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The Bootlegger and the Chaingang.

"They say" that it is impossible to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor, but if juries will convict and Judges will impose chaingang sentences, as was done here last week, it will curtail the traffic to a considerable extent. Laws against murder do not prevent that crime absolutely, but the apprehension and (occasional) conviction of those who take human life certainly acts as a deterrent to others. Were it not for the fear of the possible consequences of the law, there would be many more murders, in spite of the black record this country has along this line. And so it is with violators of the prohibition law. When they know that the officers are making every reasonable effort to apprehend them and that they will be convicted when they are caught and sentenced to terms on the gang or in the penitentiary, there will be a lot less bootlegging. And we believe that the situation in this county is becoming embarrassing to the bootleggers, to say the least.

About Law Enforcement.

The People believes in law enforcement. Without it this would indeed be a sorry place in which to live, but we do not believe that the promiscuous taking of human life by officers of the law is necessary to its proper enforcement.

If newspaper accounts are to be believed, two such cases occurred in Beaufort County during the past week. In the first instance, several officers, headed by a Federal officer, made a raid on a small fishing launch whose owner, they claim, was suspected of illegal liquor operations. They allege that the man fired a shot at them from a Winchester rifle, whereupon the Federal officer shot him to death. At the coroner's inquest he claimed immunity from arrest except at the hands of a United States marshal. People in the community in which the homicide occurred say that the dead man bore a good reputation and a search of his launch disclosed only a small quantity of liquor in a bottle. The officer, of course, will set up a claim that the man resisted arrest and he fired only in self-defense.

A few days later, a marine corporal from Parris Island was shot to death at Port Royal by the town policeman. Witnesses to this tragedy state that the marine was being held by another man deputized to help make the arrest when the fatal shot was fired and that even after he was mortally wounded, the policeman struck him in the face with the butt end of his pistol. The policeman claims that the marine had made a motion towards his pocket as though to draw a weapon.

Naturally, The People is not in possession of all the facts in these two cases and it may be established beyond a reasonable doubt that it was absolutely necessary for the officers to kill the men in defense of their own lives, but we believe that both homicides could have been avoided if the officers in question had been more deliberate, and the point that we are trying to bring to the attention of our readers is that the authorities should be very careful in their selection of those charged with the enforcement of the laws of the land. Responsible officers will create that wholesome respect for the law that is so necessary for the enjoyment of those rights guaranteed us under the Constitution, whereas those who kill others on the least provocation will bring it into disrepute.

There can be lawless officers just as there are lawless private citizens and a killer is a killer, no matter in what walk of life he is found.

Speculating in Wheat and Trading in Cotton.

"Speculation, rather than the supply of, and the demand for wheat, is held responsible for the price fluctuations" by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, according to The Literary Digest. He reached this conclusion as the result of an inquiry by Federal agents, following an extensive decline last March in the price of wheat. Wading further we find that "While formally warning the Chicago Board



THE REV. L. H. MILLER
Blackville Pastor Who Is Conducting Evangelistic Services at Dunbarton This Week.

of Trade and other grain exchanges that unless they formulate rules to prevent manipulation or overspeculation, the Coolidge Administration will ask Congress for authority to let the Government do their house-cleaning for them, the Secretary also serves notice that the present investigation will go on, and if evidence is found upon which a conviction may be hoped for, the Department of Justice will prosecute to the limit."

Says The Philadelphia Inquirer: "Late in January wheat for delivery this month (May) sold at \$2.05 a bushel. In little more than two months the same wheat had tumbled to \$1.36 a bushel. Nobody can believe that during February and March anything real occurred to wheat which could possibly have made so great a difference in price.

"Who profited by that tumble of seventy cents a bushel in wheat? Who lost? Secretary Jardine, who is a hard-headed citizen from America's prize wheat-belt, is trying to find out. This farmer-teacher puts his finger upon one point which may produce results. He speaks of dissemination by grain speculators of false crop reports.

"It is a jailable offense to peddle worthless stocks and bonds through the mails. Then why not make it a crime for grain speculators to raise world-wide fears through false crop reports and trade conditions? Such wild speculation as that last winter, followed swiftly by a terrific tumble in wheat, could hardly occur with crop conditions, supplies and demand.

"It is most difficult to draw a firm line where the real buying of any commodity ends and speculation begins. It is also true that buying or selling of futures is part of the legitimate everyday operation in many business lines. To attempt to stop that kind of dealing in futures would be a blow to trade. But only speculation as speculation will put on or take off the price of a world commodity like wheat from 40 to 60 per cent. in a few weeks."

Such manipulation of the cotton market is nothing new, as Southern farmers have learned to their cost time and again, but there is a world of difference between speculating in Western wheat and "trading" in Southern cotton, so far as the Administration at Washington is concerned. Where is there a man who does not know that the cotton market is manipulated in such a way that the highest prices usually come AFTER the producer has disposed of his product? "Why not make it a crime for grain speculators to raise up world-wide fears through false crop reports and trade conditions?" asks the Inquirer. Why not make it a crime for speculators in any commodity, whether it be grain or cotton or whatnot, "to raise up world-wide fears through false crop reports and trade conditions?"

You, dear reader, have seen the cotton market perform like an aerobiat--you have seen the price go down when any reasonable man would think that it would go up--and why? Speculation, of course, only in this instance it is called "trading" in cotton. Only a year or two ago, as we recall, the price went DOWN on a forecast of eleven million bale crop and UP a month later on the prospect of a twelve million bale production. The Coolidge Administration didn't tear its hair and threaten Federal prosecution when the action of the action of the cotton market was costing the Southern farmers millions of dollars. But then "South is South and West is West."

