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NEW DRY LAW

Enforcement Measures Now Disregard State Lines

Enforcement of the prohibition law is now squarely before the American people and in complete charge of the federal authorities.

The plan of enforcement, effective August 1, has been carefully thought out, the machinery has been provided, and the man to whom the country looks for action is definitely in the saddle. Today there are just two questions in the public mind, the first, whether Brigadier-General L. C. Andrews will prove capable of enforcing the law—if not, then is it possible to enforce the law under any circumstances?

Unquestionably General Andrews has a stupendous task ahead of him, but he is not lacking moral support any more than he lacks complete control. President Coolidge unquestionably is determined to have the law enforced if it be possible to enforce it. Secretary Mellon is no less determined to put an end to the liquor traffic, and the press generally throughout the country stands strongly in favor of law enforcement. Even those newspapers with wet tendencies stand as a unit in insisting that the law should be enforced as long as it is the law.

General Andrews' plan of creating twenty-two federal zones which wipe out state lines, is expected in some quarters to be the keynote of successful enforcement. In other quarters the plan is regarded with alarm as giving evidence of further encroachment on the rights of states and the liberties of the people.

"Thus far have we gone in the determined plan to create a new autocracy in the hitherto land of the free" says the Columbia, Record. "All that has preceded this gigantic extension of police powers of the federal government has been the merest child's play. But what is happening is just as the Record, five years ago, predicted would happen. The end is not yet."

Quite a different view is expressed by the Philadelphia Inquirer which approves the abolition of the state directors.

"It may be argued that all this means an increase in federal power at the expense of the states," says the Inquirer, "but, as the president pointed out recently, what the states will not do the federal government must do. The enforcement of federal law is clearly within its province, more particularly if this law is so unpopular in some communities that local officials are affected by local feeling."

The Washington Star says the slowness and leniency of the courts is responsible for the failure of prohibition to date.

"Enforcement is possible," says the Star. "It is upon that principle that the Treasury Department's new organization has been planned. Integrity on the part of enforcement officers of all degrees is an essential. It has never been believed to be impossible to organize an honest, loyal force. Hypocrisy and infidelity are not dominant characteristics of the American people."

Whatever may be the result of the Andrews plan at least the country is promised an honest effort to compel obedience to the law of the land, and bring an end to the mockery that exists particularly in the big cities. Political considerations, we are told, are now eliminated. No longer will the local boss be able to march to court and obtain leniency or immunity for friendly violators of his constitution. Plus the elimination of politics a rapid and determined drive is to be made to stop the sources of supply, importation and diversion of legally manufactured and stored alcohol.

It has been shown that sporadic assaults on the individual bootlegger, raids on small dispensers, and gunning after petty offenders is futile, serving only to make the law enforcing powers a laughing stock.

Control of the sources of supply will necessarily eliminate the little fellows from the scene of law violation without further action. They cannot sell the booze they cannot obtain.

"Uncle Sam means business," says the Cleveland Plaindealer, whose editorial calls upon the states and local communities to carry their share of the burden of enforcement.

Oil made from grasshoppers is being used as airplane lubricant.

SCOPES FOUND GUILTY

Case Will Now Go To Supreme Court at Knoxville

Dayton, Tenn., July 21.—The State of Tennessee, against John Thomas Scopes on trial for eight days in Rhea county court tonight was the case of John Thomas Scopes against the State of Tennessee. Conviction of Scopes today on a charge of violating the Tennessee law against the teaching of theories of evolution in public schools paved the way for an appeal to the State Supreme Court.

The scene of the "evolution test" will be shifted from Dayton to Knoxville, where, under the regular order of procedure, the Tennessee court will hear cases from this circuit the first Monday in September.

After both defense and State counsel had agreed this morning that the defendant should be convicted the jury returned a verdict in less than ten minutes.

