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BOUNDARY NUISANCES.

"Line Houses" That Make Trouble For Officials.

BOTH AMERICAN AND CANADIAN.

Rushing Business Done in Smuggling Goods and Selling Illicit Whisky—Clever Plan Devised to Fool Inspectors—Suggestions Made With a View to Closing Up All the "Line Houses."

The fact that "line houses" on the boundary between Canada and the United States have been growing in number instead of decreasing, despite the energetic measures of Canadian and United States inspectors, has been brought to the attention of officials in Washington, and plans to do away with the nuisances are under consideration, says the New York Tribune's Washington correspondent. The "line houses," in which a rushing business is done in smuggling goods and selling illicit whisky, are especially on the Maine and Vermont borders and are built directly over the line. There are about fifteen of them on the Vermont boundary and twenty on the line between Maine and Canada. The proprietors have contrived a clever plan by which to fool inspectors. The goods are stored in cupboards or shelves on wheels. When a "lookout" gives the signal that an officer is approaching from either side, Canadian or American, the proprietor promptly slides his cupboard or shelves with liquor and merchandise over into the territory in which the officer cannot make an arrest. This system has been so developed that it is said many of the houses are equipped with apparatus by which the shelves move with the pressing of a button.

For fifty years the Canadian inspectors and United States government and state officials in Maine and Vermont have been struggling to put down the "line houses," but with little success. This is due to the fact that a successful raid can be made only by joint action between the officials of the two governments. The officers must appear at the "line house" simultaneously, the Canadian entering from their side and the American inspectors raiding their side in case he attempts to shift his goods into their territory. The operation in this way is apparently simple, but because of the limited force of inspectors and the wide stretches which they are obliged to patrol it has been found difficult to secure joint action, and the houses still flourish. A station which gives American officials the right to enter goods contained in a boundary house upon which duties have not been paid has not been found to cover the situation satisfactorily. When raids have been made and the goods seized on the ground that proper duty was not paid the proprietors have made contracts in the courts, and the

DR. MOTT ON SADDLE HORSES.

The Easy and Graceful Southern Gait in Saddle Horses the Best Known.

Dr. J. J. Mott, of Statesville, had a saddle horse in a riding contest at the Charlotte fair, and in the Observer of Tuesday he enters a protest against the barring of certain gaits from the contest. He says:

"I went into the riding contest at the fair, though learning for the first time at the stand where the horses were assembled that a trotting gait and gallop were included in the classification made by the judges. My horse is not a trotter and has been taught to avoid trotting and cantering, and my information had been that the easy, graceful gait of the Southern saddle horse would be those adopted in this instance.

"I had paid the entrance fee and remained in the contest, feeling that I would be shut out from among the winners, but wanting to see the operation under the strenuous clips that were introduced, which I could better do by participating. There was but one horse in the exhibit trained to the four gaits given out in the instructions at the stand. This horse, a very fine one, could go these four gaits, but was quite commonplace in all of them. There were horses in the contest that could greatly surpass him in any one of them, but the gaits selected happened to hit his case exactly.

"I am an American out and out, but this end of the country has done most to produce the saddle horse, and I want to see him preserved in his integrity. There is nothing more characteristic of the older South than the saddle horse—a horse that did not keep his rider immodestly heaving up and down in the saddle to avoid the jolt he would get at every step in a trot, if he failed to hoist himself at the given moment.

"The movement of a horse is more or less disturbing to the rider, as there is no exercise of the muscles like it. A trot is the most agitating of all the gaits. Why it should have been introduced into the list of saddle gaits is passing strange. Manifestly the trotting gait, so different from the other gaits, must diminish the character and quality of the others just as the inordinate development of one faculty dwarfs another. The body of an even graceful ambler or pacer is distorted by an adoption of the trotting gait. There is a difference in the shape of certain bones, and in the shape and play of the joints and in the attachments of the muscles. Cases can be cited where the same individual has been a great pacer and a great trotter also, but he excelled in one or the other, but was the best in neither.

