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TEST OF PROHIBITION

Statewide prohibition went into effect in 1909 in North Carolina and Winston was one of the few towns that sold liquor during the year 1908. Winston-Salem has about three times the population now that Winston had in 1908, and the records of the recorder's court ought to be enlightening. These are given by the Journal of that city. The Journal is speaking:

The following figures are taken from the consolidated report of arrests and disposition of cases in Winston for the year 1908:

Assault 810 Intoxication 457 Nuisance 333

This shows a total of sixteen hundred arrests in the city of Winston in 1908, practically all of which may be charged up to the account of John Barleycorn. Prohibition had not then gone into effect here. And, remember please, that these sixteen hundred arrests were not made in the city of Winston-Salem but in Winston alone. For Salem was then a separate municipality and had a government of its own. And in 1908 Winston had a total population of about twelve thousand.

Now consider the figures for 1921, more than a decade after prohibition was put in operation in this city. The record shows the following arrests for that year:

Intoxication 263 Disorderly conduct 151 Violating liquor laws 307

These figures are for the entire city of Winston last year. They represent the police record of a community, not of twelve thousand, but of more than fifty thousand population. And we have a total of 824 arrests that may be attributed indirectly to liquor, or only half as many as in the Winston of 1908.

This is about as conclusive a test as could be made of the effectiveness of any law. It affords encouragement.

MAJOR HALE

Maj. Edward J. Hale, whose death occurred at Fayetteville yesterday at the advanced age of 83 years, was a gallant Confederate soldier and an active newspaper editor until his appointment as minister to Costa Rica at the first Wilson administration. He was a strong partisan and was, at least until the world war, a Bryan adherent.

Major Hale was editor of the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, and those who were familiar with it during the many years of his connection noted its peculiar make-up and the space devoted to matters of historic interest. Readers of the Observer got solid reading for their money. Files of the newspaper ought to be invaluable to the historians of North Carolina.

The Fayetteville Observer departed from its tradition about the time the war broke and Camp Bragg was established near there. E. J. Hale, Jr., a splendid young man, disposed of the property and it passed into other hands. The Observer is as modern as any North Carolina daily today. Major Hale built a newspaper of solid worth, but to most editors it seemed more like a paper devoted to research work than to publication of news. As long as Major Hale stayed on the job, he gave his readers the things he thought they ought to read.

It is no credit to the older alumni of the university living in Hickory that the younger men coming home found no organization with which they could affiliate. Their club is the result. If these youngsters will pep up Carolina men in these parts, they will be doing a good work.

Father Adelarde Delorme, a Catholic priest, has been indicted by a Montreal grand jury on the charge of murdering his half brother, Raoul Delorme, whose estate, estimated to yield \$10,000 a year, was left to the priest. Raoul Delorme, a student at Ottawa University, was killed January 6, and suspicion pointed to his half brother. Members of the coroner's jury, while not belonging to Delorme's parish, were Catholics, according to newspaper reports.

Uncle Joe Cannon, who is to retire from congress on March 4 next, is merely a reminder that there is no such thing as immortality in this world. The former speaker served 43 years in the house, a record that will stand for many years. But one cannot always live, although most of us strut about on life's stage as if we had found the elixir of youth and were not liable to a summons at any moment.

Mr. Abec went to Washington, laid his hand before the first assistant postmaster general and felt his pulse. What the Hickory Republican leader will do next he himself knows best.

It is no compliment to Americans that the Polish government has outlawed several dances which received their worst advertising in this country.

RESULTS OF SOY BEAN TEST

(By J. W. Hendricks, Farm Agent)

As a means of creating interest in soybeans a variety test was planted last spring in the farm of Mr. C. G. Thornburg, Conover, N. C. The object of this test was to compare the yield and other merits of different varieties for this section.

These soybeans were all planted on May 19th. The fertilizer used was 300 lbs. of 16 per cent acid and 100 lbs. of cotton seed meal per acre. All varieties were tested alike, and the land was very uniform. No part of the plants were cut for hay, so no definite information can be given in regard to the comparison of hay production.

The Virginia produced 34.5 bushels per acre, requiring 114 days to mature.

The Hamberlandt produced 28.5 bushels per acre requiring 120 days to mature.

The Black Eyebrow produced 21.7 bushels per acre requiring 105 days to mature.