The minimum fine of \$100 was imposed by the court and bail was fixed at \$500. The defendant made a surety for his appearance in Rhea County Circuit Court the first Monday in December, when the Supreme Court was expected to have passed upon the case.

As soon as the verdict was returned the defense moved for a new trial, and when this was overruled, Scopes' attorneys made the other customary legal motions to complete the record and send the case on its way to the Supreme Court.

The beginning of the end of the case that has covered a wide variety of subjects was noted soon after court convened this morning. Attorneys on the contending sides of the issue announced that they had decided to forego argument and submit the case at once to the jury.

Before passing sentence, John T. Scopes, the defendant, addressed the court in response to the question from the bench:

"Have you anything to say, Mr. Scopes, why the court should not impose punishment upon you?"

"Your honor, I fell that I have been convicted of violating an unjust statute," Scopes replied.

"I will continue in the future, as I have in the past, to oppose this law in any way I can. Any other action would be in violation of my ideal of academic freedom—that is to teach the truth as guaranteed in our Constitution of personal and religious freedom. I think the fine is unjust."

A fine of \$100 was then imposed and when bond was made later in the afternoon the "Scopes case" was at an end in Dayton, with Knoxville the next field of action.

Visitors From Lexington

Six citizens of Lexington, headed by Mayor S. J. Long, were in Camden Tuesday on an inspection tour of sewerage systems in towns and cities in North and South Carolina. Lexington is soon to vote upon the question of installing sewerage in that town and these men were familiarizing themselves with what they could find in the various towns. In the party were Mayor S. J. Long, Editor Ira M. Sligh, of the Lexington Dispatch, J. S. Caughman, J. D. Carroll, B. H. Barr and Cyrus L. Shealey, the latter five named representing the Board of Trade. The party left here for Lancaster and from there would go into North Carolina. The trip will take the greater part of a week. Mr. Shealey is remembered by many of our people having been connected with the Camden City Schools at one time.

Passed Examinations

Among the thirty-four doctors who passed the examinations before the State board of medical examiners in June was J. S. Gaskin, of this county. Dr. Gaskin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Gaskin of the Flat Rock section and attended the South Carolina Medical College.

Fifty-nine nurses also passed at the same time and those from this county were Mary E. Mackey, of Kershaw, and Gertrude McLeod, of Lugoff.

Col. J. E. Harley, of Barnwell, has a 60-acre field of corn after asparagus that gives promise of yielding a total of 2,000 bushels. He cut about \$4,000 worth of asparagus this season, most of which came from a field of 15 acres that is about three years old.

Many farmers of Barnwell county will be able to pay off their bank notes this fall and have their cotton crops clear.

AS TO ROAD SIGNS

McGowan Complimented by Many Organizations

Columbia, July 21.—In the State Highway Department's drive for the elimination of unsightly advertising signs from the state highways, no attempts will be made to remove signs erected by civic organizations at various points in the state.

Samuel McGowan, chief highway commissioner, discussing an inquiry he received from the Barnwell Chamber of Commerce regarding civic signs, stated that the highway department's efforts will be confined to the improvement of the appearance of the road sides by the removal of unsightly sign boards and placards.

"Many of these signs along the highways serve little or no purpose," Mr. McGowan said. "They not only mar the appearance of the highway, but many of them carry a lot of misinformation. And, too, many trees are injured by signs being nailed to them." He added that he hoped to have the co-operation of property owners and advertisers in the department's efforts to make the roads more attractive.

Many letters from organizations and individuals commending his action in ordering the removal of the signs have been received by the chief highway commissioner.

To Use As Swimming Place

The local post of the American Legion has secured the site of the old Saddle and Paddle Club from the Ralph Ellis estate on the Wateree Mill pond and have been putting the place in shape for use this summer as a swimming place. It is being cleared out and made suitable for a place of recreation and will be free to the public. The Legion however would make one request of boys going to this pond and that is that they leave their dogs at home. The keeper of Millbank, Mr. Storey, has quite a number of rabbits on this place and he does not want them chased by dogs or molested in any way.

