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DIG FINES ON LIQUOR SELLERS.

The Asheville Hotel Men Agree to Compromise Judgments. Cases are Closed.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Asheville, Dec. 2.—The investigation of the alleged illegal traffic in whiskey which has been conducted by Judge Frank Carter here for the past several weeks came to an abrupt close this morning when the presiding officer announced that the defendants in the various cases have agreed to pay the heaviest fines ever imposed in a North Carolina court for a similar offense, donate their intoxicants to the Mission Hospital for use in the charity wards, destroy bar-room fixtures in their possession and refrain from the sale of whiskey for the next 3 years.

Under the terms of the compromise, a fine of \$4,000 is imposed on John H. Lange, and Gay Green, the former paying \$2,666.67 and the latter being assessed with \$1,333.33. James L. Alexander pays a fine of \$2,000. J. Baylis Rector pleads guilty and judgment is suspended for three years. D. Mackey forfeits his liquor license and agrees never to apply for another and a similar entry is made in the case of F. P. McMullen.

The costs of the investigation, amounting to approximately \$1,500 are divided equally among Messrs. Alexander, Green and Lange. Each of the defendants pleads guilty to two charges of violations of the prohibition laws, judgments being entered in one case and being suspended for three years in the other. The announcement came as a surprise to the witnesses and court attendants who were present at the morning session of the court and when Judge Carter, immediately after court convened, remarked, "Gentlemen, somebody has seen the Judge and these investigations are about to stop," the situation was tense.

Following the announcement that the defendant had agreed to accept the terms outlined by the court, Judge Carter stated that no further proceedings will be instituted against the defendants in the present investigation, although he made it clear that the ending of this phase of the investigation does not mean that he will not investigate prescription files in an effort to learn whether or not physicians have been writing prescriptions for persons other than bona fide patients.

Don't Kill Birds.

While this is the open season for quail and some other birds in Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia, it should not be forgotten that a Federal law imposes a perpetual closed season on the following migratory insectivorous birds which feed entirely or chiefly on insects: Bobolinks, catbirds, chickadees, cuckoos, flickers, (yellowhammers), flycatchers, grosbeaks, hummingbirds, kinglets, martins, meadowlarks, nighthawks, or bullbats, nuthatches, orioles, robins, shrikes, swallows, swifts, tanagers, titmice, thrushes, vireos, warblers, waxwings, Whippoorwills, woodpeckers and wrens. The saving of these birds is money to the farmer. See that the law against killing them is strictly enforced.

The best way to collect a library is never to buy to lend, but borrow to keep.

MEMBER GOV. CRAIG'S STAFF.

A raid of the Battery Park hotel, Asheville, disclosed the paraphernalia of a regular bar. Pete Seyler, who operated the "refreshment room" in this high class hostelry, a place which caters to the higher class and where Superior Court judges, State officials and others of prominence usually stop when in Asheville, testified that he had sold whiskey in the Battery Park for two years; that intoxicants were served to guests in their rooms, on verandas, in the dining room or anywhere in the building; that liquor was sold not only to guests, but to any body who wanted to buy; that he paid J. L. Alexander, the proprietor of the hotel, \$5 to \$10 a month for the room, the amount being gauged by the volume of business; that in addition to the rent he paid Alexander \$10 to \$20 a week, according to the volume of business.

If that testimony is to be believed, the bar was not only conducted in the Battery Park by and with the consent of Alexander—he being paid rent for the purpose—but the inference is that he was paid a part of the profit, the amount ranging from \$10 to \$20 a week, according to the amount of business.

Alexander is a member of Gov. Craig's staff and as such is a sworn officer of the law. That is a pretty kettle of fish indeed. The least Alexander can do is to resign his official position at once and relieve Gov. Craig of embarrassment. If he doesn't resign the Governor should take action.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN RY.

Fairfax Harrison, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad company, was Monday named as president of the Southern Railway company, to succeed the late President W. W. Finley. Mr. Harrison was elected at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Southern, held in New York. Fairfax Harrison formerly vice-president of the Southern Railway company and for the last three years president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway company, of which the Southern is a part owner, was today elected president of the Southern Railway company to succeed the late William Wilson Finley, a special meeting of the board of directors being called for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Finley.

Mr. Harrison is a Virginian, his home being at Belvoir, Va. He is peculiarly identified with the south as his father was private secretary to Jefferson Davis, while president of the confederate states and all his railroad experience has been with the Southern and its associated lines.

Road Bonds Carry.

The people of Lovelady township voted last Tuesday by a good majority to issue \$25,000 bonds for good roads in that township. The result is most gratifying to all who desire good roads and want them now. If the money arising from the sale of the bonds be properly handled that township will have the best roads in the county within a short time and those who voted for them will never regret the days work.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Dr. A. A. Kent has been in Raleigh this week on business.

