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IT IS UP TO THE OFFICERS OF THE LAW.

Who is responsible for the utter failure in the prosecution of clubs and drug stores for the illegal sale of whiskey as disclosed here recently by Rev. R. L. Davis, representing the Anti-Saloon League of the state?

This is the question that is now agitating the minds of the law-abiding people of this community. This city is paying more money than ever before in its history for the enforcement of law, and the question people are asking each other is, "are we getting what we are paying for?"

Certainly we have drawn a blank in the recent prosecution. Where does the blame lie? The statement issued by Mr. Davis covers the case so fully that we are republishing it here in full. We want every citizen of Charlotte to read this statement:

Mr. Davis' Statement. "Regarding the liquor cases against the three drug stores and five clubs in Charlotte recently exposed, I have this to say: Mr. O. L. Flow, who secured this blind tiger liquor for me, secured it and gave it with the full understanding that the evidence should be used in any court if I so desired. He was under no temptation to lie for me or make any false statement when he gave me the liquor in the Stonehall Saturday night, February 3rd, and I believe he told the truth."

"When the city government, through the recorder, and under the law, called for my evidence and information I gave it."

"At the request of Mr. Smith, the recorder, I arranged a meeting between Mr. Flow and the chief of police, at which conference, in my presence, Mr. Flow passed each bottle of liquor (eight in all) to the chief and told him where, how and by whom bought, which information the chief wrote down in a little book. He also put his personal mark on every bottle of the liquor so he could identify it hereafter."

"The chief and witness then left my room."

"Here my work and the work of the State Anti-Saloon League ended, except that I kept the whiskey and have it in Charlotte today as corroborative evidence."

"I have no further concern about the matter. It is up to the municipal government. I do not place the responsibility on any special department or officer but when law is violated it is their business to use methods to catch the criminals and stop the crime."

"If witnesses are spirited away, bribed, or threatened, or both, until they leave, the loss is theirs and the blame, too, if they don't get them back or get others to punish the evil doers."

"Any city government is weak to lie down before a lot of blind tiger drug stores and clubs, and allow them to run off their witnesses."

"Will Charlotte stand for this? 'I submit my evidence to the public and urge them to demand enforcement of the prohibition laws at the hands of the city government.'"

"In conclusion, I have the liquor, Flow didn't have it when he came to Charlotte. I got it from him. Somebody bought it. Then somebody is selling."

"It is the business of your government to find out who, and punish them."

"Take the case, citizens of Charlotte."

"R. L. DAVIS, 'Charlotte, Feb. 15, 1912.'"

Now how does the matter stand? Through Mr. Davis' efforts whiskey was purchased illegally from eight places in Charlotte. He exhibited the whiskey, he gave what information he had, and he turned over to the proper city officials what appears to the public to have been a clear case of violation with all necessary evidence. And with all this assistance the city is not even able to secure enough evidence to go to trial, and in the meantime loses its chief witness."

The city not only did not secure any new evidence, but it lost what had been given it."

Law-abiding citizens of all beliefs are crying out against the utter lack of enforcement of the prohibition laws in this city, and if The News does not mistake their temper they are going to demand in no uncertain tones that the law must be enforced, and that, too, by the officials who are paid to enforce the law, and who have taken a solemn oath that they would."

COMING AUTOMOBILE SHOW. The first automobile show ever held in the Carolinas will take place in the Auditorium in this city February 26-28. The Auditorium is one of the largest in the state and practically all floor space has been contracted for. The automobiles and accessories on exhibit

will represent a valuation of over \$100,000. Twenty makes of cars will be on exhibit, as follows: Buick, Marquette, Corbett, Stoddard-Dayton, Lozler, Pullman, Marathon, Chalmers, Packard, Rio, Everett, Oldsmobile, Flanders, Maxwell, E. M. F., Columbia, Sampson, R. C. H., Hupmobile and Hudson. Two or three lines of electric cars, in addition to the gasoline cars, will be on exhibit also, and have displays.

