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TALK OF PROHIBITION OCCUPIES COMMITTEE

ADVOCATE OF BEER GETS RATHER HARSH TREATMENT—SCENES OF OTHER DAY REENACTED WITH FEW FRIENDS OF JOHN BARLEYCORN ON HAND TO SPEAK IN FAVOR HIM.

Washington, May 12.—Scenes of the days when the drys were battling to put John Barleycorn outside the pale of the law were reenacted today before the house judiciary committee, except that few friends of John's family appeared to protest against Chairman Volstead's plan to cutoff, even for medicinal purposes, the heritage of beer.

Plenty of drys were on hand, wearing their old time fighting clothes, and Dr. John P. Davin of New York, who pleaded for the use of beer as medicine, was given none too cordial treatment. In fact, he was roughly handled by Mr. Volstead when, with some show of feeling, he challenged the physician's ability to "explain anything" and on another occasion declared the witness was suing a "conglomeration of words that meant nothing."

Outstanding in the testimony was the statement by Oliver T. Remmers counsel for the Anheuser-Busch company of St. Louis, that the firm's policy was "beer for all or beer for none." He requested a congressional investigation of "favoritism and failure" in enforcement of the dry code and declared his firm stood four square on law enforcement, although unalterably opposed to prohibition.

Dry leaders said there were many leaks in the stocks of liquor and urged the committee to make the Volstead law airtight. Dr. Davin, however, resented the move by Mr. Volstead to "dictate to physicians" what they shall or shall not prescribe and urged the committee to await consideration of the bill by the American Medical association at its meeting next month.

"If the association says beer is not medicine then what do you suggest congress should do?" Dr. Davin was asked.

"I won't suggest," he replied. "I'll just admit that a majority is against me."

Mr. Volstead sought to establish why it was not possible for physicians to make medical beer by using cereal beverages and alcohol. He asked Dr. Davin several questions along this line, none of which apparently was answered to the satisfaction of the committee chairman, who finally blurted out:

"Look here, you're trying to evade every question I ask. Tell us what you know if you know anything."

The witness again attempted to explain, but was interrupted by Mr. Volstead, who inquired why cereal beverages were not as good for the invalid as beer with a kick. "Oh! That's the point," the witness replied. "Near beer is just like near statesmanship. It can't accomplish any noticeable result."

"I don't think you know what you are talking about," returned the chairman, "nor do I think your insults will get far with this committee."

Several committee members evidenced interest in the kind of diseases for which the witness said he would prescribe beer. Most of them, however were said by the witness to yield slowly to curative treatments. Some were curable only in exceptional cases, he added.

During the discussion of law enforcement, E. V. Claypool, superintendent of the Rhode Island Anti-Saloon league, told the committee the Volstead law was unpopular in his state.

The Rhode Island legislature properly represented the state in refusing to ratify the 18th amendment. Mr. Claypool said:

Officials of the American Drug

IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON EXPORTS AND HOME SALES

Several Shipments to Germany By Exports Corporation This Week and More Expected To Follow Result of N. Y. Conference.

Columbia, May 12.—Cotton exports as well as cotton sales at home are showing improvement, according to officials of the American Products Export & Import Corporation. A number of shipments of cotton to Germany have been made this week. The export corporation has to pass on collateral offered in all such shipments. An expert man is employed and the company, it is said, is making increasingly satisfactory arrangements with European countries.

Shipments have been made recently to a number of European countries. Since its organization the export corporation has shipped to foreign countries over 30,000 bales of cotton.

Cotton exports for the coming months are expected to be greatly stimulated as a result of the conference in New York this week, which former Governor Manning, president of the American Products Export & Import Corporation attended. Governor Manning will return to Columbia soon, and he is expected to have some announcements to make regarding the plans of the war finance corporation, in their effort to assist in the exportation of cotton. It is said that several million dollars will probably be available to finance cotton exportation.

SOUTHERN OFFICIALS HERE.

