a lucky man. Anyone with a rattle in his chest who can go through what he has gone through this week and live to tell the tale isn't as sick as he thought he was, regardless of his former belief concerning his condition.

Bud Dooley, an Ethiopian hobbler who converses with his motorcycle so that he won't be lonesome while delivering drugs for a Charlotte street pharmacy, found yesterday there's no truth in the statement that talk is cheap. He told a plain clothes man he ran with his cut-out open because he liked to hear the chatter of his machine. Judge Wells hopes the mechanical remarks are tips for making money. Otherwise, Dooley is going to find that he can't afford to listen in every street. For his first lecture from the muffer, he paid the costs. He will do well to take someone along with him in the future if talk is essential to his happiness.

PURCHASE TOOLS FOR REFORMATORY BOYS

All Boys at Home Are in Manual Training Class.

A committee from the juvenile protective association, composed of Hugh Sowers and J. J. Worsley, yesterday purchased \$50 worth of assorted carpenter tools which will be carried to the county reformatory today and given to the boys for their use in the manual training department. R. L. Fitzpatrick, a member of the

controlling board of the reformatory; G. F. Stradley, commissioner of public institutions and the members of the committee from the juvenile protective association will carry the tools out and present them to the boys today.

All of the boys at the home are being taught manual training, and this branch of the work is being given special attention. These new tools will make possible the more thorough work in learning cabinet making and general carpenter work.

Asle J. Gronna, senior United States senator from North Dakota, born at Elkador, Iowa, 67 years ago today.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Semi-centennial of the Wyoming woman suffrage act—the first in America.
The provincial legislature of Quebec has been called to assemble today.
The annual convention of the American Red Cross will meet in Washington, D. C., today.
Chairman Hays has called the republican national committee to meet in Washington today to fix the time and place for holding the next national convention.

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As information to the traveling public, owing to fuel conditions it has been found necessary to discontinue certain sleeping car lines from the South to points East of Washington in connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad, and effective today the through Pullman ordinarily operated between Asheville and New York, has been changed for the time being to become an Asheville-Washington sleeping car.

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