In the past year there has been an increase of over 150 per cent in the volume of automobile business handled through Charlotte, as the distributing point for the two Carolinas.

There are today more than 4,000 cars in North Carolina alone, where a year ago there were less than 2,500 machines. On October 25th, 1911, there were 3,866 cars in operation in the state. An idea is given here of the tremendous popularity of the automobile in North Carolina during the past year. Today there are several hundred cars in Charlotte alone, and during the past year the commercial vehicle has come into great favor in the city. Hotels have provided commercial vehicles; express companies have added automobile trucks, while numerous department stores and other business establishments have come to use automobile delivery cars almost exclusively.

Charlotte, because of its favorable location, is the logical distributing point of the two Carolinas, and there are at present a number of state agencies held in the city. C. C. Coddington, agent for the Buick Company for North and South Carolina, has headquarters in Charlotte. He reports that business has steadily increased each year since he opened offices here. Mr. J. H. Ham, agent in the two states for the Maxwell cars, also has offices in Charlotte, while there are two other general agencies for the two Carolinas in the city, including those held by Mr. Baringer.

Fourteen agencies in the past year handled over two million dollars worth of business in North and South Carolina. This amount does not include the volume of business done by five tire concerns, located in the city. These companies did over a half million dollars worth of business alone during the past year.

It will be seen by the figures above that interest in the automobile has increased rapidly during the past few years in this section, and the show which will be held the latter part of the month is attracting great interest throughout both states. Governor W. W. Kitchen, of North Carolina, will be among the notable speakers of the occasion. He will formally open the show.

Mr. Osmond L. Barringer, one of the best known automobile men in the South, and other prominent automobile dealers and enthusiasts are laboring strenuously to make the coming show the best ever held in the South.

The first automobile ever manufactured in North Carolina will be on exhibit at the show. This car was made by the Corbett Company, of Henderson, N. C. Another machine to be displayed is the E. M. F. racer, which won the Tiedman Trophy in Atlanta. Two thousand dollars will be expended in decorating the Auditorium. In addition to regular lighting facilities one thousand additional lights are being placed.

It will pay all who can to not only Watch Charlotte Grow, but to Watch Charlotte Speed.

IS THE FLOW RUMOR TRUE?

There is a report afloat that Flow, the witness in alleged blind tiger cases, was paid to leave the city, and was also given to understand that it would be better for him if he did leave.

Is this report true? If so, here is a job for authorities.

If Flow was paid to leave, who paid him?

If he was frightened away, who tried to intimidate him?

It is a serious matter to tamper with witnesses. It is even more serious to bribe or bluff. That kind of business doesn't go in this community.

Perhaps the report is unfounded, but it should be probed to the very bottom, and if either of these charges be true the limit of the law is too tight for those guilty of getting a star witness out of town.

TEMPERANCE DAY WAS OBSERVED.

By Associated Press. Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—In compliance with a state law, the public schools throughout Alabama observed today as temperance day. An hour was set aside by the teachers for reading of articles on the evils of intemperance.

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Seven Homely Notables

BARON BROUGHAM.

If we could return to, say the year 1616, and walk into the British House of Commons almost any day when that august body was in active session, we might have our interest suddenly aroused by seeing again, uncounted figure rise from among the members and launch into a torrent of satirical oratory. And we would be told, if we asked, that this was none other than Baron Brougham, the famous Independent. A strange figure indeed he made. His tall, disjointed, lanky body, surmounted by a big-featured, coarse face, only saved from being positively repellent by its strength. His great knotted hands moved constantly as he talked, helping him to convey his ideas. His elbows jerked about with a peculiar angular motion. Withal, he made a figure so unusually ugly that once seen he could never be forgotten.

