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Bootlegging No Longer A Profitable Business

Former Retailer of Moonshine Whiskey Gives Views On the Subject, And Tells Reason Why He Is Leaving The Game Up To The Other Fellow

"Yes, I quit selling liquor a month ago because the business isn't profitable any more. I made enough money in two years at it to buy a nice little farm, and now I'm done. Next year, I'm going out on my farm to live, and I never expect to handle another pint of the stuff."

The foregoing statement was made by a man who says that he sees the doom of the bootlegging business—a business, he declares, in which small fortunes have been made here, while bigger ones were accumulated in Norfolk and other cities in all parts of the United States.

"Why is the bootlegging business no longer a lucrative one?" this bootlegger was asked. He answered quickly, "Because there are too many people now who make liquor in this section and sell direct to the consumer. When a man can take his car, and go a mile or less from Elizabeth City, and there buy whiskey for \$6 to \$8 a gallon, he won't buy the same grade of whiskey from us at \$2 to \$3 a pint—or at the rate of \$16 to \$24 a gallon."

"In the early days of moonshine liquor making in this part of the country, the makers, as a rule, were afraid to deal directly with the public. They didn't know how effectively the law would be enforced, and they were afraid that they'd be informed on and that the officers would get them. And, besides, they were making a handsome profit as it was. The stuff sold for \$7.00 to \$10 a quart retail, and the bootlegger was willing to pay half that much for it. The cost of making a gallon of corn whiskey is considerably under fifty cents, varying, of course, with the fluctuations in the price of corn and sugar. They couldn't kick on that."

"Those were the days of real profit to the bootlegger. He controlled the business. For more than a year, he had easy sailing; but as the output increased, the price fell. The bootlegger didn't realize what smooth sailing he had. As a class, he became greedy. He tried to force the whiskey maker's price down, while he held his own price to the buyer as high as he possibly could."

"This drove the moonshiner to approach the buying public directly. By cutting under the bootlegger's prices, he was able to make a better profit for himself than he could by wholesaling his output. He became less apprehensive of coming into uncomfortable contact with the law; and now he has practically put the bootlegger out of business. All the bootlegger's fault, of course."

More Moonshiners Than Ever.

"I do not hesitate to say that today there are more makers of moonshine corn liquor in these North-eastern North Carolina counties than there ever have been before. The leniency of the courts toward convicted offenders is, of course, one reason; but the big reason is that the demand is increasing all the time. I believe that there are more people in Northeastern North Carolina today who drink liquor than there ever have been before. From observation, I know that more young boys drink whiskey—individually and in larger quantities, too—than was the case twenty years ago, when I grew up."

"As I said a while ago, there are more makers of liquor in this section than there used to be; but on the other hand, the quality of the stuff they manufacture apparently grows worse instead of better from month to month. There's a reason for that, too. In the beginning, the fellows who made the liquor were

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Euzelian Class Meets

The Euzelian Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school was entertained by Mrs. C. S. Swain and Mrs. W. T. Harrison at the home of Mrs. Swain on Greenleaf street Monday evening. A committee was appointed to purchase Bibles for use in the class room and after other business matters had been taken up, delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses. Those present were: Mrs. Lem Jackson, Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Mrs. C. E. Ward, Mrs. A. B. Combs, Mrs. W. M. Blount, Mrs. Brantley McCoy, Mrs. L. B. Pritchard, Mrs. D. C. Martin, Mrs. Robert Sawyer, Mrs. Nell Lister, Mrs. Bertha Simpson, Mrs. S. C. Newbold, teacher; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Thayer and James Henry Thayer, Jr.

Gets 30 Days For Contempt Of Court

Bob Elliott, Originally Fined A Dollar And Costs, Receives Jail Sentence Before Court Closes

"Everybody's guilty in this court," remarked Bob Elliott, young white man of this city, after he had been fined a dollar and costs in recorder's court here Wednesday morning on a charge of riding a bicycle after nightfall without a light, as required by a city ordinance.

"You can just take thirty days in jail for that remark, for contempt of court," Trial Justice Spence imperturbably remarked. "He's in your custody, Chief."

Elliott had previously admitted on the witness stand that he had had a drink of whiskey that morning, which he said he had bought in Baltimore in 1912. He showed great astonishment when the thirty-day sentence for contempt of court was imposed upon him.

Elliott was released from jail at 5:30 o'clock.

George Gordon, charged with speeding, was fined ten dollars and costs.

Lucian Morrisette, who had been summoned to appear on a charge of operating his automobile without a muffler, but who failed to show up, was placed under a bond of ten dollars for his appearance in Thursday morning court.

