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THE BLIND TIGER NUISANCE.

The reports of deaths throughout the country due to drinking blind tiger liquor poisoned with wood alcohol are sufficient to call forth drastic action of some sort to put an end to this nuisance. It is true that these reports appear much larger in print than they probably really are. Although some eighty persons are reported to have died of wood alcohol poisoning during a few days last week, it is very likely, at that, that the number of deaths is less than would have occurred from drinking plain old corn and rye, about the only difference being that the latter requires a little longer in the killing.

However, illicit liquor making is getting to be a pretty big problem, and it is not confined to the North or to distant cities. It is prevalent here in Bamberg. Liquor is flowing pretty freely here—that is stuff that is called liquor. We believe that anything that has a "kick" is popularly called liquor.

Sheriff Ray has repeatedly suggested, and truly, that blind tiger liquor making will not be stopped by the imposing of fines on those guilty of the offence. We do not like to be put in the position of criticising the courts, and it is not our purpose to do so. We will assume, until we are shown to the contrary, that they are carrying out the laws as the laws are on the statutes.

Several years ago it was certainly our understanding that a law was enacted in this State imposing a fine for the first offence; the second was to be punished by a chain gang sentence without the option of a fine. What has become of this law, if ever there was such a law?

Every time court meets in Bamberg, the blind tiger cases are all huddled in a bunch and permitted to "plead guilty." The court usually imposes a uniform fine on the crowd, white and black. Somebody pays the fine to get a plow hand, and there the matter ends, until the next term of court when the same performance is repeated—except that the crowd is a little bigger the next time.

The reason for permitting the liquor cases to plead guilty is usually because of the time that it would require to try them and also the uncertainty of conviction. At the last session of court there were, we believe, some dozen or so cases of violation of the prohibition law. To have tried all these cases would likely have required a week or more, and perhaps half of them would have been acquitted.

But the time has come to treat these cases in the light they deserve. If it takes a month to try the liquor cases they should be tried—else let the offenders clearly understand that to plead guilty will be nothing in their favor. The welfare of the people demands more rigid punishment for this class of lawbreakers. If the court is without authority to impose heavier sentences in these cases, then the Bamberg delegation has an opportunity to do the people of the State a real service at the coming session of the general assembly.

WAR MAP IN SCHOOLS.

Campaigns and Bird Migrations on Modern Charts.

The type of map the war made famous is not dead.

As an innovation in teaching the conquests of Julius Caesar during the Gallic wars, students in University of Minnesota high schools are required to trace the progress of his campaign and battles on special maps.

And in the animal biology department, Dr. T. S. Roberts is keeping up to date a huge map showing the migration of various birds. Reports are received from all parts of the States indicating the kind of birds which appear at the various points from time to time.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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PRACTICE ECONOMY THROUGHOUT STATE.

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of beef cattle can be successfully conducted, and that is true with certain individual farmers who have river bottom lands. Peanuts and tobacco, where the lands are adapted to growing these crops, should be produced. Those who have never had any experience in growing these crops necessarily should start on a small scale; again the Extension Service of Clemson College stands ready to give detailed information. Of course, we are going to continue to grow some cotton, but it will be wise to reduce our acreage to six or eight acres to the plow, planting on our lighter lands, using a high-grade fertilizer, selecting an early maturing variety of seed and cultivating rapidly.

Difficult Problem.

"One of the most difficult problems is the handling of tenants and keeping them contented. It will be disastrous if an exodus of our labor takes place. The best way to satisfy a man is to keep him well fed, but under boll weevil conditions he must be made to feed himself. He may just as well recognize the fact that our renting system has to be readjusted. This is the problem that will have to be handled largely by the individual farmer, as no fixed and fast rule can be established. It is the purpose of the extension service to work out a definite programme and hold meetings in January in those counties where the boll weevil is now present, offering for discussion with the farmers, bankers and merchants a systematic and logical plan of operations which they may adopt or make such changes as they think advisable for the year. We trust that these meetings will be largely attended. It may be well to mention that the funds of the extension service have been greatly reduced (practically \$30,000) by the withdrawal of the appropriations made by Congress for war purposes and we are unable to secure the necessary number of experts that we should have to do the best work. We are sadly in need of two experts in tobacco and peanuts, and additional beef and dairy cattle and marketing experts. To this end I would suggest that representatives from those counties that will suffer from the weevil in the very near future meet with the Governor and director of extension and at once provide sufficient funds to employ these experts whose entire time can be given to the problems in those counties. This, to my mind, is a most important step. Men of the caliber necessary cannot be obtained for a meager salary. Of course, sufficient funds must be provided for traveling expenses. I am including a statement from Prof. A. F. Conradi, entomologist of Clemson College, giving the list of counties that may be seriously damaged next season.

"Prof. Conradi says: 'We are continually asked to forecast weevil damage for this State for 1920. This cannot be done by anyone with any degree of dependence owing to the fact that the weevil damage is directly dependable on winter minimum temperatures or summer rainfall, or both. Furthermore, in invading South Carolina the pest appears under climatic conditions which present new features and it will be necessary to see the pest in action for at least one year in this State for the students of this pest to get their bearings.'

Little Damage First Year.
"It is a general rule in the history of weevil damage that little injury occurs during the first year after the weevil's appearance the previous fall. The first year after its appearance is called the first year of its establishment. Serious damage may be expected under favorable conditions especially on low lands, during its second year of establishment, and if the pest receives no setback it may be expected to develop full strength the third year of its establishment.

"If the winter is mild, followed by a wet season in 1920, severe damage may be expected also in lowlands of Berkeley, Williamsburg, Georgetown and Horry counties. Furthermore, damage may occur in spots in lowlands as far north as the latitude of Columbia. In the coastal counties lying below a line from the southern part of Aiken county to Conway, in Horry county, cotton production is rapidly becoming a gamble, and, as already stated, serious damage will occur in 1920 if the season is wet, and it is of the greatest importance that the farms of that section of the State become self-supporting and self-sustaining immediately.

"The boll weevil enters its third year of establishment in areas as far north as a few miles above Hardeeville in 1920. It enters its second year of establishment in the counties of Hampton, Jasper, Colleton, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Bamberg, Aiken, Barnwell and Allendale in 1920. In the balance of the counties of this State the weevil made its first appearance during the past summer and

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Data Not Complete.
"The data in reference to Texas and Louisiana is not complete as I would like to have it, but it is sufficient to illustrate the object of this article. I am enclosing a letter from Dr. L. L. Howard and Dr. W. D. Hunter, of the United States department of agriculture, in reference to the report of the South Carolina boll weevil commission. The value these gentlemen placed upon this publication is evident. It gives full and detailed information and should be in the hands of every man, woman and child in South Carolina. No more valuable publication on the subject has ever been printed. It can be obtained from the extension service.

"I cannot conclude without calling attention to the fact that it has been the invariable history of the boll weevil movement that the farmers always plant one full crop too many. Let us use our utmost endeavors to avoid in South Carolina this same serious mistake."

RUN OVER BY AUTOMOBILE.

Returning Home From Church When Accident Occurs.

Edgefield, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Cheatham, wife of Col. L. W. Cheatham, editor of the Edgefield Chronicle, while returning home from church Thursday morning, was knocked down and run over by an automobile, driven by a Mr. McKay, of Saluda county. She received a number of gashes and bruises about the head and face and suffered a nervous shock. Her injuries are not considered serious. After the accident Mrs. Cheatham was carried home and is now under the care of her family physician. The accident, it is stated, was considered unavoidable.

And All the Rest, Too.

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