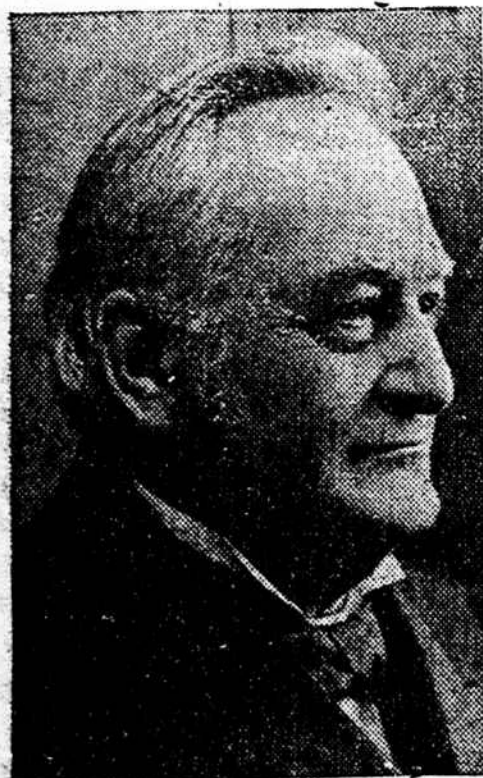


Alcohol In Pe-ru-na-- An Unjust Criticism



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Having a little business in one of the federal offices of the city, after it was finished I fell in conversation with the official in charge concerning Peruna. I mention his business to show that the conversation was conducted with a man of more than ordinary intelligence, being a employe of the government who had passed through several civil service examinations. He said to me, not knowing who I was: "I think a great deal of this patent medicine business ought to be stopped. Especially such remedies as Peruna. Peruna, as you know, is a stimulant and contains eighteen or twenty per cent of alcohol. People take it without knowing what it is, and such remedies ought to be prohibited by law. My own mother took Peruna once. She had a cough, night sweats, was growing emaciated and weak. Several doctors examined her. The opinion was expressed several times that she was going into consumption. One thought it was chronic bronchitis. At any rate, her condition was quite serious. She was unable to get any relief from the doctors she consulted, although she took their medicines faithfully for nearly a year. Some one told her about Peruna, and against my wish and against the wishes of our family, she began taking it. At once she improved, and in less than six months she apparently was well. We did all we could to discourage her in taking Peruna, but she persisted. It finally came out in the magazines that Peruna contained alcohol. Then we knew at once what it was that benefited my mother, it was simply the alcohol that Peruna contained. We had the laugh on mother. We have not ceased to make fun of her yet about her being cured with a dilution of alcohol. She seems to be embarrassed by

our teasing her, but is very stubborn. She says that if she were to be sick in the same way again she would certainly get Peruna and take it, alcohol or no alcohol. So you see if people will persist in such foolishness there ought to be a law to prevent them."

I ventured to interpose a question. "You say the doctors could not cure her, and yet you say Peruna did cure her. What difference does it make to you whether it was alcohol or some other drug that effected the cure?"

"Well, I don't know that it makes any difference, but it is deceiving the people to give them alcohol even though it does cure them," he said.

I replied, "Why, I cannot exactly understand that. Alcohol is a drug, the same as quinine or morphin. If alcohol cures certain diseases where is the deception? I understand that the Peruna people print on the label of each bottle the per cent of alcohol contained in Peruna. Each patient may read it, if he pleases. I cannot see where there is any deception."

"Well, I would not take Peruna," he persisted. "Now, I was sick, I had a stomach disease. A violent pain, that would come on about an hour or two after each meal. It grew worse and worse. I was also constipated. I consulted several doctors in our city about my health. I went to see a prominent specialist in New York City, paid out a great deal of money, but no help. One time I was having a bad spell on the train. The gentleman who occupied the next seat was a retired physician with whom I had been acquainted. He said to me, 'My friend, if you want to get well I would advise you to take a glass of lager beer before each meal. I think that will cure you.' Having followed the directions of several good physicians without any assistance, I thought I would try the beer. In a very short time I found it was helping me, and I got entirely well. My bowels became regular and I had no more pain. No more distress after meals. Now, if my mother had used some remedy like that it would be all right. But to persist in using some secret remedy like Peruna, I think it is outrageous."

