

Whisky Praised as Influenza Medicine

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LOGAN, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Dr. J. E. McDonald, a prominent physician of this city, in this dark hour of John Barleycorn, openly comes to the defense of whisky. He charges that many have died of Spanish influenza because whisky, brandy and alcohol were unobtainable.

He says he lost but three of 400 cases of "flu" and 48 cases of pneumonia, and he makes no secret of the fact that he used whisky and brandy in the treatment of his cases. He says he found this treatment the only effective one. He also says he paid very little attention to the law in securing whisky.

He asks the Legislature to pass a law to enable physicians to purchase alcohol wholesale under a non-beverage bond because of the present high prices charged in the illegitimate traffic in booze.