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Timely Comments by the Press

Sentiments from Localities Mentioned in Free Press Articles on the Booze Question—All Uphold Law Enforcement but Demand Facts First.

MISREPRESENTATION

With a grotesque mingling of wild, sob-sister vocabulary, in which the ruddy-faced, leg-weary children of Addison county plod through the clay with their little thin legs lapped by waves of rum, and a muddle of lurid, misshapen statement, the Burlington Free Press assumes the role of undertaker and lays poor old Addison county out in a set of lavender pajamas. No better example of driveling dotage could be found than this garbled jumble of misrepresentation as saffron as any that ever bismirched a journalism even as yellow as Hearstism.

Cumbersome and gauche as the Free Press is, it is difficult to see how it could so blunder as to lose all sight of newspaper ethics and honor, or resort to a clever twisting of a frank statement given them by a frank man, into a misleading impression, or to charge that Addison county is helpless before the political gang that is swamping the streets with "booze," or to making of all sorts of charges, without substantiating one of them with facts that can be called real. A paper sinks into a pit of indecency when it resorts to such disreputable methods.

The attack on Addison county and Middlebury College seems to rise in a blackened cloud, like a smoke screen, to camouflage home difficulties, trials and tribulations. It is a murky landscape the Free Press paints, but where are the facts? It is a cunningly woven woof, but where is the warp?

Let it be understood that Addison county does not presume to stand up and lay claim to a badge for lily-whiteness. Let it be understood that we do not deny that the bootlegger has plied his trade. He does everywhere, and everybody knows it. But the responsible citizens of Addison county do emphatically deny that they are gasping to keep heads afloat, floundering in a sea of "booze," until the Free Press shows them that they are.

Because we are not in touch with the student body of the University of Vermont, we cannot answer for their conduct. We, however, are in touch with the students of Middlebury College and we state flatly that they are not menaced by bootleggers and moonshiners, "centered in Middlebury and protected by a political ring." From personal knowledge we will say that intoxication does not give the administration of Middlebury College one minute's worry, that it is at an undeniable minimum. Only once has this administration ever been obliged to consider a case, and that was away back last year. In this particular case the offending bootlegger, who came from a neighboring county, was brought to justice, and the student in question has left college. President Moody, who resents being misquoted, covers nothing up because he knows there is nothing to cover. He attempted to be straightforward and honest in a statement to a paper that he thought would respect his frankness and honesty. His attempt was rewarded with a vicious trickery.

Store keepers, restaurant keepers and police officers in Middlebury will tell the Free Press booze statistician, if he wants to make an honest investigation, that not only do they see no signs of intoxication among the students of Middlebury College, but that they never have fears of riots, mobs or disturbances, nor do restaurant patrons dodge behind counters, fearful lest pies will be crammed down their unwilling throats.

Shifting from florid description to raucus accusation, the Free Press boldly asserts that a political ring centering in Middlebury has the whole county in a hopeless grasp, and that it is organized for purposes of plunder and the protection of "booze" dealers. Responsible citizens are said to be authority for such a charge. This is a statement as serious as it is sweeping. Come through with the facts, please. Show up this corruption among the officials of Addison county, and do it now.

To serve cunning purposes the Free Press makes use of figures that, in themselves, mean very little, but which, when properly manipulated, show an appalling increase in intoxication in Addison county. It is stated that in the period from May to November, 1922, arrests for intoxication increased 900 percent over the corresponding period in 1918. True. But why not give all the facts? The truth is that during the last strenuous days of the war, from May to November, 1918, when four million American men were in France, and when all hands at home were putting heart and soul into the struggle, there was one case of intoxication in Addison county municipal court. During the same period in 1922, there were nine arrests and convictions. Of these nine, two were first offenses and two hardened habituals from Middlebury, one from Ripton, one from Vergennes, one from Lincoln, one from Monkton, and the other a visitor from Schroon Lake, whose belt was already stretched with his cargo when he landed. These are the figures. Why didn't the Free Press tell just how they doped out that startling 900 percent that glares so boldly in the head lines? Get this, reader, one case in one period, nine in the other.

Addison county is in a precarious position, we'll admit, located as it is in a direct path from Burlington, where, since the old days of prohibition and McCarthy's, it has always been possible to get a real thirst quenched. But we are as yet far from inundated and Middlebury College is still composed of sober young men, notwithstanding the allegations of the Free Press.

