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NOT EVEN A DOG

History records the fact that when Daniel Boone was exploring the country now known as Kentucky he spent almost a year wandering about that garden spot of the south alone without salt, powder or shot, and even without a dog. The fact that it is a point in history that the explorer, now famous as one of the first Americans, should be without a dog is well worth a thought. It goes to show what an important place the dog has played in the life of people of all times. But times change. As people multiply and congregate in thickly settled communities they must change their ways to meet the new conditions that are constantly arising.

Conditions have so changed that this state now employs a distinguished physician, Dr. C. A. Shore, of Raleigh, who gives his time to looking after the general health of the people. Part of his duties is to try to protect the people from hydrophobia. He has been in charge of this work for years. He has studied the subject in this country and in Europe. He is an authority on dogs. He gives it out in the press of the state now that all this talk about vaccinating dogs against hydrophobia has proven to be a failure. He says that it only creates a false sense of security.

He further says that all dogs that run at large should be required to wear muzzles, and dogs not wearing them should be shot on sight. He says that our laws should be to this effect.

This problem of the dog will not be settled until we come to treat the animal as any other domestic animal. There is no reason why a man should give his dog the free run of his neighbors property. Not long ago hogs and cows had the right to go at large. As the country settled up this could no longer be tolerated. Neither can the dog at large be longer tolerated. Times now demand that every man keep his dog on his own premises just as he does his cow or his horse or his chickens.

CHILDREN WITH NO SHOES

Would you believe it, children here in our midst with no shoes for their feet. Just think of a whole family of several children and a big husky father who fails to provide shoes for them. The neighbors get up in arms about it, but are told that a man can buy shoes for his own children or let them go barefooted if he wants to—this is a free country. We wonder if it is as free as all that, if the officers were aware of their whole duty.

It is a consoling thought that the great bulk of mankind is thoughtful and loving and kind and makes every effort to provide for those who are subject to their care. Somebody has figured it out that two per cent of the race is abnormal. This two per cent fails to act like normal people. It is this two per cent that get most of the space in the newspaper, and fill our asylums and prisons by their abnormal conduct. We folk who think we are in the great majority of right thinking people look askance at the abnormal two per cent who get so much attention and so much of our courts time and of the public charity fund.

One of these days this abnormal two per cent will be classified and their mental condition made known and then their weaknesses will not appear so glaring in the light of the truth about their ability to care for themselves. Many of them cannot. Many of them never should have been allowed children who must look to them for care. When we folks who think we are normal come to our senses we will deal with these abnormal folks in a sensible way and then there will be less cause for talking and writing so much about them.

WINTER UPON US.

The cold winter days are now with us. Winter does not mean hardship to every one, for many are so constituted that they really enjoy the days when the snow is in the air and the frost on the ground. Teach a child to think of winter as a time of suffering and it will go through life with this idea, but teach it that winter is a time for pleasure, for skating, for parties, for social enjoyment,

and winter will always be to it a time for rejoicing.

An interesting thing about life is that the more you live before the frost line comes to hit you, it looks like it takes a sort of leadership to make a man who is really worth while. England and Germany are cold blank countries for a large part of the year, and our own America is frozen up for months over a great part of the country, and yet these nations are the most viable and aggressive and happy people on earth.

And so if the winds blow cold and the days seem dreary just remember that it takes a bit of hardship to bring out the best in all of us, and out of the hardships we get lessons that make life worth living.

SHALL WE LET DOWN THE BARS IN A PEACEABLE COMMUNITY?

In these days of modern degeneracy as many claim to see it, it is the duty of all right thinking people to keep an eye to the conditions that make for righteousness or for the opposite. Just now we have in mind the fact that the board of county commissioners of Surry will be asked on the first Monday in next month to grant a license to operate a pool room at Cross Roads near the Quarry. The matter was before the board last Monday and an order was made to the effect that any and all citizens who oppose the granting of license for a pool room file their objections with the Mount Airy News on a blank that will be at the office of The Mount Airy News for the recording of objections against issuing the license for the pool room. The Commissioners have not yet filed the blanks at The News office.

