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MR. WHITON AGAIN.

In the People's Forum column will be found a communication from J. E. Whiton, who lately came here from Minnesota. From the tone of the article Mr. Whiton evidently belongs to that peculiar class of extremists who can see a theory and trusts to luck for the practical application of it. He is long on the sympathetic wall about "save the boy from the saloon," apparently not stopping to think that raising of the boy is the important feature. The lessons taught at home relative to abuse of appetite and passion are the only lessons that count for anything. You can legislate until you are black in the face and you cannot save one single boy if that boy has not been taught the lesson of self restraint at home.

This is the keynote to right doing, and we want to be distinctly understood when we say that as a rule a boy counts in this world for just what he has been taught at home. And the same is true of the girl. Make the home life right and you have robbed Satan of a criminal or a prostitute.

Mr. Whiton yets away from the subject up for discussion. He clings hard and fast to prohibition, but does not call to mind a place where prohibition actually prohibits, and that is the point The Observer has mentioned frequently. If, with one swipe of his magic wand this man from Minnesota could destroy and annihilate the liquor traffic, it might be well and good. But he cannot, at least, it is presumed he cannot. Then, if Mr. Whiton cannot exterminate liquor, he must admit that the perplexing question before the people of Union county is, how to handle it with least burden to the people. Surely no one will take the stand that La Grande has ever had prohibition. For two years the city has been living in the hypocritical atmosphere of local option. The "dry Union county" is a huge joke throughout the state of Oregon, yet there are those, along with Mr. Whiton, who say, "we are making headway the time is coming when conditions will be ideal. Two years should be long enough as a trial. Results in that time should demonstrate what is best, and it has demonstrated this to a large number.

When an extremist of Mr. Whiton's temperament attempts to brand everyone who advocates regulation of the saloons as home-wreckers and general all-around bad citizens, it is certainly time everyone who has views on the question be heard. We know

of honest, decent, respectable, home-loving men who will vote if they have an opportunity to license and regulate the liquor traffic in Union county. And in doing so they will feel that they have done right before God and man. This class of men as a rule are not street talkers, nor do they inject their views at every opportunity, but if you will look over the list of men who have aided largely in building Union county and La Grande to what they are today, you will find the names of these men well toward the top of that list. They are not drunkards. They are not saloon-keepers, but they are men who represent the backbone of this community, if you please.

"Men convinced against their will are of the same opinion still," says the old adage, so what's the use. Union county offers an example to the rest of the state of the local option law in operation. It should be sufficient to show its ineffectiveness.

THE DUTY OF EVERY VOTER.

Only a few days remain before the primary election in the state of Oregon at which time candidates for different offices will be chosen. It is the duty of every voter to be present and cast his vote on that day. Unfortunately there is a large number who have not registered and they cannot vote for candidates.

But to those who have registered it is well for each to study carefully the qualifications of every candidate and be guided by what you think is the right course. This is a peculiar year. The country is rampant on insurgency which will no doubt mean stagnation of business to a certain extent, and Oregon has a chance to overcome in a large measure some of the wild decisions made by other states. There will be no surprise at what transpires, but it is sincerely hoped Oregon will not show any inflammatory nature this year.

It would seem that Col. Hofer has been eliminated from the race for governor, and there never was any chance for Abraham of Roseburg. This leaves the field clear to Bowerman and Grant B. Dimmick, either of whom would make a good governor, but our preference is for Mr. Bowerman for many reasons. His eastern Oregon residence makes him a strong official for this part of the state. It is well known that anything this section obtains in the way of legislation is always fought by Willamette valley and with Jay Bowerman as governor we feel certain that things will be different for he is an Eastern Oregon man. He stands for something, is a positive quantity, and no one ever need search the brush to find him.

Expensive Road.

One of the most expensive bits of road building ever undertaken is now in progress between this city and Yoakum and will be completed within the next two or three months. The work only covers 12 1-2 miles of construction, but will cost approximately \$1,200,000.

