



Slowly people started moving to larger towns like Steamboat Springs for the convenience, variety of stores and more available jobs. The town of Sidney was never a booming town, but it was productive enough to have its own store, railroad, church, post office and school. There is a sign still hanging next to the railroad track signifying Sidney, Colorado where it used to be. To an outsider the sign may not even be visible, but for those who lived there and for some who still do, Sidney, Colorado has vivid memories of days gone by.

"But these were hard times, during the depression, and people often suppressed their problems by drinking corn liquor which they made themselves. When I was riding up the road with my Dad one day, there laid a bottle in the road, a whiskey bottle. It held about a pint of whiskey which cost about five dollars. I couldn't believe it, because we paid a dime for a bottle of pop, and I wondered why anyone would pay five dollars for a pint of whiskey, ten dollars for a gallon. It was just a relief for a lot of old timers when it was legal to buy whiskey. There was an old character here who told my father, 'They can't call this a free country anymore if they take away our whiskey,' and he meant it. He looked upon it as an interference into people's individual lives. We looked at people who even handled liquor as being bootleggers, down right law-breakers. But it was sold, even to the prominent people. Still it was against the law to make it or handle it.



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