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THE ACQUITTAL OF LOTTES.

Yesterday Ulrich Lottes was acquitted on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors contrary to the local option law. This was no surprise to his friends, for few men have a better standing for honorable, straightforward dealing in this community than Mr. Lottes.

Here is the sentiment that is crystallizing in this county: Good people see that local option has failed. For two years the same men who are now eagerly supporting it as a good law have practically led the community, and what is the result? Everyone knows what it is, and few are satisfied with it.

Statistics by the score can be quoted on either side of this question and each side will almost prove its point by the figures, but the paramount issue—the issue that is of burning importance to Union county is, what is best to do here? And that is the question that is in the mind of the people—the merchant, the farmer, the professional man and the taxpayers.

We have had the foul-smelling frontier saloon, and it was a nuisance and a disturber. We have swung the pendulum to the opposite extreme and we have local option in name. We have experienced the work of "detectives" who cannot have the respect that railroad men have for a

professional "spotter", for at best detective work in any walk of life is rather peculiar.

We have had all these things and more in Union county, and the people are tired of them. Do they want to have saloons with roulette wheels and gambling? No, and they will not have them. They may have strict regulation. At least, it looks very much like the trend of public sentiment is in that direction at the present time.

"BLIND PIGS."

In the People's Forum column Dr. Seeman calls attention to mistakes made by advocates of regulation of liquor traffic. Take the country over, he may be correct, but the same can be said of the many claims for prohibition legislation and what it has done. Evidently the imagination is sometimes heavily drawn upon in these cases.

Without wishing to criticize the Doctor's information it would be interesting to know in what localities where license is granted can be found the numerous "blind pigs." If he means the "blind pig" which is such a companion of local option and statewide prohibition, then many will differ with him for where liquor is sold under license there are few of these places to be found. The Observer called attention to the fact that, if there had been license and strict regulation in Union county it is very doubtful whether this man Townsend would have been running a joint in a remote part of the county.

"Blind Pigs" are creations of the alleged prohibition law. Their native ground is where prohibition has been attempted, and they are strong companions to the "boot-legger" described so vividly by Dr. Gillman.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the La Grande post office for the week ending September 23rd, 1910.

Ladies.

Evens, Mrs. Pearl.
Nichols, Emma.
Robinson, Mrs. Flora.
Wilson, Mrs. Ida.

Gentlemen.

Abbott, Mr. F. Leeroy.
Deneff, John.
Ebert, Mr. Harry J.
Fine, Mr. Lee.
Harrison, Mr. Garold.
Moran, Mr. P. J.
Minney, Rev. J. L.
Parker, Mr. D. O.
Peterson, Mr. Karl A.
Watson, Mr. Ray A.
Watson, Mr. J. C.

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G. M. RICHEY, P. M.

Good Reason.

"He says he has never deceived his wife."
"He never has."
"He is one truthful man."
"Not particularly. He's just got that kind of a wife, that's all."—Houston Post.

The Suffragette.

With her the franchise, we suspect. Will give her little cause to float. For she can't fail to recollect. She'll have to give her age to vote. —Lippincott's.

The Gentle Tip.

Mr. Caurie—Will you tell your sister that I will call this evening, Tommy?
Tommy—If you like. But you're more like to find her in if you come unexpectedly.—New York Journal.

OIL BURNERS ON MOUNTAINS

TWO HERE READY FOR SERVICE AND MORE COMING.

At Present Oil is Pumped Into Them Mechanically—Other News Items.

Two oil burners for service on the west end—between La Grande and Umatilla, are now in the local shops and one has been broken in. It is reported that several more are coming to relieve the congested conditions here during the rush season. These engines will not run over the East end because there is no way provided as yet to fill the tanks on the East end. They are the 2200 Southern Pacific class of the large mountain climbing type.

For the present the oil will be pumped into the tanks both here and at Pendleton, though at Umatilla there are storage tanks. Should the oil burners prove successful on the mountains it is said that more engines will be put in to service and that a storage tank will be built at La Grande.

Other News Items.

Engine 32, a Huntington switch engine, got cornered at the gateway the other day and was quite seriously damaged. She is in the shops today for overhauling.

Engine No. 47, with her tank punctured like it had been hit by a projectile, is in the shops for repairs. A hostler ran her into a road engine the other day and the little engine got the worst of the deal.

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BURNING THE DEAD.

A Custom That Can Be Traced Back to the Earliest Ages.

