

Eastside Evens Up City Title Baseball Series

Spurling Explains State Prohi. Laws

State And Federal Prohibition Law Are Nearly The Same; Either Has Jurisdiction.

In an interview last week published in the Lenoir-Topic Solicitor L. S. Spurling, of this district, discussed the enforcement of the prohibition laws. He said "Fully fifty per cent of the criminal cases now being heard by the courts have to do with either automobiles or liquor." He went on to say that "The chief reason is to be found in the greater number of laws to be violated now on the statute books." He thinks the increasing number of outsiders that are constantly moving in, and also to the steady increase of population is a moving factor in the lawlessness. Both of these are factors to be considered he thinks, when the question of the largely increased amount of business of a criminal nature that now faces the courts comes up for discussion.

Speaking about the liquor laws,

he said that as both North Carolina and the United States government have almost exactly the same laws relating to liquor violations, the only question of jurisdiction between the two in the prosecution lies chiefly in which of the two acquires original jurisdiction. Thus if a state officer makes an arrest in a distilling or liquor selling case, the state courts of course acquire jurisdiction. The other way if the federal officer makes the arrest.

North Carolina, however, goes a step further than the federal government, in that while the latter will grant license to a druggist to sell intoxicants on a doctor's prescription this state will not furnish such a license. So a druggist who secures such a license in this state has his pains for his trouble. The government license alone won't do him any good. This is, of course, no contradiction of the federal law. It is otherwise in Virginia. There the state law does not interfere, and druggist can sell liquor on prescription if they have a government license. Theoretically, at least, so far as the law goes, North Carolina is a bone dry state.

Fallston Student In Theology Weds

(Special to The Star)

Harmony, Sept. 12.—In a beautiful and impressive ceremony solemnized Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 at the home of the Baptist minister Miss Gladys Mildred McSwain became the bride of Rev. Ptylla E. Bingham. The bride's brother, Rev. W. L. McSwain officiated, using the ring service.

The home was simple but beautifully decorated with flowers cut from the garden. After the two had been united in holy matrimony the party retired to the dining room where an informal dinner was served. It was a unique occasion in that the bride is the sister of Rev. McSwain and the groom is a brother of Mrs. McSwain. She is also the daughter of Mr. L. M. McSwain of Earl and was educated at Shelby high school and Mars Hill college. For the last two years she has been teaching school in Cleveland county. The groom is the son of the late Samuel J. Bingham of Fallston. He was educated at Fallston high school, High Point college and is now a senior at the Westminster theological seminary, Westminster, Md.

Rev. and Mrs. Bingham are now visiting friends and relatives in Denton, Morganton and other points prior to their bridal trip to Norfolk, Va. and other places of interest. Their trip will culminate in Westminster, Md. where Rev. Bingham will be expected to graduate in the spring.

This news will be of unpassing interest to their host of friends throughout many states and we join in wishing them many joys and a useful service in the ministry of the gospel.



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'Snag' Ormond Baffles Cloth Mill Sluggers

High School Boys Star In Game With Many Leaguers, Big Game Coming.

When Eastside tromping over the Cleveland Cloth mill club Saturday by a 7 to 1 score the Shelby city baseball title series is now one-all and the final and deciding game is to be played the coming Saturday afternoon.

Strengthened by several players, particularly an emory ball hurler who couldn't be hit out of the infield, Eastside showed a remarkable reversal in form Saturday in lapping out an easy win over the Cloth mill crew undefeated so far this year.

Hurls Well.

The result was largely due to the hurling of "Snag" Ormond, Sally league pitcher, for the Eastsiders, but while "Snag" was keeping the usually strong Cloth mill hitters helpless three former high school boys on his own team were piling up enough runs to assure a victory. Youth must be served. The game, played before one of the largest baseball crowds here in years, clearly proved that. Five fellows who have performed in pro baseball, all the way from textile circuits to the major leagues, were in the Eastside lineup, but the bats of three Casey Morris proteges drove in those lucky seven tallies for Eastside. Sparks, playing in leftfield, banged out four hits, drove in several of the runs and was an important factor in driving "Jinx" Harris, former Piedmont and Sally league hurler, with his fast ball from the mound. Ray Farris, high school catcher, who was catching Ormond's jumping balls, slammed out a couple of base blows, as did "Mud" Poston, another of the youngsters who helped win a high school title for Shelby.

