

Many Evils Of Prohibition Evident; Maddox

Increase in Number of Arrests Is Shown by National Statistics

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Mundus vult decipi—the world loves to be deceived.

Stark and vivid is this truth and nowhere is it more strikingly manifested than in this present regime of unprohibiting prohibition. For more than eight years the nation has submitted itself to a great social experiment, trying to achieve sobriety and temperance through the most drastic restrictive measures which could be conceived.

Each successive year we have been told by its ardent advocates that these twelve months would show a marked improvement in enforcement. These sincere and optimistic prophecies have been belied upon each occasion by the facts. Prohibition Commissioner Doran reports that 65,000 persons were arrested in 1927 charged with violation of the national prohibition act, an increase of 4000 over the previous year. A report for the country's thirteen largest cities shows that 245,000 were arrested for drunkenness in 1925, as compared with only 92,000 in 1920, the first year of prohibition. And we are now drawing \$28,000,000 a year from the national treasury in the most courageous, the most frantic and apparently the most futile effort to enforce any law which has ever appeared upon our statute books.

Evidence Everywhere

Facts, though indisputable, may nevertheless not be so forcibly impressive as one's personal experience. One looks around—in homes, in hotels, on trains, in restaurants, on the streets, in colleges—everywhere one sees evidence. There is probably not a community in the country where those familiar with the locality and in search of drink, cannot get it. The stuff is bad, much of it almost poisonous, and this increases the evil, because people insist upon imbibing it. The ginger ale industry has gone ahead by leaps and bounds, not because it is being used as a substitute for alcohol but because it is necessary to palliate the taste of bad gin. The law is not regarded as other laws; those who violate it are not looked upon as criminals. The public condones infractions; it enjoys them. Recently on a Southern Pacific passenger train, men were pouring gin into their ginger ales ordered in the cafe car and no one paid any attention, except some who glanced somewhat enviously, because the day was hot.

People Avoid Facts

But are these things publicly acknowledged? No, decidedly no, and there lies the significance of the Latin dictum. These things are done and seen in private but must not be talked about in public. Editors, statesmen, politicians, judges, all those in public authority, scrupulously avoid facing the facts. Every state in the union has its pious editorials written by those who join in a drink whenever possible; the national congress contains scores of dry-voting members who have their own supplies and these facts are attested, always in private, by those familiar with Washington. If the personal pronoun may be excused, I have seen federal judges take their drinks in clubs one night and sentence prohibition violators to jail the next. As a newspaper man, I have seen police stations where good drinks can be secured. These conditions are not peculiar to the east, where I observed them, but, according to those who should know, are to be found in this state also. The law is breeding us a nation of rank hypocrites. If every man and woman in Oregon who has ever broken the prohibition acts would acknowledge that fact, if the masks could be torn from their faces and the deception exposed, the general consternation in seeing distinguished and prominent men everywhere in such guise of naked truth would be unbelievable. But no, discretion is urged upon them, and the law is thus

paid a full and generous quota of lip service.

Here is a gigantic fraud being perpetrated upon the American people and its evil face grows more twisted and sinister each year. Its high priests are editors and statesmen, who know the truth and are afraid to print it; ministers of the gospel, who probably are sincerely unaware of reality and live in their private voids; club and church women who don't know what their husbands and sons are doing half the time; and big business men, always assured of their own cocktails, but who believe it gives them sober workmen and more dollars.

And they are wrong who hold that opponents of prohibition are slaves of the liquor traffic, personally dissuasive, conspiring to ruin the youth of the land in immorality and debauchery. The truth is that the present regime comes closer to doing this. Nor do these opponents prefer the open saloon. We are not asking for that back. There are other, saner, more reasonable and practically more successful alternatives, and some of these will be discussed here next week.

Roof of New Men's Hall Near Completion

Eight weeks ago today the first concrete was poured into the forms of the Oregon men's new dormitory. The roof is now being constructed over the huge concrete structure. Monday the asbestos shingles will be put on.

According to Superintendent Ratty, brick work will begin within a few days. The first truckload of facing stone to be used with the brick at windows and corners arrived Thursday evening. About 52 yards of concrete remain to be poured out of a total of several thousand, and this is for a floor on the north wing and for pipe tunnels in the basement. The pouring job almost completed, the biggest worry is over. Every effort to speed up this part of the contracts was made and continuous shifts were run during a great deal of the time. A crew of 75 men for the three shifts, kept up a continuous stream of concrete from the long, swinging trough on parts of the structure so that no bulkheads would be required and thus much time was saved.