It is well known about here that a pool room is able to create conditions that are highly objectionable to a community. It should be known by the county commissioners. Per se, as the lawyers would express it, a game of pool looks to be a most innocent diversion, but a pool room seems to be able to attract all the bad element of a community along with some good citizens who claim to get much pleasure from the sport. So disposed are the undesirable to gather about the comfortable stoves in a pool room that it becomes a problem to keep order even where there is ample police protection. It seems to be the accepted idea that this bad element that congregates about a game of pool usually add gambling to the game and reduce the sport to the lowest kind of entertainment. It is for this that it has been thought wise to banish pool rooms from this city.

Now to issue license for a resort of this kind out in a rural section, where no police protection exists, is a highly questionable moral act. If our county commissioners should issue the license as they will be asked to do, it is only reasonable to conclude that it would soon make conditions about the Quarry such that the better element of the neighborhood would become agitated to that extent that they would rise and find a way to rid their section of the pool room. It is but natural to suppose that it would take this turn, and if this is a natural conclusion, then it would be natural for our county commissioners to refuse to embarrass a peaceable community by being a party to setting up an institution that will most certainly lead to agitation, confusion and its speedy overthrow.

Who is to Drink it?

This is the report of an actual dialogue which took place between two American citizens the other day—one of them a business man, and the other a clergyman, to whom the business spoke frankly, as one does to a good friend:

"Well," said the layman, with an air of finality, "Prohibition is a failure, and we must get used to the idea

of making America 'wet' once again."

"But who is to drink the liquor?" queried his friend. "Will you?"

"Why no," he replied. "You know that I am a tea-totaller."

"Will your son drink it?"

"No, that shall not be!"

"Would you want it to come back for the sake of your clerks?"

"No, it is my practice to discharge any clerks who drink liquor."

"Do you want your customers to drink it?"

"No, I would much rather not; I am sure that those who use strong drink will not buy so much from me now as they did formerly."

"Will you want the engineer on your train to use it?"

"No, I don't want to ride on a drunken's train."

"Ah, then, you want this liquor for the men whom you most driving care on the public highway?"

"No, of course not; that is a danger to everybody."

"Well, then, who is to drink this liquor in America, pray tell me?"

"I am not so sure that anybody should drink it. I guess we're much better off without it."—Reformed Church Messenger.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County. By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee, in a certain deed of trust executed the 5th day of October, 1926 by Nettie Allred, unmarried, to the undersigned trustee, for C. B. Sisko and wife, Lillie Allred Sisko, to secure an indebtedness of four thousand seven hundred eighty six dollars (\$4,786.00), recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Surry County, North Carolina, in book 73, page 327.

Default having been made in the payment of the note therein secured, and at the request of the holder, I will sell for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the First National Bank, Mount Airy, North Carolina, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, 1928, at one o'clock P. M.,

the following described lands, to wit: Lying and being in the town of Mt. Airy, on Cherry street, adjoining the lands of W. M. Lewis, J. B. Yalley, J. C. Hollingsworth and others, bounded as follows: Beginning on the agreed corner between W. M. Lewis and J. F. Allred, deceased, the property herein described, and runs with Cherry street North 56 deg. E. 95 feet; thence South 89 1-2 deg. E. 200 feet to the old W. B. Hollingsworth line 95 feet to the agreed corner between W. M. Lewis and J. F. Allred, deceased, and runs North 35 deg. West with the agreed line between the said Lewis and J. F. Allred, to the beginning.

Sale made to satisfy indebtedness of four thousand, seven hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$4,786.00) principal, interest and cost of sale to add. This the 5th day of Dec. 1927. H. O. Wolts, Trustee.

NOTICE

By virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed to me as trustee, by G. H. Park and wife, to secure a note of \$150.00, which said deed of trust is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, in Book No. 104 page 99, and default having been made in the payment thereof, at the request of the holder, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Dobson, on the

4th day of January, 1928, at one o'clock P. M.,

the following real estate lying and being in Dobson Township, Surry County, N. C., and described as follows:

A one-sixth interest in all three tracts of land described in deed from Emma Haynes to George H. Park bearing date Dec. 31st, 1919, which said deed is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, N. C., in deed book No. 80 page 297, which said deed for boundaries is made a part of this conveyance. Said three tracts of land adjoin each other and the entire boundary is as follows: being bounded on the north by the lands of Frank Atkinson and Fletcher Branch, on the East by the lands of S. H. Blue and G. H. Badgett, on the South by the lands of C. C. Hutchens, John Lewis and Little Fisher's River and on the West by the lands of Grover Branch, containing 162 acres more or less.

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