The officials of the Southern railroad company were guest in Abbeville yesterday. They were taken over and shown the city by Captain M. B. Syfan. They were no stangers but were impressed with the progress and development going on since their last visit. They inspected the line from here to Hodges and found things generally in a most excellent condition. They enjoyed their day in Abbeville so much that they promised to make another visit here at the first possible opportunity. Those in the party were: General Superintendent Hudson; General Manager, R. E. Simpson; Superintendent William Maxwell; Roadmaster, Killian and Trainmaster, G. W. Bishop.

MAY PLAY HERE

There was an effort being made today to arrange a base ball game between Clemson and Erskine to be played here next week. Up to going to press however no definite announcement as to the game can be made.

ATTENDS COURT EN BANC

Hon. Frank B. Gary, Judge of the eighth circuit, is in Columbia today, the Supreme Court having called in the circuit judges in order that an important case before the court may be passed on by the court en banc. He will return to the city tomorrow.

A LIVELY COMEDY

The ladies who have in charge the erection of the Confederate marker are arranging for a home talent play to be given in June. The play will be "The Microbe of Love" and bids fair to be the brightest and liveliest musical comedy given in Abbeville in many years.

Manufacturers' association were before the committee to discuss technical provisions of the bill. The association was represented by spokesmen as favoring the prohibition of beer, but as objecting to some provisions appertaining to their line of industry.

Leaders Agitate Highway Building

Plan Contemplates Worth While Work—Passage From Athens, Ga. to Raleigh, N. C. Would Be Made Easy—Clinton Takes Step

Clinton, May 12.—The Clinton Commercial club devoted its entire session Tuesday evening to the holding of a convention looking to the organization of an association to promote the development of what is temporarily called the Seaboard Parallel highway, connecting the Quebec to Miami highway, which passes through Cheraw from that point to Athens, Ga., where connection is made with the Bankhead highway. This means that tourists from San Diego, Cal. following the Bankhead national highway, can make an alternate route at Athens, Ga., via the Seaboard Parallel when built to Cheraw then by the Quebec to Miami highway up to Raleigh, where the Bankhead national highway and the Quebec to Miami highways join. This means also a connection at Cheraw with the Wilmington, N. C. highway, easy access through Cheraw to the upper Pee Dee section of South Carolina. Eventually this highway will probably become a very important factor in the development of the South. The Bankhead national highway is now working to raise money for a hard surface road all the way from Washington to San Diego, Cal. Clinton is peculiarly fortunate in being located strategically along the proposed Seaboard Parallel between the Bankhead and Quebec to Miami highways, formerly known as capital highways.

The club meeting last night was an extremely delightful one, for which credit is due to the Civic association for the dinner served. Visitors were numerous, between 35 and 40 being present, representing Athens, Elberton, Abbeville, Greenwood, Cross Hill, Clinton, Whitmire, Chester, Pageland, Cheraw, highway commissions, state and local. Numerous and most excellent speeches were delivered by representatives from these towns and by engineers. These speeches brought out a great deal of information as to development along the line, indicating that a large part of the mileage of this road is already completed. Encouragement was afforded by speeches from engineers and others as to the feasibility of bridging the rivers on the route. The greatest optimism was expressed as to the feasibility of the plan and the enthusiasm of the meeting gave a send-off to the entire project, which practically assures the cooperation necessary to carry it into effect. The following delegates were present: Abbeville, J. S. Stark, J. S. Cochran, A. P. Rosenberg, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, J. M. Nickles, C. H. McMurray, and G. T. Burnes; Cheraw, R. E. Hanna; Pageland, J. E. Agerton; Greenwood, Kenneth Baker; R. C. Curry; Chester, A. M. Aiken, H. H. Kester, John M. Jones, L. M. Woodson, Cross Hill, C. D. Nance; Laurens, George M. Wright, M. C. Hughes, C. M. Babb; Columbia, L. M. Weisiger and E. D. Sloan of state highway commissioner; Spartanburg C. O. Hearon, member of state highway commission; Athens, Martin J. Abney; C. E. Martin, Elberton; Whitmire, E. E. Childs, T. M. Watson, S. H. Sherard, Mr. Pitts. These gentlemen represented chambers of commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, city councils, commercial clubs and highway departments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR BOY.

