

HERE AND THERE

Speaker's Bill Codifying Whiskey Laws and Proposed Changes Now Before House.

SOME RADICAL SECTIONS

Eliminates Country Grogshops, Disorderly Places and Fake Clubs—Other Matters.

WITH a favorable report, the important bill known as the Byrd liquor bill, or House bill No. 258, a codification of the existing laws relating to the sale, distribution and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, and also a codification of such of the temperance legislation now contained in a number of separate bills as have been reported by the committees of the two bodies, went before the lower branch yesterday.

A great advantage claimed for the bill is that it reduces to clearness and order the intricate mass of liquor legislation, and presents all the laws upon this subject in a clear, condensed and orderly form. The bill is conservative in some directions, and radical in others. For instance, it permits distilleries mashing twenty bushels a day and upwards to do business, provided such distilleries do not have any stills, and distilleries situated outside of towns of 500 inhabitants or more must confine the contents of their stills to such stills situated in the district in which such still is situated, and there is adequate police protection.

By the very skillfully drawn section 6 of the bill bona-fide clubs are allowed to do business, but fake clubs are prohibited. The bill also provides for the bona-fide social organizations.

The Country Grogshop. A somewhat radical section of the bill is section 8, which provides that no liquor shall be sold in local option territory, or in any place, except as follows: (1) Cities. (2) Towns of over 500 inhabitants. (3) Summer resorts at mineral springs and seaside resorts. (4) Communities containing cities, where there is police protection.

Thus the country grogshop is completely cut out. The bill also provides for a qualified voter of the place where the business is conducted. Section 20 makes it illegal to guarantee anything as pure cider which is not, in fact, pure cider. Section 21 provides that no person shall be issued upon the oath of two reputable citizens to search premises where liquor is suspected to be kept for retail sale.

All places where ardent spirits are made or stored, in violation of the provisions of this act, are hereby declared to be common nuisances, and every person who maintains or permits such a place shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The Attorney-General or any attorney at law, or any other person, any citizen of the county or city where such nuisance exists or is kept or maintained, may bring an action in the name of the State to abate and perpetually enjoin the same.

The bill of injunction shall be verified by affidavit, and the same shall be required when such suit shall be brought by the Attorney-General or any attorney at law, or any other person.

Any person violating the terms of any injunction granted in such proceedings shall be punished for contempt of the court by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or by both the one and the other.

Mr. Byrd believes that this section will enable the forces of law and order to be maintained in such disorderly places as Pine Bluff, etc.

Section 19 provides as follows: "No person shall sell or dispense ardent spirits under any description on Sunday or Christmas Day, or on a rest day under twenty-one years of age, nor shall such person be employed in any saloon, or in any place where such spirits are sold, or in any public school, college, university, or to a lunatic, idiot, or feeble-minded person."

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HEAR OYSTER QUESTION TONIGHT

Important Meeting to Be Held at T. P. A. Headquarters Here This Evening.

The question of the breaking of the Bay or oyster survey consumed nearly the entire time of the Committee on the Chesapeake and Its Tributaries yesterday, and last night, when adjournment was taken, nothing had been done in the matter. The bill was unfavorably reported by the Senate Committee on Fish and Game. It is one of the most important before the Assembly, and is now practically occupying the time of a large number of members.

The Maryland Oyster Commission is expected to reach this city on Monday night, and a commission has been appointed to meet the delegation and see to the entertainment of the visitors.

The bill, which is a two-year survey of the Chesapeake and its tributaries, has been accepted by the Maryland Legislature, and they will now have to be enacted by the Virginia body, and then go back to the Maryland Assembly.

Mr. W. Dwight Burroughs, special messenger from Maryland, announced yesterday that the commission will probably reach this city some time this evening, and will be ready on their arrival to confer with the Virginia delegation. The members of the Maryland delegation are as follows: Senators Lanthicum, Greenwell, Braisher, Millburn and Andrews, and Delegates Hayden, Quinn, Benson, Jones

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Maryland Delegation Coming to Confer with Virginia Commission.

(of Calvert), Brady, Karl and McDonough. The oyster question is creating no end of comment around the Capitol, and although the Watkins bill was yesterday unopposedly reported by the Senate Committee on Fish and Game, of which Senator Walker is chairman, this does not by any means end the fight, and when the measure comes up on the floor for action probably the longest struggle of the session will follow.

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Fourth Year, Section A—First Honor: Helen Morrisett, Alice Ingram, Mary Eastman, Elizabeth Fry, Lizzie Dennis, Hattie Parkinson, Second Honor: Irma Thomas, Grace Briner, Mary Tucker, Marie Williams, Corine Lockett, Minta Pennie, Estelle Turner, Ruth Anderson, Others Promoted: Vernele Carney.

Fifth Primary (Miss Brough, teacher)—First Honor: Helen Anderson, Resear Adams, Elizabeth Fry, Lizzie Dennis, Hattie Parkinson, Second Honor: Irma Thomas, Grace Briner, Mary Tucker, Marie Williams, Corine Lockett, Minta Pennie, Estelle Turner, Ruth Anderson, Others Promoted: Vernele Carney.

Sixth Primary (Miss Brough, teacher)—First Honor: Helen Anderson, Resear Adams, Elizabeth Fry, Lizzie Dennis, Hattie Parkinson, Second Honor: Irma Thomas, Grace Briner, Mary Tucker, Marie Williams, Corine Lockett, Minta Pennie, Estelle Turner, Ruth Anderson, Others Promoted: Vernele Carney.

Seventh Primary (Miss Brough, teacher)—First Honor: Helen Anderson, Resear Adams, Elizabeth Fry, Lizzie Dennis, Hattie Parkinson, Second Honor: Irma Thomas, Grace Briner, Mary Tucker, Marie Williams