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STATEMENTS AGAIN

Exception has been taken by Mr. Wakefield to the editorial reference that he said that there was "no committee" with which he could take up the matter of the famous "22" and the reference that he had taken the matter up with Dr. Campbell's "agents or attorneys." Regarding the "committee," Mr. Wakefield says that he said he did not know "what committee" he could take the matter up with, and regarding Dr. Campbell's "agents and attorneys" he insisted that he said he would write Dr. Campbell himself.

We see no material difference in the reference to Dr. Campbell or his agents or attorneys in this case. Of course there are some differences so far as the language goes, but there is no difference in the actual meaning. They both refer to any one in authority passing Dr. Campbell's claims, whether he is for a license himself or a representative. He said again that Mr. Wakefield was severe in his criticism and would have the matter of the "22" made public. Affidavits to the effect that he produced. Later he says that the statement by Mr. Wakefield that he did not know "what committee" he could take up the matter with was an exaggeration and a personal reflection on the editor, he said, and that if any committee was formed.

Getting back to Mr. Wakefield's statements as published over his own signature, we find that on Jan. 27 he said, referring to the list of "22" and giving the names of F. H. Houston, T. A. Wright and others, that "there are errors made by the party or parties who distributed the list of post polls filed in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court." Prior to and following the publication of this statement Mr. Wakefield told several persons that Mr. Starnes got up the list. Affidavits to this fact can be furnished. These statements were made while Mr. Starnes was absent from the city, and on his arrival here, when asked about it, he said that he knew nothing of the list of "22," but that he did get up the poll lists for Dr. Campbell, whom he was engaged with a man's rights.

With these facts, and with Mr. Wakefield's statement over his own signature, we are unable to get at anything else other than a direct accusation that Mr. Starnes did furnish the list referred to. No further mention of Mr. Wakefield's reference to Mr. Starnes would have been made if it had not been for Mr. Wakefield's insinuations regarding the veracity of the News-Topic's statements. It is mentioned now with no intention of beginning a controversy between them, but to show the fallacy and confusions of Mr. Wakefield's published and verbal statements. The News-Topic has been thoroughly honest in this matter. We care nothing about it.

BIRD-HUNTING HOG HAS A NERVOUS COLLAPSE

The famous bird-hunting hog owned by Tucker Gibson, widely known Louisiana huntsman, has suffered "nervous prostration," and is in a serious condition, according to its owner, who recently took the hog to Natchez, Miss., to train for the Springfield trials. According to Mr. Gibson, after the field trials, in which he felt sure his hog would make good with the dogs entered, he had intended exhibiting the porker in vaudeville, and with this end in view had secured a number of birds to be employed in the act. Mr. Gibson left home for several days, leaving the birds in a cage. On his return he found the porker had located the birds and had been "pointing" them continuously for three days and nights. The intense mental strain, together with the fact that the hog had not eaten during that time, he said, brought on a "general collapse."

NEGRO COUPLE, EACH AGED 83, HAVE A NEW BABY

Reports of the birth of a child to a negro couple in Pollocksville, both aged 83, were confirmed last week, when persons acquainted with the couple added also that both the mother and father were white-haired and showed every evidence of the age they claimed, according to a dispatch from New Bern.

DR. KANE REMOVES HIS OWN APPENDIX

Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane, the 60-year-old surgeon of Kane, Pa., who last week removed his own appendix in one of the most remarkable surgical operations on record, says that he is further on the road to recovery than is usual following an operation for the removal of the appendix.

GOING TO BE SAD DAYS FOR THE MOONSHINER

(Raleigh News and Observer) A score of Federal prohibition agents under the command of Chief H. G. Guiley left Raleigh secretly last night for an unnamed destination, and this morning they will pounce unawares upon the unsuspecting moonshiner in some section of the State within a night's journey of the capital.

It is the beginning of an intensive campaign to wipe out the illicit manufacture of liquor in North Carolina. Special officers, two from each State in the southern division, have been assembled in Raleigh during the past few days, and the campaign carefully mapped out. Full arrangements have been made, and by tonight, it is thought, that the first reports will be coming in.

Points of attack will be widely scattered. Today the general raids will be prosecuted in one county and tomorrow the agents may rest or they may go to some section remote from the scene of their initial raids and institute a new drive. Secretly, it is understood, will be their movements, and every precaution is being taken to forestall warnings that might be sent to the moonshiners.

The growth of the liquor making industry in North Carolina during the past twelve months has been of vast concern to the prohibition forces, and the complaints that have been coming in to headquarters here from every section of the State have moved the chief of agents to action. Within 42 men to cover the State Mr. Guiley has been seriously handicapped in distributing his liquor.

During the past week he appealed to the District Chief Brans in Raleigh, with the result that authority has been given for the assembling of a special force of officers to pass the State in a raid. Last night he left for the field with a force of 30 men, and he is expected to return today with a number of arrests and seizures.