The Mammoth Yellow produced 16 bushels per acre, requiring 143 days to mature. The Mammoth Yellow has been the most popular variety in North Carolina for several years until the last few years. But this variety is very rapidly being replaced by other varieties such as the Virginia and Hamberlandt. Either of these varieties will produce in most cases more seed, make a much better quality of hay as the stems are not so woody and will mature from two to three weeks earlier.

The Mammoth Yellow will perhaps make a larger growth, to be used as a green manure crop, than the other varieties. But ranks very low in seed production, and quality of hay. The Mammoth Yellow also ranks low as a variety for hog pasture.

SUN BREAKS OUT AFTER SOME LOAFING

After a season of damp and dreary weather, the skies cleared before daybreak this morning and a warm sun appeared on the scene again, accompanied by a wind that diminished during the night. The sun was a welcome visitor in these parts. Streets and sidewalks, which yesterday showed the effects of rain and sleet, were swept clean by a stiff breeze, and dust swirled on many corners.

The mercury this morning shot at a cold wave, but the best it could do was 27 degrees above zero. At 5 o'clock yesterday the thermometer recorded 36 degrees, and the mercury for most of the past several days has been around 40, warm enough to start fruit trees on the road to blossoms.

No reports of snow in this section last night reached the Record early today. The forecast was for snow in the interior.

BOY SCOUTS GIVE SOME CLEVER ACTS

Claud Abernethy's Boy Scouts put on a few stunts for the benefit of Rotarians at their weekly luncheon at Hotel Hufrey this afternoon and drew the applause of the youths in the cleverness of the older men in the clanking, boxing and other athletic stunts were pulled off on the dining room floor, and the boys showed how to build a fire without matches and prepare a simple meal. They fried eggs and made coffee.

President Shuford announced that the club members would attend preaching at the Episcopal church on Sunday, February 26, and wives and sweethearts are invited. The Rotary

district convention at Winston-Salem also was bought up and a full attendance is expected from here on March 21 and 22. Secretary Frank Henderson reported on attendance last month and read a letter from Concord congratulating the club on its stunt at the Charlotte meeting.

Henry Tucker and Sam Stroup had charge of the program today and the parson had George Lyerly stand up. It was a wedding anniversary with George, but he had forgotten it. Sam said he would not tell Annie Laurie.

Scoutmaster Abernethy, briefly outlined the history of troop one and declared that there was room in Hickory for another troop in addition to that just organized by Hazel R. Aiken. The present troop was organized two years ago, and the biggest thing in the year with it is the mountain hike. The boys are glad to help in every way possible and the speaker urged more cooperation in building good citizens. He thought it would be easy to put good troops in West Hickory and Highgate and asserted that the Rotary club could not invest its interest and time better than in boys work.

A central gymnasium is the desire of the boys Mr. Abernethy said, and referring to their outdoor activities. He said the Scouts had not asked for any money, but they might want a little help from time to time and he was sure they would get it. From the applause that followed his remarks, it appeared that they would. The Scouts taking part in the program were Tom Cincy, Buster Kennel, Cloyd Flowers, Lewis Scruggs, Norman Bisanar and Kearney Pearce.

NATIONAL LEAGUE HAS 154 GAMES SCHEDULED

New York, Feb. 15.—The National League schedule made public today, provides for a season of 154 games, 77 of which are to be played on the home diamond and an equal number abroad by each of the eight clubs composing the league. The season begins on Wednesday, April 12 and closes on Sunday, Oct. 1. The opening games will bring Brooklyn to New York; Boston to Philadelphia; Chicago to Cincinnati and Pittsburgh to St. Louis.

The Saturday, Sunday and holiday games are well distributed between the eastern and western clubs. The Brooklyn Club receives the greatest number of Sunday games at home and Pittsburgh the largest number abroad. The Pirates also have the largest number of Saturday home games. Boston and Pittsburgh are scheduled for three holiday games on home diamonds and Chicago has an equal number abroad. Brooklyn and Chicago lead the league in the total of Saturday, Sunday and holiday games awarded with 51. New York and Cincinnati are second with 50.

GASTONIA TO MAKE A CITY BEAUTIFUL

Gastonia, Feb. 16.—Planting of park space between sidewalk and street curbing with grass, more roses and shrubbery and a general cleaning up, are among the first recommendations resulting from the creation of a civic beautification committee as a sub-committee of the department of civic affairs of the Gastonia chamber of commerce. The first meeting of the committee was held Monday afternoon with Chairman H. E. White presiding.

Owing to the warm spring and the fact that the sap is already beginning to rise in the trees no one will be urged to plant shade trees until next fall. In this connection there seems to be a general sentiment by many who have expressed themselves that variety would make a street more attractive.

