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PERSONAL USE AND BOOTLEGGING

The dismissal in the Superior Court yesterday of a large number of cases against defendants charged with the violation of the Prohibition Amendment by introducing illegally into the state liquor in large quantities means that there is to be returned to those who brought it into the state, booze in quantities ranging from one case of whiskey to ten barrels of beer.

"Personal use" is the subterfuge through which the violators have beaten the law, and under this blind it has been impossible to secure a conviction through a jury no matter what the quantity of liquor introduced may have been. And all through the faulty construction of the personal use law, when the Supreme Court failed to state what quantity constituted personal use. It may be a case or it may be a carload, which would afterward be up to the jury to decide, and to our mind, one that brought in a carload would have just about the same chance of getting cleared by a Cochise county jury as one who brought in a case—if he simply claimed "personal use" as the last two weeks of court in Tombstone has shown.

It is not the fault of the county officials, far from it, for they have done their very best to uphold a faulty law. The Sheriff, County Attorney and the Court deserve commendation for the way they have handled these misdemeanors, but it seems all to no avail, and summing up the whole prohibition law as it affects Arizona, at present, it will never be a success until the legislature comes to the rescue with legislation setting the amount of intoxicating liquor which can be introduced, and backing up the officers in their enforcement of the law.

ANOTHER DOUGLAS PIPE DREAM

The Douglas International has been having another pipe dream to the effect that Cochise county needs another court and that court should be located at—Douglas, of course. Douglas wants this; Douglas wants that, and Douglas this and Douglas that. Of course Tombstone and Bisbee are entirely ignored in the matter and the Review sums it up as follows:

Douglas lawyers and Douglas alertness, combined, is urging that another superior court be established in Cochise county. In an article the Douglas International paints a terrible condition of an overcrowded docket in which the bootleggers are given preference and in which civil business is sent to the back seat. Of course the International thinks Douglas is the proper place for the court. No doubt! No doubt!

There is in Tombstone at the present time a very polished Mexican who has the ear marks of better times; his carriage and demeanor marks him a Spanish Don; in fact he is of the better class, and when asked by one of our staff why he was here stated that he owned mines in Mexico, properties of other kinds and had been in the U. S. for two years on account of the revolution. He was then asked "Why do you not return now, as peace is in sight?" "Ah, Senior, you do not know," he replied, "I am afraid of Carranza." Therein lies the light all Americans cannot see, but therein also lies a light that the better class of Mexicans very plainly see.

We are pleased to see that President Wilson in a speech at Toledo, Ohio, Monday, said in part, "Our rights, our border citizens and our sovereignty must be respected." In all of which we heartily agree with the President and we pray that strength be given him to see that it is all carried out, especially that part in which he refers to "S PEOPLE ALONG THE BORDER" with the accent on "us" and "border."

The El Paso Herald in its first page "bottom red flash" says: "Substituting biscuits for bullets in Mexico appears the new American plan." From personal experience we would prefer bullets to some of the biscuits we have tried to eat in Mexico.

Every bootlegger in Arizona will lend moral and financial support to the campaign of the ultra prohibitionists in their effort to prevent shipments of liquor in the state for legitimate personal use. The bootlegger fattens and prospers under conditions made easy for him by theoretical and fanatical advocates of sumptuary laws. It is all very well for the proponents of total abstinence to say that their interpretation of the prohibition law in Arizona would triumph if the law was enforced. With public sentiment against their interpretation enforcement is impossible. There is the rub. Practical prohibitionists and theoretical prohibitionists cannot occupy the same house. Theoretical prohibition has never succeeded although repeatedly tried in this country. Practical prohibition has made and is making big strides.—Clifton Copper Era.

We are no prophets when it comes to the elections, but there is no doubting the fact that Olney stock is on the up-grade in Cochise, and while it is thought that Governor Hunt will carry Cochise, yet it must be confessed that Olney stock is "going up" in this county according to latest reports.

Diaz, Madero, Huerta, Zapata, Oroscio, Obregon, Carranza, Villa—Next!

