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LITTLE MOONSHINE DISPOSED OF DURING NEW YEARS CELEBRATION; NAB SUPPLY

Auto Loaded With Moonshine Manufactured at Comstock Taken By Officers and Driver Given Heavy Fine and Jail Sentence—Wife Tries to Escape.

New Years eve passed off very quietly and in some circles with all the aridness of the Sahara desert. The usually wettest day of the year, lacked some of its moisture and moonshine peddlers did not expose their wares for sale as had been expected. The apprehension of a booze laden automobile and the confiscation of its spreading contents early in the evening caused bootleggers to ply their trade surreptitiously and in only limited circles, while the utmost caution was displayed by those indulging in the contraband liquor. Officers had expected that drunkenness would be quite prevalent on New Years eve and on the following day, but to the contrary there was little liquor in evidence and in fact not much more than is ordinarily expected on Saturday. Dances and celebrations throughout the entire county were under surveillance and this probably had a material effect in reducing the amount of liquor consumed. Few cases of drunkenness were to be found and no arrests were made locally. The dance Saturday night where considerable moonshine was expected, was a very quiet and enjoyable affair with no roughness in evidence. One or two persons who had been imbibing quite freely were hurried out of sight by their friends and officers state that the occasion passed off much more quietly than had been expected, as information that a large quantity of moonshine would be on hand, had been obtained earlier in the week.

The officers believe that in the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Irons, early Saturday evening and the confiscation of 11 gallons of moonshine, they headed off the principal source of supply and at the same time caused bootleggers to cancel their plans for disposing of their New Years supply.

Mr. and Mrs. Irons were arrested within a few minutes after their arrival in this city and the cleverly camouflaged moonshine was in the possession of the officers before those for whom it was intended became aware that it was in the city.

According to Sheriff Starmer, who made the arrest, the officers have had information that Irons delivered a quantity of moonshine in Roseburg on Christmas day. The liquor was manufactured, it is stated near Comstock, where Mr. and Mrs. Irons have been residing since moving from Portland. It was expected that another shipment would be delivered on New Years and a watch was kept on the large Velle auto owned by Mr. Irons. Late Saturday afternoon Sheriff Starmer received word that Irons and his wife had started for Roseburg and the officers went out

to meet them on the highway. The sheriff's car, however, stuck in the mudhole at the head of Winchester street and the car carrying the liquor got by. It was located a few minutes later on Oak street across from the Impqua hotel, but Mr. Irons had left the machine leaving his wife guarding the liquor which was in the rear of the car.

When Sheriff Starmer reached the car and started to search the machine, Mrs. Irons made a vigorous protest, and as the officers left her alone for a moment tried to start the machine and get away. This attempt was frustrated, however, and the search continued. The liquor was contained in a 10 gallon keg which had been placed inside a large barrel and covered over with potatoes. A gallon jug of liquor was found in a suitcase. Mrs. Irons tried to seize this jug, evidently with the intention of destroying it.

The officers waited for a short time, expecting that Irons would return, but it was later learned that he had seen the officers searching the car and so hid out for several hours. When he failed to return, the officers drove the machine to the Roseburg garage and allowed the woman to go to the Grand hotel where a guard was maintained to prevent her from communicating with her husband.

Later in the evening the man was found and arrested and was taken before Justice of the Peace George Jones where he entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$350 and given a 10 days jail sentence.

Mr. and Mrs. Irons resided in Portland until a few weeks ago they stated, and then moved to Comstock. He has had little work and recently injured his foot so that he could not do heavy labor. Mrs. Irons stated that just before Christmas time they were approached with an offer to deliver a quantity of liquor to this city and that they agreed to do so. This was their first violation of the law, she said. They agreed to make a second delivery on New Years eve, and it was while so engaged that they were arrested.

Mr. Irons expects to sell his automobile in order to pay the fine against him, he told the officers today. He is now confined in the county jail, serving out the jail sentence. The officers are confident that the liquor found in the car was intended for a New Year's celebration planned by certain parties, and the fact that the night and following day passed so quietly, gives strength to this conclusion.

The officers yesterday made a trip to Comstock in an effort to locate the still where the moonshine was manufactured but the quest was fruitless.

roy Towers, Mr. Wilson, Mr. C. F. Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Ansell, of Duluth, Minn., who were touring through this city.

BORAH TO FIGHT FOR RESERVATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Senator Borah of Idaho, one of the outstanding opponents of the Versailles treaty, will fight for a reservation to the four-power Pacific treaty to prevent this country from participating in any venture of arms growing out of the treaty enforcement. Borah stated that article two provides for action by the signatory powers in the event of encroachment on their insular possessions.

