

COURT HOLDS DRY ACT IS VALID

Beverages Containing More Than 1/2 of 1 Per Cent Illegal, Judges Say.

Washington, Jan. 5.—By a margin of one vote the supreme court today upheld the right of congress to define intoxicating liquors, insofar as applied to war-time prohibition. In a five to four opinion given by Associate Justice Brandeis, the court sustained the constitutionality of provisions in the Volstead prohibition enforcement act, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beverages containing 1/2 of 1 per cent or more of alcohol.

Validity of the federal prohibition constitutional amendment and of portions of the Volstead act affecting its enforcement was not involved in the proceedings but the opinion was regarded as so sweeping as to have little hope among "wet" adherents. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-saloon League of America, hailed it as a "sweeping victory," and in a statement tonight said the only prohibition question left open by the court now is whether the eighteenth amendment is of a nature that can be considered as a federal amendment, and whether it was properly adopted.

In giving the opinion, the court sustained federal decrees dismissing injunction proceedings to enjoin federal authorities from preventing Jacob Ruppert, a New York brewer, from manufacturing beer containing in excess of one-half of 1 per cent, but which he alleged was non-intoxicating.

TO PARENTS OF MONETT YOUNG PEOPLE

I wish to say a few earnest words to the parents of Monett young people, especially those in the High school. The statement is made with full appreciation of the unusual talent of the young people here and of the fine spirit they show in very many ways. It is made in order that the people of the community may realize some of our vital problems as the teachers see them.

It must be said at first, plainly and frankly, that the school work done here by many students is very inferior. This is regrettable, because the schools, maintained at expense by the community, are failing thus far in their purpose, and the young people will be handicapped in life by the lack of training they should have.

This poor work results from several causes, among which are these:

1. Irregular attendance, especially at times when absence is not necessary.
2. Lack of home study.
3. A feeling rather prevalent that school work is of no very great importance anyway, and should be set aside whenever it interferes with any other affair of business or pleasure.

This feeling was demonstrated last Thursday when several students stayed out of school to attend a "show". It is true that this was New Year's Day, but it should be remembered that January 1 is not a legal school holiday in Missouri, that the schools had already had a holiday on Monday of the same week by courtesy of the Board of Education, and that a special program had been prepared by Prof. Engleman in observance of the day, so that there could be no possible excuse for any one being out of school.

All the Monett teachers are striving daily, by admonition, by personal influence, and by class-room instruction to bring out the best traits and talents of their students. They have used every means—athletics, societies, entertainments,—to help secure the interest of the students. In their work they are hampered, however, by the conditions described above. To remedy these, it is necessary to have the active and constant co-operation of the fathers and mothers. We earnestly desire that every student by in his place every day, and on time, that he give a reasonable amount of time each school night to home study, and that he be not allowed to let other things interfere with his school work. If you parents will see to these things and will support the teachers in carrying out the plans we have carefully made, we are satisfied that the schools of Monett can be very greatly improved, and that their value to the community in the proper education of its youth will be largely increased.

GUY H. CAPPS, Superintendent Monett Schools.

ENGINEERS AND FAMILIES HAVE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the members of their Auxiliary, with their families, enjoyed their annual banquet at Campbell's hall, Monday evening. The engineers held their regular business session in the afternoon and immediately following the members of the Auxiliary served an elaborate banquet which was very much enjoyed by the ladies members and their families.

ROCKY COMFORT

E. E. Frank returned home, Thursday from Maud, Okla., where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank Casteel.

A. G. Davidson has sold his property in the west part of town to Mrs. Anna Kelly.

W. S. Kelley of Stella, was here on business, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson of near Powell, visited Mr. and Mrs. Grover Patterson, Thursday and Friday.

Rev. Carlin preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

Vernon Walker sold his interest in the Ozark Garage last week to his partner, A. E. Elkins. Mr. and Mrs. Walker left, Friday for Springfield, where they will make their home.

J. L. Patterson of near Powell was in town Monday on business.

Attorney J. Olin Biggs, who has been visiting relatives in Portland, Oregon, for the past few months, returned home, Friday. Mr. Biggs has been practicing at Monett, but has left that place. He will probably locate at Anderson.