Probable cause was found in the case of John Henry Heckstall, a negro charged with housebreaking, and he was held over for Superior court under a bond of \$300. Heckstall was accused of breaking into the home of Lizzie Price, Green street, and stealing a second-hand graphophone, two records and a clock.

Charles Bailey and Henry Daniels, colored boys, were found guilty of cutting flowers in the Episcopal cemetery on Lawrence street and were fined five dollars and costs each.

STRIKES DIRECTLY AT ANGLO-IRISH TREATY

London, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Winston Churchill, secretary of the colonies, asserted in the House of Commons today that the agreement reached between political factions of Southern Ireland strikes directly at the provisions of the Anglo-Irish treaty. It seemed probable he said that the Irish people would not be able to give free expression to their views as a consequence of the agreement.

Member English Bar Executed For Murder

London, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Major Herbert Rowse Armstrong, leading Welsh solicitor, convicted of poisoning his wife, was executed today. He was the first member of the English Bar to be executed for murder.

Favorable Report On McCumber Plan

Washington, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—The bill commonly known as the McCumber soldier bonus plan was ordered favorably reported by the Senate Finance Committee today by a vote of nine to four. The effective date of the bill was changed, however, from next October one to January one, 1923, after Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts, had told the majority that it would take six months to get the bonus machinery in operation.

The Smoot plan providing for paid up life insurance instead of all other forms of compensation was defeated today by a vote of eight to five.

WINS DERBY RACE

Epsom Downs, Eng., May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Captain Cutie won the Derby Race here today. Viscount Astor's Tamar was second, and B. Walker's Craig-gower, third. Thirty horses ran.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL CANTATA AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

"Arcticana, or Columbia's Trip to the North Pole," is the title of the sprightly cantata to be presented by the seventh grades of the Grammar School at the High School auditorium tonight. Admission is 20 and 35 cents. Choruses by the Nymphs of Borealis, Snowflakes of Borealis, Train, Amazon Guards, Maids from School, and Columbian Guards will add measurably to the harmonious melodies of the cantata. The accompanying instrumental music will be rendered by the High School Orchestra and Miss Ethel Jones. A treat is promised those who attend.

L. C. WEST DEAD

After an illness of two weeks, L. C. West died Wednesday morning at five minutes to one o'clock at his home, 315 Parsonage street. He was 73 years of age, and is survived by one son, H. C. West, of Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. T. E. Morgan, of this city, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the home Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. H. K. Williams officiating, and interment will be made in Hollywood.

LATE BULLETINS

Savannah, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—L. Gourdin Young, a native of South Carolina and a Confederate veteran, died here today after a long illness.

Alken, S. C., May 31 (By The Associated Press)—James C. Garvin, known as "Uncle Jimmie," an eccentric, is dead. He left \$40,000.

Washington, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Chief Justice Taft will leave shortly for England to study the judicial system with a view to determining its characteristics for the expeditious settlement of legal trials and issues.

New York, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Seven auto bandits held up three men at Long Island City today and robbed them of a \$15,000 payroll belonging to certain silk dealers.

Few Subscriptions Will Decide The Prize Winners

Difference Between Success and Failure Will Be Represented By Difference Between Votes Given Now And Those Given After Another Decrease Takes Place

This is the time to plan upon winning the Ford sedan. Tomorrow or next week is not as good. For next week, you will receive thousands of votes less for your subscriptions than you will this week. It is vitally necessary that you make a good report this week. If you don't, someone else will, and you will find yourself down in the race. It is easy to keep in the race, but once you get to the bottom, it is good night.

You can't stand still and expect to win. Others will replace you if you are unable to secure votes. The thing to do is to work, and work hard this week, for you can easily keep in the race, and almost as easy, take the lead. The old saying "there's nothing that succeeds like success" was never more true than it is in this race. If you will work hard this week, and take a commanding lead in the contest, you will find it much easier to secure subscriptions.

While your competitors are slowing up, speed up yourself, and be in front at the finish. To say "Oh, what's the use? I can't win," will weaken you, and weaken the confidence of your friends. And what's more, it is certainly without foundation, for you can win, and will win, if you work. Without work, you cannot win.

This is your last chance to get big votes for your subscriptions. Next week, there will come a big decrease, and if you have not worked this week, you will find yourself doing twice as much work to get the same number of votes as if you had worked only a little this week.

Up to Saturday night at nine o'clock, a club of five yearly subscriptions, or the equivalent, will earn a bonus of 400,000 votes, in addition to those regularly earned on subscriptions, as shown by the vote table. Never after that time will subscriptions earn so many votes by thousands and thousands, so do your big work this week.

District Number One Miss Gladys Adams 23,400

TO LONDON TO CONFER ON IRISH SITUATION

Belfast, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, and the Marquis of Londonderry, Ulster minister of education, are going to London tonight at the British government's invitation to confer regarding the Irish situation.