TROTZKY EXPELLED BY JEWISH CHURCH

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Leon Trotsky, Russian minister of war, has been expelled from the Jewish church on complaint of his father, who charges that "Leon has forsown his forefathers' creed, has proven an enemy to Judaism, and become a curse to humanity."

GOVERNORS AID IN PEACE MOVEMENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Governors of thirteen states so far have pledged their support to a movement to keep the world peace movement alive after the Washington conference ends, the National Council for Armament Limitation announced today.

RAILROADED MEN INTO ASYLUMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Charges that army officers during the war "railroaded men into secret prisons such as insane asylums," were made in a letter to Senator Watson, received from Parke Longworth, of Bloomington, Ill. Longworth charges that he himself was a victim of such a conspiracy, but later established his sanity in the Illinois supreme court.

WHITE HOUSE DOORS OPEN TO PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The doors of the White House were thrown open to official Washington and the general public to receive New Year's greetings of President and Mrs. Harding. This is the first New Year's reception since the Wilson administration abandoned the practice nine years ago.

Diplomats Received.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The White House today held the annual presidential reception for the first New Year's since before the war. Diplomats and other dignitaries were greeted after the time honored custom. Germany and Austria, long unrepresented in this country, stood on equal footing with the powers of the allied side, their representatives being invited to the festival. President and Mrs. Harding received the country's guests in the White House blue room.

News-Review to Issue Special Edition

Several days prior to the opening of Roseburg's first annual automobile show and winter fair at the armory on January 19, 20 and 21, the Roseburg News-Review will issue a special edition devoted to the automobile industry of this county. Included in the special edition will be several sections containing interesting reading matter concerning the county and general business conditions here. All of the local auto dealers will be represented in the edition and merchants in other lines of trade will have advertisements in the general section. Work has started on the compilation of this special edition, and Mr. Robbins, advertising manager of the News-Review, states that the advertisers are already preparing their copy and selecting illustrations. The Meyer-Both advertising service, recently installed by the News-Review, contains many snappy cuts pertaining to auto shows, and the advertisers have the privilege of selecting whatever illustration they desire for their advertisement without any additional charge.

Interest is centered in the first annual auto show and food exhibit, and those sponsoring this monster event are lauding this publication for issuing a special edition at that time.

BOXING BOUT BEEN POSTPONED

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 2.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, will meet Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee, Monday night in a ten round no decision bout instead of this afternoon as arranged. The postponement was occasioned by a muscular affliction suffered by Mitchell.

WAGE CUT IS CAUSE OF STRIKE

NEWBERG, Ore., Jan. 2.—One hundred and sixty men refused to work today in the Charles K. Spaulding mill, following notice Saturday of a ten per cent wage cut. The local manager announced the cut would not affect men receiving three dollars a day, but only the skilled men.

FRENCH AND JAPS CONFRONT CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Naval experts are ironing out the details of the naval limitation plan, expected to be put into formal treaty by the end of the week. There is general expectation that the conference will be able to adjourn by the middle of the month. The French and Japanese denounced as fabrications the alleged communications between the French and Japanese governments on a proposal that the two governments work in concert at the Washington conference for a Japanese protectorate over Siberia. These alleged communications were published through a special delegation

here from the far eastern republic. **Suspect Deep Plan.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Representatives from the far eastern republic (Chita) insisted today, despite vehement French and Japanese denials, that a deep laid French-Japanese entente respecting Siberia and Russia exists. This entente, according to alleged secret documents made public by the Chita group, is timed to give Japan a free hand in Siberia, thwart America in the far east, and help France realize her Russian aims. The secret documents are purported to show that these two powers are working hand in glove behind the scenes of the Washington conference. The French and Japanese spokesmen called the papers forgeries and absurdities.

SHERIFF ARRESTED CHARGED WITH THEFT

HILLSBORO, Ill., Jan. 2.—The arrest of Sheriff John Wilson and six other men in connection with the \$31,000 robbery of the Panama State bank, resulted from the disclosures of a woman who implicated her own husband in the case. States Attorney Raimy announced. Mrs. Jerry Brown, said Raimy, declared her home was made a rendezvous. She said her husband received \$700 and the rest of the loot was divided into seven parts, one part being for Sheriff Wilson. The sheriff was released on \$10,000 bonds. The six others were held in the county jail.

IRISH LEADERS PREDICT MAJORITY

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—Members of the Dail Eireann, gathered here today for the opening session tomorrow, predict approval of the Anglo-Irish treaty by a majority ranging from twelve to twenty, after three or four days' debate. Even the De Valera leaders are predicting a comfortable majority for the pact.

