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A BIT OF INFORMATION.

Here is a bit of information that we are giving out gratuitously to those citizens in these parts who may possibly read this news paper and at the same time be in sympathy with the illegal traffic in liquor. The information we have in mind in this, whether you think it is so or not so, the Kingdom of God has come on the earth. The reign of righteousness is here, and it is here to stay, and to control the destinies of the nations as nations, and the individuals as individuals. This does not mean that the powers of evil will not contest every inch of ground for many days to come, but the reign of righteousness—the Kingdom of God—is a winning force, and its purposes are not thwarted. The individual or the nation—Germany and Turkey for instance—and the liquor dealers about here, for another instance, lose out every time they join battle with the forces of God. National prohibition has been written into the constitution of this nation, and with the victory won the righteous powers of this people will not longer wink at the disposition to violate the liquor laws. There was a time when it appeared to many to be good policy to be lenient until men inclined to violate the liquor laws had time to correct their ways, but the time for indulgence and patience with the evil minded has now past, and the need of good roads has also become prominent. It should be very plain to any thinking liquor man that he is on a rough and rocky road if he cares to travel further in his line.

Will Install Looping Machines.

In a recent interview with Mr. A. R. Strayhorn, superintendent of the Golden Belt Manufacturing company we learned of a new department to be added to their plant here which will provide profitable employment for girls and women. It is the purpose of the company to install a few looping machines at once for finishing the toes of mercerized hosiery made in their plant at Durham. Other machines will be added as rapidly as possible. Mr. Strayhorn tells us that the work of operating these machines requires some skill, and that skilled operators command high wages. In Durham many of the girls who learn to operate the looping machines have a machine installed in their homes after their marriage and make good wages working their spare time. Mr. Hailey is in Durham this week arranging for the shipment of the machines.

Bridge Falls With Team and Driver.

The bridge over Stewart's creek on the McKinney road, two miles south of this city, fell in last Friday. The bridge fell when the team of mules the property of Mr. E. F. McKinney, and the driver were well on the bridge. With a sudden crash the whole went down into the stream, falling a distance of possibly 20 feet. The driver escaped by jumping and while he went down almost 25 feet he was not much worse for the experience. The team was so pinned in the wreck that it required much effort to rescue them. They are not able to work and just when they will be no one can tell. This bridge was a long span of wood construction and had been in service for possibly ten years. It had been condemned, but had not been closed up. Because of the much travel on this road it is supposed that a good iron bridge will now take the place of the old one.

Influenza-Pneumonia Kills 101 On Sunday In Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Influenza and pneumonia cases and deaths, are decreasing, it was announced today by Health Commissioner, Robertson.

During the last 24 hours Dr. Robertson said, 1,350 cases of influenza and 289 cases of pneumonia were reported. During the same period there were 50 deaths from influenza and 51 from pneumonia.

In an effort to overcome the scarcity of experienced nurses, the health department tonight wired to many cities in the middle west and Canada for volunteer aids to assist in combatting the influenza epidemic.

Of the more than 10,000 influenza cases reported last week, there are still 16,000 demanding the attendance of nurses, health department officials said.

MISIRIAL IN HENNIS CASE

The one subject of conversation in this town and section this week is the trial of Mr. S. A. Hennis charged with selling liquor. The prominence of Mr. Hennis as a citizen and business man, as well as the liquor problem just at this time, makes the subject much out of the ordinary.

The very fact that so much money can be made now by engaging in the liquor business, the wonder is that more men do not take chances with the law. It is common talk that there are about five citizens in this town, some of whom stand high up in "society" and are supposed to be above suspicion, have been coining the money by engaging in the liquor business. Just why they say "five" citizens and not make it three or six, we do not know, neither do we have the least idea who these "five" prominent citizens are, but there is a great deal of talk about these supposedly guilty parties who have so far been able to get by with the game. There is no end to the amount of talk that is current in this connection. They tell how it has been hauled here from Wilkes and Yadkin counties and how it has come here in big truck loads. They tell how citizens up in Wilkes have, during the past few months, changed from humble citizens worth a few hundred dollars to affluent business men with big bank accounts and worth as much as fifty and seventy thousand dollars, and along with this increase in their wealth they have also added to their reputation the name of being a blockade manufacturer of liquor. They tell how they have figured it out up in Wilkes that, by the new process of quick manufacture, a citizen can take a few bushels of corn meal and secure two helpers and in one day and two nights he can convert that meal into liquor in a way to clear the sum of eight hundred dollars. Now some of the Wilkes county liquor that has been making so many of the Wilkes citizens rich has credit for being brought here and the "five" prominent citizens get credit for dealing in this liquor in a wholesale way.