Belfast, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Tension along parts of the Ulster Free State border still ran high today, although little additional fighting had been reported up till noon. Each side was apparently occupied with taking measures for protection against possible attacks.

Asks Court Prevent Mathilde's Marriage

Chicago, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick will ask court action to prevent the marriage of her daughter, Mathilde, to Max Oser, Swiss horseman. No objection will be made to the appointment of Harold F. McCormick, her divorced husband, as Mathilde's legal guardian.

INTRODUCES BILL TO MEET NEW REGULATIONS

Washington, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—A new bill for regulation of the future trading on grain exchanges, designed to meet the recent decision of the Supreme Court holding the present trading act in operation in part was introduced in the Senate by Senator Capper, Republican, of Kansas, today.

RECEIVE HONOR CARDS AND CERTIFICATES

On Thursday morning at the High School the seventh grade will receive their certificates and honor cards. There will be an interesting program and the public is cordially invited.

On Thursday evening Dr. N. W. Walker from Chapel Hill will deliver the commencement address and the High School Seniors will receive their diplomas. It is hoped that the auditorium will be filled for this event.

- Miss Goldie Sanderlin 38,800
Miss Estelle Silverthorne 41,600
Miss Aurilla Strahl 179,450
Miss Edna Sanders 180,200
Miss Pauline Skinner 179,600
Miss Anna H. Bobbitt 71,200
Miss Sallie Bright 178,800
Mrs. Edwin Forebee 169,600
Miss Mattie Spruill 172,800
Miss Dora Blanchard 109,600
Miss Bessie Mae Twiford 178,800
Mrs. C. H. Sanderlin 167,900
Mrs. Lloyd Brothers, R. 4 59,400

District Number Two

- Mrs. Julian Halstead, Weeksville, Route 1 112,600
Mrs. M. C. Stanley, R. 1 188,400
Mrs. Lloyd Halstead, Weeksville 121,600
Mrs. Calvin Halstead, Weeksville 120,400
Miss M. Stetson, Collington 110,950
Mrs. J. J. Morris, Weeksville, Route 1 180,200
Mrs. J. Jennings, Weeksville 19,400
Miss Lucile Jennings, R. 2 64,900
Miss M. Baum, Poplar Branch 79,600

District Number Three

- Mrs. C. C. Bright, Chapin-oke 181,600
Miss Sallie Miller, Hertford, Route 3 179,800
Mrs. Hettie Lamb, Belvidere 56,700
Mrs. W. E. Bogue, Chapin-oke, Route 1 172,900
Miss Mary E. Stevens, Indian-town 58,400
Miss Mollie Jordan, Shiloh 119,600
Miss Edith Cowell, Shiloh 120,400
Miss Lucile Pugh, Belcross 62,800
Miss A. Forebee, Camden 164,300
Miss M. Cutrell, Camden 64,550

District Number Four

- Miss Emma Forbes, Bertha 32,500
Miss Bettie Stanton, Nixonton 31,000
Mrs. W. E. Midgett, K. Hawk 152,650
Miss India Bartlett, S. Mills 29,700
Mrs. J. P. Barnard, Shawboro 181,600
Miss Lucetta Griggs, Har-binger 29,800
Mrs. M. Hathaway, Moyock 74,600
Mrs. Dolly Gray, Colnjoek 79,800
Miss H. Sykes, Columbia 31,600
Miss Maude Perry, Tyner 18,100
Miss Alma Payne, Mable 34,600

FULTON LOWRY ESCAPES AGAIN

Fulton Lowry, the most picturesque desperado that Elizabeth City has produced in a half century, has escaped from the State penitentiary again. This information is contained in a telegram received Tuesday afternoon by Chief of Police Holmes from George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State penitentiary at Raleigh, who is offering a reward of one hundred dollars for his recapture. Details of Lowry's escape are lacking.

Captured, convicted and sentenced to twenty-five years in State prison in the spring of 1918, after a series of daring robberies here, Fulton Lowry escaped a few months after he was taken to prison. Nothing more tangible than rumors was heard of him until January of this year, when he was arrested in Hamlet as one John Fulton, and was taken to Tarboro for trial for the theft of an automobile at that city.

The Tarboro authorities suspected that the man under arrest was Fulton Lowry, and they sent for Chief Holmes, of this city, who immediately identified him. Fulton Lowry was sentenced to ten additional years in State's prison. John Lowry, who was arrested in 1918 at the time his brother Fulton was, then received a fifteen-year sentence. He escaped from the city jail here, and has not since been apprehended. There has been a rumor current to the effect that he died of the flu in 1919.