ITALIAN SAILORS ATTACK AMERICANS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 2.—Serious trouble between sailors from Italian and American warships developed today when two scores of Italian sailors surprised and attacked a dozen American Jackies in a cafe. Then they went from one cafe to another seeking out and attacking isolated groups of Americans. Five Americans sustained knife wounds two being seriously stabbed. The attacks were the outgrowth of a trifling brawl in a cafe, following which the Italians gathered a raiding party armed with knives and revolvers. The Americans were declared to have been unarmed. All shore liberty from war craft has been suspended.

Prof. Aubrey G. Smith, formerly City School Superintendent of Roseburg, passed through this city Saturday evening on his way from Portland where he attended the O. S. T. A. meeting, to his home at Medford. A number of his friends enjoyed a short visit with him at the station.

Miss Edith Maine and sister, Mrs. G. F. Calhoun and little daughter, Lois Rae left this morning for Spokane, Washington, to visit for a month or two at the home of their brother, L. R. Maine. They will also visit friends and relatives at Blanchard, Ida.

BUILDING RECORDS SHOW ROSEBURG MADE GROWTH OVER PRECEDING YEAR

Larger Amount Spent on Residence Construction Than at Any Time For Many Years Preceding—Fewer Business Houses Are Built.

The year 1921 was slightly ahead of the previous year in the total amount expended for the construction of buildings within the city of Roseburg. According to figures compiled from the building permit records maintained by the fire department, the increase is due largely to a revival of residence building there being a large number of new homes constructed during the past year.

The year was considerably below the preceding twelve months regarding the construction of buildings for business purposes, but private homes, churches, small garages, etc., formed a total slightly above that of 1920 when there were several large structures built.

During 1920, the Odd Fellows remodeled their temple at a cost of \$25,000 and the Rupert Cannery company build a concrete warehouse which cost a similar amount and the Drager Fruit company constructed a new plant at a cost of \$12,500. During the year 1921, permits were issued to the Methodist church south, for a \$15,000 church building, to the Union Oil company for a \$10,000 oil plant, to the Douglas County Creamery for an \$8,000 concrete building and to W. S. Powell for a \$10,000 business house.

The 1921 expenditures for business houses, however, was far below the amount spent in 1920 for similar purposes. In 1920 the total amount expended in the construction of buildings devoted exclusively to business purposes amounted to \$81,100, while in 1921 only \$47,070 was spent for business buildings.

In 1920, however, there were only 12 new residences built, these averaging slightly more than \$2500 each.

The building permits show that with decreasing costs of materials and labor people are starting the construction of cheap residences. By far the larger part of the homes built last year, cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200, one or two high priced houses bringing up the average.

The total amount expended for buildings during the year 1921 as shown by the permit record, was \$126,380, as compared with the sum of \$117,610 for the year 1920. The total permits issued for the past

year by months were as follows:

January	\$ 5,270
February	5,000
March	13,000
April	7,650
May	16,100
June	12,000
July	6,400
August	8,000
September	10,275
October	15,375
November	15,625
December	13,455

Total \$126,380
A large sum was spent for private garages. These garages which were mostly of wood construction cost around an average of \$250 each. There were also a large number of woodsheds costing \$60 or \$75 each.

Fred Brown Dies After Short Illness

Fred Brown, aged 38 years, a well known Roseburg man, passed away Saturday night at the home of his father, F. P. Brown, on North Rose street, following an illness of several days. The deceased had resided in Roseburg for 32 years and was well and favorably known by almost everyone in the city. For several years he has conducted a shoe shining establishment on Jackson street. Besides his father, F. P. Brown, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. H. J. Prairie, of Portland; Mrs. Della Lewis, of this city; and Mrs. M. L. Daniels, of Coquille.

DEATH AT OAKLAND

County Coroner M. E. Ritter was called to Oakland this morning on account of the death of H. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is an old soldier and is 93 years of age. Coroner Ritter leaves today by automobile to investigate the circumstances and he will probably return late this afternoon.

Double Murder Is End of "Eternal Triangle"; Wife and Her Lover Slain

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Love's dangerous triangle claimed two victims here Saturday.

Charles W. Purdin returned to his home to find his wife with another man, H. W. Sigby.

The pair leaped upon Purdin as he entered his wife's bedroom. Purdin snatched a hatchet from Sigby's hands and hacked his wife's paramour with terrific blows about the head and shoulders.

He then drew a revolver and shot them both. Purdin himself was found in the kitchen of the home, his head badly torn where he had turned the revolver upon himself, a gas tube in his mouth. The whole lower floor of the house was a wreck and reeked with the sickening odor of gas.

