

DENATURED ALCOHOL WITHIN REACH OF ALL

REVENUE DEPARTMENT MODIFIES RULING.

Supplementary Ruling Places Manufacture in This Country Practically on German Basis as Recommended by D. O'Connor—Druggists May Sell New Product Under Federal Liquor License.

Certain modifications of the internal revenue regulations in regard to the manufacture and sale of denatured alcohol contained in the current number of the treasury department's bulletin seem to do away with many, if not all, the objections made by D. O'Connor of the Otto Gas Engine company to the "free alcohol" law.

These supplementary rulings made by John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue, have been called out by inquiries in regard to the regulations issued Sept. 29 and are sweeping in their effect. Not only are special denaturants authorized for denatured alcohol intended to be used for specific manufacturing purposes, but they permit the use of methyl alcohol with pyridin basis to be used instead of the "approved benzine" called for in the original regulations. This seems to be substantially the "German system" advocated by Mr. O'Connor.

For manufacture of celluloid, pyralin and similar products, alcohol may be denatured by adding to each 100 gallons five gallons of pure methyl alcohol and seven pounds of camphor. For the manufacture of transparent soap it may be denatured by adding to each 100 gallons six and one-half gallons of the following mixture: Five gallons of pure methyl alcohol of a specific gravity of .810 at 60 degrees Fahrenheit, one gallon of castor oil and one-half gallon of Euxine caustic soda lye. For the manufacture of shellac varnishes a mixture of 100 parts of methyl alcohol and five parts of methyl alcohol may be used.

Druggists Are Exempt.

Druggists, the technically liquor dealers if they hold the federal license to sell tax-paid grain distilled liquors and wines for medicinal purposes, do not come within the regulation forbidding liquor dealers to sell denatured alcohol. On that point Mr. Yerkes says:

That there may be no possible room for misunderstanding the position of this office, I will state that because a druggist holds a special tax stamp as a liquor dealer he is not to be deemed that he sells distilled spirits as a beverage. It is understood that many druggists, holding a majority of them, sell pure tax-paid ethyl alcohol for mechanical and medicinal purposes, and that some sell whiskeys, brandies, etc., in a medicinal form, and that some sell medicinal preparations as medicines. Under the internal revenue special tax laws such druggists invoice themselves in special tax liability as liquor dealers, but they are not such liquor dealers as are excluded from the exempting clause of section 50 of regulations No. 30, unless they handle spirits as beverages.

On the one side are druggists who may be technically under the internal revenue laws liquor dealers, but who, not selling distilled spirits, wines or malt liquors as beverages, can secure permits to deal in denatured alcohol on the same premises on which they keep their stock of tax-paid alcohol, etc., stored on the other side are druggists who handle distilled spirits, etc., as beverages in the same manner as such spirits are handled by other dealers who, therefore, cannot secure permits to deal in denatured alcohol on the premises on which they sell their beverage liquors or keep their stock.

Dealers in paints, oil and varnish are not liquor dealers, who they hold a federal license under which they sell tax-paid grain alcohol, etc., in five-gallon lots. That no specifically named in the clause exempting druggists, Mr. Yerkes holds that they occupy the same position by analogy.

Gamossi Glove Gifts.

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LACE STORE CLASH OVER

Case Before Judge Lochren Dismissed by Stipulation.

Nothing came of the protest filed by J. Van Valkenberg against the order of O. C. Merriman, Jr., of the United States court, confirming the sale of the stock and fixtures of the Lace store, 724 Nicollet avenue, which was to have been heard by Judge William Lochren of the United States district court yesterday afternoon. While waiting for the judge to take up the matter, the attorneys for the conflicting interests got together and a stipulation for the dismissal of the petition for a review of the referee's action was the result.

Receiver George C. Storvick sold the stock and fixtures to J. W. Lane & Co. for \$1,200 on Dec. 8 and the sale was confirmed by the referee on the same day. Certain creditors, represented by Mr. Van Valkenberg, protested against this order, without avail. As a result they filed a petition for a review by Judge Lochren, which was set for a hearing yesterday afternoon.

The Lace Store company, managed by William D. Macready, was forced into bankruptcy by its creditors on the same day. George C. Storvick was appointed receiver. The schedules, filed later, showed debts aggregating \$16,475 and assets valued at \$6,965.

FIRE AT LUCK, WIS.

Special to The Journal. Luck, Wis., Dec. 22.—The residence of Paul Lemo was burned.

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PREPARATIONS MADE FOR ACTIVE YEAR.

Public Affairs Body Is Particularly Strong and Aggressive, and Campaign for 1907 Promises to Result in Great Permanent Good for City—List of New Committees.

To those interested in the public affairs and civic improvement work for Minneapolis the year 1907 seems full of great promise. This is especially true with reference to the public activities of the Commercial club, to be managed usually thru the public affairs committee. The committee has just closed a most successful year in which it has accomplished much lasting good for the city and thru which the various civic improvement movements have become closely united.

This committee, which is actively in charge of the work of the Commercial club which, as the largest business organization of the city, takes the lead in public matters, begins the new year with an exceptionally strong organization. The committee consists of twenty representative and prominent business men.

In charge of the various branches of the public affairs work are eighteen subcommittees, each with its particular duties indicated by their names. One new committee, that on publicity, is added. The chairman of each of the public affairs committees is a member of the public affairs committee proper.

