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SOME INTERESTING FACTS REGARDING INTOXICANTS

More Galons Consumed, but not so Much Alcoholic Used—
Temperance Advocates Gain Ground.

(Observer Special)

Washington, D. C., May 11—Temperance advocates find great solace in the study of census figures, recently compiled. These show that in actual gallons of alcoholic drinks consumed in the year 1905 there was a great increase over any other year in the history of the country, but in point of alcohol consumed there has been a decrease of importance. This is due to the rapidly increasing consumption of beer and wines, the former of which contains little alcohol and much water. If the figures are to be believed the United States is the most sober nation on earth, and its sobriety comes from the substitution of beer for the ardent spirits.

The figures show that the nation's drink bill last year, as close as it can be gathered, was \$1,548,708,507, but of this amount \$233,269,233 went to tea, coffee and such other stimulants, ranked by Dr. Wiley and others as producing more illness than all the beer of the country combined.

In actual gallons of drinks consumed the United Kingdom leads the world; Germany second, Austria third, Hungary fourth, and the United States fifth.

In the amount of actual alcohol consumed the United States is far below,

every other large nation, being ninth on the list. According to the statistics, the per capita consumption of actual alcohol by countries is as follows: France, 5.18, largely of wine; Italy, 3.53, mostly wine; Austria, 2.71, beer and whiskey; United Kingdom, 2.41, mostly beer and ale; Germany, 2.31, beer and ale; Hungary, 2.15, the same; Spain, 2.13, wine; Portugal, 1.68, wine; United States, 1.58, mainly beer, this country being below any other of the size in the world in its use of wines. Reliable figures from Russia could not be obtained.

American beer has a little over 3 per cent of alcohol, and its consumption during the present fiscal year will, according to official figures, run far over 50,000,000 barrels of 31 gallons each. The interesting situation of Americans becoming the most sober people on earth and at the same time increasing the amount of beer they consume, is presented. As they drink more beer they reduce their whiskey bill, according to the figures. It is declared that this is due to the fact that business houses do not object to the moderate drinking of the light beverage by their employees but do to ardent spirits.

GWILES IS FINALLY ARRESTED

J. R. Gilliam, whose real name is Gwiles was placed under arrest this morning by Chief of Police Guardane upon instructions received from La Grande. According to Chief Guardane the prisoner is wanted in Union county for obtaining money under false pretenses. The crime was committed two years ago, and since then Gilliam or Gwiles has been in California. Not long ago he came back and worked for a time on the gas construction gang. When arrested this morning he was working in the Penitentiary laundry.

Gilliam was known to the chief of police several ago when the latter was in the sheep business on Whiskey creek. Through conversation this morning the identity of the prisoner was established by the chief, and the arrest was then made. Gilliam admits being the man that is wanted, but denies that he is guilty of any crime. He is now being held in the county jail awaiting an officer from Union county.—East Oregonian.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago May 11—Wheat opened at 82½, closed at 83¼; corn opened at 47½, closed at 49; oats opened at 32½, closed at 33.

MINNESOTA PIONEERS TO MEET

(Scripps News Association)

St. Paul, Minn., May 11.—Nearly two thousand settlers from all parts of the States are assembled in this city to take part in the celebration of the forty-seventh anniversary of the admission of Minnesota to the Union. There will be a parade in the afternoon and a large meeting in the evening, with addresses and telling of reminiscences by some of the oldest settlers.

MERCHANT OF VENICE MAY 24

The "Merchant of Venice, Modernized", originated in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, High School. Four High School men composed the play and the Senior Class rendered it as written. This was in 1896. Since then the play has had a wide spread popularity especially in the Central West. It is conceded by all who are familiar with such matters, to be the best High School farce ever written. The unity, progression, and general plan of the original Shakespearean play is closely followed except that it is given a distinctly modern setting.

TO CHOOSE CITE FOR CHINATOWN

(Scripps News Association)

San Francisco May 9—The committee on a permanent location for Chinatown reported this morning that the Six Companies and Chinese property holders refused to accept Hunters points as a permanent location, and the site now chosen by the committee, and which will be submitted to the Chinese, is bounded by Sanson, Front, Pacific and Bay streets. Chairman Pheasant of the finance committee stated that the amount of money now on hand reaches \$2,855,000.

JUSTICE DAY SCORES THE PRESIDENT

(Scripps News Association)

Syracuse, N. Y., May 11—Chancellor Day, in replying to criticisms have been prevalent declared today: The president's invasion into judiciary realms, is alarming and should be rebuked as its merits demand. It borders grounds on for impeachment, and is an anarchy. He has no right to attack private commercial business in any form more especially so, when he attacks personal and private names.