At the present time the State has been divided into 10 districts, and a report of the progress of the campaign will be made to the District Chief Brans in Raleigh. It is thought that the campaign will be prosecuted with vigor, and that the illicit manufacture of liquor will be wiped out in a short time.

More liquor is being made in North Carolina than at any time in the history of the State, according to prohibition agents. There is more money invested in the traffic than has been obtained for years than was ever invested in the business when it was a legitimate, licensed industry. Liquor manufacture was banished from the State after the plebiscite in 1909, and for the past 12 years the State has been technically free of liquor.

Estimates of the number of stills actually at work in the State run as high as 15,000, and the estimated weekly output of whiskey of various sorts is placed at upwards of 100,000 gallons. Every variety of liquor is being made, agents find on their raids, ranging from a good quality of apple brandy to the vilest of concoctions of uncertain origin.

The plants in operation range from modern copper stills of a high capacity to crude makeshifts with nothing more than an oil can and a few feet of iron piping. Officials have been unable to trace the source of manufacture of the better class of stills which are being shipped into the State, but it is easily recognized that the moonshiners have access to the very best of equipment if they have the money to pay for it with.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Welch, Miss Elizabeth Welch, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Crane and son were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seagle at their home on Bernhardt Hill on Tuesday at a dinner party which Mrs. Seagle gave for Mr. Seagle, it being his birthday. The guests were profuse in their expressions of the delicious meal.

SOLOMON MISTAKEN

(Raleigh News and Observer) "Solomon was wrong in saying there is nothing new under the sun," said C. H. Mebane of Newton, who was here last night in the interest of the liquor law enforcement bill. "The reason I know it was that I saw something absolutely new on Capt. Witherspoon's train between here and Greensboro this afternoon."

"A little woman, up in years, asked me if the smoker was crowded. I told her it was not. She arose and walked calmly into the smoker. She sat down without the slightest evidence of embarrassment, produced a clay pipe with a long reed stem and proceeded to fill it with tobacco which she carried in a small pouch. She struck a match and soon made the men smokers look like thirty cents in the making of clouds and rings of smoke. Two pipes were disposed of."

"Capt. Witherspoon has been running trains for 38 years. He said this was the first time he ever saw anything of the sort."

HORRID MEN THEN LAUGHED

How many women walked into the trap when they registered, into which Mrs. Geatline Travers fell? asked Glad Thompson, Mrs. Travers gave her name and then the registrar asked, "Age?" "Over 21.57," replied Mrs. Travers, cautiously. "Born?" "In Missouri." "How long have you lived in the precinct?" "One year." "In the city?" "Ten years." "In the State?" "Thirty-one years."

ROCKEFELLER AND MRS. HARRIMAN STILL RICHEST

Reports published by the United States Internal revenue bureau indicate that John D. Rockefeller is still the richest man in the United States, and that Mr. E. H. Harriman is the second richest. Mr. Harriman, it is said, pays income tax on \$4,000,000 a year, and John D.'s wealth is estimated at about a million. Names are withheld from the report, but they are supposed to be the persons named.

MR. SPENCER OUT AGAIN

The friends of Mr. J. T. Spencer, Jr., who lives near Lenoirville, are pleased to see him out following a severe spell of sickness. Mr. Spencer was in town one day last week.

Efficient Thompson Seton says morale has no relation to stress, but what is worrying the mortalists is that women don't seem to, either.—Philadelphia North American.

We are buoyed up by the statement that the profiteers, somewhere, some day, will get what is coming to them, for they have already got what is coming to us.—Charleston Gazette.

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UNIVERSAL THEATRE

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, FEB 24

"The Cure"  
Charley Chaplin  
"Paissant Petticoats"  
Two-Reel Sunshine Comedy  
Pathe News  
Matinee 4 p. m.

FRIDAY

"He Comes Uy Smiling"  
Douglas Fairbanks  
Matinee 4 p. m.

SATURDAY

"Double Danger"  
Two-Reel Western  
"Fresh From the Farm"  
Two-Reel Century Comedy  
Pathe News  
Matinee 2 p. m.

MONDAY

"Beautifully Trimmed"  
Carmel Myers  
Did you ever "fall for a fake"? It will do your heart good to see the fakers trimmed in "Beautifully Trimmed"

TUESDAY

"39 East"  
Constance Binney  
Don't miss this one—it's great

WEDNESDAY

"Footlights and Shadows"  
Olive Thomas  
Broadway at its best—and worst. Olive Thomas throws a new light on the Great White Way

Douglas Fairbanks in "He Comes Up Smiling" Fridays, Feb. 25. A big picture at regular prices

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If This Were Your Home--What?

What would it mean to you? Could you rebuild or repair it?

Of course you would be happy if all your family escaped the seething flames without injury, but have you somewhere, at the office or the bank, a policy of insurance indemnifying you against the property loss?

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