Again I ventured to ask some questions. I asked: "What do you suppose it was in the lager beer that effected the cure?"

"Why, I presume it was the stimulant it contained. Yes, no doubt it was the stimulant."

"You know, of course, that the stimulant in beer is alcohol, the same as in wine or whiskey or any other alcoholic drink?"

"Yes, I have heard say that beer contains about five per cent of alcohol."

"That is correct," I replied. "You took a bottle of beer before each meal, did you?"

"Yes."

"In doing so you were drinking a pint of a five per cent. solution of alcohol."

"Yes, I suppose so."
"Five per cent. would be one-twentieth. As each pint contains sixteen ounces you were then taking a little less than an ounce of alcohol before each meal."

"Yes."

"But you objected to your mother's taking alcohol in the Peruna, and yet she was taking far less alcohol than you were. As I understand it, the dose of Peruna is one tablespoonful. Supposing it to be twenty per cent. alcohol, there would be in each dose one-fifth of a tablespoonful of alcohol, which would be about half a teaspoonful, while you were taking at least four teaspoonfuls of alcohol in your bottle of beer. And yet you objected to your mother's taking Peruna on the ground that the Peruna contains alcohol. In my opinion it was the alcohol that cured both of you. Your mother evidently was cured of a very serious ailment. Peruna contains alcohol. It was undoubtedly the alcohol that cured her, or at least helped to. The other ingredients of Peruna might have assisted, no doubt did. In your case it was the alcohol in the beer that cured you of the stomach difficulty. Peruna has cured thousands of such cases."

"Well, I declare," he replied, "I never thought of it in that way before. There has been so much said about alcohol being poisonous that I suppose my mind has been prejudiced against it. But if as you say there is also alcohol in beer, the same kind of alcohol as is used in Peruna, I cannot see where the difference is myself."

"Well," I replied, "you have been doing exactly what the average man and woman is doing. You have allowed your mind to become prejudiced against Peruna on account of its containing alcohol. Without stopping to look into the matter at all you have assumed that there is something terribly disreputable about remedies containing alcohol. The fact is, however, that most all fluid medicines, whether prescribed by a doctor or put up as a patent medicine, contain a certain amount of alcohol. It was alcohol that cured your mother. It was alcohol that cured you. In my opinion, alcohol in some form or other is making more cures than all other drugs combined. This is not saying, however, that Peruna contains only alcohol, for it does contain excellent remedies besides alcohol. But I do contend that the alcohol in Peruna is not only not harmful to those who take it, but if taken in the doses prescribed on the bottle it will do a great deal of good and there is not the slightest danger of forming a drug habit." PERUNA IS FOR SALE AT ALL DRUG STORES.

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"Some go because they are afraid To not do so, might injure trade."

"Some go because they think it 'quires The week-day shady sin affairs."

"Some go to take a quiet snooze While sitting in the restful pews."

"Lulled by a soporific talk As gentle as a cradle's rock."

"Some go, but under protest, who Have wives that compel them to."

"Some go because they really fear The temperature beyond the pier."

"Imagine that the Church's brand Will pass them to the Promised Land."

"Some young men go, because the fair Young girls they're sweet on, will be there."

"Some go they really do not know Just why, they simply dress and go."

"And yet among the chaff we find Much golden grain of humankind."

"Good Christian men and women, who To holy things are ever true."

"Bright flowers that spring from sinful sod Who really go to worship God."

"But oh, the millions on this ball Of earth who never go at all."

From Feb. No. Comfort Magazine.

Killing at Parr Shoals.

Winnsboro, Feb. 17.—News has reached Winnsboro that Hensinger, the foreman of the construction camp at Parr Shoals, shot and killed Orr Henry, the steward of the camp, yesterday morning. The sheriff when interviewed regarding the matter stated that on account of the telephone being out of order between the western side of the country and this place it had been impossible to learn many of the details of the shooting, but the facts that can be gathered show that there were some opprobrious words between the party before Henry was shot by Hensinger. The sheriff further stated that he had been advised that a stray shot struck A. W. Booth, a bystander, injuring the lung. Hensinger has been arrested by Sheriff Reese of Newberry and is now in the jail at Newberry. Sheriff Hood of this county is arranging to have the prisoner brought to this city the killing having occurred in Fairfield county.

