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CONCERNING PROHIBITION.

If the "air-tight" prohibition law is to be "liquor-tight" which is the real intention of the prohibitionists interested in its passage, the legislature should make adequate provisions for handling people guilty of running small distilleries contrary to law. In out-of-the-way places, as on the Savannah river, in the Long Cane bottoms, and down on Wilson's creek, near Dyson, S. C., you may hear of people undertaking to make liquor not only for themselves, but for public consumption. We call no names, but there are people who will undertake the enterprise.

The punishment now provided by law is not adequate to prevent the running of these distilleries. A man may make enough money in a fortnight, in a real dry community, from the operation of a small plant to repay him for the few days now allotted to those people who are found guilty of breaking the law. And before an offender is punished, it is necessary to catch him, as the saying goes. We all know how hard it is for the police authorities in the cities to catch a white man or even a negro, selling liquor. It will be more difficult for a community without police protection to catch the whiskey manufacturers.

And because of the difficulties in convicting persons of such violations of the law, we are of the opinion that the punishment should be made measurably greater when the offender is finally landed.

THE INTEREST RATE.

The House of Representatives passed the six per cent. interest bill last week with an amendment allowing seven per cent. interest on contract. This of course means a seven per cent. bill. We will not quarrel with the House. We believe it has done well under the circumstances. The members, at least, know that the borrowers are entitled to some relief.

We stated in our last issue that all this cry about the farmers not being able to borrow money at the banks was a scare-crow. We have no better proof of that statement than an advertisement in this issue in which that conservative institution, The Farmers Bank of Abbeville, is asking for more farmers as customers. The truth is that while the loans to farmers are small, and sometimes a source of annoyance, as a rule they are the best loans a bank makes, because it is a rare thing that money is lost on these loans.

Of course there are people who will tell you that money is a commodity on the market which should regulate its own rental value, but as far back as the days when the Bible was written we had usurers as all are told, and we will continue to have them until the end of time. If we did not have an eight per cent. law now a great many people would be paying twelve per cent. and all of us would be paying ten.

The bankers and the money lenders feel, honestly we think, that they are being ruined when the interest rate is lowered, but they are mistaken. The banking business will adjust itself to the rate fixed by law, whatever it is, and the banks will go on doing business as before. The wise banker will read the signs of the times ahead and be prepared to meet conditions as they arise.

THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

We think the people are being misled as to the benefits to be derived from the adoption of the Torrens System of Land Registration. The provisions of the Act as adopted by the last General Assembly are too long to have a place here. The System in brief, is that a person claiming to be the owner of a freehold estate in real property may have his title thereto assured by complying with the provisions of the act.

The provisions are that an action shall be commenced in the Court of Common Pleas, for which purpose,

of course, a lawyer must be employed. A petition must be filed, and along with it a plat of the lands in question, marked as directed by the Act. All parties having any interest in the lands are to be made parties, as are all adjoining land owners. These several parties are to be served by the sheriff as in ordinary actions. In case of non-residents, the summons must be served by publication as in ordinary actions. In addition to this an advertisement must be run in a local paper for four weeks in which the public is advised of the nature of the action. When the parties are all before the court, the matter is referred to one of three examiners, appointed by the clerk of court, to make an examination of the title, who shall report to the court within thirty days. If there is a contest by any of the parties the matter is tried before one of these examiners, and the case may be appealed as other actions are appealed.

When the examiner has made his final report and the matter if the title is settled by him, or by the court on appeal, the title is registered, and all persons including infants, lunatics, etc. whether named in the petition or not, are barred of any interest in the lands, and the petitioner is adjudged to be the owner thereof, if his title is established.

To take care of the interests of minors, lunatics, etc. an annual tax or fee is collected from the owner of the land, which goes into a fund to which the interested party must look if his property has been confiscated by a designing petitioner, or otherwise.

There are other provisions in the law which need not be here noticed. We call attention to these provisions because it at once becomes evident to any reasonable man that the expenses incident to a proceeding of the kind provided are necessarily so great that the law provides no advantages commensurate with these expenses. And to divest third parties of their property, or of an interest in property, in favor of a petitioner, without some such proceedings as those incorporated in the act whereby all adverse claimants might have their day in court, would be too unjust to be considered by thoughtful legislators.

The truth of the matter is that the title to property in this state is not now the subject of speculation. It is less expensive to have an abstract made than it is to have a title registered under the present law, and if the abstract is made by a capable lawyer and kept up-to-date it will answer all the purposes of a registered title with the money-lending institutions.