The Free Press has plenty of room for study of booze conditions right at home, before it leap-frogs into Addison county and spreads a string of statements that are not backed by facts, or shows up Middlebury College, through the trickery of an interview that grossly misrepresents its president, in a light that is absolutely false.

It would be a good plan for the Free Press to get Burlington's family troubles a little nearer settlement before tackling other people's.

It would be a good plan for the Free Press to continue its crooning of sweet things about beautiful Burlington or the glories of Vermont's marvelous football team, and leave wild tales about Addison county and Middlebury College alone, until ready to substantiate claims of a political ring existent in Addison county and the menacing work of bootleggers among the students of Middlebury College.—Middlebury Register.

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LAMOILLE BANNER COUNTY IN ENFORCING PROHIBITORY LAW

(From the Morrisville Messenger)

Court Records Prove More Arrests, More Convictions, More Fines Collected and Paid to State and Lower Cost of Same Than in Any City or County of Its Size in the State.

The official records of the courts effectively refute the unfounded, hear-say, sob-sister stuff written for the Free Press, and recently printed in that paper, slandering both this county and its officials, regarding the enforcement of the liquor laws.

The Burlington News' interview of State's Attorney Tracy of Johnson Tuesday was as laudatory of this county and its citizens as the other paper was derogatory.

From what Mr. Tracy had told us at different times regarding the number of arrests and convictions; the amount of fines paid into the state treasury, and the cost of law enforcement, we do not think the News exaggerated the actual truth in the following "scare head" story:

"Johnson, Dec. 12.—Investigations by officials into the alleged rumors that rum was running wild throughout Lamoille county discloses the fact that there have been more prosecutions with more results than in any territory of a similar population in the United States.

"In the little town of Hyde Park Justice Collins has collected $3,500 in liquor fines alone and in Johnson, Bradley Thomas has collected $1,700. This is in addition to a number of automobiles which have been seized and sold to the advantage of the government.

"In refutation of some allegations which have been made to the detriment of the officials of Lamoille county it was learned by a News representative that there are six routes by which rum runners can go through the county. It was also learned that in Morrisville, the largest town in the county, there is not a single police official living within a radius of two miles of the main street. All there is in the entire county to work with in enforcing the law is a few deputy sheriffs which are scattered over a sparsely populated country and yet the fines collected during the past twelve months amount to nearly $10,000.

"The routes through Lamoille county have become unpopular with rum runners of late because of some hard blows which have been dealt the traffic. With the arrest of the notorious "Tessier" and others who not only smuggled rum, but Chinamen or anything in which there was a big profit, others have evidently been discouraged.

The Waburton Case

"Officials of the county say that they do not intend to tell people where they are going until they get there and this was the case in the show that Waburton, who operates I. M. Waburton affair. The records several dance pavilions in both Washington and Lamoille counties, has been under the eyes of the prosecuting officers to the extent that his place has been raided five times at all hours of the day and night. No evidence was gained through these efforts. One day when Waburton could not be located, State's Attorney W. E. Tracy succeeded in finding him through some devious routes and Waburton went into Tracy's office and Tracy told him that he was going to get him for operating a still.

"'I want you to bring this still into my office and do it now or tell me where it is and I will get it,' said State's Atotrney Tracy. The reply of Waburton was 'That still is in the hands of a friend of mine and I will hang by my thumbs until I die before I will betray a friend, but if you stay where you are I will go and get it,' said Waburton. It wasn't long afterwards before the man who has been charged with operating many stills returned with the apparatus. As a result he pleaded guilty to a liquor charge and is paying $25 per month to the state in settlement of a $300 fine.

Many Seizures

"Up in a little room over Judge Tracy's office are more than a dozen stills which have been seized during the last twelve months and some of them have a big capacity. These were located by the officers in lone farm houses. The records show that State's Attorney Tracy put in 104 days on the business of the state and he receives $800 per year for it. The deputies receive pay only for the actual duty which they perform and at a small wage they have participated in many a midnight raid during the last twelve months."

The state's attorney of Addison county, Mr. Stone, makes complete and emphatic denial of the lack of law enforcement in that county. The Free Press evidently just missed a libel suit by qualifying a certain statement and printing his letter very conspicuously on its first page.

