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BUSINESS AND PROHIBITION.

The year 1907 has been notable for one thing that has never before been recorded, and in this time of unrest and discontent does not seem to be in harmony with the prevailing spirit of the times, and that is the wave of prohibition that has swept from the Atlantic to the Pacific and is sweeping over the European continent as well. Maine and Kansas, the leaders in this movement, have long been considered a joke and the rest of the world has said that if "one wanted to get a drink and could not get it in any other state, go to Maine or Kansas, for though all the rest were dry these two would be wet." The charge of radicalism has somehow ceased to be heard; also the old argument that prohibition does not prohibit does not any longer obtain with the majority, as the popular opinion is fast joining the prohibition ranks.

There are five states now that have adopted the prohibition clause as a state; and more than 20 are adding local option, county by county, so that it is only a matter of time, and at the rate the work has been going on this year it will be but a short time until several more states will be enrolled on the side of the dry states.

It has been the opinion of the many and still is that the moderate use of whisky and other alcoholic beverages is not harmful, but the observations of the present and the records of the past are convincing the thinkers and philosophers that very few if any men, and, it must be admitted, women too, have the judgment to know just how much he or she should drink without injury to themselves. When this conviction is reached the philanthropic action to be taken is to place a guardianship over humanity in general, by removing the tempting glass. People who have claimed that prohibition does not prohibit seemed to have changed their minds and now advocate its measures.

The fact that alcoholism has increased in England 80 per cent in the last 100 years, while other maladies have greatly decreased, is convincing so many that the old plan of letting everyone drink all he wants is not solving the temperance question, and from the rapidity of the dry wave this year, prohibition seems to be considered the best solution.

At this time, more than any other, the world needs its best men and women. The great strenuousness of the times, the great problems in the business world, the problems in sociology, all demand the best brains that the world can produce. However well the man or woman is endowed with ability or whatever advantages have been improved, undue use of alcohol unfit them for business or work, either for themselves or for their employers.

Whisky is the work enemy alike for the laboring man and the business man, and not only from a humanitarian standpoint, but also from a business point of view the world is passing the decree that whisky must go. —Walla Walla Bulletin.

Unless we mistake the true conditions we would advise that the booster spirit in Oregon from this time on should partake of the effort to secure employment rather than additional population. Things are changed. The time was when it required a lot of boasting to even attract an occasional homeseeker from the east, but that day is past. The overcrowded east must of necessity seek the west. What the west needs from this time on, is to furnish employment for the thousands who will come of their own accord. Men with capital will be on the alert to invest and start new industries and these, in our opinion, are the class the boosters should make an effort to secure. What we want is the men who will provide the payrolls. What would La Grande be today without her payrolls? And still we have room for many more.

Every registered voter has or will receive a copy of the proposed new laws submitted for the suffrage next June. Every voter should read this pamphlet through carefully. It will require but a few hours to go over each law carefully, and then you will be in a position to vote intelligently.

The business houses of Sheridan, Yamhill county, closed their places of business for two hours last Saturday, and raised \$1000 for publicity purposes. Whenever a community becomes infected to that extent with the booster spirit, results are sure to follow.

The senatorial fight in the state of Washington has become so interesting the past few weeks, that they hardly realize that Oregon is in a similar campaign. Senator Ankeny has the battle of his life to be returned. His opponent is Congressman Jones.

There is ample time yet to begin, but apparently there is no effort being put forward to secure favor to the proposed amendment to the constitution providing where women have the right to vote.

It is rumored that the Harris dance hall is not the only place where young girls frequent and keep late hours when they should be home. A few more arrests may have the desired effect.

While the opposition to Mr. Bryan is trying hard to secure a candidate that will defeat the silver-tongued orator, why do they not rally around Governor Folt, of Missouri?

It is only about 60 days until the republican national convention meets. At this date it looks as though Mr. Taft would secure the nomination on the first ballot.

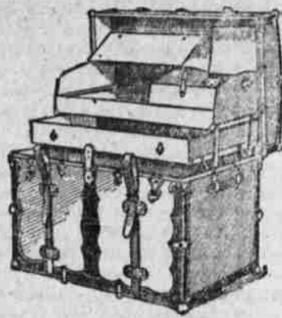
If there is a man in Union county who is going to vote against the universality appropriation, he is keeping mighty quiet.

There are lots of things that "won't come out in the wash."

ROOSEVELT A GLACE TROTTER.

Planning to Tear the World After Expiration of His Term.

Washington, D. C., April 7.—President Roosevelt will make a tour of the world after the expiration of his term. This statement was made authoritatively at the White House today. His declared purpose is to give Secretary Taft, if Taft is nominated and elected, a free hand in the office without any danger of reputation he was acting under the influence of Roosevelt.



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UNION COUNTY DAIRYING.

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The Portland Journal is making arrangements for publishing a monster dairy edition and Union county's activity along this line will be touched upon in that edition. Over 100,000 copies are going to be published and scattered over all portions of the country. This will mean much to this county, which can already boast of more success along the dairy line than any county of eastern Oregon.

BACK FROM MINES.

Much Snow at the Mines Near Camp Carson and Rainbow.

D. A. Stephens returned today from the Camp Carson mines, where he went with a large load of supplies recently. There are two feet of snow at Camp Carson and seven feet of snow at the Rainbow. Things will be in readiness for a record run at the

Camp Carson mines, as soon as the weather permits. Sam Williamson took the provisions up and returned with Mr. Stephens today.

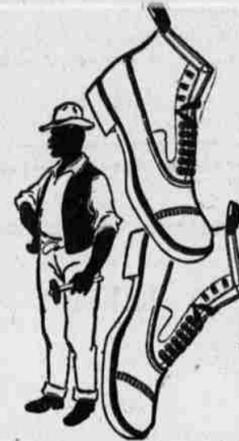
TACOMA BALLOT BATTLE.

Bitter Contest at the Polls Waged in Tacoma Today.

Tacoma, Wash., April 7.—A heavy vote is being polled here today in the city election in which there is a bitter fight between Mayor Wright and Judge Linck, the republican candidate. Challenges at the polls are frequent and two men were arrested for illegal registration and voting. The contest will apparently be very close.

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