

RESPECT FOR LAW HAS INCREASED IN THIS COUNTY IN LAST DECADE

Drunk Man Will be Unusual Sight in Another Generation Retiring Recorder Says.

Within another generation a drunk man will be a sight so unusual as to attract a crowd of curious onlookers and the saloon, which is now a memory, will be to America what the coffee house is to England, according to Judge Byard Thurman Falls, who on the first of this month resigned as county recorder after disposing of county court litigations in Cleveland county for a period of nine years.

The tide of life as it ebbs in and out of the court room if probed by a close observer tells more of the inner yearnings, the "good" and "bad" in man and offers a better gauge of a community than any combination of scientific tests. In the court room it is life itself. "There is a little bad in the best of us" and how far that little bad will spread or how it is curbed is a feature of the interesting trend of the court room. To the ordinary spectator in the gallery a court case means little more than comes up in the evidence, but to the one on the bench versed in the ways of wayfaring life there is a story in every case—a beginning, and in some instances an end. Motives may play a minor role in the removal of cases from the court blotter, but motives placed every one there. The best study of life is by the judge on the bench as he does out punishment or a "chance," and not by so-called experts who deal alone in outer observations.

Looking out of the window in his office across the court square to the court building where he has disposed of some 5,000 cases Judge Falls Tuesday let his mind wander back over the nine years that he has served as recorder. In the reminiscences—the little bits worth recalling—is some history, some prophecy, and some—just "human interest." When J. A. Anthony resigned as county recorder Judge Falls was selected to fill the one year remaining of the term and since that time he has been elected for four two-year terms—without opposition. In those nine years he has seen the hardened criminal stalk out of the court room to a road sentence only awaiting another chance to violate the law; he has seen the first offender reprimanded, take a new grip on life and start afresh, and he has seen the odds and ends of living as registered by the law.

Handled 5,000 Cases.
Estimating that during his time as recorder that he disposed of approximately 5,000 cases Judge Falls declared

that three things, hinging on the other—liquor, fighting and stealing—were responsible for the majority. Of the estimated 5,000 cases the greatest number of any of the nine years came up this year—720 cases. The increased number though does not show any added disrespect for the law however in his opinion. As a further item of interest it might be added that for the month of November this year alone \$1,452.70 was turned over to the county school fund from fines and costs in recorder's courts.

Two Classes of Criminals.
In his reminiscence the retiring recorder told of two classes of criminals. One that violates the law with open disrespect for it and the hope of evading it; the other, that violates yet respects the law. The first and last cases disposed of by him were taken as examples. His first hearing was that of a negro bawdy house, where the intention was to violate the law, but with the hope of eluding it—which it might be said, was not done. The last was that of an old negro in the county who struck his son-in-law over the head with a hammer. The son-in-law had married and abandoned the old man's daughter. He knew it was no way of "evening up" but used the hammer although he respected the law. It was the old man's first appearance in court and he told the story in full with proper reverence for the law. Needless to say it did not go so hard with him as it might have, had the "behind the screen" story been different. But punishment must be meted out and the one to whose task it falls has no easy sailing.

Liquor Making Decreases.
According to Mr. Falls it is an easy matter to see that liquor drinking is on the decline. There are those who term prohibition a failure, but in his opposite view the judge recalled as far back as the "J. Q. Little Saloon" sign that once swung where the First National bank now stands. The drinking of extracts and presumably patent medicines is the best proof, he says. Ten years ago it would have been a hard matter to get the worst "soak" in the county to drink other than pure liquor, but nowadays more flavor is guzzled than goes in cakes. Day after day a "drunk" is given a hearing in court. On the stand the officers say that they could smell no liquor but that the condition was similar. Liquor is not so easily found or as plentiful as of yore when such a condition exists, Judge Falls believes, and in the course of 50 years the "cawn" and pure dis-

tilled product of this and our father's day will be an unknown thing.

Auto Reduces Fighting.

The three most frequent violations—liquor infractions, fighting and stealing—are on the decline, he said, and the decline was credited to three things, prohibition gaining in effectiveness, automobiles and an increase by respect of the law. Back in the olden days when on first Mondays "boss swappin'" was the town's biggest industry down where the Arcade Furniture store now stands, the fight docket in the following week's court were something fierce. Of course liquor played its part as happens in the majority of court cases. In other words: "wine, women and song" modernized is "vanilla, automobiles and jazz." Through it all the retiring judge sees a greater respect for law and society that as time passes means a better and greater county. The nine years summed up show a better county morally and not a drift to the bad—the world, ours, not growing worse.

FINE DEER KILLED IN TOWN OF SPENCER

Spencer, Dec. 1.—A real honest to goodness deer was captured and killed in the corporate limits of Spencer near the passenger station Saturday afternoon the passenger station Saturday afternoon by Russel Robinson, Hugh Allen and Thurman Lloyd, the high school boys, who happened to be playing near where the deer came along.

It was a fine specimen, weighing about 200 pounds and with a fine set of antlers. The buck came to town with airplane speed and in its excitement at so much civilization dashed into a heavy wire fence breaking its neck. Unmindful of the great danger of approaching a wounded deer the boys pounced upon the kicking animal and soon had it under control. Engineer Wiley Wright, an old deer hunter and near whose home the animal was cap-

tured, appeared on the scene and "stuck" the deer in a manner to assure choice venison. Another deer was killed near Spencer sometime ago but it is not thought this one was a mate, though it is not known where it came from or how long it had been in the vicinity of Spencer.

That ethyl gas that has killed so many people is evidently the female of the species—Columbia Record.

Earl News Notes Of Comings and Goings

(Special to The Star.)
Earl, Dec. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webber and little son Fred, Jr., of Charlotte, spent Thanksgiving holidays with his mother Mrs. D. G. Webber.
Mr. and Mrs. John Byers and family of Charlotte were the guests Thanksgiving of Mrs. Byers parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Austell.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Austell and two children Virginia and Roberts of Greenville, S. C., visited at the home of Mr. Austell's mother Mrs. J. H. Austell last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh Wilkins of Charlotte visited relatives here last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bettis and son Thomas of Greenville, S. C., were the week end guests of Mr. A. E. Bettis and family.
Mr. B. F. Jones who has been spending the past two weeks with his family returned to his work in Georgia Tuesday.
Mrs. Grady Bettis returned to her home in Greenville, S. C., Friday.

Big Gloria Swanson Film At Princess

Crowning Film Triumph of Great Star at Princess Theatre On Friday.
"Her Love Story"—Mary Roberts Reinhart's stirring and throbbing story of the secret romance portrayed on the screen by the wonderful Gloria Swanson—will be the big attraction at the Princess theatre Friday—one of the biggest of the year.
It's the crowning triumph of the beautiful Gloria's great career. A new type romance which stirs the heart, feasts the eye and entertains mightily. Founded on the thrilling story of Mary Roberts Reinhart it pictures Gloria as a charming Balkan princess and is a picture well worth seeing. (Advt.)

People sometimes put over a bluff, but generally they fall over them. Politeness and love are both fine things until they begin to spill over.

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	Woolen Blankets, Full Size for Double Bed. Pink, Blue, Grey and Tan— \$4.48, \$5.95, \$7.95	Wardrobe Trunks— \$18.50 TO \$39.50	All Leather Traveling Bag— \$7.95 TO \$22.50
		Ladies' Hand Bags— 98c TO \$4.98	Ladies Silk Hose 50c
		\$5.00 BETSY ROSS Electric Iron— \$2.85	Ladies' Full Fashioned Silk Hose, Black and all Colors— 79c TO \$2.45
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