

SOME LAWMAKERS DRINK, SOME DON'T

That's What Miss Robertson, Former Member of House,
Says—Believes Conditions Are Improving.

By Times Special.
USKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 9.—Revelations of drinking and other indiscreet conduct by Congressmen in Washington, as contained in the divorce trial of Representative Scott of Michigan, have been no surprise to Miss Alice Robertson. She herself observed the same things.

But Miss Robertson, who is 71 years old and was the second woman ever to be elected to Congress, doesn't think Congressmen are generally a bad lot. She admits that she sometimes noticed liquor on Congressional breaths, that she once saw a Congressman intoxicated on the floor of the House and that she often attended functions where liquor flowed freely, but she asserts that bad constituencies are to be blamed for bad representatives.

Fault of People

All these scenes of official "iniquity" were forced upon Miss Robertson and she implies that she would have seen much more had she been on the lookout for it. "You always find what you look for," she declared in an interview.

"But I resent the attacks on our Congressmen," she said. "There are some who come there who do wrong things, but that is the fault of the people who send them there."

"While in Congress," Miss Robertson continued, warning to the subject, "I saw one Representative intoxicated on the floor of the House. No, don't mention his name. The black sheep at Washington are sent there by the black sheep at home."

Confronted with the direct question, "Is there really much drinking

among Congressmen in Washington?" Miss Robertson said: "I did at times notice liquor on the breath of several Congressmen, one or two of them from the great State of Oklahoma. But, as a general rule, I believe that the Congressmen are a sincere and law-abiding lot."

"I went to many social functions in Washington, however, where liquor was available to those who wished it, and where the most or hostess always called attention to the fact that it was powerful stuff and good, as good goes in such cases. Bridge is the only form of gambling that I noticed, and I did not approve of that."

Sometimes, however, temptation comes to lawmakers in heavy doses, for:

"I attended one affair that I recall, where a cocktail was served at

my arrival wine served with the dinner and other drinks were available in the library after dinner," the former Congresswoman declared.

Things Improving

Conditions in Washington and throughout the country are nevertheless improving, according to Miss Robertson. She dwelt upon the night life and immorality existing in the nation's capital when she went there as a girl to clerk in the Indian Office more than fifty years ago.

"There was a bar at the Capitol then," she recalled, "and immorality existed in some instances among the Congressional set."

Miss Robertson, who devoted many years of her younger life to the education of the Indians, and who was swept to the national Capitol with the Republican landslide of 1920, is now conducting a quiet, sedate roadhouse in a suburb, where she entertains a first-class chicken dinner.

"The main trouble is," she continued, "that the salary of a Congressman is not sufficient for the upkeep of his office. I went to Congress for two years and when I returned to Oklahoma, I had to go to work."

La Porte Is Two Words

By Times Special.
LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 1.—The local postoffice has received word from Washington, ordering the spelling

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Lincoln Guard Dead

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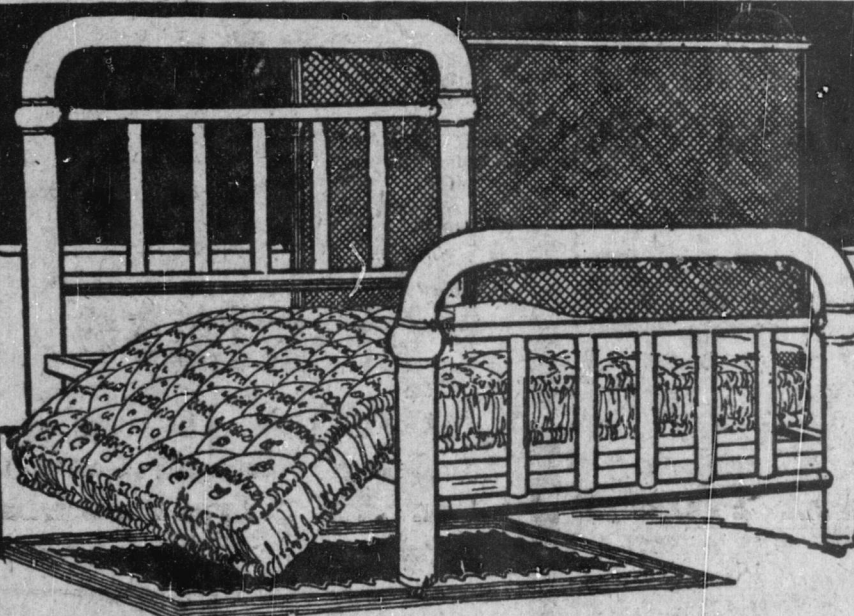
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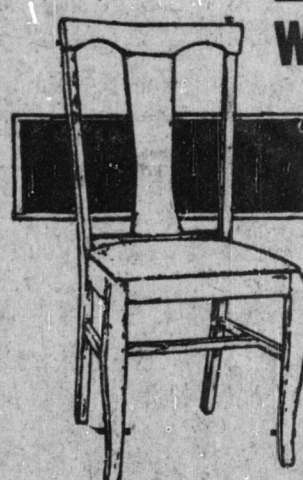


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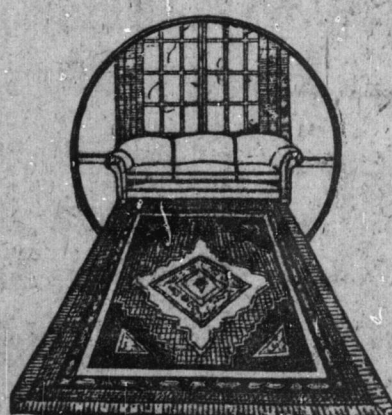
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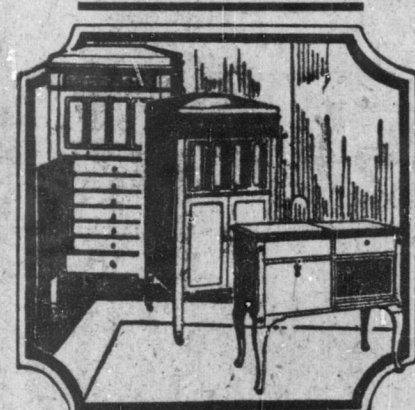
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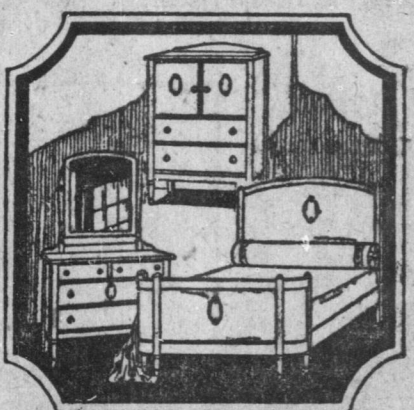
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