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AN OHIO SLANDER REFUTED.

The "Oregon Edition" of the New Republic, a national prohibition organ, printed the following highly interesting information concerning the status of Salem newspapers, on September 11:

"The Daily Journal is a sheet more or less bankrupt and edited by the notorious 'Colonel' E. Hofer. Hofer lives on biscuits and dimes thrown at him by the liquor corporations and is always in evidence when the interests of whiskey, brewers or similar interests are at stake. Hofer's strong card is 'debating' with drys whenever he can get some dry into a talkfest. If it were not for the liquor interests Hofer would starve to death for he is too strong to work."

"The Daily Statesman of late years has been fair and friendly to the decent interests of the city and is now considered to be quite dry and desirous of aiding the amendment, though it has not yet committed itself to any state policy."

"The liquor men, however, are secretly boasting that they have 'bought up' the Statesman, and that in a short time a lot of wet articles are to appear in its columns attacking the amendment. The plan is to call the wet attack of the Statesman 'advertising' and to plead that the paper has a right to attack any decent, provided it gets pay for the matter, and providing it is called advertising. That is what the whiskey agents are now claiming."

"On the other hand, the business men of standing in Salem who have a high regard for the character of the Statesman and its publishers indignantly declare that the editor is way above anything of this sort and that money will not buy space in its columns for the whiskey interests to root for the saloon interests."

We do not profess to know anything about the affairs of the morning paper and it can speak for itself, but the reference to the Capital Journal is, as everyone in Salem and vicinity knows, a rank libel. It is too palpably untrue to be worthy of notice, except that it may serve as an illustration of the methods too frequently employed to gain votes.

Even the most superficial of investigations might have prevented such glaring misstatements, or else the publication was based on deliberate malice with a view to injuring the standing of this paper at home and abroad. Some voters throughout Oregon may not know the facts and may be misled by such falsehoods, but in the end there will be a reaction. These crusaders from outside of the state who are telling the people of Oregon how they ought to vote seem to have a low estimate of the intelligence of a community which maintains newspapers of the character they would have the public believe are possessed by those published in Salem. They are furthermore obsessed with the idea that abuse and vilification and wilful lies will win an election which should be decided by good judgment and honest convictions.

As far as paid advertisements, from anti-prohibitionists or anybody else, being regarded as a subsidy, nothing could be more unfair to newspaper publishers. Not only is it good business sense to accept them, but it is only right and just to all concerned to do so. If newspapers were to refuse to sell their space to those holding opposite views to the editor, or in any way allow them to express their opinions through the press it would be the easiest matter in the world to create newspaper trusts for the molding of public sentiment or the stifling of free speech and thought. There are seldom but two newspapers in towns corresponding to Salem in size, and these must be regarded to a great degree as public institutions where all parties and creeds may have an equal hearing on matters which are of public concern. The editor's opinions should be confined strictly to his editorial columns, and in the news departments there should be no discrimination, and no man should be denied a hearing if the matter treated is worthy of public consideration. Sometimes this space should be charged for as advertising and at other times given freely, the publisher having a right to use his judgment in the matter with fairness and impartiality, taking into consideration his own financial investment in the plant and business. No other policy in the conduct of a newspaper will gain the public respect and confidence. To say that a newspaper is bribed because it sells advertising space to certain interests is an unwarranted charge. The law should compel the press to play no favorites in the matter of selling advertising, provided it is of respectable character, and in the matter of anti-prohibition arguments this depends solely upon the viewpoint. There are fanatics in both sides of the question who refuse to recognize any honesty or sincerity of purpose on the part of their opponents, but they are in the minority. In our own opinion a large majority of the Americans, though at times mistaken, are honest in their views when they line up on a question of public concern, and the radical utterances and acts of the extremists have little weight in the final conclusion.

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BEGGING IN THE SCHOOLS.

The philanthropic promoters of a scheme to send from this country a consignment of Christmas presents to children in the European war zone have fixed their eyes on the public schools as offering attractive stations for the solicitation of gifts. They argue that it would be appropriate for the children to contribute and convenient to urge them to generosity in their class and assembly rooms.

It is to be hoped that the boards of education will withhold their sanction from this enterprise. Begging in the schools should not be tolerated, much less encouraged. It was bad when it took the form of subscriptions to presents for teachers, and worse when the preposterous battleship American Boy was proposed. The educational authorities have frowned on such undertakings for years, and they should be sustained now in resisting this picturesque appeal.

Were it necessary to produce against the plan arguments in addition to those supplied by the comfort and well being of the children, to find them would not be difficult.

The high desirability of excluding from the schools those discussions of the war which must enforce on a large number of the juvenile population the sorrows and bereavements suffered by their kinsmen across the sea is obvious; and the duty of all public functionaries to discountenance any act that might lead to the arousing of passions is plain.

The redecking and overhauling of the bridge across the Willamette is necessary, no doubt; but that it should be closed at night during the state fair is not. The authorities are taking the right method in having the repairs made with as little inconvenience to the public as possible, and keeping the bridge open during the day. Having done this so nicely, they should now supplement their work by having the bridge kept open until at least 11:30 at night during the six nights of the state fair. There is a large number of visitors from nearby points across the river, and as there are "doings" at the fair until 10 o'clock, they should be given time to get home after that. The city dads and county officials who have charge of the bridge work will confer a favor on the public generally by keeping the bridge open, if not all night at least until the hour stated, and the contractor can also make himself a public benefactor by standing in to accomplish this result.