The rains of the first of the week passed away followed by most delightful and balmy weather on Wednesday.

There will be a box supper at Mt. Hermap school house Saturday night Dec. 6. Proceeds for benefit of school.

We are requested to announce that Rev. M. H. Tuttle will preach at Little Johns church next Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Hon. W. C. Newland accompanied Mrs. G. C. Colville to Waldo, Florida, this week leaving here on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Dula's auction sale attracts much attention. The ladies are especially interested and many of them attend every sale.

There will be a box supper at the Hudson Graded School building next Saturday night, Dec. 6. Proceeds for the benefit of the school.

The Cambridge Players pleased a good sized audience at the Graded school auditorium last Tuesday night. It is one of the favorite attractions that come here.

The regular Friday afternoon service at St. James' church will be omitted today. On Sunday, at the morning service, the Holy Communion will be administered.

Rev. D. H. Comann of Bluff City, Tenn., was a visitor here last Tuesday, returning home from Conference. He went from here to visit his daughter, Mrs. G. H. Lenoir in the Valley.

We note in the Statesville Landmark that Mrs. J. H. Dingelhof who recently underwent an operation at a hospital in Greensboro has returned to Statesville and is improving. Mrs. Dingelhof is the wife of Mr. J. H. Dingelhof of the Lenoir 5 and 10 cent stores.

We trust the article on the Lenoir & Blowing Rock Turnpike road printed in this issue will be read by every stockholder in the company. We invite criticism of the article and open the columns of The News to any person interested who cares to write on the subject.

Owing to a slide of rock and earth on to the tracks of the Carolina & North-Western Railway west of Collettsville, the south bound passenger train due here at 8:45 a. m. did not arrive until late in the afternoon. The north bound train was turned around here and returned to Chester.

Mr. R. L. Malone and wife and family of two children arrived here last Tuesday and stopped off between trains. They were just from Douglas, Nebraska and on their way to the home of Mr. J. H. Davis, his father-in-law at Collettsville, where they will make their home for the present.

How are you standing in the Grafonola contest? New subscriptions are coming into The News daily and the energetic young ladies who are securing them easily are piling up votes. It is an easy matter to get subscribers for The News and now that Christmas is approaching there is no better Christmas present for the price, that you can send to a friend than The News for one year.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

LITTLE RIVER NOTES.

The recent rains have made the roads a little muddy in this vicinity.

Mr. Jarvis Tolbert came up from the Catawba School at Newton to spend Thanksgiving with homefolks.

Mr. G. H. Flowers and some of his family accompanied by Miss Lina Deal went to Statesville Saturday to visit relatives. They went in Mr. Flowers automobile. Miss Deal is the popular teacher at Shady Grove school and has been having some nice work done on the school campus.

An unfortunate occurrence took place near Draco last Sunday some young men were wrestling and pranking when a little difficulty arose between some of them and one man Thomas Holsclaw was hit on the head with a rock thrown by one of the other boys and right severely hurt.

Thanksgiving passed quietly in this vicinity.

Mr. W. G. Hartzog has returned from the Teachers meeting at Raleigh. The lady teachers left in charge at Oak Hill seemed to have gotten along well during the absence of Mr. Hartzog.

Mr. Jacie Miller is building a new dwelling.

Mr. Charley Shaver started on the new Cream Route last Monday. He will connect with Mr. Haas who will carry the cream to Hickory.

Mr. C. L. Sherrill is doing extensive fencing and other improving on his farm, which is a good indication.

The exercises at Oak Hill Thanksgiving day were much enjoyed by the large crowd. The sermon and the speaking were good and listened to with much interest. The dinner was abundant and enjoyed by all.

Mr. Berry Wike of Granite who has been taking a course in a business college in Charlotte was here last Saturday visiting friends.

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PATTERSON NOTES.

Married last Wednesday night at his home near Patterson, Mr. R. A. Woods to Miss Nelia Church.

The Odd Fellows of Patterson lodge enjoyed a nice supper Thanksgiving night.

Mr. Fonzo Setzer returned Monday from Wilkes, where he has been visiting relatives.

The Sunday School at Harpers Chapel is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. B. N. Coffey.

Mrs. J. J. Mitchell from the Valley, visited her mother, Mrs. Ava Saunders of this place last week. Mrs. Saunders is in her ninety-third year and is able to walk around.

A 'POSSUM HUNTER.

Some women couldn't dress better, even though their husbands could afford it.

The young reporter should always remember that an industry progresses by leaps and bounds, and that anything to eat at a social gathering is a bountiful repast.

CHURCH BAN ON TOBACCO.

(Charlotte Observer.)