Named Assistant Secretary

Mrs. B. R. Truesdale, of Camden, has been named assistant secretary of the Kershaw County Fair Association. She will work in connection with Mrs. E. Miller Boykin, the home demonstration agent. Mrs. Truesdale will have charge of the work pertaining to the household department. The Fair Association has begun work on the annual county fair getting the people interested in the placing of exhibits. The date for the fair this fall will be November 18, 19 and 20th.

YOUTH DIES OF INJURIES

Debbs Belvin Passes as Result of Automobile Accident Last Week

Eugene Debbs, Belvin, thirteen years of age, died at the Camden hospital early Thursday morning as a result of injuries sustained when an ice truck overturned near the Hermitage mill Thursday of last week. The truck was the property of the Camden Ice company and ran into an embankment on the highway one mile east of Camden and turned over, it is said, when the steering mechanism became locked. It was being driven by C. M. Lancy, an employee of the company, who states that young Belvin and another youth were riding on the rear of the truck without his consent.

Coroner W. F. Russell impaneled a jury following the death of the young boy Thursday morning, with W. H. Pearce as foreman and Frank W. Maynard, J. R. Montgomery, Herman Baruch, N. C. Arnette and R. A. Bruce. Their verdict was to the effect that in their belief the accident was unavoidable.

Immediately following the accident last week in which young Belvin suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and concussion of brain, he was rushed to the hospital and up until the time of his death never completely regained consciousness. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Belvin and resided with his parents at their home in the Hermitage mill community. Funeral services, it is announced, will be held at Beulah church near Camden this morning at 11 o'clock.

For his work on the cockroach as a cancer carrier, Dr. Louis Sambon has been awarded the Gold Medal of the Society of Pestology for 1925.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES

Items of Interest as Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., July 22.—Mrs. K. T. Estridge, wife of Mr. K. T. Estridge of this place, died Saturday morning after more than three weeks' illness. Mrs. Estridge before marriage was Miss Gertrude Hough of Kershaw. She had been a resident of Bethune about twenty-five years and was a member of the Presbyterian church. She was active in the church auxiliaries and was a faithful attendant of the Woman's Bible Class. Mrs. Estridge was a devoted mother and conscientious in the training of her children. She leaves a large family connection and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She is survived by her husband and eight children: Mrs. L. M. Yarbrough, of Sumter; Joe Estridge of Weldon, N. C.; Ruth, Willene, Eloise, Mary Gertrude, Cecil and B. F. Estridge of this place, three sisters Mrs. W. B. Turner, Mrs. Irene Bateman of Kershaw and Miss Gussie Hough of Bethune, three brothers, Dan and Joe Hough of Kershaw and Clarence Hough of DeKalb. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church here Sunday morning conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Forbis. The body was then taken to Kershaw for interment. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Mrs. George Outlaw, an elderly lady of the Turkey Creek section, died Saturday morning after suffering a stroke of paralysis two days before. Mrs. Outlaw was noted for her kindness to the sick and suffering of her community. She is survived by her husband and several children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnston and little daughter of Trenton, Tenn., are the guests of Mrs. Johnston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Yarbrough. Mrs. Johnston was accompanied home by her niece Miss Louise Gloss of Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brannon of Winnsboro were the guests of Mrs. Brannon's mother, Mrs. Ellen Brannon last week.

Mrs. W. E. Davis and children are visiting Mrs. Davis' parents Mr. and Mrs. John McSweeney in Darlington. Mrs. Ella Twitty of Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest of her brother, Dr. E. Z. Truesdell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDowell spent the week end in Charlotte with relatives.

Mr. Percy Meigs is spending his vacation in Georgia and Alabama.

Protracted services are being held at the Baptist church here this week. Rev. M. B. Gunter is being ably assisted by Rev. Mr. Culp of Spartanburg.