ASSESSED VALUATION OF COCHISE COUNTY

ABSTRACT OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF COCHISE COUNTY AS COMPILED BY CLERK KARGER OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOWS INCREASE OF OVER \$12,000,000 OVER 1915

TAX RATE THIS YEAR EXPECTED TO BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1.00 ON \$100; INCREASE IN PATENTED LAND AND PRODUCING MINES IN COUNTY RESPONSIBLE FOR INCREASE

That Cochise county is the richest county in the state, surpassing the next richest county in the state, Maricopa, by over \$48,000,000 is shown by the abstract of county assessment as compiled by Clerk of the Board of Supervisors A. C. Karger just completed. The abstract is taken from the tax rolls as delivered to Clerk Karger by County Assessor E. A. Hughes, and according to the figures the total valuation less exemptions reaches the grand total of \$114,814,726.56. The total valuation including exemptions amounts to \$1,119,336,900 reaches \$15,934,962.56, or approximately one hundred and sixteen millions in round numbers. Last year the valuation of Cochise county taxable property was \$92,869,000 less exemptions showing

an increase this year over last of \$12,545,726.56.

The tax rate of Cochise county last year, both county and state was \$1.07 on the \$100 valuation and with increased valuation this year it is expected that the rate will drop down to the neighborhood of \$1.00 on the \$100.

The increase this year is credited to the producing mines and several hundred thousand acres of patented mines that have been added to the rolls since last year's assessment.

The mines of the county have also increased to a large extent their output over last year. The report is an interesting one especially to the taxpayers, and following is the abstract of the various items, taken from the report of Clerk Karger:

Description of Property	Valuation
2192.75 acres irrigated land	\$ 115,010.00
528,937.58 acres dry farming and grazing land	2,525,312.40
1143.70 acres grant lands	57,188.00
52,480.48 acres other grant lands	176,101.00
City, town lots including improvements	10,144,558.00
39,932.52 acres patented mining land and improvements	68,761,498.53
59,589.55 acres non-producing unpatented mining land	391,450.75
90.90 acres patented mill sites	2,275.00
795 acres producing unpatented mines, smelters and improvements	10,641.97
Concentrators	5,972,846.21
5,500.00	5,500.00
Mining machinery and supplies	391,870.00
Smelter supplies	567,768.00
11 Banks	1,026,500.00
12.20 miles street railway	152,682.40
Merchandise	2,074,899.85
1213 automobiles	578,788.00
34 motorcycles	2,845.00
43,604 miles standard railway	16,720,305.00
3815.5 miles telephone lines	249,621.50
1191.89 miles telegraph lines	81,948.52
Gas and electric light plants	409,812.61
Water works	457,285.00
1 ostrich	10.00
841 dozen chickens	4,233.00
3209 stands of bees	6,572.00
Furniture, household and office	505,240.24
5335 range horses	120,325.00
116 work horses, class "A"	12,020.00
2074 work horses, class "B"	115,251.00
1822 saddle horses	85,793.00
117 stallions	12,650.00
145 mules, class "A"	17,025.00
923 mules, class "B"	37,500.00
152 burros	773.00
12 jacks	1,350.00
90,862 range cattle	2,271,470.00
1549 steers	43,280.00
20 beef cattle	700.00
1563 milk cows	82,100.00
2363 bulls	87,230.00
6515 sheep	23,250.00
29,867 goats	40,727.00
1115 hogs	6,570.00
All other property	1,286,233.88
117 unpatented mines	10,000.00
Total valuation all property	\$115,934,962.56
Total exemptions	1,119,336.90
Net Total for taxation purposes	\$114,814,726.56

TO MAKE GUM AND RUBBER FROM ARIZONA DESERT CACTUS

PHOENIX, July 17.—Backed by substantial business men and exploited by conservative publicists, the Arizona Chicle Gum company, controlling a recently discovered process of extracting chicle gum and high grade rubber from the ocotillo, the ordinary variety of cactus found growing on thousands upon thousands of desert lands promises to develop a new source of wealth in Arizona and the entire southwest. Capitalized at \$300,000 the company proposes to offer for sale but one-tenth of its stock, which would provide \$30,000 or ample funds to make the company a going concern.

That the common desert cactus can be made to yield a net profit of \$240 per ton through the extraction of chicle gum, or an almost equally substantial profit in rubber, has already been conclusively demonstrated. The process is simple and the possibilities of growth of the concern are unlimited. The outfit required for grinding the cactus into pulp and for boiling the pulp down to the required consistency is easily portable, which means that the industry may be carried on where

Sheriff Harry C. Wheeler and Deputy Percy Bowden left this morning for Johnson, where the Sheriff went to investigate the report that Deputy Sheriff J. Walker had killed a Mexican last night. No details were received by the sheriff as to the circumstances surrounding the killing, and he will secure a complete account of the affair. It is thought, however, that the deputy attempted to make an arrest and the Mexican offered resistance with a gun. The sheriff will return tonight.