"The trotting gait is not a saddle gait and should be excluded in all exhibitions of saddle horses. The fleet-foot walk, the trot and the gallop—any man could ride it from John Gilpin down, but it is a bottle-breaking gait. The gait came over here from the continent of Europe. Wide stretches of country and no roads pushed our American ancestors into the saddle, and into thought and search for an easy gait. All sorts of endeavor in combination of breeding has resulted in the American saddle horse—a prodigy in beauty of form and graceful action. He skims the earth as a seagull skims the ocean and with as much precision, and touches it as he swings along with the artistic lightness of a dancing girl.

"As the South increases in wealth the old popularity of the saddle horse will revive. Already there is a growing interest in him.

"Let those who are inclined to adopt the trotting gait (which under the saddle means the flexing of the front knees with a nervous jerk, and a sudden sledge-hammer lick of the feet back to the earth again, causing a report that can be heard across Albemarle sound) have a class of their own. There is no poetry in the trot."

A COMING COUNTRY.

Wilkes in the Transition Period—A Comparison With Gaston.

Ronda, Nov. 4.—Wilkes county is undoubtedly going forward. The increase in assessment from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000 from 1902 to 1905 is enough to show the above statement to be true. The figures illustrate the better for being made in round numbers.

It is true that part of the increase is due to the little visit Mr. Rogers of the corporation committee made when he increased all assessments something like 30 or 40 per cent.

But even after taking this into consideration the increase is very great.

The county is in a transition period. Some people, some farmers in particular, are not so well off as they were when the Yadkin Valley had no railroads and when distilling went on with far less interruption than it does now. The distilleries made a market for lots of corn at a good price. The gentlemen who do business a little outside the law are rarely exacting in the little transactions they have with their neighbors, and those establishments which were observing the law strictly seemed to use more corn in old days than they do in these modern times since the railroad and Judge Boyd have put in an appearance. When Statesville was the nearest railroad station and market, times seemed easier on farmers and money more plentiful.

The railway has done much to drain the country of labor and this is hard on the farmer. Some years ago there was a regular exodus to Indiana. Many think this never would have occurred except for the railroad.

It seems a pity that the railroad should be blamed for taking these people away whereas the better conditions elsewhere is what took them. They went to a country where there was something better to do than turn corn into liquor by the light of the moon. Gaston county has traveled the identical road which Wilkes is now traveling. Gaston has passed the transient period which is now upon Wilkes. Distillers were once as completely entrenched in Gaston as they ever were in Wilkes. Now, Gaston has none, but instead more cotton factories than any other county in the State. Some of the labor which has left Wilkes has, in all probability, gone to Gaston. Gaston has hooked up her water powers and is making these do more work than multitudes of men could do. Wilkes has more water power than Gaston and it is as yet practically all running to waste. It has better soil and better all-year climate, Gaston is all right for what it is doing but for finer goods and superabundant water power the mountain country is the coming country. Wilkes is an average type of the mountain counties and has untouched resources, capable and unlimited developments.

The raise in the tax rate hasn't hurt. It wouldn't hurt if it was raised again if it were raised equally on all. The rate would be correspondingly lower and each man's actual taxes the same money as now paid. The better assessment shown would make a better showing and give a better outside financial standing for the county.

The transition from wagon-way to railway conditions is well under way.

Within a month a double daily train service has been put in operation. Here again the real progress is shown. The leather

factory at North Wilkesboro is the big pioneer of manufacturing and others are coming on as for example the match factory at Konda, and the cross arm factory at Roaring River. If some of the new enterprises come slow or with halting step nevertheless they are coming and as time goes on the pace will mend and the halting step will become more firm and regular.

The new hope of the farmer is in supplying the corn he used to sell to the distiller to the factory operative. Henceforth this new market will grow and as it grows the farmer will find more and more sale, not only for staple products, but for all perishable farm products, such as vegetables, fruits, milk, butter and practically everything which grows on a farm. If there are some dark spots now, these will gradually disappear and the new prosperity will be of a higher order and far more lasting than the old.