But the liveliest part of the talk this week is the trial of Mr. Hennis. Part of Monday, all day Tuesday, and part of Wednesday hundreds of people stood in the new town hall and listened to the law and the testimony in this case. A jury of six men were selected to hear the evidence and pass upon the facts.

The prominence of Mr. Hennis and his high standing among his neighbors as a citizen and business man makes the case of great interest. Mr. Hennis is just in the prime of life and has lived here from childhood. Mr. Hennis successful in business far beyond the ordinary, and it has been by his own ability and energy that he has succeeded. He owns one of the finest homes in the city, is one of the largest wholesale produce dealers here, rides in one of the finest makes of cars, belongs to the Baptist church, and makes a useful member who is appreciated by his brethren, can prove a good character as any man should want, and can number his friends by about as many heads as any other man in town, all of which puts this case out of the ordinary.

Mr. Hennis' trouble began when Lin Taylor got indicted for retailing and turned states evidence, claiming that he had been a tool in the hands of Mr. Hennis and that they had been partners in the business for months. Lin Taylor is an interesting character in some ways. He is an afflicted man of little sense and no ability, and yet he gets credit for doing about as well as he can, for he works and is honest. He has a crippled hand and is afflicted with phthisis and evidently is not able to work. He is a typical character for a retailer, for lawyers can plead all kinds of things for him in case he is convicted. Just common human sympathy would forbid that he be confined in prison or be sent to the roads. He has a wife and gets credit for doing about the best he can, when his ability and affliction are considered.

Now this same Lin Taylor had gone on the stand as the star witness against Mr. Hennis and freely told at length about all their dealing. He appears to keep nothing back and to want to tell the truth, at least he makes that impression.

He tells at great length about how he has sold large quantities of liquor and how Mr. Hennis has kept him supplied and how Mr. Hennis has not allowed him to have his share of the profits as they agreed to. He tells how Mr. Hennis tried to get him to leave the country when this prosecution started, and how he was in the act of leaving at the time he was arrested.

Mr. Hennis went on the witness stand and denied every having any dealings with Taylor in the liquor business, and admitted some things that Taylor had told, but claimed that all he had ever done in the way of befriending Taylor was done as the act of a neighbor. Taylor had borrowed money from him and had often come to him for favors and had

often been favored by him.

The State was disposed to make much of the evidence that hinged about the fruit jars. At the time Mr. Hennis' place was searched for liquor some weeks ago by the sheriff, some fruit jars were found about the place that recently contained liquor, judging by the smell. Now Taylor tells the court that Hennis often kept his liquor about in fruit jars. On cross examination he told how at one time Mr. Hennis told him that the folks were becoming suspicious about his frequent visits to the produce house and that he, Taylor, must quit coming there so often. And then he told how Mr. Hennis had sent the liquor to his, Taylor's home, in fruit jars, and how he thus kept the business going and not have to be making visits for his liquor to the produce house. Mr. Hennis answered this by flatly denying most of it, but he accounted for the fruit jars in his place of business by telling something like this. He works at times a number of men who help pack and ship produce. Some of these men drink at times and after they had emptied a bottle or fruit jar in which they had their liquor they threw it down and in this way the jars might have been placed about his building. He also remembered how at one time not long ago he ran short of barrels and had his men go out in town and buy up all the empty barrels they could find. When they brought in these empty barrels some of them contained trash and rubbish and in one of the barrels were two half gallon jars in which had recently been kept liquor. These might have been the jars that the officers found at the time they searched his place.