A note found beside Purdin told its own mute story: "To whom it may concern: "I want to get my clothes at my home and found my wife in bed with another man. They tried to kill me, so I done by best to protect myself and I got wounded, but I think I was justified in doing what I did. (Signed) "T. W. PURDIN."

Clad in Nightgown.
Mrs. Purdin was found beside her bed, clad only in her nightgown. Sigby's body, clothed in a single undershirt, was in the front room of the house.

Purdin lay in the kitchen, his breast torn by the revolver bullet and the end of the gas tube crammed far back into his mouth.

Beside Purdin lay the revolver which had taken two lives and barely failed on the third.

Neighbors heard the loud voices of the trio, followed closely by the three revolver shots, and then silence. They summoned the police.

The house was a shambles. Mrs. Purdin lay sprawled half under the bed in her room. A trail of blood marked where Sigby had staggered from the bed room to the sitting room. His head, torn on one side by

the passage of the bullet, was crushed in on the other by several blows from a hatchet which lay in a blood-soaked pool not far from his body.

Another trail of blood marked where Purdin had groped his way to the kitchen there to pen the note, which was found crumpled and stained on the floor beside him.

He was rushed to the hospital immediately.

Didn't Know of Divorce.
PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Charles W. Purdin, who killed his divorced wife, Agnes Purdin, and Howard Sigby in the home of Mrs. Purdin, shortly after midnight Saturday, had returned to Portland from a soldier's hospital at Sawtelle, Cal., in an effort to effect a reconciliation with his wife, in the belief of Police Detectives Leonard and Gordon, who continued their investigations into the double slaying yesterday.

Among the effects at the Purdin home there was found a telegram which Purdin sent to his divorced wife on Christmas eve, and which read as follows: "Worried about you. Will you take me back?"

Condition Still Critical.
This plea, so far as is known, was not answered by Mrs. Purdin, and Purdin, it is believed, left the hospital and returned to Portland in order to plead in person.

According to E. M. Purdin, a brother of the slayer, Charles Purdin did not know his wife had obtained a divorce, although he knew that suit had been started, and when he went to her home late Friday night and found her there with young Sigby he at that time thought she was still his wife.

Purdin is still in a critical condition at St. Vincent's hospital, as a result of his efforts to take his own life by the use of gas, but attending physicians expressed the belief that he would recover.

Volstead Placed on the Shelf; New York Celebrates Worst New Year on Record

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Father Knickerbocker turned his pockets inside out today to pay the piper for plying in the New Year amidst a Volstead-defying celebration.

Police records enumerated four violent deaths, attributable to hoid-day overindulgence, 16 men and women in hospitals with gunshot or knife wounds, a half dozen poisoned by bad liquor and scores of summons served by members of the dry squad of 200 who attempted to make it the driest New Year's eve Broadway has seen.

Celebration is Wild One.
The Evening Telegram today described the night as a "celebration which rivaled the wildest pre-prohibition days."

William H. Anderson, head of the state Anti-Saloon league, however, said that "New York was far dryer last night than it has been on any other holiday."

With the cataclysm of noise that was unloosed at midnight came the demands, the collections, of the piper. A celebrant turned into a cross street from Broadway, drew a pistol and fired at random. Mrs. Kate Kosack, 22, who had been standing near a window, fell to the floor of her apartment, struck in the breast and neck. The prankster continued on his noisy way.

Bottle-Smashing is Sport.
East Side residences of Broome street, near the Bowery, indulged in

their favorite sport of bottle-smashing.

At Reisenweber's prohibition agents confiscated many private stocks of liquor and served summons on John Gorman, the manager, his son and a half dozen merry-makers.

Greenwich Villagers had their frolic much as in former days. At 3 this morning they were still at it, costumed maskers dancing in Washington Square, to the music of a score of hurdy-gurdies.

Shrine Party Held Sat. Night

The Shrine party held Saturday evening at the Hotel Unpqua was a decided success. A delicious dinner was served in the banquet room after which Mr. Ben Scovell entertained those present by telling some of his many experiences with the forces at the front. His stories were both full of humor and pathos. Mr. Scovell's talk was followed by an invitation by Mr. Clarence Hill to attend the Antlers theatre. Those present who enjoyed the evening's festivity were: Mr. and Mrs. Guy Black, Mr. and Mrs. Hubar, Mickie Cole of Woodburn, Mr. and Mrs. Deardorf, Mr. and Mrs. John Flurry and Eula Flurry, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hume, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McElhinny, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nygren, C. Lo-

The Dawn of the New Year