There will be an examination held here on July 8th for the purpose of filling a vacancy at the University of South Carolina in the normal department. This is a most excellent opportunity for some Abbeville county boy to win a free scholarship and all who are interested so get busy at once and prepare for the test. Any information as to the requirements for admission may be obtained either from the University or from the county superintendent of education.

Court Dismisses Bigham Petition

Says Florence Man Not Held Illegally—Supreme Tribunal Holds That Memminger Had Ample Authority To Continue Court.

The state supreme court yesterday dismissed the petition of Edmund D. Bigham for release under habeas corpus proceedings, the hearing before the court having been held Monday.

In the order handed down the court says that the presiding judge was well within his rights in continuing the Bigham case over from Saturday night until Monday morning beyond the regular term time. The main appeal of attorneys for Bigham was based on the alleged illegality of the Florence court, which tried the defendant, the attorneys holding that Judge Memminger had no authority to continue the court over its regular scheduled time.

The court cites the law in reference to such cases, section 3840, volume I, code of 1912, providing in part that when a court is overcrowded or engaged on any particular case another judge may be assigned to any other court and the regular order proceeded with until the case or cases are disposed of. In this instance Judge Memminger continued the court himself, it being his regular circuit for that time and the supreme tribunal says he was well within his rights in so doing. "Here is full authority," Associate Justice Fraser says in the opinion "for the judge to continue the Florence court."

"What affect the failure to appoint another judge to open the Georgetown court may have had on the Georgetown court is not before us. It did not deprive the Judge at Florence of his jurisdiction to finish the case already started or to try any other untried case in Florence," the court says.

The petition for discharge was based practically throughout on the grounds that the Florence court was illegal after Saturday night and that Bigham was restrained from his liberty on no legal grounds.

In dismissing the petition for release the court leaves the case still on appeal in its original form, notice of appeal having been given by the Bigham attorneys. The actual appeal has never been filed with the supreme court.

Associate Justice Fraser wrote the order in the case and Chief Justice Gary, and Associate Justices Watts and Cothran concurred.

BASEBALL GAME OFF.

The fans in Abbeville will be sorry to hear that the game between Erskine and Newberry scheduled for Monday afternoon next, at Greenwood, in which Luther and Beard were to be the opposing moundsmen has been called off. This sad news is due to the fact that in the game at Due West Monday with Furman Beard broke a rib in making a great slide for third base. He will be out of the game for the rest of the season, but he will keep Due West on the map of the world next year.

Every baseball lover who knows how the ball should be pitched knows that Beard can do the job, and his friends and boosters in Abbeville hope for him a speedy recovery from his injuries. He won enough glory at Due West Wednesday for one season, he and "Dode," they did.

ABBEVILLE REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Wm. P. Greene and Dr. F. E. Harrison have been named by Mr. Neil Christensen, president of the South Carolina Development Board, as representatives from Abbeville county, to the state-wide meeting on Good Roads to be held in Columbia Wednesday, May 18th. This is undoubtedly the greatest Good Road meeting ever staged in South Carolina.

BATTLE BEING WAGED IN MINGO MOUNTAINS

38,000 INCOME TAX RETURNS WERE MADE IN STATE IN 1920

Over 18,000 Were on Incomes Of Less Than \$5,000 And Above Exemption Figures—Non-Taxable Incomes Number 11,273.

Columbia, May 12.—Thirty-eight thousand and six income tax returns were made in South Carolina during the income tax period which ended March 15, being for 1920 incomes. This is an announcement made today by W. R. Bradley, collector of internal revenue.

Of this total 18,559 returns were made on incomes of less than \$5,000, above the exemption figure. A total of 2,912 incomes of more than \$5,000 were returned. Non-taxable incomes were returned to the number of 11,273. Partnership returns were made to the number of 1,885. Corporation returns on taxable incomes number for the past year 950, and non-taxable incomes returned by corporations total 2,360. Fiduciary returns for the state number 67. The total of 38,006 is 4,000 more than for any years of the past, showing that for 1920 South Carolinians earned more than in any year past, or were more honest in reporting their earnings to the government.

CLEAN-UP-WEEK CONTINUED.

