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## "NO TAX" DRINK IS IN OUTLAW LIST

IT CANNOT BE SOLD IN NORTH CAROLINA UNDER "NEAR BEER" LAW.

### TESTED BY STATE CHEMIST

Samples Submitted by Mayor James McNeill of Fayetteville of Beverage Containing One-Half of One Per Cent More of Alcohol.

Raleigh.—A beverage with a new name, "No Tax," that has tried to run the gauntlet of the North Carolina Near-Beer Law in Fayetteville and in other places in the state has been found to contain such a per cent of alcohol as to cause its sale to be forbidden.

Samples of the new drink, which were brought there by Mayor James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, where it is being sold, were submitted to state pure food chemist W. M. Allen, and after an examination he has announced that the drink contains at least one and one-half per cent of alcohol. As the law which prevents sale of near-beer, beerine and other like drinks says that none of these shall contain alcohol, or cocaine, or morphine or any other opium derivative, this brings "No Tax" in the outlaw class, the per cent of alcohol not even letting in under the carbonated drink clause, in which one-tenth of one per cent of alcohol is allowed.

Mayor McNeill, while in the city, says that the "No Tax" drink is being sold in Fayetteville by the former dealers in near-beer, that it has as demoralizing effect as near-beer and that it is being used as a cloak for blind tiger outlawry. In examination of the sample he brought the state pure food chemist finds the limitation of a non-alcoholic beverage.

"No Tax" is one of the Robert Portner Brewing Company of Norfolk, and that concern, which is in the beer and near-beer business asserts that it is a "temperance beverage," that it is non-alcoholic, and that it is not subject to the United States Internal Revenue Tax. This tax goes on beverages of one-half of one per cent, and more alcoholic strength. So in the examination of the North Carolina pure food chemist stands it will have to pay a tax, while as it has in it some alcohol, it is debarred from North Carolina by this fact. It is understood that on the basis of the examination and test of the state pure food chemist, who finds in it one-half of one per cent of alcoholic strength, that action will be taken to drive this beverage out of the state.

### Education As A Preventive.

There was held in the city hall a meeting of the physicians and dentists of the town of Gastonia, together with a committee from the Women's Betterment Association and the superintendent of the city schools for the purpose of formulating plans and programs whereby the children of the city schools might from time to time have medical examinations and inspection, together with lectures on the principal diseases common to the school room. It was thought best by all present to make this an educational movement, first training teachers to detect symptoms.

### Mecklenburg A Large Contributor.

The official list of purchasers of purebred swine at the auction sale held at Raleigh August 30 has just been given out. The sale was held under the auspices of the North Carolina Berkshire Association. This association was organized in Charlotte a year ago and is already giving results, as evidenced by the Raleigh sale. This sale was made up by contribution from the best herds scattered about over the state. However, more than one-third of the entire number were contributed from the farms of Mecklenburg county. These auction sales here in the South are comparatively a new venture.

### Are to Reclaim 25,000 Acres.

The latest drainage project in this section will embrace 25,000 acres of land situated between Moyock, in Currituck county, and South Mills, in Camden county. About thirty land owners are embraced in the district and they filed their petition with the clerk of the court of Camden county. The drainage work will be paid for by a bond issue to be authorized by the State, just as was done at Moyock. The promoters are: C. R. Sims, W. G. Ferabee, C. L. Ferabee and Dr. S. W. Gregory.

## The PETTIGREW LETTERS

Notable Addition of Manuscripts One of the Largest and Most Valuable Collections in North Carolina.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Historical Commission has added another large and valuable collection of manuscripts to its collections. These are the letters and papers of the Pettigrew family, a family that has been prominent in North Carolina since Colonial days. Mr. R. W. D. Connor, secretary of the Historical Commission, has just returned to the city from Tryon, where he has been for several days in conference with the Misses Pettigrew, the present representatives of the family in North Carolina.

