

THE STORY OF ONE "DRY" TOWN

Conditions at Grant's Pass calmly Presented by a Local Paper.

(Grant's Pass Observer.)
It is an old axiom that "all extremes are error and the truth lies between." This applies fittingly to the liquor traffic. Seven years ago the saloons of Grants Pass and many other Oregon towns were in the open stage. They were vilely conducted, had been for years, and with gambling and all the other money making appendages, were an offense to all decent people. That was one extreme, and it certainly was a great error. At the city election of December, 1903, the scandalized voters of Grants Pass elected a reform mayor and council, who took the gross evil in hand, and promptly corrected it, by the passage of several ordinances. Gambling was abolished, Sunday clos-

ing was compelled, and other corrections made. All of these reforms were entirely acceptable to the people of the city, and at least some of the saloon proprietors approved them. That was because the reforms were desirable and appealed to reason.

Subsequently other reforms were carried out relating to supplying liquor to minors or to common inebriates, for which the penalties were heavy. These reforms also received general approval, because they were desirable and approved by reason. An increase in the license fee also received popular approval, as did a limit to the number of licenses that could be issued.

Thus restrained, the saloons of Grants Pass became orderly and respectable, provided \$6000 of city revenue and were an offense to no one.

In 1908 the county local option law was submitted and carried in Josephine county. The saloons were temporarily put out of business, and immediately a new set of crimes was inspired. Liquor continued to be sold contrary to law. The revenue of \$6,000 a year was lost to the city, and the liquor traffic was without regulation. Portland dealers covered the county with circulars offering strong drinks at lower prices than ever known of before here. Any one, man or woman, who could obtain three dollars could have four full quarts of whisky forwarded to him by express prepaid. It is not assumed that the Portland dealers intended to sell to minors, but it worked that way. Orders were filled. The business of the express office flourished, and at Christmas time there was a great rush. The worst result was that persons who formerly used beer as a beverage, with harmless result, became whisky drinkers, beer being too bulky for this trade.

In this way prohibition has resulted a great deal of moral harm, and it has prevented no one from using alcoholic drinks who desired them. Prohibition in Grants Pass has been a complete failure, just as it has been in all other communities. It induces

men who formerly took liquor in moderation at the saloon bar, checked by the publicity, to obtain home supplies and drink in secret. Altogether the attempt to force men to cease the use of alcoholic drinks has been without any appreciable benefit, while it has been a constant evil, and at the same time it has burdened the city with excessive taxes—an increase of 150 per cent in two years.

The cause of all this failure of prohibitory law is because it goes to the extreme, and is therefore vigorously resented by at least a large majority of the people concerned. All experience demonstrates that people cannot be forced to accept sumptuary laws, and when one considers that the use of liquor has been an accepted custom in all civilized countries for thousands of years, and it is the invariable custom today of all the great nations of the earth, under such circumstances reason teaches that prohibitory laws are necessarily a mistake. The demand for prohibition is emotional and is not governed by reason, and neither can it be enforced contrary to reason and experience.

This paper believes in the truth that lies between the two extremes—the truth that will be acceptable to practically all men. The liquor traffic is an evil. It must be corrected in the most thorough way that the general public sense will consent to, and the greatest correction that the general public will stand for is high license, stringent laws and heavy penalties.

Many Go to Sumpter.

To the tune of "We won't go home until morning," by the Baker Concert band, 225 merry excursionists left this city this morning for Sumpter to participate in the big Labor Day celebration which is being held in the hill town. The excursion train left immediately after the regular passenger train, and there was aboard one of the jolliest crowds that ever left Baker City. The entire Baker Concert band was there, and they made merry music while the other excursionists proceeded to have a good time.—Baker City Herald.

Strand is Deputy Sheriff.

George Strand has been appointed deputy sheriff to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bert Wilson, who is now claim agent for the O. R. & N. company. Strand is a Pendleton boy, a graduate of the local high school and while a student of that institution was one of the most popular and best known high school athletes in the northwest.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

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Wallowa Shoots Open Monday.

Wallowa, Sept. 5 (Special)—Vacation is drawing to a close, Wallowa schools open Monday for the year 1910-1911, and it is expected that the attendance will be good from the start. The work is in excellent shape from last year and unusually good results are expected during the coming season.

Prof. H. H. Bronson, who has charge of the schools, begins his third year in this school and is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the school. He is well qualified for the work before him both by preparation and previous experience, and will begin the year with an able corps of assistants and the support of the patrons.

New Hospital at Wallowa.

Wallowa, Sept. 5, (Special)—The Wallowa Hospital, to be opened by Drs. Gregory and Gregory in the Minnaugh house, will be ready to receive patients some time next week. The painting and papering has been completed. The plumbing remains to be done, but will be finished in a few days. The new X-ray and modern surgical appliances which Dr. V. H. Gregory purchased on his recent trip east are now on the way and will arrive in a few weeks.

CAP. ALEXANDER FINED.

Former La Grande Man Comes to Grief at Hermiston.

So-called "land-frauders" real and alleged who feel that they have a grievance against Captain Alexander, the special land agent, may gain a measure of satisfaction from a Hermiston police court happening. It seems that a large number of wild ducks, driven in from the lakes and the river from constant hunting, had taken refuge in a small lake within the city limits. Seeing the ducks there Captain Alexander hid himself to a store, procured a gun and some ammunition and started a bombardment. His shooting had not progressed very far, however, when the marshal appeared on the scene. He was hailed before Police Judge McKenzie, like any other offender, and fined \$5.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

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