Ormond's hurling, however, was one of the tastiest bits of pitching seen here in years. To "Snag" it was back home, with some of the big crowd cheering him and some jeering him. It has always been that way for "Snag" in Shelby, and he enjoyed it. When the game was over the cloth mill team had secured only two hits off his delivery. The first was of a questionable variety but had to go for a safety. Cline Owens Lee early in the game rammed a mile-a-minute drive down the first base line, which was too hot for Tommy Harrill, Piedmont leaguer, or any other first-sacker to handle. And that was the only hit Ormond gave up until the ninth when "Rooster" Bridges slammed a drive over the infield.

Harris, rated as about the best floating pitcher in North Carolina, started the game for the Cloth mill crew but after five or six frames had to seek cover as the Eastsiders began to slam his offering about the park in a manner indicating they had never heard of his no-hit records. Of course, quite a bit of Harris' downfall was due to his support. Catcher Hornsby had an off day and Harris' fast balls would not stay in his mitt. To make it worse Hornsby's throwing arm couldn't find second base. Other inconveniences included some delayed thinking, throwing and fielding upon the part of Charley Harrelson on first base, and lack of experience in the outfield by Dalton, shortstopper moved to the left garden.

All in all it was a great game, and for the major part of the fans—those interested in baseball and neither team in particular—the outcome was pleasing. Had the Cloth mill won the series would have ended. But, as it is now, there will be another game Saturday—and what a game!

It may be that a few more players will be added to the line-up, and there is much talk about bringing in major leaguers, players from the Southern, and from anywhere where they are good. One thing about it, there is no labor unrest in Shelby Saturday. About all the textile workers in town along with everybody else not working were at the game—and this Saturday there will be more there.

"Curly" Smith relieved Harris on the mound for the cloth mill, but no damage was already done and the heroic hurling of the young hurler amounted to little. The idea, for those not present, as to the type of baseball shown can be gained from a survey of the following lineup:

Eastside: Ray Farris, catcher; "Snag" Ormond, Sally league, pitcher; Tommy Harrill, Piedmont leaguer, first base; White, semi-pro, second base; "Red" Ormond, International league, shortstop; Costner, Loray semi-pro, third base; Ray Sparks, leftfield; George Reinhart, Sally and American league, centerfield; "Mud" Poston, rightfield. Cloth Mill: Hornsby, catcher; "Jinx" Harris, Piedmont, Sally and Southeastern leagues, pitcher; Charley Harrelson, first base; "Rooster" Bridges, second base; Cline Owens

INTELLIGENCE NOT WANTED IN JURORS

Corn Cracker Discusses The Selection Of Jurors And Gastonia Strikers Case.

Editor Cleveland Star:

We imagine that all were sorry to learn of the juror losing his mind in the much heralded strikers' case recently in progress in Charlotte, N. C. Had it been in some benighted region like New York, Illinois, or Pennsylvania, the conclusion would have been that a crazy juror answered the purpose as well as a moron or an imbecile, while a dead one would have been preferable to either. As everybody knows, the court procedure of North Carolina never has any incompetents on a jury; but men of highest intelligence and of a very judicial mind. Imagine a peer of the realm selected on a special venire in Cleveland Gaston, Richmond or Mecklenburg claiming he never heard of a shocking murder and relate with a burst of pride that he never reads daily papers, magazines, nor anything else in the way of literature except a medical almanac, or "A Slow Train Through Arkansas" with the superior educational advantages that prevail in North Carolina the palladium of liberty is safe and the genius of justice never allows Beales to be tilted.

Of course we are never afflicted with stupid, cyming-headed professional jurors; and the spectacle is never witnessed when there is a vacancy in the panel of looking up a more moron that has relapsed; and who, like necessity, knows no law. One way of accounting for this salutary state of affairs, is that our lawyers do not place political profferment above their hopes of Heaven; but desire the reign of justice, though the Heavens fall and stay down. Imagine a Cleveland county sheriff looking with lofty disdain upon a man of sense, education and independence and selecting a drivelling half idiot because he stepeth promptly at the mandate of his political idol who is paraded in print as "counsel for the defense." Such a scene is no better than we expect in untutored Kentucky, Tennessee and Massachusetts; but in erudite and judicial North Carolina the genius of jurisprudence is never constrained to weep at such perfidy.