The complete organization of the club for this year is as follows:

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UNCLE SAM BECOMES SANTA CLAUS' PARTNER

CHRISTMAS RUSH IS ON AT THE MINNEAPOLIS POSTOFFICE.

Substans Relieve Main Office of Immense Amount of Work, but the Carriers Are "Getting Theirs." Now that the Gifts Have Begun to Come In.

Santa Claus, in primitive times, went about with sledge and reindeer distributing his load of gifts. But in these latter days he has found an able ally in another benevolent old gentleman, one Uncle Sam by name, and has entrusted the task of distribution to him. Fast mail trains rush the millions of gifts from one city to another and gray-clad carriers, with "U. S." stamped on their buttons, complete the work of distribution.

Between the sender and the receiver of Christmas gifts there is an army of trained workers, all in the pay of Santa Claus' partner, Uncle Sam. Any one venturing into the Minneapolis postoffice yesterday might have seen one regiment of these servants of the public at work.

More Women Than Men.

At the window where parcels are weighed that the senders may know how much postage to pay, there has been a steady stream of patrons, mostly women. The same is true of the stamp window, where the clerks were kept busy handing out stamps of denominations seldom used by the general public. Back in the hidden recesses of the postoffice an augmented force of clerks sorted over a mass of parcels of every conceivable shape and size, putting each one in the sack routed to its destination. Still other clerks will further sort these packages as the business trains speed them across the country.

Despite the fast and furious shopping which has been going on for the last week, there is little indication of a real rush at the postoffice. This is accounted for by the fact that there are forty-eight sub-stations of the postoffice scattered about thru the residential and business sections of the city, fully equipped to receive and register mail. These sub-stations are sending their filled sacks direct to the railway stations, greatly relieving the congestion which past years has made the central office in the closing days of the season a veritable inferno of haste and impatience.

Extra Carriers at Work.

Twelve additional carriers are already in the service distributing incoming parcels. This force will be increased to forty-five tomorrow and Friday, and to fifty on Saturday in addition to the 200 or more regular carriers. The incoming mail is already too voluminous for the regular distributing quarters, and the side galleries of the central office are bristling with degree of order and dispatch.

Foreign presents are causing the most trouble, this comes to comparative few for the holiday season as in any other, and more than one person has had to take the elevator to the third floor for a session with C. R. Cooley, deputy collector in charge, before receiving the gift from the border. While the majority of presents from abroad are trifling in value, and demand no duty, some of the more "retentive" ones are bringing a heavy tax on the recipients, who, before they wish that their friends had been less generous.

It is impossible to prepay customs charges, and in consequence gifts sent or received from abroad are a tax on the donee as well as on the donor. As a result, a large proportion of the gifts sent from Minneapolis by the more experienced have either been of nominal value or else in the form of money orders.

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MANY ACTORS IDLE AT CHRISTMAS TIME

HOLIDAY SEASON NOT RELISHED BY STAGE FOLK.

Most of the Thespians on the Road Are on Half Pay This Week—Many Companies "Close," and Some of These Have Been Laying Off in Minneapolis, Awaiting Reopening Date.

Minneapolis is headquarters just now for scores of stage folk—for it's the holiday season, no very welcome period for the theatrical people. Plenty of time for Christmas shopping, with only half a salary to shop on, are the conditions which confront most members of the theatrical profession in the holiday season. The public in many cities is too busy spending its money for Yuletide remembrances to devote either coin or time to amusement and in consequence only the theaters of the larger cities are open, with the companies on half pay. The "one night" houses, without exception, are "dark."

Three companies are "laying over" in the twin cities at present. Two, the Adelaide Thurston company and the Ezra Kendall company, in Minneapolis and the "Human Hearts" company in St. Paul. Then there are a lot of "honorarium" companies, with relatives in Duluth, where the show opens with a matinee Christmas day, but the remainder of the company is in Minneapolis under the chaperonage of its manager, J. V. Hope. The Ezra Kendall company has been killing time in Minneapolis for a week awaiting for its opening performance at the Metropolitan. The "Human Hearts" company also gets busy today.

Bad Times for Actors.

Commenting on this "strange" phase of the theatrical business, Daniel Frayley of the Lyceum said yesterday: "Christmas and Holy week are bad times for actors. Fully 60 per cent of the companies lay off at those times and practically all managers and salaries in half, even though they are playing."

So firmly has this last custom become established, that even though the house and business sections of the city, fully equipped to receive and register mail. These sub-stations are sending their filled sacks direct to the railway stations, greatly relieving the congestion which past years has made the central office in the closing days of the season a veritable inferno of haste and impatience.

Not so the Playwright.

"Even the proverbially improvident 'easy' literary man escapes this cut. The reply of one author, said to have been made to one of the Frohmans, is almost historic. When asked to accept half royalty thru the holiday week he replied: 'You can pay me full royalty, or you can pay me Hamlet.' The actor either is not in the position or does not have the nerve to take this stand. At any rate, he is the only man in the business to be stung."

Cheap Rates West and Southwest.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month until March 1907, inclusive, the North-Western Line will sell one-way colonist tickets at nearly half fare to many points in Arkansas, Colorado, Indian Territory, Kansas, Louisiana, Mexico, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. Get information and tickets at 600 Nicollet ave., Minneapolis, 306 Robert street, St. Paul, or address T. W. Teasdale, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul.

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