"This collection," says Mr. Connor, "is perhaps the largest, and is certainly one of the most valuable collections of historical manuscripts, books, pamphlets and relics in North Carolina. It embraces thousands of letters and other manuscripts dating from Colonial times to the Civil War, and includes, among others, the letters and papers of Rt. Rev. Charles Pettigrew first bishop-elect of North Carolina, and of General James Johnston Pettigrew, the gallant commander of Heth's division in Longstreet's assault during the third day's battle at Gettysburg. Among the letters are many from such public men as Ebenezer Pettigrew, member of Congress, 1835; John H. Bryan, member of Congress, 1824; William Gaston, John C. Calhoun, Henry Clay, Edward B. Dudley, governor of North Carolina, 1838; James L. Pettigrew, the great Charleston lawyer, and others, and also the war correspondence of General Pettigrew. Especially valuable are the ledgers, bills of lading, plantation accounts and other similar documents, now very rare, which throw light on the plantation system of the old ante-bellum South. There is also a large box of war newspapers. The entire collection, I think, must contain some 6,000 or 8,000 documents. As soon as possible they will be classified and filed."

### Notorious Blockader Taken.

Henry M. Hancock, a notorious blockader, was captured by United States Deputy Marshal Sloan and Sheriff Lane, with a posse of five men. Officers had been on the lookout for Hancock for a long time and found that he was operating a blockade still nearby and laid plans for his capture. The officers with their men surrounded the still and waited until his coming. Soon after daylight Hancock was seen approaching cautiously. He had hardly reached the still when the men closed in upon him and after a brief skirmish he was captured and brought here, where he had a hearing before United States Commissioner H. C. Reece. He was found guilty and held in a \$1,500 bond for his appearance in court. Being unable to give bond, Deputy Marshal Sloan left with him for the prison at Raleigh.

### A Young Klondyke Found.

A solid gold nugget, 99 per cent pure, was found on the mine of Mr. George Troutman. The mine is located about five miles north of Albemarle and is operated by Messrs. W. L. Cotton and A. C. Mauney. The nugget was picked up by Mr. Troutman. The mine has only been in operation for two weeks, but it is reported that nuggets are picked up daily from the size of an ordinary pea to two and three ounces. The nugget found by Mr. Troutman weighed 9.34 ounces and is valued at \$300. This is proving to be a very rich mine and the owners are considerably enhanced over the discovery.

### Are To Have A Reform School.

The movement for the establishment of a reform school in Asheville at the site of the old waterworks property which was put on foot several months ago, is making much progress, and several different organizations are actively engaged in perfecting the plans. Committees from the Children's Welfare society and from the board of aldermen visited the site for the purpose of making some estimate of the cost of converting some of the buildings into school buildings. It was decided that the reformatory can be established at comparatively little cost.

### Governor Has Offered \$250 Reward.

For the arrest of the unknown murderer of Asaborn W. Rogers, at Williamston, August 29, Gov. Kitchin has announced a reward of \$250 by the state. Rogers was a well-known merchant of Williamston and was shot from ambush at 10 o'clock at night and robbed as he was going from his store to his home. Just five nights previous to this Chief of Police White, of Williamston, was shot from ambush in Williamston. The people are greatly stirred by the two dastardly murders.

## COTTON REPORTS VERY IRREGULAR

FARMERS BELIEVE THE COTTON CROP IS SMALL AND WILL HOLD.

### IMPROVEMENTS IN SECTIONS

Rains Hurt Crop in South Carolina and Worms Do Damage in Alabama.

Memphis.—Improvements of a distinct nature is indicated in the cotton crop during the past week in Texas and parts of Oklahoma. Elsewhere the improvement was irregular and not general. To central and northern and western Texas, it is said that the recent rains have been very beneficial and that with a delayed frost the last crop will be large, although in southern Texas there are sections where the bulk of the crop has already been picked.

In South Carolina rains almost daily following the storm of two weeks ago have damaged open cotton and kept pickers from the field, the moisture adding but little to the late crop's promise as the supply of rain had already been sufficient.

Worm damage in Alabama and Mississippi has been extensive, the area affected having been extended during the week. Much has been stopped from further growth and setting of bolls by being entirely stripped of all foliage and new fruit formation. Boll weevils have put an end to making cotton in Louisiana, southern Mississippi and southern Arkansas, the damage from this pest appearing now greater than was generally anticipated.

Cotton is generally opening very rapidly and picking is begun in all districts and will very soon be in full headway. The farmers believe that the crop is not a big one and many correspondents report that they are not willing sellers and will hold after selling early pickings if the price does not improve.