Germany has just completed raising a billion dollars as a war fund. It is stated this amount was easily raised and that there will be no difficulty in raising another billion. France, England and Russia are all in position to raise money, and the question of which side will win may possibly depend on which side can raise money to carry it on the longest. From this viewpoint, the allies have the better of it, for the three nations are stronger financially than Germany. The allies have expressed the determination to press the war until Germany is humbled, and Germany will fight to the last ditch. From this it will be seen the final result will depend on two things—which side can raise the most money for supplies and ammunition and also the most men for victims.

Senator Burton made a winning fight against the "Pork" in the rivers and harbors bill, and according to the reductions made in the bill, found some \$15,000,000 worth of hog meat in it. At least that amount was cut out. "Pork" in this bill is defined to be "money appropriated for streams and harbors not in your own state or used by your state." The latter kind of an appropriation is "a much needed and important public improvement, beneficial to the whole nation."

Little Serbia does things in a big way just like her larger neighbors. France, Russia and England having agreed not to make peace without the consent of the others, Serbia, who was not asked to take part in this agreement, announces she will not make peace until the three powers named do. Thus does the brave little bailiwick butt in.

In making your plans next week remember the state fair begins Monday, holds Tuesday, is there Wednesday, Salem day; has to show Portland Thursday, and the children Friday, and of course you will want to be there to see the closing, Saturday. After that you can put in the balance of the week as you please.

THE ROUND-UP

An assistant teacher in the High school at Florence, was drowned Sunday afternoon, when the rowboat in which she and three other girls were riding, was upset by the strong current, as those pulling it tried to pass above a snag, in landing.
Fourteen new typewriters have been purchased for McMinnville's schools, indicating that education in Oregon is becoming actually practical.
The Polk County Itemizer grows ironical: "Did you hear the news from Maine? The Democrats elected the governor and other state officers. Looks like a Republican year, doesn't it?"
"Scarcely a yard in this section," says the Aurora, Marion county, Observer, "produced the same amount of hops this year as in 1913." The season's crop is estimated to be 30 per cent below that of 1913.
Jackson county's school directory shows that of the 1913-14 fund of \$235,502 available for school purposes, \$75,991 was unexpended and is available for the current year. The county has 191 schools and 233 teachers. There were 6806 children of school age November 25, 1913. The estimated value

of schoolhouses and grounds was \$600,000, and of furniture and apparatus, \$60,000.

Canned jackrabbit as one of Oregon's products is proposed by L. B. McCoy of Hay Creek, eastern Oregon, in a letter to Governor West. Mr. McCoy maintains that Mr. Jackrabbit cannot be far more profitable than Mr. Rabbit roasting the sagebrush plains.

The Courier says the past summer has demonstrated the necessity of irrigation in the Rogue River valley. Insured success for the agriculturist or horticulturist depends on irrigation. In the Medford district, it is said, there are many orchards where apples did not attain marketable size because of extreme dryness.

A year's effort to advance the interests of Sweet Home, Linn county, has not been financially profitable to the Tribune. But that paper's editor is struggling on, hoping that losses of its first year will be compensated by profits when Sweet Home comes into its own.

Old Furniture

The women are hunting for antique mahogany, old junk of that sort in our households is piled; the prices, once low, are no longer toboggan, but higher—



or they soar, as the women grow wild. Heels for a century wobbly and rickety, dressers and chairs that are all on the blink; the owner of these is so proud and pertinacity! She asks a big price, and we cough up the buck. Those creaking old beds that are wide and commodious, fitted with ropes or the old-fashioned slats! Always they seem to me wretched and odious, but when I see the women cry "Hats!" But cause so punk that they make a man serious, wapperjawed things, an offense to the eye, send the wild dames into spasms delicious; "oh, what a sumptuous relief," they cry. How you would like to destroy all the furniture gathered from junk piles in country and town! But if you heap it around you and burn it you're apt to retire with a dent in your crown. Rosewood, mahogany, walnut and hickory, anything handed from ages of yore! Sadly I'm drinking my flagon of chiceroy, wishing the women were lucid once more.

DRUGS EXCITE YOUR KIDNEYS, USE SALTS

If Your Back is Aching or Bladder Bothers, Drink Lots of Water and Eat Less Meat.

When your kidneys hurt and your back feels sore, don't get scared and proceed to load your stomach with a lot of drugs that excite the kidneys and irritate the entire urinary tract. Keep your kidneys clean like you keep your bowels clean, by flushing them with a mild, harmless salt, which removes the body's urinous waste and stimulates them to their normal activity. The function of the kidneys is to filter the blood. In 24 hours they strain from it 500 grains of acid and waste, so we can readily understand the vital importance of keeping the kidneys active.

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PATHETIC CASE IS RESULT OF THE WAR

With two brothers held in the German army and no one here to care for their dependents, Miss B. Gemkow, of Coche, arrived in Salem this morning looking for work.
The brothers went to Germany in May to visit. While there they were held as reservists. Their only possession here is some farm land near Portland. One brother has three children, who are motherless, and so the land has been rented to enable the children to go to school in Portland.
Weeping because of her dilemma, the woman was found this morning in the Oregon Electric depot. She speaks little English but when German people were brought to her she told of her deprivation and suffering. Matron Dersey said that Miss Gemkow is anxious to find work with a German family.

FORMER POLK LADY DROWNS.

Miss Jean Sherman of Ocean View, a former resident of this county, her parents having resided at Independence, was drowned at Florence last Sunday while in rowboat with Hazel, Agnes and Alice Weatherston. They attempted to go in above a barge to land, but a strong current upset the boat, carrying it under the barge.
Miss Sherman will be well remembered in Dallas. She was prominent in Presbyterian circles of the county and was a most beautiful character.—Dallas Observer.

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