As the Rutland Herald and other papers and county officials and all good citizens say, "PRINT THE FACTS," not sensational and untruthful generalities.

We have been to considerable trouble to try and substantiate by the business men of Morrisville the statement that "liquor was being sold at two if not three places in Morrisville and liquor could be smelled on more breaths than ever before." Every one denies having made any such statement.

Evidently there is no more foundation for that statement than the words put into the mouth of President Paul D. Moody of Middlebury College or that State's Attorney Stone was made to say—both absolutely false.

People of Morristown and Lamoille county are justly indignant at the lurid mis-statements made by the Free Press special investigator.

As State's Attorney Stone says, "conditions here are little different than in other parts of the State," and what he says applies equally well in this county and to its officials:

"Probably one of the purposes of such articles as are appearing under glaring headlines in your newspaper from time to time, is to arouse the public. Perhaps another purpose is to increase circulation. Both purposes are laudable, when proper means are employed, and it is to be hoped that your efforts prove beneficial both to the cause of temperance and to your subscription list. The unexplained failure of your representative to keep an appointment, which he requested, for an interview Sunday afternoon, makes me wonder, however, if the Free Press is trying to present the real truth to its readers or is simply indulging in an orgy of sensationalism.

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"If, as a prosecuting officer, I have fallen short in my conception of duty, I am answerable to the public therefor. Due, possibly, to lack of prior publication of my shortcomings, after serving two years, the present incumbent was the candidate of both political parties, nominated and recently re-elected without apparent opposition of any sort on the part of the voters of the county. I have no political ambitions for the future. While I hold my present office, I shall continue to seek to perform my duties in accordance with the law and my own conscience, however "dulled" the latter may be in the judgment of the Free Press.

(Signed) "GEORGE W. STONE."

J. BARLEYCORN'S KINGDOM

Why not build an ark, brethren of the Burlington Daily Free Press, take a couple of lily white temperance doves with you and set forth to find the Ararat of Vermont? From the horrifying exposures in the Free Press last week we of Orange county, even though wet as a sponge, can still raise our reeking hands to heaven and with parched tongues murmur a prayer of thanks that the Green Mountains protect us from the tides of amber booze that inundate Addison and Lamoille counties.

Can it be that Vermont, so long considered relatively free from the degration and crime of the metrpoolis, has suddenly suffered a stroke of virtue paralysis that has left it a sunken plateau en route to the abode of the imperial tempter. And it remained for snooping, breath-sniffing, mush hunters, delegated by the largest daily in the state, to uncover this terrible truth.

To be sure the territory of this state is less fortunately situated for prohibition enforcement than is that of many others, bordered as it is on the north by a country where liquor is yet permitted to gurgle forth. Nor does anyone deny that rum running is practised through the state and no one would dare vouch that all the rum gets over our southern border before it leaks out to be lapped up by those still possessed of strong appetites and iron clad interiors. However, it does not seem possible that the charges of wholesale bootlegging and manufacture of liquor so powerful that T. N. T. is as distilled water to it can be substantiated; certainly not with evidence prompted by suspicion that every bulging pocket contains a cow-choking, booze-buying bank roll or by microscoping every new two-dollar bill offered in circulation.

That the youth of our educational institutions are being dragged down to eternal damnation in the midst of Vermont's cesspool is proven. There is not a suspicion of doubt. Why, unbeliever, didn't a U. V. M. student get arrested recently for being drunk and doesn't that substantiate the charge?

No, we are still open to conviction through the medium of an investigation, that 900 percent more residents of Addison county should be in jail for law infraction than four years ago, that the population of Vermont in toto is little more than a bunch of virtueless carcasses inflated from silo sucking and that our rosy cheeked children are in danger of being kept home from school to stir mush while mother bottles and corks with baby on her arm.

—R. L. J. in the Randolph Herald and News.

FACTS, PLEASE?

The Free Press, stung with the disclosures of Volstead leakage in its own city, now concludes that the whole of Vermont is likewise. It says the state is submerged in a sea of hooch, "one of the wettest spots between Cape Cod and the Golden Gate." The following is from yesterday's issue:

"The highest peaks of the Green Mountains, where there are none or few human habitations, might stick up as arid islands lapped by an everrising tide of moonshine, high wines, home brew, whiskey, brandy, gin, silo sip, sap beer and cider with a kick capable of making a Kentucky mule drop his ears with shame."