New Orleans.—This week the cotton trade is going to watch the September spot situation very closely, and it would not be at all surprising if the contract market followed any developments in it. There are vague rumors in the air of a squeeze in September in Liverpool; if any such thing is on, it ought to show up very plainly this week. Bears contend that any such squeeze could easily be met by huge shipments from the South, and some of them predict a large movement from Savannah to Liverpool; if this prediction has a good foundation it ought to be in evidence this week, as the time for shipments from this side to Liverpool is getting decidedly short.

## EVERY LAW OF EVERY STATE

A Library of Laws May Result From Governors' Conference.

Spring Lake, N. J.—A library of laws, embracing every statute on the books of every state in the Union, and to be replenished annually with the multitudinous enactments of the forty-six legislatures, fresh from the hands of the makers, will spring into being as the result of the annual conference of governors here, if the present program of Secretary William George Jordan meets with the success which he believes it will.

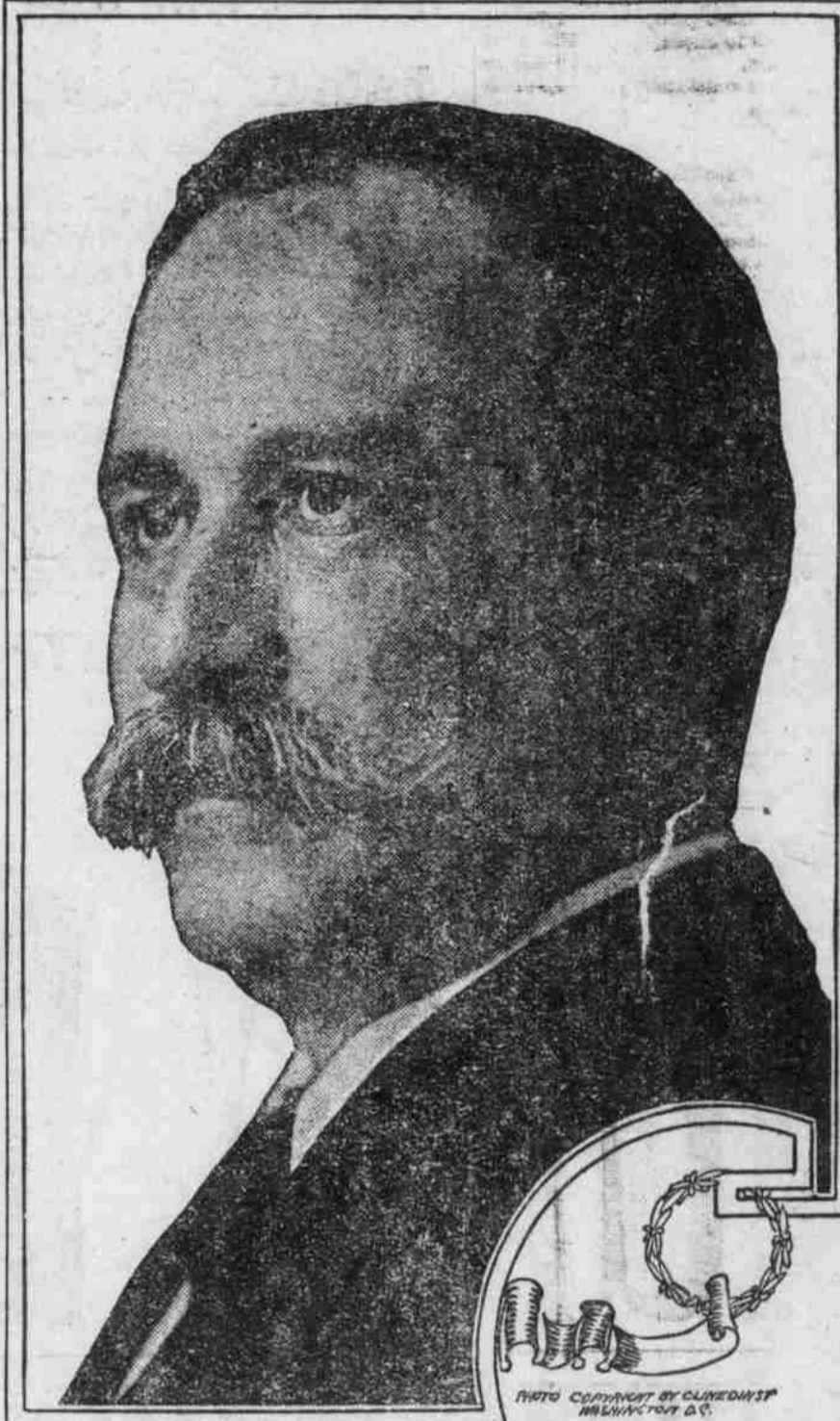
"This is not a mere theory," Mr. Jordan declared. "It is an actual, clearly defined, systematized and practical method which has been working on a small scale for the past eight months. With a perfected organization, sufficient funds contributed by all the state, and headquarters and library it will contain every state report, document of law, and will be one place in the country where every important activity of every state will be almost automatically registered in the secretary's office, and a good law or any good idea in one state will be brought to the attention of all the others."

