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WAKE COUNTY AND LIQUOR

There seems to be a liquor fight on in Raleigh and it appears from this distance that those who always have been regarded as liquor men are endeavoring to make it unpleasant for Collector J. W. Bailey, who has been on the side that has fought the liquor gang from first to last.

One Capers White, a clerk in the postoffice and a roomer in Bland's Hotel, a building owned by Mr. Bailey and leased by him to another person, is the special target. We don't know whether White has been selling booze or not; if he has the Wake county officials have all the machinery of the law on their side, and all they are required to do is to collect the evidence and present it to the grand jury.

It is said that in the cases against J. Sherwood Upchurch and others, tried in federal court, some persons were shielded, and the inference is that the collector used influence to protect one or more rascals. Mr. Bailey asserts his record as a liquor fighter is clear, informs the officials that they know how they can acquire information and calls attention to the fact that mighty few blockaders have been apprehended in Wake county.

On the face of the printed matter, the collector has put it up to the other crowd.

FAIR NEXT WEEK

Catawba county producers will make their annual appeal to the people of this section of the state next week. It will not be an appeal for funds or for other assistance, but an appeal to the pride of the community. Nearly a year of effort has been expended in preparation for this fair, the crops have been good, prices have been high and everybody is in good financial shape. Never before have the producers of the county been so fortunate as this year.

The exhibits of agricultural products, home canning products and live stock will be larger than ever. The premiums are larger than at other times and the interest is greater.

With good weather the fair financially should be a better proposition than ever before, and everybody should feel an interest in making it a complete success.

Mt. Olive pulled off the first community fair Saturday and Killians will come up tomorrow with the second.

WIFE CONFESSES AND HUSBAND IS RELEASED

Lenoir, Sept. 18.—News has been received here from Boone, in Watauga county, that Will Edmisten, who was on a visit to his father's people, was taken into custody by officers of the law from Indiana, charged with the killing of his four-year-old daughter and attempting to kill his wife, at their home in the Hoosier state. It seems that Edmisten and his wife had quarreled and he left home and did not tell her where he was going and he came to this section to see his people. According to a confession of his wife, he has been exonerated of the charges against him. It seems that the wife became crazed from the fear that her husband had left her and had a nervous spell when night came on the day of the quarrel.

After going to bed for the night, accompanied by her little daughter, she dreamed that a man had come into the house and was choking her to death and when she awakened she feared there was some one in the house and took the rifle and shot the child to death and tried to end her own life, but when the trigger was pulled the second time the cartridge became lodged in the chamber of the rifle and would not discharge. She then tried to kill herself by striking herself over the head with the weapon, rendering herself unconscious. The child is dead and the mother is in a serious condition, while with the husband and father gone and nobody knowing where, it was supposed he had committed the awful deed and skipped the country. It was some time before he could be located. Edmisten did not know anything about the tragedy until taken back to Indiana to stand trial on the charge. The wife made a sworn statement in the presence of an attorney and a notary public that she had committed the crime and her husband was in no way to blame. From all the circumstances it appeared to be a plain case against Edmisten, but he was released upon the confession of his wife.

AWARDED PRIZES

Mr. John Mauer, farmer, received the 2 pound box of candy given away Monday night by the Pastime theatre. Miss Eula Henkel received the dozen theatre tickets the second prize given away by the Pastime theatre Monday night.

THREE BABIES

Columbia State. Keeping an open mind, as the president says touching big questions of state, the Observer was walking down street the other day, when his attention was attracted to a squalling baby of perhaps ten or 12 months standing and an indifferent young negro girl, half-heartedly trying to still the storm. Baby sat in a carriage beneath a shady tree in company with two others similarly placed. Something had stirred this baby's temper to white heat and it made no bones of letting the fact be known. Neither its own nurse nor the two others were able to effect a surrender to blandishments or threats, tried alternately in a thoroughly futile jumble. The other two contemporaries seemed so unconcerned as to suggest familiarity to the point of gnuin with such crises in their sphere of existence.

Stepping close the Observer was moved to try intervention. "Whoopee, Buster, what's it all about?" New voice, new face, albeit pretending and no charm of loveliness whatever, and a new manner! Baby's mobile face instantly put on the expression of amazed attention, vocal exercise ceased absolutely, big wide blue eyes gazed wonderingly, but the situation was tense with instability of purpose. Smoke rings, lovely smoke rings from the cigar were tried on a venture. It worked to a baby's taste Out of the corner of one eye it could be seen that the infant contemporaries were luxuriating also in this new sensation of the moment. One with quick alert glance followed each detail of the main performer's entertainment while the other as solemn as a little owl unblinkingly kept a fixed gaze upon the performer himself. The Observer meanwhile quite enjoyed his conquest over a mad baby, which, for the benefit of the inexperienced it may be remarked, is some conquest.

However, time lacked for an extended performance and by executing a slow backward retreat to the sidewalk again while various and sundry farewell remarks, appropriate to the audience and a "positively last appearance," were made, it appeared to be a case of "All's well that ends well." Baby Number One, original disturber of the peace, and baby Number Two, very alert spectator, manifested a sense of having much new matter to mark and inwardly digest. Baby Number Three of the stoical solemn look had about lapsed gently away into slumber. Hardly had the Observer got clear of this heart-easing little entanglement that he met five soldiers in the uniform of the United States army and that suggested other things.

VALUE OF PREVENTATIVE SERUM IS SHOWN

By the Associated Press. Paris, Sept. 18.—During the last meeting of the surgical society, Doctor Fradet mentioned a fact which seemed to show the value of preventive injections of anti-tetanus serum.

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He is, indeed, the son of a doctor, and during his three years' life in the United States, he married Miss Mary Plummer, the daughter of a physician of Springfield, Mass.

M. Clemenceau is at present taking the cure at Vichy. He used to go to Carlsbad before the war. A few weeks ago a soldier on leave was injured when his bicycle collapsed as he was riding into Vichy. The former premier happened to arrive on the scene in a few minutes.

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