In some regions, anybody can see that the attorneys ring in a cold deck. Nothing disqualifies a juror so quick as intelligence, firmness and political independence. In most of courts, Arnold, Capt. Kidd or Satan would be immune from justice in a jury trial. Every lawyer, especially for the defense—would act in role of a sob-sister; tall gruesome, theatrical platitudes about how his imperial majesty, Satan would look with his tresses shorn to prepare him for the electric current, and picture the deprivation of her bread-winner. Thank God for county commissioners in North Carolina who draw intelligent juries; for lawyers who never try to prostitute the ends of justice; and witnesses who swear to their own hurt and change not, even in presence of bribery and other corruption.

We have bombastic orators and editors who discourse vapid platitudes about our state and national glory. We claim majestic rivers, mighty oceans, towering and princely forests, lofty mountains that are the repositories of untold mineral wealth; while our soil of unmatched fertility gorges the granaries of the world and feed its teeming millions. The majesty of the law is invoked, as standing on eternal vigil to protect the patrician in his palace or the plebian in his hovel in life, liberty and the pursuit of substantial happiness.

The spirit of education stalketh through the land; while the mallow tones of the church bell are heard calling the devout to worship. But we are the most lawless civilized country on earth; and an Englishman, Frenchman or German would be provoked to ungodly glee to see some of our "peers of the realm" officiating as jurors. In any of these regions, murder is promptly punished, and the nobility fares like the toiler of low estate. Jurors are selected because of their intelligence and integrity in England, and some loud-mouthed lawyer does not dictate the court proceedings. Here, if a man is stupid, provincial and semi-illiterate, he is hugged to the bosom of jurors for the defense as a priceless treasure. Every man or woman is entitled to trial by his or her peers; but if some aggregations of professional jurors are peers of anybody but the vicious and feeble-minded, some of us can't discriminate.

M. L. WHITE.

Lee, Southeastern league, shortstop; Cleve Cline, semi-pro, third base; Dalton, leftfield; Bumgardner, centerfield; Hornsby, rightfield.

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Card Of Thanks.

We wish sincerely to thank those our friends, including the doctors and nurses at the Shelby hospital for their thoughtfulness and kindness to us during the fatal illness of our sister, Mrs. J. J. Blanton, of Fallston.

Signed: Mrs. J. R. Grigg, Gastonia; Miss Lizzie Ledford, Joseph Ledford and C. M. Ledford, of Lawndale, brothers and sisters of the deceased.

Perhaps Babe Ruth Will Go To First

New York World.

One of our very oldest subscribers calls up to inform us that Babe Ruth will shortly be playing first base. Asked how he came by this staggering item of news, he said he had just figured it out.

"How?" we inquired. "They owe it to him," he replied. "After all these years they've got to give him a couple of seasons at first base before he buys a ranch. It's the least they can do."

"What's the matter with 'right field'?" "He can't stay out there and pound around after fly balls much longer. Big as he is and old as he is, he's through if he tries to keep it up. His legs will give out. But at first base he'll be good for quite a few games yet. He's one of the best firstbase men in the business, too, you might remember. He's been there before."

"How about Mr. Gehrig?" "Well, how about him? Look in your batting averages and you'll see

he's hitting under .300 for the season. Huggins has got him batting fifth and sixth, and that'll give you an idea of how bad he's been going. Maybe he'll go out in right field and snag flies. Maybe he'll get traded off. But I'm telling you, it won't be long before you see Ruth on first base. Not this season, probably. But pretty early next season."

"Well, thanks."

"You're welcome. I'm giving you a chance to put over a great 'big scoop'."

So here is the great big scoop, for what it is worth. Thinking it over, we see nothing wrong with it except that the legislature would have to change the name of Ruthville. But even that might be arranged, with a little swapping of votes.

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