Cremation has been practiced by most of the nations of the earth from the earliest ages, and, although in pagan countries it may have taken the form of fire worshiping, there can be no doubt that its adoption by the ancients was for the most part prompted by other than religious reasons. Greeks ascribe its introduction to Hercules, who, having sworn to transmit the body of Argus to his father, thought this the most convenient way of fulfilling his promise. According to Homer, the burning of the dead was a common practice among the Greeks long before the Trojan war, but the earliest record of it is among the Scythians, who inhabited the vast region known under the name of Tartary. Slender accounts handed down concerning the manners of some of the ancient natives of Hindustan also allude to the custom. The idea of purification by fire was in all ages universal, and with good reason. Some believed that the body was unclean after the departure of the soul, and it was therefore deemed necessary that it should be purified by fire. Ovid ex-

pressed the general opinion of his time when he said that the soul was not completely separated from the body until the latter was consumed on the pyre. The Athenians invariably after a battle burned the slain.

WINNED BY MACHINERY.

Automatic Floggers Used by Several European Armies.

Automatic flogging machines are in use among the military forces of several European nations. For many years the whipping was always done by soldiers under the command of an officer, and the punishment varied, according to the personal relations subsisting between the soldier and his victim. It was to correct this disadvantage that the flogging machine was invented.

The machine is automatic in action, and as soon as the culprit is fastened in position a spring is tightened or loosened to gauge the exact force of the blow. A pointer is moved over a dial to the requisite number of strokes and the mechanism is started.

With perfect regularity the victim's back is scourged by the throngs, the handle of the whip being moved by a screw device after each stroke so that

the lash does not fall on the same spot throughout the punishment.

Each blow is of uniform severity, and as soon as the required number has been given the machine comes to a rest, and the offender is released, with the assurance that the exact punishment ordered has been meted out to him.—Harper's Weekly.

Money No Object.

"I don't care anything about it myself, for I'm no judge of such things," said Mr. Gaswell, "but my wife wants me to buy a rare old violin, and she says they come high. Got any?" "We certainly have," responded the dealer. "Here's one in this showcase, genuine Stradivarius, that you can have for \$3,000."

"She said she thought they came higher than that. Haven't you some that are a little—er—straddyvariouser than this one?"—Chicago Tribune.

Another Simile.

"What did the sun look like to you when you were in the arctic regions?" "Well," answered the explorer thoughtfully, "it resembled an elusive gold dollar much magnified."—Washington Star.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Fred Boch entertained the Bridge Club this week at her home on Sixth street. Mrs. W. H. Bohenkamp who is recognized as being one of the skilled bridge adepts in the city won first prize.

Miss Alberta Brookler of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brookler, well known residents of La Grande, and Floyd Heathman of Pendleton were united in marriage, September 19th at Pendleton, the justice of the peace officiating. Mr. Heathman is a brakeman on the O. R. & N. passenger run between Pendleton and Huntington and has many friends who live in this city. Both have been recipients of a great many congratulations.

Bo's Bold Bad Broke Bachelor Bunch have reorganized and have opened bachelor quarters in the post office building where one suite of rooms supplies club facilities in the way of reading rooms and limited gymnasium facilities. The young bachelors intend to dabble with society a trifle during the winter and a

party or two may be arranged during the winter dancing season. To begin with their sphere will include the use of the reading room and gymnasium facilities. There are about ten of the club and there are no officials, although "Bogood" is king.

After a vacation of about three months the Kaffee Klatch has resumed its alternate Friday afternoon sewing clubs and alternate Friday evening card parties. The first sewing meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Newlin when the new year was commenced with the election of a president. Mrs. N. Mollitor who held that position last year, was re-elected and in addition to being president again she will also entertain the first meeting of the club for next Friday night she and Mrs. C. H. Conkey will be hostesses to the first Kaffee Klatch card party of the year.

The Billikens, a social club of prominent young people of the city, made their debut and very delightfully ushered in the dancing season last Tuesday evening when the club was host

to fifty couples at the Elks hall. A six piece orchestra furnished the music and met with many compliments. During the coming month the Billikens will give their second party of the series, and judging from the popularity attending the initial party, this series is going to be the banner dancing program.

An elaborate dinner party in honor of Doctor M. P. Mendelsohn's birthday anniversary was given last evening in the Mendelsohn home with Mrs. A. Buckley and Mrs. Wm. Ash assisting Mrs. Mendelsohn. Six couples were guests at the dinner, which itself was of a course nature and served with pretty effect. The home was very beautifully decorated in red and green and this scheme was closely adhered to through the house and table decorations. An orchestra provided music during the progress of the dinner. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckley, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Doctor and Mrs. N. Mollitor, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ash, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Selder, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sommers of Elgin, Miss Ruth Mendelsohn and Miss Nina Ash.