Up the Yadkin Valley there have lived some great people. Names abound which are historic in the State. Some of these did high service in the war of independence and the descendants of these will, in many cases, again be the leaders in inaugurating modern conditions of progress and civilization as their forefathers cut loose from old political associations and traditions to help inaugurate American liberty.

The old fight was a hard one, while it lasted, but the old fellows made sacrifices to keep it up to the point of victory and gave modern America to their descendants. And as these succeeded so the modern citizen of the mountain country will stay by his work and duty until the bad conditions of the past and present be changed, conditions that will not only be better, but far more secure and lasting.

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Being Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Recorder.

The cotton receipts up to date aggregate very nearly six thousand bales.

Mr. Jas. F. Thomson is making extensive improvements on the Watson house, recently purchased by him.

Miss Emma Norman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hose Norman, died at the home of her parents Sunday afternoon, after a lingering illness of eczema.

Rev. R. A. Rouse and Miss Lula Dameron are to be married this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dameron on West Madison street.

Mr. Sarah Garner and son, Mr. Louis Garner of Union, are visiting the family of Mr. Jas. F. Thomson.

Eleven cents was offered for cotton last Saturday; but there was none sold on this market at that price.

The horse traders had a great day yesterday. There was lots of trading stock in town, and business was booming in the back lots from morning until night.

Mr. C. W. Moorman of Columbia is visiting his stepmother, Mrs. Jessie Moorman, who is critically ill at the home of Mr. Withers Adickes.

Mr. William Carson of the Delphos neighborhood had his hip broken recently as the result of a fall and has since been confined to his bed in a helpless condition.

There is general complaint about the high price of lumber. We have only to remark that the country will see lumber very much higher before it goes any lower. The splendid financial conditions now prevailing will send lumber booming.

The papers in a \$12,000 real estate deal were filed in the clerk's office yesterday. The block that includes the Loan and Savings Bank, Ferguson & Clinton's store, and J. Q. Wray's store was sold by Maj. W. B. Moore to Mr. James M. Stroup.

Rev. W. H. Hurt, on last Sunday tendered his resignation as pastor of the Yorkville Baptist church. He will continue in charge of the Union, Clover and Enon churches. The Yorkville congregation is considering the idea of having a pastor for his whole time.

The dispensary was voted out of Spartanburg county Tuesday by a majority of nearly fifteen hundred.

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JAS. F. YEAGER

FARMERS TAKE NOTICE

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Counting Millions of Small Change.

Washington Dispatch.

Five million nickels, four million pennies and three million dimes, and nearly a million quarters were added to the circulation by the coinage of the mints during the month of October. The total value of the silver and minor coins minted were \$1,050,150, and the gold coin was valued at \$1,132,500. The mints also turned out 234,000 pesos for the Philippine government.

NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, No. 378. Gaston County.

To A. J. Smith, acting entry taker for Gaston County.

The undersigned J. F. Prosser, of Gaston County, North Carolina, claims to be the owner of the following described piece or parcel of land in Gaston County, North Carolina, to-wit: One acre and one-half, more or less, being part of the land of James A. Smith, late of the County of Gaston, State of North Carolina, the same being vacant and unappropriated land and subject to entry, viz:

Adjoining the lands of James A. Smith, late of the County of Gaston, State of North Carolina, containing by estimation 10 acres more or less. Surveyed and returned to me by me on the 21st day of September 21st, 1905.

Witness: E. L. Mason, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Gaston, North Carolina.

Filed at my office on the 21st day of September 21st, 1905.

Attest: J. F. Prosser, Register of Deeds and Acting Entry Taker.

Wife Gone—Notice!

My wife Nancy Miller has left my bed and board and I hereby forbid all persons to harbor or give her, under penalty of the law, any money or goods.

WALLACE B. WATSON

This Oct. 23, 1905.

Notice to Creditors.

Having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. D. Smith, of the County of Gaston, North Carolina, I hereby give notice to all persons who have claims against the said decedent to present their claims to me for payment on or before the 17th day of October, 1905.

As this notice will be placed in the issue of the county newspaper, persons indebted to the said estate will please make prompt settlement.

C. C. Criss, Administrator.