This, of course, is persiflage, but when the contemporary goes on and says that not only the University of Vermont, but Middlebury College and other educational institutions are also submerged beneath this deluge of bootleg, we beg to demur. What are the facts? Names, dates, places and circumstances? Has the Free Press got any, or is the Old Lady just scolding?

Then comes Addison county, of which the contemporary says:

"The section, responsible citizens say, is now helpless in the grasp of the Addison county political ring, alias the Addison county booze ring, organized and conducted for purposes of plunder, the protection of rum-runners and the extending of the strong arm of non-enforcement of law around bootleggers."

This, of course, is mere assertion. It may be true. Such things have happened in Vermont under the state prohibitory law, but no amendment of conditions was secured under any sort of administration without the production of facts. Where are they, Ancient Crone? Produce them. Scold! Where is your authority for such a reckless and sweeping statement?

When the Free Press representative was in Rutland, kind friends offered to cite him to the facts in the case, buy him some evidence, show him some hooch foundries in active operation, but he demurred. He was not looking for facts, apparently; all he wanted was a vocabulary. Hence whatever he may have to say about this city and county will be based on hearsay, without a single fact to back it up. Discount such assertions when they are uttered.

Meanwhile, the net result of this sort of thing will be a lot of loose accusation, not facts, figures and evidence; mere 'harebrained chatter of irresponsible and senile shrewishness," to amplify and adapt Gladstone's celebrated diatribe: no betterment of conditions; just bunk.—Rutland Herald.

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Do Not Destroy Confidence in Our Officers

The Burlington Daily News says:

The surest way to hinder law enforcement is to destroy confidence in the enforcing officers. Law and order are not encouraged by attacking our police or state officials.

Nor is the cause of law and order furthered by appealing to every citizen to arrest those whom he might think was offending against the prohibition law. What kind of a place would the City of Burlington be with our confidence in the police destroyed and our citizens converted into rum hounds? When citizens begin to act as police officers, law and order ends and mob rule begins.

VERMONT STATE NEWS

The new school building of Lyndon Institute, costing over $200,000, will be dedicated Dec. 21. The old building was destroyed by fire about a year ago.

Almost 800 autos were registered the first day last week when the 1923 numbers were given out, from 100 to 828, by the secretary of state auto department.

Arthur St. Armour of Milton, in trying to drive under the church shed there one night last week, did not duck his head low enough and was seriously injured.

H. E. Byron, 77, next to the oldest employee of the Scale Works at St. Johnsbury, died recently at a hospital.

The Vermont Milk Chocolate Company of Burlington is resisting bankruptcy proceedings, which it alleges were started by malice.

Mrs. James Collier of Greensboro took a teaspoonful of cedar oil by mistake the other night, but the prompt aid of a physician saved her life.

St. Johnsbury is seriously considering hiring a manager of its town business.

The Salisbury Bros. Furniture Co. of Randolph has increased its capital stock from $50,000 to $110,000. It is doing a big and increasing business mainly for export to South Africa, etc.

St. Albans stores have been robbed repeatedly the past week, evidently by local sneak thieves.

Putney will hold no more Chautauquas, having decided that the money can be better spent in other ways.

The house of Mrs. Mary Storey of Hardwick was recently destroyed by fire. The fire alarm system did not work and the firemen did not reach the fire until too late.

H. B. Payne, a prominent Bridport farmer, was so seriously injured while plowing when his plow struck a rock, died last week at a Burlington hospital, aged 52.

Oklahoma, jealous of Hollywood, now announces a 13-year-old girl preacher. We are improving.

It may be true that the long skirt has arrived, but in many instances it is still waiting to be announced.

LEGAL NOTICE

ESTATE OF MARY CADY MORGAN.

STATE OF VERMONT.
District of Lamoille, ss.

The Honorable Probate Court for the district aforesaid:

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Cady Morgan, late of Johnson, in said, district, deceased,

GREETING:

WHEREAS, said court has assigned the 2nd day of January next for examining and allowing the account of the executor of the estate of said deceased, and for a decree of the residue of said estate to the lawful claimants of the same, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the News and Citizen, a newspaper published at Hyde Park and Morrisville, in said district.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear at the probate office in Hyde Park, in said district, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account if you see cause, and to establish your right as heirs, legatees and lawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of December, 1922.

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