

'MASTER MIND' CONTROLS BOOZE

INDUSTRY IN VALLEY MAY BE
SYSTEMATIZED

Distillers Get So Much, Collectors and
Retailers All Under Direction
of "Big Guy."

Is there a gang of "higher ups" in the booze business in the North Platte Valley? From hints dropped by some of the state officers who have recently been prowling through this part of the state, there is a well established ring of "super minds" who direct the distilling, distribution and sale of hooch, or moonshine whiskey, says the Scottbluff Star-Herald.

According to these state men the real culprits keep their tracks so well hidden that it is well nigh impossible to connect them with the game and yet their orders go forth by the "underground" and there are stills established here or there; bootleggers at their order "make" this town or that town with a supply of the "forty-rod" ducking in and out by auto route and leaving the stuff with certain resident agents, the entire operation being accomplished so swiftly and with such apparent innocence that it makes detection doubly difficult and would require the undivided attention of several special men for perhaps weeks before it could be rounded up sufficiently to secure evidence enough for conviction.

The state agents may be right, or they may be barking up the wrong stump. Be that as it may, the federal prohibition agents in the eastern part of the state are bending every effort to find the "big guy" of the moonshiners' ring, who is alleged to be furnishing the capital and all possible protection for his lieutenants as well as for the ignorant foreigners who actually work the stills.

According to Operative Lynch, who works out of the Omaha office, the illicit distillers generally work on a basis of from \$1 to \$12 a gallon for their product, which is collected by other booze agents, much as is milk or cream on a route. The illicit liquor is then jobbed at the price of from \$25 to \$30 a gallon to the "resident dealers," and these in turn retail it at \$5 a pint.

It costs but \$1.60 to make a gallon of moonshine booze, but it contains a million dollars' worth of cussedness.

YALE SIDING

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schefeeck and family of near Wildhorse Butte were visiting at the Wm. Newman ranch Sunday.

Frank Russell left Saturday night for Iowa where he will visit for several weeks with friends and relatives. Quite a number took in the pure

food and baby show in Alliance last week.

Marvin Russell helped C. W. Bryant haul potatoes to Alliance last week.

Gerald Lee met with an accident Monday night. He ran into a barb wire fence, cutting his face between the mouth and nose. He was taken to a doctor in Alliance at once and had the wound dressed. At present writing he is getting along fine.

Jack Welch who worked for Wm. Newman last week, left Saturday for the coal mines in Wyoming.

Mrs. D. W. Reiman spent Tuesday with Mrs. Powell.

Dan Keiman and family attended the local farmers' union meeting at the Fairview church last Friday night.

Many farmers from here attended the Walker public sale Monday near Birdsall Siding.

Two cars of potatoes were shipped from Yale Siding this week.

There was a dance at the John Linder ranch last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Grover were pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening by a few friends and neighbors.

Col. L. E. Bliss, the farmer auctioneer, cried the Walker sale last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Josse and family visited at the C. S. Sisley ranch Sunday.

Vern Davis left for Alliance where he will work this winter.

A. T. Lee finished husking corn on Thursday of last week.

The Pleasant Prairie farmers' union local had their regular meeting Monday night at the John Nielson ranch. Everybody enjoyed the evening.

Joe dwig transacted business at Hemingford one day last week.

The Standard Oil company man was in this neighborhood Monday with a load of oil.

Wm. Newman has his big barn nearly completed.

A. T. Lee helped L. Beal put hay in the barn.

Dan Rieman killed a hog Tuesday. Working in the fields this time of year seems strange but some are breaking prairie.

THE RED CROSS CORNER

Do you know what happened to the dollar you gave the Red Cross last year?

If not, here are some items worth looking into:

1. It helped ten sick, tubercular ex-service men return to their homes or to a United States public health hospital where they were properly taken care of and put on the road to better health.

2. It secured compensation, which means actual money coming in every month from the government, for twenty-five ex-soldiers who have tuberculosis but are still able to work part of the time. Many of these men have families, and if it were not for the government money coming in every month, they might have to ask aid of the county.

3. It sent three insane men, insane because of the service they had given their government, to hospitals, secured compensation and insurance for their families.

4. It secured innumerable back pay claims of money from \$5.00 to \$300 or men who had in some way become entangled in government red tape and were unable to extricate themselves to get their money.

5. It secured information of very important character for one hundred and fifty people, many of them not ex-service men or their wives, but people who believed in the efficiency of the Red Cross in finding out almost anything they wished to know.

6. It brought comfort, advice and service to three strangers within our midst, who were suddenly visited with the great calamity of the death of a loved one, and had no one to turn for

assistance of this kind.

7. It gave financial assistance to seventeen ex-service men and their families who had to have the bare necessities of life, food and shelter. The reasons for this necessity were different in many cases, some times government red tape, compensation held up, not able to work because of illness, poor management, etc.

8. It found employment for fit, ex-service men who were out of work and had to have which to live.

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