Mrs. M. J. Patterson and daughter, Jewell, visited relatives last week.

A. A. Garrett transacted business in Joplin, Tuesday.

Ralph Dabbs, who has been spending the holidays with home folks, returned to Marshall, Saturday night, where he is attending the Missouri Valley College, preparing for the ministry.

H. N. Dame and family of Route 1, spent Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lamberson.

Fay Westcott and Osa Coleasure of near Powell, were in town Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stewart of near Powell, visited B. T. Lowe and family Saturday.

Get the county news in the Monett Times.

MRS. BRITANNICA LASSITER DEAD

Mrs. Britannica Lassiter, wife of J. H. Lassiter of South-Monett passed away Tuesday, January 6, at 12:05 o'clock. Death was caused from Bright's disease and complication. She was 64 years old.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Baptist church, the pastor, C. F. Whitlock officiating. Burial was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The deceased was a true Christian character and was greatly loved by her many friends. She has been in poor health for several months and has been confined to her bed only a short time.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, J. H. Lassiter, two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Stills, of Trail, Ore.; Mrs. Lon F. Thomason, of Centerton, Ark.; one son, W. A. Lassiter, of Monett, one sister, Mrs. Nola Workman, of Sedalia, Mo., and seven grand-children.

OIL SEEMS CERTAIN AT HOLLISTER

Artisan water has been struck at the 450 foot level in the well being drilled for oil in the center of Hollister, C. R. Fullbright said on his return from Hollister last night.

Hopes of the operators interested in the project are soaring and they believe that oil will soon be found.

The varying pressure of the stream of water coming to the surface has caused the belief that the drillers are about to strike a pocket of gas. They are predicting that either gas or oil will soon be struck.

One lease for property of comparative little value went for \$1,500 it is said. Lease and purchase prices of all land near and in Hollister is soaring, and in many cases it is impossible to acquire holdings.—Aurora Advertiser.

WEB PRESS SHIPPED

The Menace received a telegram from Chicago saying that a web press and stereotyping outfit had been shipped today and upon its arrival it will be set up in connection with the new job plant now installed in the old A. E. Williams hardware building on the east side of the square.

Wm. Sieger & Co., of Springfield, this morning began the removal of all the brick on the Menace property on West Olive, they having purchased the lot of brick as the fire left them.

The contract of removing the debris and junk iron of the presses, linotypes etc., has not yet been let.—Aurora Daily News.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends for kindness shown during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother also for the beautiful floral offerings. We especially thank Mr. Callaway for his prompt attention and his kind sympathy during our bereavement.

Mr. P. W. Scott, Addie, Leona, Anna, Richard and Ray Scott, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hogan.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF BERRY GROWERS

Interesting Sessions Held Tuesday and Wednesday. Berry Prospects Good.

The opening session of the regular annual conference of the Ozark Fruit Growers' Association was held Tuesday morning at the Masonic hall, and nearly 200 members, most of whom were managers of local exchanges, met in the conference which revealed gratifying conditions in the fruit belt of the Ozark region.

The convention opened with Dr. E. L. Beal, of Republic, Mo., president of the board, presiding. Delegates sang, "America." The invocation was by the Rev. Shockley, of Rogers, Ark.

The first day's session consisted in a literary session at night. Excellent music was furnished by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra and a number of interesting readings and musical numbers were rendered by Monett's talented young people. A male quartet from Rogers, Ark., was very much enjoyed.

Rev. Howard Peters, of Blytheville, Ark., delivered a lecture, "Doughnuts" and was pronounced at his best by a large assemblage. He is an orator of the first magnitude, holding his audience at will, now in laughter at the wholesome jokes and witticisms, the next moment in tears. Rev. Peters won the hearts of the growers and his lecture will never be forgotten by those who heard him.

Another incident of the morning session Tuesday was the election of three directors: Dr. E. L. Beal, of Republic, J. W. Stroud, of Rogers, Ark., and T. R. McNeill, of Humboldt, Tenn.