The plan also includes making permanent and continuous the conference. This, it is planned, would be done by means of the central bureau, whose secretary would afford a quick means of communication.

### France Receives Germany's Reply.

Paris, France.—Germany's counter proposals to those submitted by France regarding the settlement of the Moroccan difficulty reached Paris. M. De Zelves, the foreign minister, after taking cognizance of them, immediately carried the document to Premier Caillaux. The two ministers examined its contents and decided to submit the counter proposals to specialists on Moroccan questions, notably M. Rognaud, the French minister to Morocco.

## NEW MINISTER FROM COLOMBIA



The vacancy in the legation of Colombia at Washington has been filled by the appointment of Senor Pedro W. Ospina as minister. Senor Ospina has already arrived at the capital and presented his credentials to President Taft.

## STRONG LEADERS NEEDED

PRESIDENT CHAS. S. BARRETT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE FARMERS' UNION.

Greatest Need of American Farmer Today is Effective Leadership.

Shawnee, Okla.—In a stirring address delivered before the annual convention of the Farmers' union, President Charles S. Barrett stressed the necessity of competent leaders for the success of the movement. The address follows in part:

"During the past year, and especially during the past summer, I have visited personally all the important state organizations and all the state conventions. And I come to you with the message that the Farmers' union is stronger, better drilled in discipline, in finer financial condition and more inspired with stern enthusiasm of sacrifice, of brotherly love and of co-operation than since that never-forgotten day when Newt Gresham launched its first great principles. The states that were previously indifferent or laggard are going forward by great strides. State treasuries that once suffered lack of funds are being placed upon a solid basis. Everywhere—North, South, East and West—the farmer is waking to the opportunity and the duty of affiliating with his brethren, and is learning the true meaning of the creed to which he subscribes when he takes the obligation of membership.

"We have accomplished all this far that the reasonable man could expect, and much more than our secret enemies and the pessimists hoped. We stand upon a record that no similar organization has remotely approached. And I bring to you the further important message that America is so weakened to the significance of our movement that limitless financial assistance will be a tour disposal the moment we bring this organization to the high state of perfection it is now rapidly approaching.

### To Celebrate Canal's Finish.

New Orleans.—G. Grosvenor Dawe, director general of the Southern Commercial Congress, with headquarters in Washington, met with the executive committee of the United American's 1913 celebration, discussing the plans by which the congress will invite conventions to this city during 1913, plans of entertainments, the erection of a mammoth auditorium by the city and to seek special rates from Central and South America to this city during the convention year.

## URGE DIVERSIFIED FARMING

Milch Cows and Mother Sows Salvation of Cotton Farmer, According to the Farmers' Union.

Shawnee, Okla.—This year's cotton crop will be sold for 14 cents during September and October and 15 cents thereafter. This was the agreement of the cotton growers of the South attending the National Farmers' union here made.

Little of the proceedings of the union was made public, although aside from the price the farmers ask for their cotton, good roads, parcels post and dabbling in cotton futures will be discussed by the convention.

Members of the union say parcels post will be favored by the farmers and that the delegates will endorse the Scott "anti-gambling" bill prohibiting the use of mails or interstate commerce for the furthering of contracts for the delivery of cotton where there is no intent to make actual delivery.