So far as the South and cotton are concerned, it would seem that the law of supply and demand has been inoperative for some time.

News of Lyndhurst.

Lyndhurst, June 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Gantt, of Columbia, spent several days here during the past week, the guests of Mrs. John M. Gantt.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cunningham,

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Warren, of Allendale, attended a special service given at the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. D. M. Clark, of Estill.

Miss Margaret Gaunt, of Allendale, spent the week-end here, the guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Ellis and little son, Stephen, Jr., of Greenville, left for their home on Saturday, after spending some time here, the guests of the former's father, Mr. T. B. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hay and Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Hammet motored from Allendale on Monday afternoon, spending a few hours here with relatives.

Another Large Still Captured Last Week

Sheriff B. H. Dyches and his assistants captured another large still Friday night several miles West of Barnwell, destroying the plant together with 10 vats containing 4,000 gallons of mash, two gallons of liquor, several sacks of meal, etc. The still which had been in operation shortly before the arrival of the officers, was quite new and it is probable that the first run of liquor had been made that afternoon. Those participating in the raid were Sheriff Dyches, his deputy, W. A. Hayes, State Constables J. W. Sanders and Brodie, Magistrate W. P. Sanders, P. O. Beasley and R. L. Peacock.

Monday afternoon the officers found the site of a new still, the ground having been cleared and a number of barrels having been unloaded at the new location.

Farewell Party for Mrs. J. D. Robison

Mrs. Chas. A. Hensley and Mrs. Carter Price entertained Friday at a lovely farewell party for Mrs. John D. Robison, who leaves in a few weeks to make her home in Abbeville. Mrs. Hensley's home on Marlboro Avenue was beautiful with a profusion of sweet peas as decorations. Bridge was played at nine tables, Mrs. T. J. Langley winning the top score prize and Mrs. Perry A. Price cutting the consolation. The guest of honor was presented with a set of handsome linen napkins and a lovely corsage of pink Sweetheart roses. Each place was marked by a miniature corsage of sweet peas and fern.

After the games, delightful brick cream with heart centers and cake were served in the color scheme of pink and white.

The guest of honor wore a lovely dress of pleated powder blue georgette with real lace trimming.

Many Social Events Being Enjoyed Here

Miss Marie Louise Cornell, whose approaching marriage to Mr. Austin Cadie, of Detroit, Mich., on Saturday, the 6th inst., is an event of much interest, is being much feted by her friends. Last week parties were given in her honor by Mesdames Dicks and W. H. Duncan, and again this week she will be the recipient of much social attention.

Tuesday afternoon Misses Elizabeth Easterling and Mary Roberts entertained for Miss Cornell at the home of the former on Main Street with a bridge party of nine tables. The living room and hall were in gay garden flowers, the color scheme of pink and white being carried out in detail.

The bride's place at the card table was marked by a miniature bridal bouquet and her chair tied with a huge bow of white maline.

Mrs. R. S. Dicks won the high score prize and Mrs. Ficken, of Charleston, cut the consolation.

Miss Cornell was presented with an exquisite piece of lingerie, while the other two guests of honor—Misses Evelyn Cadie, of Detroit, and Mickie Lamphier, of Norfolk, were presented with hand-made handkerchiefs.

After the games pink and white block cream, with heart centers, and small heart shaped pink and white cakes were served.

On Wednesday morning Mesdames Perry A. Price and Josh Baxley entertained the younger set, in honor of Miss Cornell, Miss Rebecca Blatt, of Blackville, and Miss Elizabeth Oswald, of Allendale, bride-elects of this month, at the home of the former on Jackson Street.

On Wednesday afternoon Mesdames Price and Baxley again entertained at bridge, having as their guests the matrons' club as well as the Little Club and other friends.

Tuesday night at Corley's Mill a delightful moonlight picnic was given in honor of the bridal party and other visitors.

STATEMENT

Of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the Act of

Congress of August 24, 1912, of The Barnwell People, published weekly at Barnwell, S. C., for April 1, 1925.

State of South Carolina, County of Barnwell.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared the editor of the Barnwell People and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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B. P. Davies.

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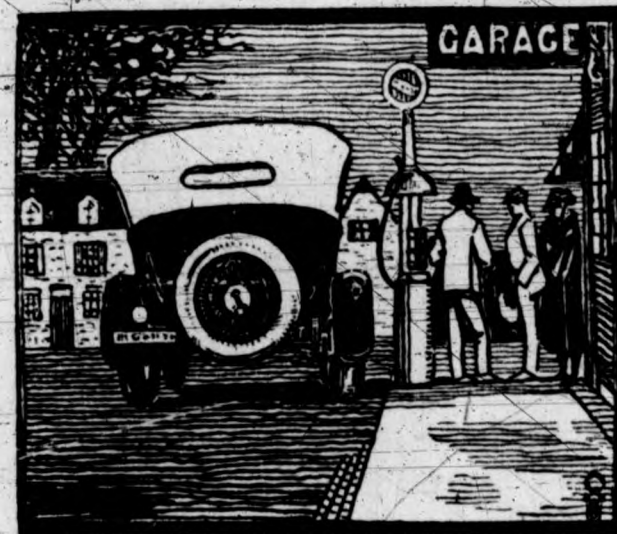


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