Wednesday morning a session was held in the forenoon at which J. A. Cooper, professor of the Arkansas State University at Fayetteville, Ark., delivered an address, which created much interest among the delegates. He told of the wonderful co-operation in the marketing, the condition of the berries at the present time. In the afternoon he talked again. Chas. Carmichael, field agent, made a short talk and read the members of the Association spoils.

One of the liveliest sessions in the history of the Association was Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Stroud, secretary of the Association told of the just growing interest that is being taken by all fruit growers in the Ozarks, of the wonderful production of berries, condition of the vines and the prices of the fruit. More interest is being taken by the farmers of the Ozarks in the growing and marketing of the berries than ever before. Fruit growing is fast becoming the leading product from the farms in this region of the Ozarks. The berries are reported to be in a fine condition, and the general out-look, stated by the field agents, is for a bumper crop this year.

The convention ended at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the delegates returning to their respective home filing well pleased with the agents, is for a bumper crop this year, out-look for the berry crop for the coming season.

MRS. JOHN R. WALLEN DIES

Mrs. Ida Perrine Wallen, wife of Probate Judge John R. Wallen, died at the Wallen home in this city Sunday afternoon, December 28, following a lingering illness of many weeks of a complication of trouble, aged 34 years, 6 months and 1 day.

Mrs. Wallen took her bed some two months ago and her condition from that time had been considered very serious. A few days ago she seemed to make a change for the better but suddenly passed away Sunday shortly after the noon hour.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church of which she was a member, conducted by Rev. J. T. Brattin.—Cassville Republican, January 1.

DUMBROSKI—FLAHERTY

Miss Mary Dumbroski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dumbroski, and Frank Flaherty, both of Bricfield, were united in marriage Tuesday morning at the Bricfield church, Rev. Father Alberts officiating. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Sophia Dumbroski, and Emmet O'Dwyer was attendant to the bridegroom. A large number of relatives and friends were guests. After the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents.

They will make their home on a farm at Bricfield. The happy couple were in Monett Tuesday afternoon and had pictures taken at the Chafin Studio.

E. B. Findlow, auditor of disbursements for the Frisco Railroad company, has been appointed auditor, with headquarters in Fort Worth, Tex., to succeed C. S. Snow, who recently tendered his resignation. George B. Davis has been appointed auditor of disbursements with headquarters in St. Louis.

LOT PURCHASERS AT BAPTIST HILL

The church committee of the Lawrence County Baptist Association met at the Baptist church in Mt. Vernon January 1st at 1:30 p. m. and there held the drawing and apportionment of the lots as surveyed and platted.

There were representatives of fourteen churches, one Ladies Aid Society and thirteen individuals present and participating in the drawing. Twenty-eight tickets were numbered from 1 to 28 inclusive, placed in a hat and shaken well. They were then drawn out singly, the churches taking precedence, followed by the individuals, and the holder of the ticket number one having first choice and so on in regular order.—Aurora Advertiser.

LAWRENCE COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES

Irwin B. French	Carthage
Lillie M. Baker	Carthage
Vernie C. Hood	Miller
Willie M. Shook	Miller
Adolph L. Carl	Stone Co.
Anna Noe	Lawrence Co.
Frank Parker	Marionville
Bertha German	Marionville
Herman F. Meyer	Willington, Kan.
Nora P. Rowe	Marionville
Clarence R. Starks	Peirce City
Catherine Belch	Peirce City
J. C. Jones	Billings
Mabel Simpkins	Springfield
E. J. Standridge	Galena
Vera Pampell	Galena

MORE THAN 1,000 DEAD IN MEXICO EARTHQUAKE

Mexico City, Jan. 6.—Coztlan was destroyed by Saturday's earthquake with 2,000 casualties, including more than 1,000 dead, according to official reports given out here tonight by presidential military headquarters from advices received from officers in the Vera Cruz center of disturbance.

The entire garrison at Teocelo was killed or injured. The dead numbered thirty and the injured sixty.

Three hundred dead are reported at Barranca Grande, near Coztlan. The water level at Port Barranca del Agua rose twenty-five meters.

J. M. Beauchamp, went to Joplin, Wednesday, on business.

Mrs. L. P. Thomas visited in Peirce City, Wednesday.

