

A BIG LIQUOR SEIZURE.

REVENUE OFFICERS CONFISCATE CARLOAD.

Liquor Was Contraband and Had Been Previously Seized by Dispensary Constables in Columbia.

Columbia, Dec. 21.—The United States revenue department yesterday confiscated and is now holding the car and the entire shipment of whiskey which had been seized by the dispensary constables at Cayce's last Friday night and had been turned over to the authorities of the State dispensary Saturday afternoon. The seizure by the government officers was made because the two barrels mentioned at the time of the first seizure as containing wine were found to contain whiskey and were without the revenue tax stamp, as required by law.

As has been stated, there are about 490 gallons in the car load. All of it is in five gallon kegs except the two barrels, which contain about 50 gallons each, and it was the absence of the stamps on these two barrels which convinced the authorities that the entire shipment was illicit whiskey and resulted in the confiscation by the revenue department. The law does not require that packages of less than five gallons shall be stamped, as it is presumed that these small packages have been filled from larger ones on which the tax has been paid.

The shipment was made by Green & Co., of Salisbury, N. C., but an investigation fails to find any trace of such a firm doing a whiskey business in North Carolina and there seems to be no doubt that this name is fictitious, as are the names of the 50 consignees to whom the whiskey was shipped.

There have been numbers of large shipments of contraband whiskey into the State recently, and as a consequence both the state and the federal authorities are unusually alert and determined to stop any further shipments as nearly as possible. Having identical interests they are working together more harmoniously than ever before.

It is thought by some that this temporary increase in shipments of unstamped goods is due to the operations of the Wats law in North Carolina, and it is known that the force of revenue officers and agents is greater in that State now than probably ever before.

REQUISITION FOR CHADWICK.

Governor of Ohio Will Ask Governor of New York to Arrest Husband of Famous Woman When He Lands.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The application of Prosecutor Keeler for a requisition on the Governor of New York for the return to Cleveland of Dr. LeRoy S. Chadwick reached the governor's office through the mails this morning.

Governor Herrick is now in the east and no action can be taken until his return next week. It is safe to say that the requisition will be issued. It will probably be ready for presentation to the Governor of New York when Dr. Chadwick steps from the European steamer.

MAYESVILLE PYTHIANS

Social Lodge Elects Officers for Next Year.

Mayesville, Dec. 22.—At the meeting of Social lodge No. 110, Knights of Pythias, on Tuesday night the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: J. R. Mayes, C. C.; M. C. Mayes, V. C.; C. D. Cooper, prelate; W. S. Chandler, M. of W.; W. M. Bradley, M. at A.; S. W. Pringle, M. of E.; A. J. Pringle, M. of F.; S. A. Stuckey, K. of R. and S.; S. R. Hudgens, I. G. J. E. Moonyham, O. G. Edwin Wilson, C. D. Cooper and W. S. Chandler, trustees, M. C. Mayes, hall committee, C. D. Cooper, organist.

The lodge is in very flourishing condition now. There are a number of applications before the lodge now.

DEADLY CHICKEN COOP.

A New Jersey Coon Went Hen Hunting Once too Often.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 23.—Howard Brown, of this city had a musket trained on his chicken coop so that when the door was opened the gun would be exploded. Robert Dorsey, colored, went to the coop this morning and the gun exploded. He was taken to the hospital minus one leg.

MANY RUSSIANS DYING.

Truly Awful Conditions Prevailing in the Manchurian Army.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Reports received from Manchuria tell of an alarming mortality among the Russian troops there. In one week 852 soldiers were frozen to death and over one thousand were incapacitated by cold in the same period.

WAR IN PHILIPPINES.

The Natives of Samar Annihilate Half a Company of Troops.

Manila, Dec. 23.—The natives ambushed and killed at Dolores, Island of Samar, a Lieutenant and thirty-seven enlisted men of the 38th company of native scouts a few days. Two thousand rebels threaten the town and the situation is extremely critical.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Even persons were overcome by coal gas this morning in a Russian bath house at 315 Monroe street. They were taken immediately to a hospital but were resuscitated with difficulty. Scores of others, in the house were affected.

A Frightened Horse,

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METROPOLITAN CLUB BURNED.

LOSS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Metropolitan Club, the most exclusive social institution here, having a membership of distinguished government officials and other notables, was gutted by fire early this morning.

All the fire companies within the city boundaries were called out. The flames raged for more than two hours, and only the walls are now left standing.

Several members of the club were in bed when the fire started. They were rescued with great difficulty by the firemen. The Club is only two blocks from the White House.