Shrubbery may yet be planted and it is urged that roses be planted more and also that the crepe myrtle be given consideration, especially as a background planting in the rear of front yards.

ASKERVILLE MADE LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW CHEMISTRY

New York, Feb. 16.—The service at once scientific and humanitarian, of Dr. Charles Baskerville, who died last week is illustrative of what the science of chemistry is undertaking for the alleviation of human suffering. Dr. Baskerville's special researches had to do with the causes and prevention of occupational diseases and with the purifying of ether as an anesthetic. These are, however, but suggestive of the innumerable researches in which his brother chemists in every land in this new age of their science are seeking not only to heighten industrial productivity, but to promote and conserve the health and strength of human bodies.

During the war, when it became necessary to use poison gas to fight

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That this is more than a vague, visionary hope is intimated by the recent report of a committee of the American chemical society, under the chairmanship of Dr. Charles H.erty. It is a clarion summoning of the chemists to come to the battle against disease. In the war the development of means of defense was not left to haphazard discoveries by isolated chemists. The best-trained workers in systematic research were brought together and were kept in daily—almost hourly—conference, where they were joined by pharmacologists and experimental pathologists, until the problems upon which the fate of nations depended were solved. But while war claimed its sacrifice in millions of lives "disease" each year claims its tens of millions.

The new problems give this science a more urgent poignant call. And the committee, contemplating the ravage of disease, puts this question: "Can we not bring to these problems the same methods so successfully employed in the solution of the means of making war?"

Several centuries ago the chemist and the physician co-operated. Then they separated, the chemist turning toward industrial production. Now it is being realized that, though the bacteriologists and pathologists have accomplished wonders they have "definitely reached a point where they must turn to the chemists for the solution of many of their most important problems." Not only are chemists' medicines for the cure or alleviation of certain specific diseases, but their advice is needed as to the acceleration or retardation of chemical reactions that take place in the body. The myriad battle with avoidable or preventable diseases there goes daily on. The lesson of the war intimates that victories may be expected in these battles from the co-operation, under ideal conditions of time and research, on the part of those whose science touches these very issues of life.

Dr. Baskerville, not only by his own researches, but also and especially by developing and equipping what was perhaps the best series of chemical laboratories in the United States and by organizing a department which has given tuition to hundreds of young men for service in this science, made his lasting contribution, through his studies and researches and teaching here are over. It will be remembered, however, that but a few weeks before his death, after years of intimate study of the atom, he said that "there is something that cannot be explained on a purely materialistic hypothesis." So the quest goes on.

MR. CANNON'S RETIREMENT Springfield Republican. Few American statesmen have had anything approaching Mr. Cannon's career in the national House. Fewer

have stayed there until they were 86 years old. Inasmuch as the next congress will not begin its sessions until 1921, Mr. Cannon would be near 90 when the congress had expired. He prefers not to seek a re-nomination, which could be had for the asking.

The famous Danville (Ill.) district began sending Mr. Cannon to congress in 1873. Fifteen years ago Mr. Cannon was heard to say, while in a reminiscent mood that Senator Cullom and himself were the only Illinois men left of that old guard, who knew Abraham Lincoln; and Lincoln has been dead nearly 57 years. Today Mr. Cannon is the sole survivor of the Illinois group that was in Lincoln's personal following. He became state's attorney for the 27th judicial district in 1861. Between 1868 and 1873 he was in private life, and then began the remarkable congressional career which has not been continuous yet has been virtually Mr. Cannon's sole occupation for half a century.

Mr. Cannon's 50 years in and out of Washington—mostly in—form a phenomenal experience in American politics. It seems trite to say that the house will not seem the same without him, yet that faintly expresses the situation. For the eight years of his iron speakership the House was Mr. Cannon and Mr. Cannon was the house. His dramatic fall had elements of dignity that preserved for him the respect of the country. Few people can now remember the name of his immediate predecessor in the speaker's chair, yet no one who reads the country's political history will ever fail to recall Mr. Cannon as a man who not only reigned but ruled.

WHIPPLE FOR THE SENATE?

Boston Herald. With Senator Lodge and Gov. Cox starring at the dinner given by the Republican state committee to the Republican legislators, following Middlesex club's Lincoln celebration Saturday night and to be followed by the dinner of the Republican club of Massachusetts the 28th, it looks as if the campaign in Massachusetts is getting started. While the Republicans are always more formal in

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