Owing to the inclement weather of the past several days the clean-up campaign has been retarded to some extent and the good work is to be continued through next week with renewed force and energy until the entire town is as clean as a hound's tooth. Those in charge of this work have been greatly encouraged with the excellent manner in which the public generally has fallen into line and cooperated in the good work and they ask all to renew their efforts the first fair day and make Abbeville truly the cleanest town in the state. There is lots of room in Abbeville, but not one inch for rubbish, either human or material. Those pushing the campaign are enthusiastic and they hope by this time next week to have the cleanest town south of the Mason and Dixon line—a town without spot or blemish. Fall in, brother, do your part, your neighbor will do his.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR BY DUE WEST BOY

Dr. E. B. Kennedy, dean of Erskine college, will preach the commencement sermon of the Elberton, Ga., High school of which Prof. B. M. Grier, also of Due West is the superintendent. The Elberton Star has the following to say in reference to Prof. Grier's work:

"Under the leadership of Superintendent B. M. Grier and his splendidly organized corps of teachers, some of the best work in the history of the school has been done, and one of the largest and best graduating classes will receive their diplomas."

MOTOR TRUCK LINES

The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce is considering the advisability of establishing from that city a regular line of motor trucks to cover the surrounding territory. This was started in Greenville last January and the trucks on the lines from that city have increased from one to seven.

KELLER ON MOVE

Supervisor Keller was in the city for a short while yesterday. He is kept on the move these days keeping abreast with the Good Road movement abroad in the county One gang on the Due West road and the other near Lowndesville are doing some excellent work, if all accounts be true.

SHOTS FIRED FROM MOUNTAIN SIDE INTO HALF DOZEN SMALL TOWNS IN WEST VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY—REPORTS REACH WILLIAMSON OF NUMBER PERSONS KILLED OR WOUNDED

Williamson, W. Va., May 12.—Guerilla warfare, with all odds apparently favoring the forces opposing the state, was being waged tonight in the grim mountains of the strike-torn Mingo county coal field. Beginning soon after dawn this morning at the little mining town of Merrimac, four miles up the Tug river from this city, a fusillade of shots was poured from the mountainside successively into Merrimac, Rawl, Sprigg and Matewan, W. Va., and McCarr, Ky.

All available state police and deputy sheriffs centered in Williamson were rushed to the scene by train and automobile but at a late hour had failed to check the shooting.

Harry C. Staton, a state prohibition agent and merchant at Sprigg, was killed and Noah Phillips and a young man named Calvert, employee of the White Star Coal company commissary at Merrimac, have been seriously wounded. Rumors of other killings and woundings have been received at headquarters of the state police here. Tonight about 20 state police were reported to be working their way over the mountains between Merrimac and Rawl seeking to get above and out flank their hidden foes.

This force was led by Capt. J. R. Brockus, commander of the state police in the Williamson district. A score of deputy sheriffs under Chief Deputy John S. Hall were cooperating with Captain Brockus and his men.

"Today's outbreak, the worst since the Matewan battle of last May 1 in which 10 persons were killed, including the mayor of Matewan, had all the appearance of a pre-arranged attack.

The towns attacked are all within seven miles of each other and lie in a narrow valley on the banks of the Tug river which here separates West Virginia from Kentucky. The firing today and tonight came from the mountains on both sides of the river according to state police.

Terror reigned in the towns in the zone of fire as night fell and it was learned the authorities had failed to apprehend any of the attacking force. Most of the shooting heretofore has been done at night when lighted houses afforded easy targets. Virtually all lights were extinguished tonight and residents kept close under cover.

The state police were virtually helpless during the day as the attacking forces in the mountains were completely screened by foliage and boulders, while the police for direct could have been obliged to cross the open valley and climb the rugged slopes in full view of the hidden marksmen.

Sergt. David Peterson of the state police, who led a squad of men to Sprigg this afternoon, tonight told of the plight in which several hundred passengers on a noon day train found themselves when they reached the battle zone.

LOCAL COTTON MARKET

The Abbeville cotton market is not booming, but it is maintaining its record of leading the state. There has been very little staple offered on the local market this week, but what has come in has been eagerly sought after by the buyers who are going their limit on every bale offered.

Jack McLeskey, came over from Atlanta Wednesday and spent the day with his former school friends.