The great trouble with the borrowing public in this section is not the security. Money may be had from several life insurance companies now at six per cent. and there is little trouble in convincing them as to the title to the property, but people in this section have trouble in obtaining loans because as stated by a northern man recently, "The people of the South are slow to pay interest, and never pay the principal." Of course, this is a humorous statement of what we all know to be our trouble—we are not prompt; we have not been schooled in meeting our obligations on the day they become due. When we learn this lesson, farmers and others in this section will be able to borrow money on their real estate at six per cent. interest. Until they do learn it, the Torrens Land Registration System and the Farm Loan Banks will not be a remedy for our malady.

A CHAIN-GANG.

York County has a chain-gang; there is no doubt about that. It would appear that there are some people in York who think, which is another matter to be considered. In a recent news item from York to The State, it is stated: "Strong dissatisfaction with the present system of working the roads of York county and a firm conviction that the roads now being built by the chain-gang are far too expensive, were expressed by all the speakers at a citizens' meeting held Saturday afternoon in the directors' room of the First National Bank. The meeting was held for the purpose of a general discussion of good roads, with particular reference to the cost of highways built by convict labor as compared with roads constructed by the contract system."

One of these days the people of Abbeville county will learn, as the people in York have learned, that the roads will never be properly or profitably worked with a chain-gang, and that the chain-gang is not the proper place to send convicts.

CAPT. H. H. WATKINS.

Capt. H. H. Watkins, one of the prominent members of the Anderson bar, and a representative citizen of that progressive city, was here last week on legal business.

Had Lost Interest In Life, She Tells

CONDITION WAS SO BAD SHE BEGAN TO FEAR SHE "WOULD NOT LIVE LONG."

"From an invalid to a healthy and well and strong woman was the change Tanlac made in my health," declared Mrs. Genie McGrady, of 921 Ninth St., Olympia, a suburb of Columbia, in a statement she gave in indorsement of Tanlac.

"For a year or more before I took Tanlac I had not been able to work any. I had been keeping a boarding house, but my health became so bad I had to stop that, and I even got to where I could not sweep the floor of a room without being completely exhausted when it was done. My system was badly run down and weakened, and I had wasted away until I was hardly more than skin and bones.

"I had no appetite at all and I had to force down what I did eat, and after I would eat a few bites I would feel puffed up as tight as a drum. I suffered a lot with stomach trouble, and I had the headache almost all the time. Many a time I have had a headache so badly that I would not know anything for three or four hours. I could not do my housework, nor anything else, and I had begun to fear I would not live long. I was so very miserable and sick and had so many troubles that I really did not care whether I lived or died.

"The indorsement a friend gave of Tanlac, in which he told of what Tanlac did for his wife, influenced me to take Tanlac, too, and about the time I finished taking the first bottle my husband became all with typhoid fever and I nursed him day and night for over four weeks and held up well under the strain. I could not have done this, though, had it not been that Tanlac had helped me so much in every way, and by being able to do that hard work shows just how much the first bottle of Tanlac helped me.

"I took another bottle after my husband got well. I am now working and I am doing all my housework, too, and I feel well and strong, and I could not even sweep a floor before I took Tanlac, I was so weak.

"Tanlac is a wonderful medicine and it proved that by what it did for me. It gave me a good appetite, relieved those headaches, and made me take the interest in life that I used to. I want to live now, for I find pleasure in life. I am happy and strong and well now and am enjoying life.

"I had been sick about three years before I began taking Tanlac, and I had been very weak and sickly the year before I took it, and I had taken ever so many medicines, but Tanlac did me by far more good than any other medicine I ever took."

Tanlac, the master medicine, is sold exclusively by P. B. Speed, Abbeville; A. S. Cade, Bordeaux; J. T. Black, Calhoun Falls; J. H. Bell & Sons, Due West; Cooley & Speer, Lowndesville; R. M. Fuller & Co., McCormick; J. W. Morrah & Son, Mount Carmel; Covin & LeRoy, Wilmington. Price, \$1 per bottle straight.—Adv.

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THE FASTEST DANCING SHOW ON TOUR THIS SEASON SPECIAL ORCHESTRA.

1 YEAR AT THE NEW AMSTERDAM THEATRE, N. Y.

MASTER'S SALE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, Court of Common Pleas, BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION of Abbeville,

against AUGUSTUS REDD. By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Saturday in March, A. D. 1917, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing three-fourths of an Acre, more or less and bounded by lands of Lewis McCombs, Annette Wideman, Harry Young and Bill Adams, being the same lot conveyed to Augustus Redd by Annette Wideman, the same being near or within the corporate limits of the city of Abbeville. TERMS OF SALE—CASH. Purchaser to pay for papers. R. E. HILL, Master A. C., S. C. Feb. 1, 1917.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



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