The plumbing job, subtlet to A. L. Williamson, is proceeding during other operations, and will probably be much speeded up, especially in the kitchen wing, by time of completion of the concrete pouring.

Household Arts Group Will Serve Tea Today

The combined efforts of the cooking classes under the direction of Miss Lillian Tingle, the sewing classes headed by Miss Margaret Daigh, and the home planning classes headed by Mrs. Dorothy Fish, will be put forth to make the household arts tea this afternoon a success.

From 2:30 to 5:30 tea and wafers, made by the cooking classes, will be served to the visiting mothers on the campus. An exhibition of the clothes made by the sewing classes will be shown during this time in a room that has been specially decorated for the purpose. The decorating work has been done by the home planning classes, who have made Miss Tingle's office into a charming room with Japanese blue as the predominating color. New drapes have been made. The furniture has been repainted and even the upholstering has been redone for the occasion.

The department has issued an invitation to all of the students and their mothers, and to the faculty.

Aggie Men Engage in Log Bucking Contest

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 11—(PIP)—Four forestry students took part in a log-bucking contest at a Forum luncheon and before the Portland chamber of commerce. The boys were dressed in regulation lumbermen's clothes and sawed Douglas fir logs. None of the contestants was less than six feet in height, and they ranged in weight from 190 to 220 pounds.

Play Chosen by Drama Students

'Alice in Wonderland' To Be Given This Term

"Alice in Wonderland," written by Lewis Carroll, has been selected for presentation by the speaking voice class of the drama department. The date of presentation has not been decided, but the play will probably be given the latter part of this term at Guild theatre.

This will be the second undertaking of the beginning class in drama, for the past year. "Spoon River Anthology," by Edgar Lee Masters, was given last term.

Harriet Hawkins, an experienced student in the department, is taking charge of the class and its production, since Miss Wilbur, drama director, will be busy with rehearsals and plans for the commencement play, "Midsummer Night's Dream," which is to be given June 8 on the mill race.

Miss Wilbur will supervise the direction of "Alice in Wonderland," with Miss Hawkins carrying out the rehearsals and class work.

She has chosen Mrs. Burton Harrison's dramatization of the play. During Miss Wilbur's third year at Cornell, she staged "Alice in Wonderland" as the junior class play. Several times she has used her own interpretation of the play, but due to the amount of work to be done and the short time that is left to do it, Miss Wilbur selected Mrs. Harrison's dramatization.

Some time ago the play was sold to an American man for \$75,000 after the English author had refused a \$70,000 offer from some museum.

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Japanese Dolls Visit Campus; Messengers Of Eastern Goodwill

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How do you do we say;
How would you like to skip your class
And play with us today?

The Japanese dolls which visited us recently might have expressed the above, had not the manufacturers forgotten and closed their mouths in a silence which is to last forever. However, in spite of this drawback, these charming dolls brought with them a great deal of friendship and good will from the little Japanese children across the seas. They were sent in recognition of the American dolls which we sent to Japan several years ago.

Each doll brought with her a complete wardrobe—parasols, chests of drawers and above all, her own individual vanity case. The dolls are very valuable in showing the character dress of Japan, each wearing the traditional three kimonos and accessories.

This is all very interesting, but rather one-sided as not a single representative of the masculine element made appearance.

Mothers

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monds, Eugene; Mrs. R. C. Jackson, Portland; Mrs. C. G. Sadilek, Oswego; Mrs. Rosa Dodge Galey, Ashland; Mrs. F. D. Wagner, Ashland; Mrs. Hugh T. Mitchellmore, Ashland; Mrs. Frederick A. Rice, Myrtle Creek; Mrs. W. A. Barnes, Tacoma; Mrs. J. H. LaMoree, Portland.

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Mrs. Thacher To Play in Recital

Piano Professor To Present Program Monday

Mrs. Jane Thacher, professor of music at the University, is giving a piano recital Monday evening, May 14, in the school of music auditorium, at 8:15 o'clock. Mrs. Thacher, who is a pianist of exceptional ability, studied in Vienna with the renowned Polish instructor, Leschetizky, who also taught Paderewski, Friedman and Bloomfield Zeisler. The program presented Monday night is the same program that Mrs.

Thacher will present at Cornell University in New York, June 5.

The program is:

Pastorale Scarlatti
Butterflies Couperin
Rigaudon Raff (an old dance)
The Nightingale Liszt
Funerailles Liszt
(upon the occasion of Chopin's death)

The White Peacock.....Charles Griffes
Viennese Dance.....Friedman-Gaetner
Reflections in the water.....Debussy
CubanaManuel de Falla
Etude Glazounow

Two Preludes Chopin
Nocturne in G Major..... Chopin
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