Mrs. Loring Davis, Miss Lizzie Kate Davis and June Truesdell attended the Reese-Cook wedding in Kershaw Saturday evening.

The musical given Wednesday evening in the high school building under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church was attended by an appreciative audience. The net proceeds amounted to about \$40.00.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stevens of Lancaster spent Tuesday in Bethune. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDowell were guests of Mr and Mrs. G. B. McKinnon in Lancaster Monday.

Miss Ella Gardner of Kershaw is visiting at the home of Mrs. Louise Kelly.

Mrs. M. G. King entertained about a dozen little girls and boys Thursday afternoon in honor of the tenth birthday of her son, Harold. Games supervised by the little hosts, Miss Kathleen McCaskill, were enjoyed on the lawn until the little guests were invited into the dining room. The birthday cake gleam with ten pink candles centered the beautifully appointed table in carrying out the pink and white color scheme. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mayo Davis and June Truesdell assisted Bishopville in a game of baseball Thursday in Bennettsville with the home team of that place.

Catholic Church Services

Services at the Catholic church on Sunday, July 26th will be as follows: Mass at 9:30 a. m. Sermon on, "Give an Account of Thy Stewardship, for Now Thou Canst be Steward no Longer." All are cordially welcome. No other services as Rev. M. J. Reddin preaches in Sumter at 7 a. m. and Cheraw at 8 p. m.

A county marketing bureau has been organized in Darlington county and is now functioning.

WOULD OFFER FOR CONGRESS

Several Seeking Nomination for Fifth South Carolina District

Clover, S. C., July 20.—Congressman William Francis Stevenson, representative from the fifth South Carolina district, is going to have plenty of opponents for his seat in the next Congress, according to reports reaching Clover politicians. Magistrate Zebulon Vance Davidson of Chester, who was up this way the other day, and while here let it be known that he would be in the race for the seat of Mr. Stevenson next summer.

Now comes the word from Senator Thomas Bothwell Butler, of Cherokee, to local political leaders, real and imaginary, that he also will seek the congressional place. For some time past there has been rumored around here that Senator James E. Beamguard, of York county, would also be an aspirant for the place. Senator Beamguard said recently that he was undecided as yet as to what he was going to do about it.

Clover also hears that Senator Roach Stewart of Lancaster champion of a proposed reevaluation of property act for South Carolina has the congressional bee in his bonnet and is considering making the race.

Congressman Stevenson has already announced that he will aspire to succeed himself, and has begun his campaign for renomination in the primary, which comes a year from now. The congressman has been down in various parts of the "destrict" attending various reunions and gathering of the folks here and there. In fact, his friends say he never quits running.

Drouth in Newberry

Newberry, July 21.—Forty-nine days and less than one inch of rainfall is the record for the city of Newberry, according to the official local observer, J. H. Baxter. The annual rainfall for the year here usually amounts to about 48 inches. So far the amount for the present year is only 16.85 inches including Sunday, July 19. The year is over half gone and only about one-third of the usual amount of rain has fallen. For the first nineteen days in the present month .08 of an inch is all that has fallen and in June only .84 of an inch fell. The rainfall in Newberry by months this year follows: January, 7.58; February, 2.44; March, 2.05; April, 1.01; May, 2.90; June .84.

New Postal Requirements

Effective August 1, 1925, senders of insured and C. O. D. parcels will be required to place a guarantee for return and forwarding postage, which may be necessary when such parcels become undeliverable. The following inscription should be placed in the senders return address: "Postage for return or forwarding guaranteed."

Another Bank Burglarized

The First National Bank of Camden was burglarized some time during Saturday night and like that of the Bank of Camden the Saturday night previous nothing was missing except a revolver, the property of vice president John T. Mackey. The thief entered from the back door, first cutting the wire screen door to unlock the night latch and then removed a panel large enough to admit the body of a small size man or boy. It is thought the same party broke in both banks as the robberies were very similar. This bank also carries burglary insurance against loss.