The improvements in progress involve a complete change of the main line of the O. R. & N. company between Yoakum and Pendleton, none of the old line will be used. While the work only covers 12 1-2 miles it shortens the present line one and

seven tenths miles; eliminates 1361 degrees of curvature from 10 to four degrees and reduces the grade from eight per cent. uncompensated, to six per cent. compensated.

On the new line there will be one 500-foot tunnel, cutting out the Horse-shoe bend; a high fill and a steel bridge of two 150-foot spans with concrete piers and abutments through the reservoir of the Furnish-Coe Irrigation company.

About four miles east of Yoakum the line will cross the river twice and cut through a big ridge that makes another horseshoe of the present line. This will require two more bridges similar to the one described above. There will be two small changes in the channel of the Umatilla river near Yoakum and another about 1300 feet long one mile west of Barnhart, while about a mile each way from Pilot Rock Junction, there will be two channel changes about one-half mile in length.

On the present line the longest stretch of straight track is but 2900 feet long, while on the new line there are two tangents of two miles each and one of one mile long.

The 12 1-2 miles of new construction will cost approximately \$1,200,000, though it is quite probable that the ultimate cost will be even greater than the railroad people have estimated.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Wisconsin Republicans.

Madison, Wis., Sept. 20.—Fighting in the last ditch, the anti LaFollette forces will make a final attempt to overthrow the supremacy of the progressives in today's republican state convention. Although Senator LaFollette received the unqualified endorsement of the voters in the recent primary, his opponents are not yet reconciled to the situation and will doubtless strive to "start something" in the convention today. It is alleged that the conservatives will seek to insert planks in the platform which LaFollette will repudiate, thus giving conservative republicans in the legislature a reason for refusing to vote for LaFollette.

Quebec Turf Meet.

Quebec, Que., Sept. 20.—A five-day racing meet, under the auspices of the Quebec Jockey Club, was commenced today with several hundred horses entered.



During the past three winters at Washington Congressman Ellis has: Secured appropriations for three fine federal buildings for Oregon cities.

Been honored by being placed on the ranking committee in the House of Representatives—Ways and Means. This is the first time Oregon has ever had a place on this great committee—with the influence it gives.

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The Second Oregon district stood at or near the head in the sums appropriated in the last House bill for his river and harbors: (\$1,800,000.)

Congressman Ellis has lived in the district over 26 years; he knows the people and what they want and need. He has been in congress ten years, and gained an experience on the floor of the House and in the committee rooms and an acquaintance with the membership of Congress which puts him in a better position to satisfy the needs of Oregon than any new man could be for many years.

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SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the county of Union.

E. G. Kirby, Plaintiff, vs. Albert Brayton, Defendant.

To Albert Brayton, the above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and Action on or before six full weeks from the first publication of this summons against you and if you fail so to answer or appear for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of Three hundred thirty seven \$7-100 (\$337.37) dollars with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent. per annum from the 22nd day of December 1909, on account of money he was compelled to and did pay for your benefit as specifically set forth in the complaint herein, to which reference is hereby made, together with costs and disbursements.

And an order of the Court that the property herein attached, viz: The undivided one-half interest in and to N 1-2 SW 1-4 SE 1-4 SW 1-4 Sec. 3 and NE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 10 Tp. 1 N. R. 40 E. W. M. in Union county, Oregon, subject to the dower interest of Barbara Groth: be sold and the proceeds thereof be applied in payment of the judgment recovered.

This Summons is published by virtue of an order made and entered by Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the above entitled Court, in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, on the 19th day of September, 1910, which order directed the service of this summons upon you by publication for a period

of six consecutive weeks and for seven publications thereof in La Grande Weekly Observer a newspaper published at a Grande, Union County, Oregon.

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L. DENHAM,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Sept 23-30 Oct 7-14-21-28- Nov. 4.



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