TEMPEST STILL COMING

(Scripps News Association)

San Francisco, May 11—The earth gave a severe twist at 1:30 this afternoon and lasted about three seconds. Aside from a falling of weak walls, no damage was done. The motion was from east to west.

MEXICO WILL HAVE TO EXPLAIN

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, May 11—The house adopted a resolution asking the State department for information concerning the seizure of the fishing boats and imprisonment of the crews by Mexicans.

ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR MURDERER

Dayton, Ohio, May 11—Dr. Oliver C. Hughes, motion for a new trial was overruled, and he was sentenced to be electrocuted on August 29. He was convicted of murdering his parents and a brother.

POLICE QUIETS MOB

Philadelphia, Pa. May 11.—W. White a negro was saved from a mob this afternoon. The negro had beat his wife and a furious crowd gathered to lynch him. When the police arrived the mob had a rope around the negro's neck.

STANDARD COMPANY IN TROUBLE

(Scripps News Association)

Chicago, May 11—Maxon, while being cross examined in the oil hearing, said that he had fifteen hundred letters revealing Standard Oil secrets. The company tried to buy them and he admitted of having notified the company that he would be subpoenaed by Garfield. President Davidson of San Francisco read a promised commission list of contracts that has been made with tank lines, and the list of passes given. Joseph Tucker, of the Central Freight Association, was accused of "Forgetfulness," and advised to answer later in the day. H. C. Huckhill, of the Pennsylvania road said that the Standard lubricating oil was bought exclusively by his road.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 11—Attorney General Milon is preparing to begin prosecution of the standard oil under the new anti-discrimination law. Reports show the prices throughout the state vary according to the will of the standard company.

RE-APPOINTED

The president has nominated D. L. Moomaw postmaster at Baker City, Ore.

TRAIN KILLS UNKNOWN MAN HALF MILE WEST OF HILGARD

Was Asleep on Track, Apparently a Victim of Intemperance—
Inquest To-night or To-morrow.

An unknown man was killed this morning by East bound freight train No. 22 about four o'clock. The accident was about a half a mile west of Hilgard. The body is now at Henry and Carr's undertaking rooms, and Coroner Henry will hold an inquest some time today or in the morning.

Train men who saw the accident state that the man was lying on the track across the rail with his hands under his head apparently asleep. Fireman Faust saw the man and knowing that the heavy train could not be brought to a

stop in time to save the man climbed out to the pilot thinking that perhaps he could lift the man from the rail, but this was impossible though he did succeed in moving him a few inches. From the fact that the man was apparently asleep on the track and had a bottle partly filled with liquor by him, it is thought that he was intoxicated at the time of his death. There was nothing upon the body with which to identify the man. He was apparently about 30 or 35 years of age, quite gray, hair cut short and wore the garb of a laboring man.

COCHRAN SPEAKS PLAINLY

Union, Oregon, May 10, 1906.
Mr. Frank P. Childers,
La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—I have learned from what seems to be a reliable source that in your capacity as a candidate for sheriff you have inquired of persons whom you thought might know something concerning the life and character of Mr. W. W. Randall, your principal opponent for the office of sheriff with a view of finding something of a dirty nature. The natural presumption from this act of yours is that you are trying to find something of a dark nature to circulate against him or to injure his chances of election and aid yours.

In order to enlighten you upon this question of who Mr. Randall is, let me tell you that he has been a student in the Oregon Agricultural college nearly completing the required course for graduation and was prevented from completing it by sickness. Thirteen years he has taught in the public schools of this state, not only teaching the common branches, but higher arithmetic, bookkeeping and language. He is amply qualified, in fact, excellently so, to take charge of this office of sheriff and perform any part of the duties imposed upon him without calling on any other persons for aid. He has been a resident of Union county for more than thirty years and his life and character are well known to those who know him best and we invite you, sir, to search the records fully. On the other hand, let me say to you that we shall consider a persistent effort on your part to find something dirty as an invitation to investigate your past business habits and occupations. As far as Randall is concerned he intends to make a clean, dignified and thorough campaign, but as far as the Republican County Central Committee is concerned it proposes to protect its party's candidate from the slings and arrows of the opposition wherever they are found and if such is your desire, will you be good enough to advise me so that we may treat each other fairly and in fact serve notice upon each other as to the purposes of the campaign?

Yours truly,
C. E. COCHRAN,
Chairman Republican County Central Committee.

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La Grande, Oregon.

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well lined and neatly tailored.

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shirtings.

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SHIRTS

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Saturday Only Half Price

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