

MOONSHINE STILL ON SUBSCRIPTION

Carried Around From House to House Like Threshing Machine.

Raleigh News and Observer.

Federal Court yesterday was distinguished chiefly by the trial of a most remarkable case from Cedar Fork township in Wake county, which appears to have been an extemporaneous experiment in socialism related to the illicit distilling of moonshine liquor.

Although the case was returned on the blanks issued from the court as United States vs. J. Henry Watkins, Sidney Moring, J. Cephus McGee, James W. Watkins, Marcellus Moring, Joe Arnold, Dan Jones, George Stone and Andrew Shaw, District Attorney Skinner is authority for the statement that at least an even dozen—he thought fourteen—citizens of the township were sent to jail in the case.

All parties plead guilty, and the fines were in each instance \$100, and the term of imprisonment prescribed ran from thirty days to four months.

But the feature of the case was the plan on which the distillery ran. According to witnesses it had been in operation for six years, and the whole countryside knew of it. It was a communistic, profit-sharing, socialistic defiance of iniquitous taxes. Its stock was scattered broadcast through the township. Shares were traded in. A man put in anywhere from fifty cents to three dollars. His return was his proportionate share of the liquor manufactured. Others bought liquor with meal, at a price of course that left the trader a liquor profit. After the

payment of help and incidental expenses, it appeared that this excess over the contributions in kind of ordinary purchasers was distributed among the sharers in simple and naive scheme. The defendants were evidently nonplussed at the indictment and the trial. To-night they are doubtless still wondering in jail. The ways of government are strange!

It appears that the idea of the community still first germinated in the brain of one Mr. Sidney Moring. He interested his neighbors in the project and they approved. Mr. Moring then levied contribution and obtained donations or subscriptions to stock as it were. Then he went to Durham. There resided a revenue officer, since dead, who knew all about stills. He had been cutting them up, says Mr. Moring, and he counted on a bargain in that quarter. He was not mistaken. The revenue man had a still that he would sell cheap—for twenty dollars. Mr. Moring bought the still, moved it to Cedar Fork and started operations. For six years it flourished and might have been thriving yet had not two of the interested parties "talked out." Their criminalities and recriminations caused trouble. The matter rang to the four corners of the earth, the officers came and now the jail yawns.

Said one witness named Parker: "I didn't have nothing to do with it; I'm an elder in the church."

"A man came to me and he says, 'Do you want some whiskey,' and I says, 'I ain't got no money.' Then he says, 'Have you got any meal?' and I says, 'Yes.' Then he says, 'You put two pushels of meal in

the shed and look there in the morning.'

"What did I find in the shed? Two gallons of corn." It was in evidence that two bushels of meal made three and a half gallons of whiskey. Less expenses, there was a fair margin on this rate for the stockholders.

Also it appeared that after business had gotten a little dull, the still, which had formerly been stationary, became a movable neighborhood convenience. It went around the country like a threshing machine, making short stops, turning meal into "corn" at a toll, and moving on to the next stop. It was in evidence that on one occasion its stand was at a Sunday school.

In spite of all this there was surprise when the sentences were announced and indignation at the result. The parties, with the exception of the two negroes employed at the still as laborers, looked to be prosperous and self-respecting citizens. Their attitude was that of men engaged in working out an economical reform, who were grossly interfered with by a too paternal government.

"Good gracious," said one witness, "there are lots more stockholders than us."

In passing sentence Judge Purnell took occasion to score the Watts law, saying that the facts disclosed the necessity of a centralized form of government that the Watts law did not operate, it was not popular and because it had to be enforced by elective officers; that, they were elective, the officers were afraid or loth to perform their duties.

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HOYLE'S CREEK.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

June 15, 1905.—Mr. J. C. Friday and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Rhyne.

The farmers in our section are about done cutting wheat.

Grady Friday had his finger badly hurt Saturday by playing base ball.

Misses Elliott and Dora Friday of this place spent Saturday night with Misses Mary and Orlie Rhyno at Dallas.

Mr. Guss Richards and wife and little daughter, Viola, spent Sunday with J. W. Friday and family.

Alb rt Killian, of Lucia, spent Saturday night at Mr. J. B. Lutz's.

Mr. I. C. Friday, who was thrown off by a mule the other week and had his arm badly hurt, is about well.

Miss Melia Summey is spending a few days with her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Summey.

Mr. L. A. Friday and wife and two little daughters spent Saturday night at Mr. D. O. Moton's, below Gastonia.

A meeting was held in Shelby last Thursday night to consider the proposition to install a system of water works. The aldermen were unanimously requested to order an election for \$50,000 of bonds for the purpose.

Later examination of the bond laws and town charter has caused it to seem unwise to hold the election until after the next Legislature has remedied certain irregularities in existing statutes.

Chester as well as Yorkville is an applicant for the Presbyterian college now located at Clinton, but which will probably be moved soon to some other town.

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White and colored sheer lawns, yd, 5c, 10c, 15c.
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 Three assortments of large figured lawns, yd. 5c, 8 1-2c, 10c.
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At 50, 75, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50. These goods were regular from \$1 to \$3.50, but in keeping with the advancing season we are offering this assortment at the reduced prices named above. One assortment ladies' sailors regular 25 to 30c, closing out at 25c.

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 All \$16.50 Suits now \$13.20
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 All \$12.50 Suits now \$10.00
 All \$10.00 Suits now \$8.00
 All \$7.50 Suits now \$6.00
 All \$5.00 Suits now \$4.00

BOYS' SUITS.

Boys' \$5.00 Suits now \$4.00
 Boys' \$4.00 Suits now \$3.20
 Boys' \$3.50 Suits now \$2.80
 Boys' \$3.00 Suits now \$2.40
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 Boys' \$2.00 Suits now \$1.60
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We include all our shoes both high and low cut in this clean-up sale.

\$5.00 Shoes now \$3.95
 4.00 Shoes now 3.25
 3.50 Shoes now 2.95
 3.00 Shoes now 2.45
 2.00 Shoes now 1.95

Suit Cases in Great variety. Prices range from 95c to \$10.



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\$1.00

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