Over the cactus grows and removes the necessity for long and unprofitable hauls of the raw material. This means too, that while there might be a central plant, there can be unlimited number of the portable outfits operating wherever there is a requisite supply of the cactus.

As an evidence of the possibilities, it is pointed out that the importation of chicle gum from Mexico last year amounted to over \$10,000,000 and the demand was not met. It is altogether likely that a plant will be erected and placed in operation near Mesa in the near future.

OVER 10,000 AUTOMOBILES IN STATE OF ARIZONA

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STATE SHOWS MORE AUTOS THAN PREVIOUS YEARS

SUMMER HAS BROUGHT A RUSH FOR TAGS; WILL REPRESENT CATTLE INDUSTRY ALSO

During the first fourteen days of July, there were 518 automobiles registered with Secretary of State Sidney P. Osborn. According to figures given out yesterday at his office, the automobile in Arizona is rapidly on the upward trend.

On June 26th, there were 3,743 machines registered. Yesterday the number had reached 10,251. In fact the request for licenses has been so insistent and clamorous that it has taken some expert work to get them all out. The reason for the sudden demand for licenses has not as yet been analyzed. It was surmised yesterday at the state house, that the hot weather had brought an insistent demand to take a vacation in cooler climates and that a machine being the easiest way to take one, hence the rush to purchase.

The number of machines registered during the first six months of last year, was 5,851. It was thought by auto salesmen, that last year was an unusually good one, but with the increase of 3,892 machines the first six months this year, their wildest expectations were exceeded. There are only forty-one more motorcycles in the state this year than last.

The fees collected by the secretary of state's office the first six months this year exceeded the expectations of Mr. Osborn.

The following report has been prepared showing the amount of fees collected:

Motor Vehicle Fees (less refunds)	\$60,025.50
Motorcycle fees	1,589.00
Chauffeur fees	1,510.00
Transfers and licenses	630.00
Extra Seals and Badges	189.50
Notary Public fees (526 at 125c)	1,315.00
Certified laws	21.00
Sale of session laws	79.40
Certificate and seal	79.40
Requisitions	40.00
Postage and express	14.50
Dental examination fees	50.00
Miscellaneous	190.30
Total	\$66,230.10

Number of motor vehicles registered January 1st to June 30, 1916

1916	5,743
Number of motor vehicles registered January 1st to June 30, 1915	5,851
Increase	3,892
Number of motorcycles registered Jan. 1st. to June 30, 1916	680
Number of motorcycles registered Jan 1st to June 30, 1915	639
Increase	41

It was also announced yesterday that the contract for the new license tags for next year would be let within a few days.

Secretary Osborn at first intended to pay tribute to the cattle industry of the state, and have the tags green and white with a steer's head in the corner. On account of the war in Europe, the manufacturers of the tag informed him that it was next to impossible to get that color, and suggested black.

Consequently the tags will be black and white and the first plan of having the steer's head in the corner will be followed. The tags this year, copper and black, were intended to pay tribute to the state's copper industry, and cattlemen thought it no more than right that they should have some recognition this year. The licenses will carry, besides the steer's head, "1917" and "Aris" with the number in between. The contract calls for 15,000 of the new numbers.

PRESCOTT, July 17.—Ralph Cameron, former congressman from Arizona, has sold his mining claims in the Grand Canyon for \$250,000, according to information received here. The claims were sold to Philadelphia capitalists, who have already made an initial payment of \$85,000.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County School Superintendent. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of county school superintendent, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primary election to be held in the month of September. I feel that my record during the past year warrants me again asking that I be elected to this office.
MINNIE LINTZ.

FOR SHERIFF
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of Sheriff of Cochise county and solicit the votes of those who will participate in the democratic primary election in September 1916.
SAM J. HAYHURST.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Recorder, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, September 12th.
JOS. A. CARBUR IVEY.

FOR SUPERVISOR
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Supervisor subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, on September 12th, 1916.
JOHN ROCK.

FOR SUPERVISOR
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries to be held September 12th.
DAN MATHES.

FOR SUPERVISOR
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of supervisor subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, September 12th.
DAVE ADAMS.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for representative from Cochise county, subject to the action of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held on September 12th.
JOHN S. MERRILL.

For State Tax Commissioner.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of state Tax Commissioner, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, to be held September 12th.
OWEN E. MURPHY.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, September 12th.
HARRY S. ROSS.