The report of the live stock commission urges diversified farming and stock raising and contains the statement that "one million additional milch cows and an equal number of mother sows properly distributed through the South would easily add \$10 per bale to the price of the cotton crop."

The congressional immigration committee recommends increasing the tax head, excluding illiterate adults from America, and the filing of foreign steamers for bringing to this country undesirable that could be rejected on the other side.

### Galveston to Winnipeg Railroad.

Caldwell, Kan.—Another link in a great North and South highway, which, according to present plans, eventually will connect Galveston, Texas, and Winnipeg, Man., was covered when the county commissioners of Sumner county, Kansas, established as a county road the old Chisholm trail from Wellington to this city, a distance of twenty miles. The road already has been established across the state of Oklahoma.

### 81 Drowned When Ship Sinks.

Lima, Peru.—The Chilean steamer Tucapel has been wrecked and is a total loss. Eighty-one persons were drowned. The steamer Tucapel was engaged in trading on the west coast.

### Three Killed in Railway Wreck.

Erie, Pa.—Three are known to be dead and as many more are thought to be beneath the wreckage of the Erie and Pittsburgh passenger train that crashed into a Lake Shore freight at Dock Junction.

## HENRY BEATTIE, JR. IS FOUND GUILTY

YOUNG VIRGINIA FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE.

### IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

November 24 Named as Date Beattie Will Be Sent to the Electric Chair.

### BEATTIE CASE IN BRIEF.

Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., drove his motor car into Richmond, Va., on the night of July 18, with the body of his wife, shot through the head. The young husband's story that the murder was committed by a rough-bearded stranger, and that he wrested from the murderer a single-barreled shotgun, was discredited by police authorities. The state showed that young Beattie killed his wife that he might be free to continue relations with Beulah Binford, a young woman of the underworld. Beulah Binford, after being released from jail, where she was held as a witness, hurried to New York, to accept a stage engagement. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Beattie was condemned to death by electrocution and November 24 fixed for the execution.

Chesterfield Courthouse, Va.—Twelve Virginia farmers knelt in the obscurity of the small jury room of the Chesterfield courthouse, praying fervently that they might pass judgment airtight on Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., indicted for the murder of his wife. Grimly determined, they arose a moment later and silently, one by one, recorded a unanimous verdict of "guilty."

Pausing in solemn contemplation for fifty-eight minutes, weighing carefully the meaning of their decision, and once more on bended knees, beseeching divine assistance that they might not err, they filed into the hushed stillness of a crowded court room, and with startling suddenness twelve voices, instead of the usual one of the foreman, spoke the single word, "Guilty." It was almost a shout.

The specter of death which stalked Middleton turnpike on July 18 last, when the life of Mrs. Louise Owen Beattie was taken away with the single report of a shotgun, stared hard at the young husband, ready to claim its victim by electrocution on Friday, November 24 next, but the prisoner returned the gaze, unswerving and unafraid.

The court of appeals, to be sure, will be asked to grant a writ of error and a new trial. Young Beattie, cognizant of the legal weapons yet at his disposal, did not surrender. Instead, he consoled his broken-down father, white-haired and wrinkled, and comforted him as he whispered, "I haven't lost yet, father."

Unusual as has been the tragedy and the gruesome stage where it occurred, the twelve juryman did not hesitate to admit to their friends that they stood in judgment not only over the cold-blooded murderer, but upon his marital infidelity as well.

Beulah Binford, the girl of the underworld, the woman in the Beattie case, whose relations with young Beattie furnished a dominating feature of the prosecution's case, did not figure as a witness during the trial. Neither side was willing to call her.

Immediately upon her release from the jail, where she had been held for possible testimony, she disappeared from Chesterfield, hurried to New York, and almost at the hour when the jury was registering its verdict that carried the penalty of electrocution for her quondam companion, she was posing for motion pictures at Staten Island and nursing theatrical ambitions.

### Married by Proxy.

New Orleans, La.—Although Dr. Bellisario Porras, minister of Panama to the United States, has been too busy to leave Washington, he was married last week at San Jose, Costa Rica, to a member of a prominent Costan Rican family, according to mail advices received here from Colon. The wedding was by proxy, perfectly legal, and sanctioned by the government, although rarely resorted to in the Latin America. Senora Porras will join her husband next.