To Give Away Millions

New York, July 21.—Leo Shepp, 85, philanthropist, today asked the public for suggestions as to the best way in which he could distribute his millions. He recently established a foundation with a \$2,500,000 trust fund to assist deserving young boys. In addition he has contributed some \$3,000,000 in individual donations, gifts and pensions.

Now he wishes to accelerate the distribution of other millions but desires to canvas the entire subject of public philanthropy with a view to determining the way which will afford the quickest and surest relief to those who merit help and at the same time offer some permanent good to society. Sitting in his office on Hudson street, where the headquarters of his coconut business have been located for more than 60 years, he said he will retire from commerce and devote his time and attention to philanthropy.

LYMAN IN JAIL

Denies Any Wrong Doing and Says He Will Come Clear

C. Lyman, a white man, said to be an authorized representative of the "Knights of the Mystic Circle" a secret order patterned after the Ku Klux Klan, is in the Kershaw county jail where he was brought here last week from Walhalla.

Lyman is being held under several warrants, but he says, like at Walhalla, he is confident of his release when the case comes before the court. He has been unable to furnish bond and has not asked for a preliminary.

He has papers to show that he was the authorized representative of the order which has headquarters in North Carolina, and claims that he has kept an office in the Robinson building in Charlotte until his arrest at Walhalla.

Lyman asks that we make a correction in the statement published a few weeks ago in which it was said that he refunded several hundred dollars to prospective candidates in a local hotel. He says that the money was refunded by a co-worker by the name of Dunn. His victims involved many people scattered throughout the county, and there has been at least half dozen warrants issued for him. Lyman exhibits a letter from the secretary of state whereby he was authorized to solicit membership for the Circle under the laws of the state. He seems to believe that the head men of the organization are trying to make him the "goat" of the whole matter.

Carried to North Carolina

W. W. Brigman, the white forger, who has been serving ninety days on the Kershaw County chain gang, was carried back to North Carolina this week to answer other charges of forgery. Brigman made his escape from the gang while temporarily released from shackles owing to an injured leg. During his few days freedom he is alleged to have forged at least three checks in North Carolina towns where he was arrested at Salisbury and turned over to Kershaw county officials under promise that he would be returned to North Carolina. Brigman would not agree to leave without requisition papers and these were obtained. He told a Chronicle representative that he fared good on the gang before his escape, but after his return it was not so easy for they made it hard for him, and from what he says he will not likely forge another check in this county. It is said he is wanted in Darlington county on charges of forgery.

Church Without Male Members

Spencer, N. C., July 17.—St. Joseph's Episcopal church in Spencer is believed to be the only regularly organized congregation of any denomination in the state and perhaps in the United States composed entirely of women. According to some of the leading women in the church there is not a single male member and the women have things their own way. It may be stated too that they are getting along fine considering their numerical strength of something like two score members.

Almost all the members are married ladies and in every instance their husbands, mostly railroad engineers, conductors and shopmen, are members of other denominations. The church, which was founded more than 20 years ago, when Spencer was incorporated as a town, has its various organizations such as the St. Agnes guild, the woman's auxiliary to look after mission work, and others, and the rector is Rev. Mark Millne, also rector of St. Luke's in Salisbury.

May Establish School Here

Mr. A. H. Perry, president of the Georgia-Alabama School of Commerce with headquarters at Brunswick, Ga., was in Camden Tuesday, making inquiries with a view to locating a business school in Camden. Mr. Perry is the head of a chain of around thirty schools operating throughout Georgia and the two Carolinas, and he says he sees no reason why one would not succeed in Camden. The school teaches book-keeping, typewriting, shorthand and everything pertaining to a commercial course. Mr. Perry will come back to Camden shortly to make further arrangements.

Lee Drace, 19 year old Greer youth, died Sunday as a result of injuries sustained when he dived into a swimming pool.