Forty Persons Killed In Macao Fighting

Hong Kong, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Forty persons were killed and over a hundred wounded in recent fighting on Macao Island resulting in the declaration of martial law. Macao is a Portuguese concession. The trouble is said to have arisen when Chinese women were insulted by African police employed by the Portuguese.

WILL TAKE STATE COURSE

Miss Marcella Albertson, Home Demonstrator for Pasquotank County, will leave Friday with her sister, Miss Catherine S. Albertson, for a week-end visit to friends and relatives at Portsmouth. Afterward, Miss Marcella Albertson will leave for Raleigh, where she will attend the State Home Demonstration Course. She expects to be away about two weeks.

First Potatoes Shipped From Weeksville Section

The first shipment of early Irish potatoes from the Weeksville section passed through this city Tuesday, enroute for Northern markets. The shipment comprised 112 barrels, which were dug Monday by D. B. Walston, a leading farmer of that section, from eight barrels planted. Mr. Walston stated Tuesday afternoon that he expects to dig again Thursday.

Why Do They Do It?

What makes people fill one theatre night after night for 443 nights for one play and stay away from another theatre with another play, as though it were a plague spot?

One play is doubtless as widely advertised as the other and the casts of both are probably equal in ability. And yet the crowd goes to one and stays away from the other.

Of course the answer is plain. One has merit; the other has not. The play which is to be given on the Chautauqua program is one of the few good ones, the few which have had exceptionally long runs in New York and Chicago, this proving without a doubt that "they have the goods."

"Turn to the Right" ran 443 nights in New York and 319 nights in Chicago. It is called "the comedy that will live forever." It has the heart interest of the ever-compelling story of mother-love. It is clean. People who are familiar with the Chautauqua type of play agree that this is a fine example of the type.

A special single admission price of \$1.00 is announced for the attraction, but season ticketholders will escape this extra tax. This looks like an opportunity for lovers of drama especially comedy-drama.

BABY CLINIC WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL

Total 169 Babies Examined, Of Whom 75 Saved From Death Or Invalidism

The Baby Clinic, which closed here Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with a baby parade, is described as a complete success throughout. Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, the State physician in charge, declares that, of the 169 babies examined up to noon Wednesday, at least 75 were saved from death or permanent invalidism by the discovery of defects that were not previously observed, but that can be remedied.

Of all the babies examined, the three that make the most marked improvement during the next six months will be awarded five dollars in gold each. The prizes are given by the three leading banks of the city, and will be presented after a corps of local physicians, along with Thanksgiving time, have examined the baby candidates, and have decided the winners.

A total of \$108.26 in receipts from the sale of baby tags Tuesday had been reported up to noon Wednesday. Some sales had not been heard from. The money thus raised will be used by the Welfare Worker for the benefit of the babies themselves; to provide necessities for sick babies whose parents cannot themselves buy the things needed.

Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, and Dr. Zenas Fearing, City Health Officer, lectured Tuesday night at the Community Building on topics relating to the care of babies, and were heard by an interested audience. They stated many facts of definite value to mothers.

The Welfare Council is expressing gratitude for the wholehearted response of the public to every request that they have made. Without this spirit of co-operation, members of the Council declared Wednesday that the Baby Clinic could not have been made the success that it was. The Welfare Worker especially thanks W. C. Twiddy, local agent for a popular make of scales, for the use of a set of scales during the clinic.

BALLOONS READY TO START ON RACE TODAY

Milwaukee, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Thirteen balloons today tugged at their moorings ready to start at 3:30 this afternoon in the thirteenth national balloon race to decide on the three entries of this country for the international contests in Switzerland in August.

Six Million Starving In Chinese Province

Shanghai, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Six million people of the twenty-seven million in the province of Hunan are starving and hundreds of thousands are certain to die before midsummer, according to estimates of mission workers. Cannibalism is rampant.

Asks Operators To Agree On Coal Price

Washington, May 31 (By The Associated Press)—Secretary Hoover today assumed responsibility for fixing a reasonable price on spot coal during continuance of the present coal strike. At the opening of the conference here today of union and non-union operators Hoover declared that any agreement between operators looking toward fixing prices, even though in the interest of the public, would be illegal, and therefore he asked the individual operators to agree with him upon a reasonable price in their respective districts.

SPRING CARNIVAL PLEASURES

The Spring Carnival given by the Young Woman's Club at Mrs. D. A. Morgan's, on Road street Tuesday night from eight to eleven o'clock is declared by those who attended to have been fully up to advance predictions. The trip around the world, the foolish house, the booths, the music, the dancing—all were thoroughly enjoyable.

Features of the evening were the classical dancing of little Miss Mary Byrd Saunders, and the instrumental music rendered by Graham Hedrick and Wilborne Harrell. A good-sized crowd was in attendance.

Vote for George J. Spence for Trial Justice. He will appreciate your support and vote. adv