The most serious loss to the Club, was the library, which contained fifteen thousand volumes. The loss is in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand dollars. Fireman Parcell was dangerously injured.

THE NEW INSURANCE RATES.

Some Interesting Figures Have Been Gathered by the Commercial Club of Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Dec. 21.—As a result of the meeting held at the Commercial club rooms several evenings ago for the purpose of seeing what could be done with regard to the increase in fire insurance rates in Rock Hill since the reentrance of the Southeastern Tariff association into South Carolina some very interesting figures have been gathered. It has been found that under the new book of rates promulgated by the tariff association to be used by local agents after Aug. 25th last, dwelling house rates have been lowered considerably, but the amounts of premiums thus paid in, it is thought, will hardly offset the increase in the amounts to be paid on merchants risks. Out of 62 risks on Main street, comprising buildings and contents, only 10 have been lowered, and some of these without apparent reason. Twenty-nine risks on Main street and one elsewhere show a total increase in premiums to be exacted under the rates the association has fixed, and which will have to be paid each year, of \$1,650.52. Six Main street risks total a decrease of \$64.93., making the increase in insurance tax reach an estimated amount of \$1,585.59. Few replies have been received by the secretary of the Commercial Club to the 28 letters sent to cities and towns in the State asking for information as to rates existing there. None of these has contained the information desired. One establishment in Rock Hill that has installed fire hose, water buckets, connected its roof tank with the city pipes, so as to be sure of adequate water in case of emergency, employed a watchman and spent in all many hundreds of dollars in complying with requirements of inspectors, has found its cost of insurance increased nearly 100 per cent.

The result of the increase in rates will be, if the rates remain as now decreed by the tariff association, less insurance and consequently less protection.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Rev. Albion W. Knight will be consecrated Bishop of the Episcopal Church here today. Mr. Knight was elected at the recent general Convention of the Church, held at Boston, to be missionary Bishop of Cuba.

Boliver, Pa., Dec. 22.—Seven men were suffocated today in the No. 2 soft clay mine of the Reese Hammond Fire Brick company near here. The victims were Austrians. There were about 25 men in the mine and all but seven were rescued, though they were all in bad shape and two are likely to die.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The total gate receipts of the Britt-Nelson fight were \$26,900, of which Britt received \$3,770; Nelson \$5,918 and the Yosemite club \$12,105.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—It has been reported from Menominee that Engineer Garvin and Fireman Miller, of the fast Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train were killed and fifteen passengers badly injured in a wreck at Lena, last night. A broken rail threw the engine and two coaches into the ditch.

Sunbury, Conn., Dec. 21.—The memorial chapel at Westminster school erected by Secretary of State Hay in memory of his son, Adelbert, was burned at noon today. Only the walls remain standing.

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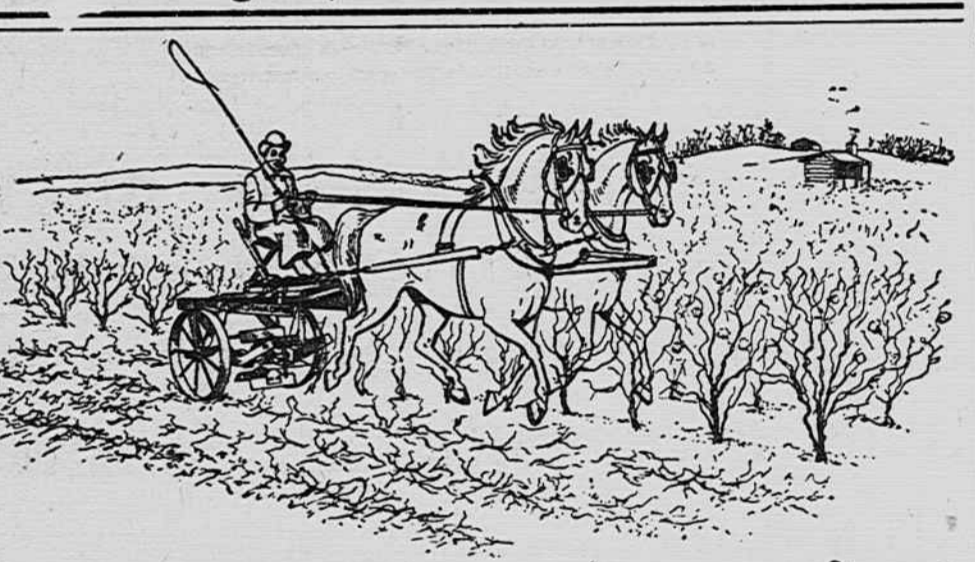
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