LATER.
A. W. Booth, shot at Parr shoals Sunday and who was brought to Columbia and placed in a local infirmary, rested fairly well during yesterday. It was stated last night that his condition was not considered serious.

Court Continued.

When The Dispatch went to press last week the second week of the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Bowman presiding, was engaged in the trial of the case of W. F. Dobby & Son, contractors of Aiken, against Mrs. P. B. Watson, of Batesburg. This was an action for \$1,700, the amount alleged to have been due for work on the residence of Mrs. Watson at Batesburg. After remaining in their room for a short while the jury returned with a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,700—the amount asked for.

The plaintiffs were represented by the Hon. George Bell Timmerman and Mr. T. C. Callison, and the defendant by Attorney Nettles, of Columbia. The defendant gave notice of a motion for a new trial, which will be argued before Judge Bowman this week.

The court this week has been engaged in the trial of the case of Mrs. Mattie Moore, administratrix of her husband, Hal C. Moore, against the Seaboard Air Line Railway and George L. Glenn, a damage suit for \$75,000, for the alleged killing of the plaintiff's husband in the yards of the railroad at Cayce on August 21, last year. The evidence was concluded at 5:30 yesterday afternoon, and the arguments are being made this morning. Hal C. Moore was employed by the company as a car repairer, and it was while in the discharge of his duty that it is alleged a train ran over him, death ensuing a short while after the accident.

This is the largest damage suit ever tried in the courts of this county, and the attorneys have contested every point. The action is brought by W. Boyd Evans, of Columbia, who is assisted by Messrs. Melton & Storkie, Senator W. H. Sharpe and Col. E. L. Asbill. Messrs. Lyles & Lyles, of Columbia, and Messrs. Efrid & Dreher, of Lexington, represent the defendants.

At the conclusion of the Moore case the large land suits, brought by Martha A. Barden, of Charleston, against a number of persons in the extreme lower portion of the county for the recovery of certain tracts of land, is scheduled for trial. These cases will consume a great deal of time, and the court will most likely run through Saturday.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given to the public that all lumber for repairing and building bridges in Lexington county furnished by lumbermen must be of sound and first-class material for which the County Board of Commissioners will pay at the rate of \$18.00 per M., unless otherwise agreed upon. All lumber will be received before it is paid for. No bill will be paid by this Board where the charges exceed the above rate, and the custom of delivering lumber where it is supposed to be needed without authority to do so must cease. All contracts for repairing or building bridges must be made with the Board before any bill for the same will be considered by the Board. C. E. OORLEY, Jan. 13, 1913. Supervi-or.

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No. 9296.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HOME NATIONAL BANK AT LEXINGTON, IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, Feb., 4, 1913.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$157,609.99
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,279.07
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	700.00
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	19,168.17
Other Real Estate Owned	4,500.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	3,039.09
Due from approved Reserve Agents	11,268.61
Checks and other Cash Items	3,209.87
Fractional Paper Currency	
Notes and Cents	88.55
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	5,033.55
Legal-tender notes	6,449.00
	11,482.55
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,350.00
Total	\$240,755.90

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	1,602.83
National Bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check	\$150,423.86
Time certificates of deposit	8,657.30
Certified Checks	145.00
Cashier's Checks outstanding	927.11
Bills payable including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
Total	\$240,755.90

The Markets.

Lexington,—Cotton, middling, 12 1/2.
Savannah,—Turpentine 42 1/2.

Washington's Birthday.

The Ladies' School Improvement League will give a Washington Birthday entertainment in the school auditorium Friday evening, the 21st inst. If you have not received an invitation you are invited anyway and are expected to grace the occasion with your presence. Elaborate preparations have been made by the ladies of the society to make this occasion one of the most delightful entertainments of the season and we are satisfied that those who attend will get their money's worth. There will be no admission charge except a penny for each year of your age. The entertainment will conclude with an old time cake walk in which everybody present is expected to participate.

New Millinery Parlor.

The public throughout this section will be glad to learn that Lexington is to have an up-to-date millinery and ladies' store generally. The Misses Rhoden will open Thursday in the Roof Banking room. They will carry a large assortment of the latest in art and style and our people are cordially invited to see what they have, the quality of their goods and the prices charged. In selecting your hats remember to see the Misses Rhoden.

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