M. J. Hale made a business trip to Springfield, Wednesday.

Mrs. W. W. Hagar, of Joplin, came Wednesday morning to visit relatives.

C. B. Binion, agent for the L. E. Lines Music Company was in Springfield, Wednesday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leake, of Aurora, are moving to Peirce City this week.

Miss Eula Kennedy went to Aurora, Wednesday morning, to visit her brother, R. O. Kennedy.

Mrs. Fred Campbell and Miss Ethel Campbell went to Tulsa, Okla., Wednesday, to spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smedley and daughter Mary Jane are visiting relatives at Beaumont, Kansas.

Sam Rittenhouse and family have moved to 306 Frisco avenue, from North Central avenue.

Mrs. Allie Garwood Merritt, of Parsons, Kansas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson.

P. H. Dugan, of Oswego, Kansas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. G. Bouldin.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lehnhard left Thursday night for Corpus Christi, Tex., to spend several weeks.

Mrs. Jessie Morgan and Mrs. John Pollock, of Rogers, Ark., are the house guests of Mrs. C. C. Cook.

Miss Dorothy Morgan, of Rogers, Ark., has returned home after having spent the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Cook.

Miss Orpha Bayless, of Cassville, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Clutter and daughter, returned home Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Morford, who recently returned to Monett from the West, have rented W. S. Perry's residence property on Frisco avenue.

Andrew Browning was operated upon Wednesday morning for a growth on the tongue. Drs. Dusenbury and Hawkins performed the operation at their office.

The fire department was called out early Monday evening when the burning out of a chimney at the residence of Wm. Fredrick, north Lincoln avenue, alarmed the family.

Leroy Coward who was a student at Draughon's Business College at Springfield, accepted a position with Keet & Rountree Dry Goods Co., last week.

The Nichols public school of Springfield is serving one hot dish for the school children's midday lunch. The children take sandwiches and other edibles from home to supplement the warm food served by the school cafeteria. The introduction of serving warm meals to school children is one of the projects of the Boys and Girls clubs in Greene county.

SOME CHANGES IN RAILS WILL HOLD

Executives Are Considering Methods Employed By Government.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Some of the changes in railroad operation adopted during the period of government control will be continued after the roads are returned to private operation on March 1. The Association of Railway Executives at meetings now being held in Washington are carefully considering all of the changes, and Thomas De Witt Cuyler, its chairman announced today that the following already had been agreed upon.

Adoption of a rule for the distribution and interchange of freight cars. Continuation of the system of operating statistics established by the railroad administration.

Continuation of the present method of collecting transportation charges. "The various companies," Mr. Cuyler said, "are engaged in arranging to re-establish agencies for the information and assistance of shippers in routing and tracing shipment."

The companies through this association are trying to agree with the government on the interpretations of the federal control act and of the standard contract between the government and the companies. Every effort will be made to avoid litigation and make final settlement prompt and fair.

Careful consideration is being given to the need for additional equipment and every possible effort will be made by the companies to provide such equipment.

NEW SITE

Sunday school was well attended Sunday.

The cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of Alba Banks last Thursday night. It was well attended. Little Neva Wormington is quite ill threatened with pneumonia.

Mrs. Joe Lasley of near Purdy and Mrs. Ceber Hodges of near Carthage visited relatives in this part last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Farley Vermillion took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wormington were shopping in Monett, Saturday.

Miss Mary Sparr and Muri Means visited Mr. and Mrs. Farley Vermillion a while Sunday night.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
All creditors and others interested in the Estate of Martin Dieterich, deceased, are notified that the undersigned Executor of said Estate, intends to make a final settlement of said Estate at the next term of the Probate Court of Barry County, to be held in said County, on the 9th day of February 1920.

HENRY M. DIETERICH, Executor.
This 8th day of January 1920.

J. T. BURGESS, Attorney.
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Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blennerhassett left, Tuesday evening, for St. Louis, where Mr. Blennerhassett will transact railroad business.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jackson returned to their home at Harrison, Ark., Wednesday morning, after having visited Mr. Jackson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Jackson.

W. L. Cannady has bought O. Barker's two story residence on Seventh street. Mr. Barker and family expect to move into a smaller residence in the spring.