It was a true saying of several Western North Carolina Methodist Conference here yesterday that the tobacco habit even in its best forms is one which people would be better off without, while some people would be vastly better off and life would hold different prospects for the cigarette smoking lad. Particular interest attaches to the statement by Rev. Dr. E. L. Bain during this discussion that a leading tobacco manufacturer of Winston-Salem frankly expressed to him the conviction that tobacco is fated to go the way of liquor, as its effects in injuring or wrecking nerves and doing other mischief will not be tolerated for very many more years. That it is purely a poison—a poisonous drug—no one will deny. Nevertheless, we may expect some lack of universal enthusiasm with the ban placed by the Conference upon tobacco for those becoming ministers hereafter. It will be represented that the ministers voting to lay upon others a restriction not assumed by themselves are truly "ungracious pastors" who show their younger brethren a steep and thorny road to heaven, whilst they themselves spit juice and puff smoke. Likewise the laymen may anticipate the approach of the time, once a majority of the preachers have been put on the no-tobacco wagon, when the preachers will go after them and in time obtain State legislation to settle their case.

Conference Appointments.

The recently adjourned Methodist Conference, at Charlotte seems to have made fewer changes in the locations of ministers than usual.

Rev. L. T. Mann is continued as Presiding Elder of the Statesville district. Rev. Z. E. Barnhardt comes to Lenoir station, Rev. J. C. Keever remains on North Lenoir Circuit, while South Lenoir and Valmead, will have Rev. A. G. Shapland. Rev. J. B. Craven remains President of Davenport College as was of course expected and Rev. W. L. Sherrill remains Secretary, Rev. C. M. Campbell comes to Granite Falls and Hudson. Rev. J. J. Eads remains at Race Street church Statesville and Rhodhiss is still supplied by Rev. G. W. Fink. Rev. C. M. Pickens goes to Mount Zion, in the Charlotte district, Rev. R. G. Tuttle, a Caldwell man goes to Central church Albemarle while Rev. R. M. Courtney, another Caldwell county man goes to West End church Winston-Salem. Rev. D. H. Comann was transferred to the Holston Conference and Rev. M. H. Tuttle to the North Carolina Conference. Rev. C. H. Curtis was located by his own request and Rev. T. S. Coble takes his place as pastor of Lenoir Circuit.

Next Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the court house, Evangelist Camp will tell the "Story of his Life and Conversion." This will be of special interest as he was a practicing lawyer for several years in the city of Chicago. It is expected that a male quartette will sing. The court house should be crowded to hear this story and testimony.

Some men do not gossip; they insist on sending their wives out to get the news for them.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Items of Interest to The People of Lenoir and Caldwell County.

Mrs. R. F. Munday went to Charlotte yesterday for a few days visit to friends.

Don't fail to hear "The Story of his Life and Conversion," as told by the Lawyer-Evangelist next Sunday afternoon at the court house. Special music.

Mr. Paul Grist is having the old framed store building on West Main street remodeled and improved and we understand will move his printing office into it at an early date.

Next Sunday is the day, throughout the Episcopal church in prayer, thought and speech, to consider the Holy Scriptures, as conveying the message of the Father's Love to His children.

Mr. Fred Allred of Granite Falls was here Wednesday shaking hands with friends. He tells us he will go this week to Aberdeen where he will spend the winter for the benefit of his health.

The many friends and acquaintances of Rev. Edgar Tufts of Banner's Elk, will be pained to learn he is in a bad state of health. He is suffering from tuberculosis and his condition is serious.

Mr. Thomas M. Newland left last Sunday for Washington where he was married Wednesday to Miss Mayme Wilcox. Mr. Carroll Moore and Mrs. Ned Jones were the other Lenoir people attending the marriage.

In the absence of Rev. C. T. Squires, the sermon at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning will be preached by Rev. J. O. Fulbright. The pulpit of the Baptist church will be occupied on that morning by Evangelist Norman H. Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shell returned home last Tuesday after an absence of nearly a month. Mr. Shell taking medical treatment in New York and Mrs. Shell and the children visiting relatives in North Wilkesboro. Mr. Shell returns improved in health.

The Poultry and Live Stock Show for the 17th and 18th is growing in interest and the probability is there will be a much larger number of birds on exhibition this year than last. The committees are at work and are getting things in readiness for the occasion.

Cottage Prayer meetings have been held by the women in different parts of Lenoir this week, from Tuesday to Friday, at 9:30, in the interest of the Revival meetings being held at the Court House. They have been well attended and a means of blessing. These will continue next week at the same hour. The men meet each morning at 9:30 in the Board of Trade Room over the Postoffice.

Mr. O. P. Lutz, cashier of the First National Bank here, has bought the Greeneville, Tennessee Chair Factory, that was recently placed in the hands of a receiver. Mr. Lutz is in New York on business and we are not advised as to how he expects to handle his new purchase. Mr. T. J. Stone has gone to Greenville to look after the business and Mr. J. R. Blair will understand, go in a short time to assist him.