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**"DRUMMER"  
SPEAKS PLAIN**

**OUTLINES HIS THEORIES ON SIN AND DRUNKENNESS.**

Former "Booze Fighter" Pictures the Causes and Cure.

"Drummer Billy Williams at the Methodist church last evening held a fair sized audience spellbound with a line of logic which is seldom heard from a pulpit. "Drummer" has been in Eastern Oregon preaching for some time, and his address here last evening is but one of the many which he has.

In the beginning of his lecture Mr. Williams told how he had inherited his taste for liquor from his mother who was not a drunkard, but being an English woman had retained the English custom of an occasional use of liquor known as half and half on the table. However, he said, that his father was Welsh, and was never drunk. "He never came into a saloon except when he came after me."

Mr. Williams then told of his first step downward. When a boy about 12 he got drunk on some current wine which was kept in the family pantry. After this his mother would not keep any thing in the house of that kind. Shortly after the incident that he mentions, his mother was converted.

**Drunkenness a Disease.**  
In speaking of the liquor habit, Mr. Williams said that drunkenness was a disease. "This is not a wild assertion on this subject," he continued. "The appetite is not in the palate. It is a craving in the nerve cells which are in the lining of the stomach. There is a time in the stages of a drunkard's career when a drink is a necessity."

As an illustration of this statement Mr. Williams cited an instance which occurred just after the San Francisco earthquake. He said that the San Francisco Chronicle of the time told that forty refugees who were quartered in the parks went insane and were taken from the parks to the asylums.

"The saloons and places where they could get drink and drugs had been burned down and they went crazy for the want of it. You have no more right to put a drunkard on the rock pile," he continued, "than you have a consumptive or a typhoid fever patient on the rock pile. Better put the Presbyterians and the Baptists and the Methodists there who foster bling pigs and boot leggers in La Grande." Considerable applause followed this suggestion.

**Sin an Inheritance.**  
"Sin runs in the blood, but grace doesn't. I know why I am bald headed," he said, referring to his past life and also to his beardless scalp. "It is a lie born of the devil that the man who sows his wild oats will make a better man than one who doesn't. It is the theology of hell that the man who founds, and sees the elephant will make the best man. A man who has never stepped across the threshold of a house of ill fame will make a better citizen than he who has."

**Drunk, but No Phil Fiend.**

"I was drunk for six weeks in Kansas City, but I never got low enough to smoke a cigarette," he said. He also went on to say that no cigarette fiend would take the Keely cure as the poison in the cigarette would counteract the Keely cure. He defined a cigarette fiend as a person who had smoked enough cigarettes to color his finger ends yellow. In speaking of this he said that he had never known a cigarette fiend to be converted, or to pray or to shed a tear. He then told of crying drunkards who would both cry and pray while drunk.

After discussing the liquor habit at some length he then attacked the Sunday base ball games.

**Discusses Baseball.**  
"I like a good, clean game of baseball," he said. "When a man gets to be a baseball enthusiast the years don't take it out of him. There is no harm in baseball, but there is harm in Sunday games. The associations of the Sunday games are bad, awfully bad, damnably bad. It's making us lose the sanctity of the Sabbath, we are knocking out the prop from under us that makes this nation what it is."

Then he took a shot at dancing. He referred to it as simply hugging to music. He described the first country dance that he ever attended. He did not know much about dancing and was

too bashful to ask a girl to dance until some of his friends put "sand in his craw." This operation, he said, consisted in taking a swig or two out of a bottle. "After that I would have asked Queen Victoria to dance the first set with me if she had been present," he continued.

**FEW CLAIMS  
ARE SOUGHT**

**GREAT DEPRECIATION IN NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS.**

Report Compiled by Land Office Shows Large Decrease.

Register F. C. Bramwell and Receiver C. R. Eberhard and the clerical force of the United States Land office have just finished compiling their monthly reports and as compared with the corresponding period of last year the amount of fees and commissions for the current month, last year were \$1918.54 and for this year \$2209.28, for the present month. During the month there were 165 final proofs, 40 relinquishments, 76 homestead applications, 11 desert applications, 12 timber and stone applications, 12 final proof homestead entries and 12 final desert proofs.

An indication as to how closely good tracts of land are being watched, there are now pending 168 contest cases, of which 101 have been initiated by the government and 67 by individuals, of this number, however 13 are awaiting a decision by the local officers. The testimony has not been taken yet in the others.

Last March there were 336 cases pending but by working overtime the officers have cleaned up the docket and this department like all others is up to date.

One of the radical changes in the land office is the number of timber and stone applications. Last month only 12 applications were made in the entire district which is a falling off of over 75 per cent. This has been brought about by a change in the system, no definite price being fixed, it all depending upon the amount of timber by an agent of the government, and the taking out of the market thousands of acres by forest reserve withdrawals.

**Notice to Patrons.**

Subscribers not receiving their papers regularly or if it is not delivered as it should be, will confer a great favor by notifying the office. Unless you do so we have no knowledge but what the delivery service is satisfactory. The time of the year is now here when proper delivery is essential. No subscriber wants to dry out their paper, neither do we want them to. If the paper is delivered properly it is not necessary.

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Apple Show  
Spokane**

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