

MAY KEEP LIQUOR.

Having Whiskey for Personal Use Not Illegal.

Holding that it is not unlawful to have whiskey in possession for personal use, even in a prohibition county, and clearly defining the powers of the act of 1909 with reference to the sale of whiskey, the supreme court has reversed the Spartanburg county court in the case of Elias Rookard, who was convicted for violation of the act. The opinion by Associate Justice Woods construes several sections of the act which have never before been reviewed by the supreme court. Circuit judges have held that mere "keeping in possession" by residents of prohibition counties was against the law passed in 1909.

The defendant was convicted in Spartanburg county in January of last year on the charge of having whiskey in his possession and was indicted under the section of the act of 1909, which ends: "and which if drunk to excess will produce intoxication, except as hereinafter provided."

BLUE APRON BLINDS GIRL.

Dye of Garment, Wet with Tears, Blamed—Sight Coming Back.

The strangest case of blindness that ever occurred in Delaware is reported from New Castle. The victim is Sarah Schuhardt, aged 3, daughter of John Schuhardt. She cried over some childish act and used her blue apron, that had never been washed, to dry her tears. Soon afterward poisoning developed in her eyes and then she went blind.

Specialists have worked on the queer case and it is announced that the child will recover her sight. The poison is believed to be the dye in the unwashed apron.

PIN PASSES THROUGH KIDNEY.

Edgefield Boy Perfectly Well After Peculiar Experience.

Edgefield, S. C., Jan. 21.—Although a pin has passed entirely through his kidney, being discharged in a rusted condition, James Tompkins, son of Dr. J. D. Tompkins, of this place is in perfect health, the peculiar incident affecting his health only when the pin was actually in the vital organ.

Physicians were puzzled by the boy's illness and now state that there is probably not a like case on record.

MAY SEE CENSUS RETURNS.

Lever Attains Object Sought in Reference to Sumter County.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Acting upon the information contained in a letter to him from acting director of the census, Voler V. Viles, in which the statement was made:

"I would add that the returns of the enumerators are treated as confidential and are accessible only to sworn employees of the census bureau," Congressman Lever several days ago introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives, seeking, under certain conditions, to make such returns accessible to inspection. It will be recalled that there is a dissatisfaction in regard to returns of last census with respect to several cities of South Carolina as well as at other points throughout the South. Believing that such a policy of secrecy was both wrong in itself and dangerous in the opportunities it might invite, Mr. Lever's resolution made it mandatory upon the director of the census to permit inspection of the enumerators' schedules, by accredited representatives, for the purpose of testing their accuracy. This morning Mr. Lever in receipt of a letter, somewhat at length, from the director of the census, Mr. Durand, at variance with the former letter of the acting director.

Under the opinions, as contained in this later letter, the ends sought by Mr. Lever are attained. Mr. Durand says:

"I beg to say that one paragraph of that letter was written under a misapprehension and does not correctly state the policy of this bureau. The letter stated that, because of the confidential character of the census returns, permission could not be granted to inspect them. It is true that the details of the census returns are confidential and that access to them will not be given for the purpose of securing details or for any purpose which could in any way tend to injure the individuals furnishing information. It has always been the policy of the bureau, however, to permit inspection, under proper conditions, of the names and addresses on the schedules, for the purpose of determining whether or not a complete enumeration has been had. I am willing that any duly accredited representative of Sumter should inspect the returns for that purpose here in Washington, or to furnish a copy of the list of names secured, on payment therefor."

MILLS TO CLOSE.

South Carolina Manufacturers Decide to Curtail.

Spartanburg, Jan. 17.—Curtailement for five weeks between April and September, or earlier if the management of any mill sees fit, was decided on at a meeting of the South Carolina Manufacturers' association in this city to-day. The curtailment is in co-operation with the mills of New England. There were present 76 mill men, representing nearly every mill in the State. This curtailment, as previous ones, is due to the poor condition of the market for the finished goods of the mill.

The high price of cotton has nothing to do with the closing down of the mills as the officials do not object to paying 15 cents for the material if they can get fair prices for their products.

The following is the conditioned statement as given out by the president, E. A. Smythe, after the meeting had adjourned:

"A very largely attended meeting of the cotton manufacturers of South Carolina was held to-day in Spartanburg, 4,000,000 spindles being represented. President Ellison A. Smythe presided. The resolution was adopted pledging the membership of the association to a curtailment of five weeks between April and September conditioned on similar action being taken by New England and other Southern mills which co-operation was assured. Or sooner, if the individual mill found it practicable. The only other business transacted was the consideration of reports of various committees on different subjects. The association adjourned after a very harmonious session."

BYRNES IN WASHINGTON.