FOR STATE SENATOR
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator from Cochise County, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries to be held on September 12th.
C. M. ROBERTS.

FOR SHERIFF
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Cochise County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primaries to be held on September 12th.
HARRY C. WHEELER.

FOR STATE SENATOR
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, September 12th.
WILLIAM RIGGS.

FOR SUPERVISOR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of supervisor subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic primaries, September 12th.
J. M. SPARKS.

FOR COUNTY RECORDER
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Recorder of Cochise County, subject to the will of the voters at the Democratic Primary, to be held on September 12th, 1916.
RAY B. KREBS.
Tombstone, June 15th.

The marriage in Bisbee this afternoon of Miss Eda Clechetti to Mr. Leo George Hill, both of Tombstone, will come as a surprise to the many friends of the young couple here.

The marriage is a culmination of a romance lasting several years, which as grown from friendship since childhood, both the bride and groom having been reared in Tombstone.

Securing an automobile this morning, after having secured a license, the couple were on their way to Bisbee to be married before their friends and relatives knew what happened, and the next thing heard from them they were happily united in the Hill City.

The bride is the daughter of John Clechetti of this city and is popular among the younger set, while the groom is one of Tombstone's young men, the son of Mrs. Alice E. Hill, and has a host of friends, and is at present operator at the Crystal Theatre, having been recently hoist engineer at the Oregon.

The couple will return to Tombstone toward the end of the week after a honeymoon tour of the county, and will make their home here.

NEW STRIKE MADE AT COMMONWEALTH EXTENSION

During the past week the most encouraging word has been received from Jack Metcalf, who has intimated that the Commonwealth Extension, which is owned and operated by people in the Warren district and Tombstone. According to the information the south drift, from the 220 level, is bettering the hopes of the geologists and the stockholders. In other words high grade ore has been encountered in less than half the distance originally considered necessary to drive before anything of material value was found.

The directors of the mine feared that it would be necessary to drive a shaft south from the Rainbow shaft a matter of some 250 feet in order to get into what might be considered the pay country. Instead of that a small vein was encountered within fifty feet from the shaft and at seventy-five feet the vein has widened to a two-inch affair carrying rock which will go very high in silver and gold. This find corroborates the prediction of those who have been on the property and who have given any consideration to the geological conditions of the surrounding property, 200 feet more should prove to a very great extent what the character of the ground really is.

Another excellent find is had in the east drift which is now in a matter of 120 feet from the shaft and has its face in seven feet of good milling ore, with a streak in the face of the opening which will pan gold. The extent of the body of ore has not been determined as yet but drifting is being pushed ahead at a good rate of speed.

Thus altogether the progress at the Extension is most encouraging to the owners of the property. The work in the south drift is more than meeting their expectations and if the further prosecution of the drifting will make in the proportion to what the last twenty-five feet have, the fortune of the owners has been made. In other words, the faith of those who have stood behind the property will have been vindicated.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN BUSY SESSION

The board of supervisors met today in their office at the court house for the purpose of preparing the annual budget of the county, besides attending to several other matters that came up today.

As a result of increased business in the superior court, chiefly on account of bootlegging cases, the county budget for the fiscal year will have to be increased by at least \$20,000 to cover the deficit that would otherwise occur.

For the same reason the estimated expense of the sheriff's office will show a large increase this year.

This year's increase in valuations, even at the old rate of taxation, will give the county approximately \$35,000 more this year than last. It had been hoped to throw this into the

CHANGE OF OFFICIALS OF P. D. AND C. Q. COMPANIES

DOUGLAS, July 17.—Douglas is now the headquarters of the Phelps-Dodge and Copper Queen Consolidated Mining companies, owing to a change in management. Walter Douglas will be vice-president of the Phelps-Dodge, with headquarters in New York City; S. W. French, formerly general manager of the Copper Queen, succeeding him as general manager of the Phelps-Dodge.

A. V. Dye, former assistant to Walter Douglas, who had his headquarters in Bisbee, now becomes assistant general manager of the Phelps-Dodge, with headquarters in this city. G. H. Dowell, for several years assistant general manager of the Copper Queen is now general manager of that company.

These changes mean a distinct gain for Douglas as well as merited promotion for men who have served the two companies faithfully in years gone by.

BENSON VISITOR.
Judge Wm. Shilliam of Benson, spent a couple of hours in Tombstone today enroute to Bisbee.