Miss Mildred Callaway, student at the State University at Champaign, Ill., has returned to school after having spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Callaway.

Wm. E. Gray left for Kansas City, Monday night as a delegate to a conference of Postal Employees and to be present at a hearing before a Congressional Committee to be held at that place January 7 and 8.

PEEVED.

"I called to see you at your office yesterday."

"That so? Why didn't you see me? I was there all day."

"I found after I got there that I didn't want to see you badly enough to give my life history to three or four outer guards and sit on a bench for an hour or two waiting for them to make up their minds whether or not to pass me in."

Hopfulness.
"Ch. dey, dey," said young Mrs. Parkins, "you were talking about a twenty to one shot when I came into your office today."

"Was it?"

"Yes, and I was very much pleased. I hope you will cultivate enough interest in marksmanship to take your mind off horse racing."

SCHOOL NOTES

By Efton Henderson.

Mr. Engleman took his physics class on another very interesting trip Monday morning. This trip was made to the ice plant for the purpose of studying the different kinds of stationary steam engines. This subject is considered a very interesting one by the physics class and the ice plant afforded an excellent place to study the different types. Mr. Ball, the chief engineer, was especially kind in showing the class around the plant and explaining the different sorts of steam engines. He showed the class the big compound Corliss valve engine and explained the working parts to the class in a most beneficial manner. After showing all the different parts and answering all the questions pertaining to the Corliss valve engine he took them to see a sliding valve engine. The differential Valve engine came next and was, as Mr. Ball said, the most interesting and complicated of them all. Beside the very interesting things Mr. Ball told the class about engines he explained to them the process of making and storing of the ice, which was very interesting to those who have never had a chance to find out for themselves. The class also had a chance to study the force draft boilers which they had in their text some time ago.

There was a high school faculty meeting Monday evening which was held to discuss questions pertaining to the school. It was decided at this meeting that there should be a publicity committee appointed to get the needs of the school before the public and to keep the people posted as to the progress and needs of the schools.

Assembly was held Wednesday morning at which the fourteen football men who won letters were presented with sweaters. This presentation has been somewhat delayed because of the fact that the company has been slow in making them, but they are as welcome to the boys as they would have been at the end of the season. When he presented the sweaters Mr. Engleman said that the boys would probably be so proud of them that they would not be able to see anyone for some time and it has turned out exactly that way; coming down to the real facts of the thing it is something of which to be proud. It is not the value that the boys look at, but the fact that the sweaters are given by the school in acknowledgment of the services rendered in this particular activity, as well as the excellent record they have made. It is also worth something to the boys to know that by receiving a sweater they are acknowledged to be one of the fourteen best men of the school mentally as well as physically.

The men who received sweaters were Walter Reynaud, Raymond Lippe, Fred Dwyer, Arthur Bounous, Oliver Young, Lee Adams, Burl Henderson, Efton Henderson, Raymond Fly, Loren Swartzel, Cecil Long, Philip Short and Cyril Kehres.

Though the football season is over basket ball is now the athletic activity of the school and some of the boys who are now receiving sweaters are trying hard to make the team and are resolved to put the high school over in all athletics as well as all other of its undertakings.

Mr. Engleman explained in assembly about the examination which will be held Thursday and Friday.

Both High and the grade schools are fortunate in having new equipment to begin on after vacation. The High school has some splendid laboratory equipment and the grade schools have received a new supply of text books which were needed especially bad in the Junior High school. Some of the texts are also to be used in the first and second grades.

It is also interesting to note the improved appearance of the School buildings since the vacation. The floors have been oiled and the buildings have all been fumigated. In fact every possible effort it seems, is being made by Mr. Capps to see that the buildings are kept in as good condition as possible and to make the schools a place to which the children may come without fear of contracting some disease which often happens in a school room. This policy has been carried out not only in the High school but in the Grade schools as well, and they are now in as good a condition as they were at the beginning of the term. This is only one of the hundreds of things that needs Mr. Capps' attention daily and he deserves compliment on the way he is filling his place as the superintendent of Monett schools. The people of Monett need not worry about the welfare of the schools while he is in charge; all they need to watch is that he does not leave Monett at the end of this term.