Wants Committee Assignments that will Help Constituents.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Congressman-elect Byrnes is still undecided what committee places he will try to secure, although he stated to The News and Courier correspondent to-day that he would like naval affairs, postoffices, agriculture, public buildings and grounds, or any other that would give him work which would be of benefit to his home people.

If Representative Johnson, of Spartanburg, can secure a place on appropriations, which it is understood he will try to get, Mr. Byrnes may make a bid for buildings and grounds now held by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Byrnes, however, stated that he would probably have to take what he could get the first year, then try to get better places hereafter.

Charleston Gets Part of Colleton.

Walterboro, Jan. 18.—The election held yesterday to decide the question of annexing Adams Run and Collins townships to Charleston resulted in a vote of 157 to 12 in favor of annexation.

Colleton county thus loses a rich trucking section and over a \$1,000,000 of taxable property. The territory is about 200 square miles, has 7,000 population and embraces the entire portion of Colleton beyond the Edisto river.

This most probably means that Charleston will retain the distinction of having always had the largest legislative delegation in this State, not dividing the honor with Spartanburg, as recently reported. The latest census figures will be used for the reapportionment by the present session of the legislature. Charleston will still have eight members in the general assembly, and one Senator.

Wholesale Arrests for Theft.

Greenville, Jan. 18.—Wholesale arrests were made here to-day by the county sheriff of persons suspected of having carried on a systematic plan extending over a year or more, of stealing cloth from the Mills Manufacturing company of this city.

J. H. Fuller, 50 years of age and night fireman of the mill, was arrested. His son, John, was arrested, as were two negro women. Warrants have been sworn out and served on some six or eight other negroes.

It is claimed that the night fireman and his son have been stealing cloth from the mill at night and selling it through the negro women, as his agents. Detectives have recovered cloth believed to have been stolen, from all over the county. Up to the present over 800 yards had been recovered, this being practically new.

"How much more cloth has been taken there is no telling," declared the sheriff.

Succumbs to His Injuries.
Newberry, S. C., Jan. 20.—H. Pink Abrams, whose skull was horribly crushed on Wednesday morning by a plow point which he was grinding being caught by a belt and hurled upon his head, died this afternoon. Mr. Abrams leaves six children and a second wife to whom he was married just three weeks before the terrible accident which has ended his life.

LIQUOR SEIZURES.

Chief Constable Makes Report of Operations in Charleston.

Despite the fact that within the last sixty days his force of helpers has been diminished by half, Chief Constable Bateman, of the dispensary officials, reports that his work has been well up to the standard, and that there has been no relaxation of vigilance.

He yesterday sent his annual report to Governor Ansel. He stated that within the last two months four of his eight helpers had left him. He said owing to the approaching change in the State government he would not make a formal request for men until he ascertains Governor Bleasde's position on the dispensary matter.

The following liquor was seized during the past year by Chief Bateman and his assistants from blind tigers in the Charleston district: 2,350 gallons of contrabrand whiskey, 87,796 bottles of beer, 9,786 gallons of beer in kegs, all of which was turned over to the wholesale county dispensary with the exception of the beer in kegs, which was destroyed. Some of the kegs which were captured had never been put on tap and these were turned over to the dispensary. It has been found that having tapped the beer once it is useless commercially, except to sell on draught.

During the year six injunctions were served, by Constable Bateman, and two convictions were secured in dispensary cases. The fines paid aggregated \$200. The men were constantly busy, as can be readily understood when it is known that 4,450 searches without warrants were made by the men and 1,800 with warrants.

"Most of my raids," said Constable Bateman last night, "resulted in heavy hauls, as I am usually pretty sure of a place before I raid it."

Fully \$10,000 worth of contrabrand whiskey and other liquor was seized during the year, according to the report, and this is said to overbalance the cost of the maintenance of the constabulary force, which expense amounted to \$8,359.65 for the past three hundred and sixty-five days.

The report then goes on to say: "During the time I have had charge of the force in Charleston county, which is a little over three years, we have seized 8,700 gallons of whiskey, 2,191,420 bottles of beer and 28,500 gallons of beer in kegs, most of which had been previously put on tap. I have served seventy-five injunctions and have convicted three cases before Mr. T. S. Wilbur, the commissioner of Sullivan's Island."—News and Courier.

Acquited After Third Trial.

Cordele, Ga., Jan. 17.—A verdict of not guilty was returned late to-day in the case of W. B. and Archie Lyons on their third trial for the murder of M. Fleming Smith two years ago at Jesup, Ga.

The jury was out less than two hours and the big crowd that had filled the court room during the seven days' trial had dispersed thinking the jury would deliberate much longer. Only a few persons were in the court room when the jury came in.

