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WEEKLY NEW YORK LETTER

New York, Jan. 31.—The general impression prevails that "moonshine" liquor distilling is confined largely to the mountain districts of Tennessee and Kentucky, but the officials of the U. S. internal revenue in New York has proved this to be a fallacy. Right in our midst illicit stills are, and have been, working in full swing. Several stills have been seized and now the revenue officers are looking for the distillers of sugar mash whiskey, the "vodka" of the Russian Hebrews, a most popular drink on the east side. A recent seizure of a still in Brooklyn disclosed a remarkable state of facts. A fifty gallon still was found in full working order with its entire equipment, including authorities and large supplies of the spirit. The authorities are well aware that there are hundreds of stills working in the city and suburbs but though they are using every endeavor to locate them their efforts appear to be unsuccessful. The recent raids were the result of information given by a man who had a grudge against the "moonshiners" and so well prepared for attack were they that two revolvers and belts of cartridges are amongst the trophies of the raid. The spirit is colored with burnt sugar and sold to saloon keepers on the Bowery who retail it as Kentucky rye. Yet another fish story. This one is supposed to be true for it is verified by the editor of a staid and ancient New York paper. Condensed the tale is as follows: Miss Van Gilder while fishing at Mink Pond, Pike county, had very good luck until about noon. Warm weather had melted the ice near the center of the pond where Miss Gilder was fishing and before she realized her position she was standing on a sheet of ice entirely separate from the rest. Just then she got a bite and holding to the line was towed by the fish a distance of half a mile to the bank where she waded ashore only ankle deep in water. The story, however, has a sad winding up for it states that Miss Gilder was safely landed and no was the fish. Again the question of stability of Brooklyn bridge is being discussed. It would be well to mention that Mr. Roosevelt, uncle of President Roosevelt, more than 20 years ago resigned from the directorate of the Brooklyn bridge, owing to the board of directors voting to add 10,000 tons extra weight to the superstructure, to increase its carrying capacity. Mr. Roosevelt, in resigning, said he would not be responsible for a great

disaster if the bridge fell, as Mr. Roebbling, the designer, had said the bridge was then carrying all the weight it could safely support. The 10,000 tons were added with 10,000 more to the superstructure and goodness only knows how many additional thousand tons weight in loaded trolley and bridge cars and the traffic the bridge is now supporting. Looking at the bridge towers they appear much too slender, and no doubt Roebbling would have made them twice the dimensions if he had supposed the bridge had to support so great a weight as is placed on them now. Probably in six of every 24 hours daily if the bridge fell not less than a thousand people would perish. The weight has now been increased. "The last straw breaks the camel back."

The little hamlet of Hazen, in New Jersey enjoys the popular distinction of being the most prolific baby-town in the United States. The baby bringing bird has called there 18 times within a year and at each call dropped a human benediction. When it is considered that there are only 22 families and 180 persons all told in the hamlet, the showing of 18 new babies in 12 months is prodigiously big for it means that a child has been born for every ten inhabitants, or that 18 of the 24 families have been visited by the stork since last winter. The only trouble with the anti-race suicide situation in Hazen is that so many of the new babies have been named after President Roosevelt, in some way or other, that when they grow up the postmaster is going to be awfully bothered sorting out their mail. The President has been notified that Hazen is the greatest baby-town in America and the farmers and laborers who make up the little hamlet would like him to reward them by endowing a new "Teachership" in the pretty village school. If he does the new instructor will teach his namesakes mostly.

The Salvator armies have again met in conflict over a profitable street "pitch" on Third avenue and presented anything but an edifying spectacle. The only weapons of warfare, however, used on this occasion were the drums and musical instruments and for a considerable time the rivals tried to out do each other to the great amusement of thousands of spectators. Intervention by the police prevented any more serious discord than this, and peace was restored without casualties, except the loss of a small and inconsequential lock of hair from the head of a bystander, which departed in the clasp of one of the women officers to whom he made a remark intended to be jocular. There now appears very little chance that the rival armies will be reconciled or that a truce will be agreed on.

WILLIAM PARKINSON.

CONTAINS HIDDEN GRAFTS

"Jokers" Lurk in the Bills Governor Chamberlain Vetoes Last Season

The state senate has made a special order for next Monday at 2 o'clock to take up and consider the bills that were vetoed by Governor Chamberlain at the last session of the legislature. There are nine of these and while it is believed the senate will uphold the governor in his vetoes, it is quite likely that there may be serious effort to have at least a few of these bills enacted.

None of these bills were refused the executive sanction without good reason and it is generally believed that several of them at least have a graft of some kind concealed and most of the others contain a joker. The bills are:

S. B. No. 13, relating to fish traps. This bill gave an arbitrary power to the master fish warden to condemn and destroy traps and nets without giving the owner a hearing. The governor very wisely considered that this was too much power to give one man.

S. B. No. 17, entitled a bill for the protection of salmon. It carried an appropriation of \$5000 for a gasoline launch and \$3000 for its maintenance. Of course that carries a splendid reason for the veto on its face.

S. B. No. 124, providing for the superintendent of public instruction to call a convention of county school superintendents at state expense. The executive considered this practically to be an useless expense.

S. B. No. 156. This bill was enacted for partisan political reasons only. It provides for the management of the penitentiary and soldiers' home by the state board and removed the superintendent of public instruction from the management of the blind school and substituted the state treasurer. The reasons the governor vetoed this bill are numerous. One is that the constitution clearly intended that the executive, in whom is vested the sole pardoning power, should be responsible for the management of the state prison and the idea of taking the school superintendent off the managing board of the blind school certainly seems erratic. Besides the enactment of the bill was for political purposes only and the governor declined to become a party. There are other objectionable features in the measures.

S. B. No. 191. This bill defines fraternal associations and provides for controlling them. At the time this law was enacted two sets of lobbyists were trying to get bills through the legislature. One faction won and worked this body through. The governor believed that when the insurance people cannot agree among themselves as to what kind of law they need, it would be better to wait until another session and try to get together.

S. B. No. 209. This related to condemning a public square in the city of La Grande and was purely a local matter. There was a strong protest from La Grande against this and the governor believed it would be wise not to grant the request until more of the citizens desired the matter done.

S. B. No. 223. This related to the boundary line between Linn and Marion and as many old pioneer citizens living in the townships effected objected, the executive thought it best to withhold action in the matter for another legislative term.

S. B. No. 238. Providing for a deputy constable for the Portland district. The governor said this would be superfluous as the law provided for the deputy sheriffs to do any work of this kind that might arise and that the county court had full power to appoint and pay for this service.

S. B. No. 263. Related to the graduates from the normal schools. The governor approved of the purposes of this bill but vetoed it on account of irregularities in the enrollment.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds have been placed on record in the office of the Marion county recorder: Charles Morley et ux, to Jacob Bergfried, land in lot 24, South Village of Silverton, w d \$ 500 A. L. West et ux, to J. V. Kenworthy et ux, 18 acres in t 8 s, r 3 w, d 1 Voigt Lumber & Fuel Co. to Salem Box & Lumber Co., lots 2 and 4, block 3, Depot addition, Salem, deed 1

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