The state made much of the confidence Taylor had in his ability to go free in case he got caught. It seems that he was bold about his business and sold liquor as though it was not unlawful to sell it. He got so bold about it that his brother, Silas Taylor, went to see him and tried to get him to discontinue it. The state made a witness of Mr. Silas Taylor who told of his efforts to get his brother to quit selling, but all to no avail. Tom Taylor was also a witness for the state. Tom told how he had gone to see Lin and told him he had better quit before he got tangled up with the law. But Lin insisted to him that there was no danger, for he had a man of influence, Mr. Hennis, back of him and that they were partners in the business and Mr. Hennis stood in with the officers and could get him out even if he got caught.

The state made much of the effort that Taylor claimed Hennis made to get him to leave the country when the liquor prosecutions started. Taylor said that Mr. Hennis tried hard to get him to go to east Virginia and stay until things quieted down. Much time was taken up on this point and Taylor told how he was in the act of starting to Virginia at the time of his arrest and how Mr. Hennis had given him \$50 and said that he would send him more money all along as he needed it. Mr. Hennis admitted that he loaned Taylor \$50, but that he did it because Taylor came to him and solicited the loan.

The state made much of the evidence of John Davis who testified that Mr. Hennis came to him and asked him to go see Lin Taylor and tell him to quit talking so much and keep his mouth shut, for he, Hennis, stood in with the Judge and could get him out of all his trouble.

The above article was written before the trial was completed, and this final paragraph is being written on Thursday morning after the jury failed to agree on a verdict and was discharged. The trial of this case has attracted much more than ordinary attention. The jury was selected on Monday afternoon and was made up of the following citizens: T. W. Davis, foreman, W. R. King, P. D. Webster, G. M. Sparger, Joe Banner and Lawrence.

It required all day Tuesday to examine the witnesses and the lawyers spoke all day Wednesday, the case going to the jury about 4 P. M. No verdict was reached by night and the court took a recess until nine o'clock at night thinking that a verdict might be reached by that time. But at nine o'clock no verdict had been agreed upon, and so the jury was sent to the Blue Ridge Inn for the night. When court convened at 9:30 Thursday morning the jury reported that no verdict had been reached and the Judge declared it a mistrial. Because Dobson court comes on in a few days it was decided to not hear this case again until after court, and Wednesday, February 11th, was the date set for hearing the case a second time.

Leap-Year Hopeful Club.

Miss Alma Yokley entertained at a delightful ruck party Saturday afternoon at her lovely home on Franklin street which was the initial meeting of the "Leap Year Hopeful Club." Rook was played at five tables after which a business meeting was held. Officers elected for the year. Miss Yokley assisted by Misses Anna Reece and Alice Hale served a delicious salad course.

A Banquet.

A number of citizens interested in law enforcement together with the town officials were invited to a banquet Monday evening to meet Hon. John C. Minton, of Indianapolis, Ind., and B. C. Van Heyde, state field representative and district organizer for this district, in the twenty-five million dollar campaign for funds for Home Law Enforcement and the World Prohibition Movement that is being sponsored by the Anti-Saloon League.

Hon. W. F. Carter, chairman of the local organization, introduced the visitors and presided at the banquet.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. prepared a tempting menu and after a blessing was asked by Rev. West an hour and a half was spent in eating and making short speeches. Among the speakers were B. C. Van Heyde, Rev. T. H. King, A. V. West, C. H. Haynes, J. E. Johnson, E. M. Linville, W. F. Carter, E. H. Koehitzky and others.

The banqueters repaired to the high school building at 7:30 P. M. to meet the people who had assembled to hear the visitors; a splendid address was made by Hon. Minton after which Mr. Van Heyde made a short address and distributed cards to be filled out by those who wished to contribute to the twenty five million campaign.

An Appreciation.

On behalf of the members and friends of the Presbyterian church, we desire to extend through the public press our appreciation and enjoyment of the series of sermons recently preached in the church by Rev. D. Vance Price. It has been a season of rare privilege. The eloquent and powerful sermons of this brilliant preacher are always helpful and inspirational. —The Session and the Dianconate.



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