The Lyenses, father and son and members of their families, shook hands with each juror and thanked him. There was no demonstration.

This ends the Lyons case which has become noted in Georgia. The verdict came at the end of the fourth effort at trial and the third actual trial. Two changes of venue had been granted.

The killing of Smith occurred in December, 1908. The two prisoners, sheriff and deputy sheriff of Wayne county were taken to Savannah for safe keeping, such was the temper of their neighbors. A monument erected at the instance of women of Wayne county stands over the grave of the man they killed. Their plea was self-defense. They charged that Smith tried to shoot them as they entered the store where he was at work and then they riddled him with bullets.

GIRL WALKING TO TAMPA.

Making Her Way from New York to Florida, Selling Pictures, Etc.

New York, Jan. 19.—With the hope of making her way unaided to Tampa, Fla., Dora Harrison, a nineteen-year-old girl, left here the other day. She weighs 170 pounds and hopes to cut her weight down to 135 when she reaches her destination.

The conditions were that the girl was to start without any money except enough to pay her way across the ferry to Jersey City. She will sell picture post cards on the way to pay expenses.

From New York to Tampa the distance is estimated at 1,375 miles. She is going to follow the rules prescribed for long feats of pedestrianism by Weston, of whom she is a great admirer.—News and Courier.

NO RECOUNT.

Census Figures Must Stand, Says Durand.

In response to the protests of citizens of Sumter as to the census of population for that city, Representative Lever has been in communication with the census bureau with a view of obtaining permission, either for himself or an authorized delegation from Sumter, to inspect the enumerators' returns, to ascertain if error has been made. His efforts have been unsuccessful thus far. The census bureau informs him that:

"Since the population of the United States has been announced, it will be impossible to make any change in the official returns of any place whatever, as by so doing it would result in changing the United States' total and throw out the calculation of Congress with respect to the apportionment of its members."

Regret is expressed: "If any injustice has been done to Sumter, but even if omissions were made in the enumeration it would be impossible to add any names to the schedules."

With respect to the Congressman's request to personally inspect the enumerators' returns the bureau replies:

"The returns of the enumerators are treated as confidential, and are accessible only to sworn employees of the bureau."

Mr. Lever is considering introducing a resolution making the enumerators' returns accessible to the public, under certain regulations, and now has the matter up with a prominent member of the committee on the census.

"These complaints as to population from different cities in the State and throughout the country are so numerous as to make it seem necessary to me," said Representative Lever, "that the methods of the bureau and the results of its work should be more open and certainly available for inspection to the accredited Representative of the Congressional district. If these returns are to be held as inviolable secrets, with no opportunity for the public to inspect them, such policy opens a way, if it does not actually invite it, for gross errors, if not actual fraud, in making up the population of the country."

It is not charged by Mr. Lever that the returns are wrong or that fraud has crept into them, "but," says he, "when a protest comes up as to the population of a half dozen cities in one State, as is the case in my own, it seems to throw some little suspicion upon the correctness of the returns, and gives justification for legislation which will permit the public to ascertain if the returns are, in fact, correct. I am carefully considering the proposition in all of its phases, and shall, perhaps, introduce a resolution which will meet the situation."

Would Inspect Census Returns.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Feeling that an injustice has been done to many citizens in South Carolina and other States, where inaccuracies in taking the census have been charged and where access to the original returns has been refused, Representative Lever to-day introduced a joint resolution opening to inspection original census returns as to population. He has no desire to make public the census figures as to individual business affairs, but thinks it is unfair to cities to refuse to amend the census after it is once announced, and at the same time refuse access to the papers upon which the returns are based.

In explaining his motive in introducing the joint resolution Mr. Lever said: "This resolution comes as the result of numerous complaints from towns and cities as to their population as shown by the census report. This is particularly true of Sumter, Greenville, Orangeburg and other places in our State and is notably true of Augusta, Ga. Of course the census figures cannot now be changed, but the principle which permits the director of the census to conceal from the public the enumerators' returns—a matter of such wide public interest—is wrong and calculated to be wrongfully used."

"The returns should be available for public inspection and there is no reason which appeals to me for regarding them as secrets. The director of the census goes to the extent of refusing to allow a member of congress permission to see those returns and only such a resolution as I am introducing and hope to pass will give the public the light to which it is entitled."

A "Jonah" Goes Insane.

Blairsville, Ga., Jan. 20.—Bartow Brown who was sewed into the carcass of a mule while in an intoxicated condition by four boon companions several weeks ago, has gone insane as the result of blood poisoning, contracted from the mule's carcass. The men responsible for the joke, it is said, have fled the country. Brown is not expected to recover.

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