And yet this man had the Queen of England completely fascinated and under his power, so that he became, through her, Chancellor of England! Henry Peter Brougham was born in Edinburgh in 1778. He obtained his education at the High School and University in that city, specializing in law. He soon found that Scotland did not offer such a field as he wished for practice, and went to London. While waiting to be admitted to the bar, he wrote a series of articles for the "Edinburgh Review," which brought him such prestige that he became influential with the Whig party. They were not, however, able to give him a seat in Parliament, until his prominence became so great that it was finally deemed inadvisable to longer keep him out.

At once Brougham, one of the ugliest men in English history, took up the work which later Abraham Lincoln, the homeliest President of the United States, later accomplished for his country—the emancipation of the slaves. So passionately and faithfully did Brougham pursue this worthy object, that he lived to see

much advertised nostrums. F. O. HAWLEY, M. D. Superintendent of Health. Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 15, 1912.

FROM OTHER SANCTUMS.....

The Day is Young The Charlotte News is running a presidential straw election. No votes have been cast for the Rev. R. L. Davis as yet.—Greenville Piedmont.

The first automobile show to be given in the Carolinas will be given in the Auditorium at Charlotte on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26, 27 and 28. No expense will be spared, it is said, in making the show the equal of those that have been given in the larger cities. The sum of \$2,000 will be spent in arranging and decorating the big Auditorium for the show and a high-class musical program will be rendered each afternoon and evening. It is planned, with the co-operation of automobile dealers of other cities in the two states to make the show an annual affair, making it larger and better every year.—Salisbury Post.

As to Disinfecting Of Rooms

Editor The News: Disinfecting with permanganate of potassium is undesirable and more costly. Permanganate of potassium is not the disinfectant, but is used to produce combustion or chemical reaction on formaldehyde which is the disinfectant, and the mixing of formaldehyde with permanganate of potassium decreases the power of the formaldehyde by chemical reaction.

Ten ounces of 40 per cent formaline U. S. P. standard, will disinfect 1,000 cubic feet of space when boiled while it will require twice this amount if permanganate of potassium is used, as 50 per cent of the disinfecting power is lost by the chemical reaction. The use of the permanganate of potassium will leave a fine dust all over the room and is injurious to gilt moldings, oil paintings and fine drapery. While the boiling of 40 per cent formaldehyde solution, U. S. P. injures none of these articles.

Houses must be thoroughly sealed, all cracks stopped and left closed 10 or 12 hours which secures positive disinfection if enough formaldehyde is used under proper temperature and humidity conditions.

There is no reason why formaldehyde should be liberated into grass quickly for bacteriological tests show that some bacteria can withstand strong formaldehyde gas from 2 to 6 hours, therefore keep room closed a sufficient time, 10 to 12 hours.

The use of the permanganate of potassium is the most expensive and the least reliable in fumigating. Water should always be left in the room when being fumigated. Old newspapers saturated in water and scattered around the room on the floor is a very easy and convenient way to get the necessary moisture.

Always secure the liquid formaldehyde which bears the U. S. P. stamp, which should prove the desired strength required. Beware of these

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Boys' Light Weight Rubber Coats \$2.48, \$3 and \$3.50

Boys' Black Rubber Coats \$2.25.

Rubber Hats 50 cents.

Umbrellas—50c, 98c and \$1.25.

BELK BROS.

THE DYING HICKORY TREES— THE CAUSE AND REMEDY. On account of the value of the hickory for shade, nuts, and many commercial wood products, Circular 144 of the bureau of entomology, U. S. department of agriculture, by A. D. Hopkins, is of special interest to the people of any community, county or state within the natural range of this valuable tree.

It appears that although there have been several and sometimes complicated causes for the death, within the last 10 years, of a large percentage of the hickory trees, investigations have proved that the hickory bark beetle is by far the most destructive insect enemy, and is, therefore, in the majority of cases, the cause of the present extensive dying of the trees. The simple and practical methods recommended in this circular will, if put into practice between October 1st and May 1st, enable those interested to protect their trees.

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