

PEOPLES FORUM.

Incidentally there was a fabled monster of the sky called the roc, says story-teller of the Arabian Nights some other standard classic. This aged creature was so great and soacious that the inhabitants of the d infested by it fled in terror whenever they saw its sable shadow t over their land.

To the land of liquor sellers the t of Prohibition is the bird of evil n overshadowing the broad cam-gn. They run to and fro and are their wits' end when it is rumored

the terrible monster is about to ap-pear. I was in Baker City recently and discovered a re-forming of the liquor forces: notice, I said re-form, not reform. This is the line of re-forming; they are shutting up the saloons tight (T) every Saturday night, and no minor is permitted to get any intoxicant, and (I believe) no female is allowed to loaf around inside the place where liquors are dispensed. Now, who wrought this change? The liquor men themselves condescended to get "good" for they heard the evil bird of Prohibition was about to alight on their territory. They saw the ominous shadow and fled for terror to some sort of refuge in formal obedience to the state laws

till the harpy was gone.

See what the shadow inspired in their hearts! If the shadow is so powerful, what can the "real thing" be? Well, the real thing is coming to Baker City.

There is always profit in selling liquor or it would never be sold. Under (so-called) prohibition there is more liquor sold than under license. If this is true, then there is more money made by the saloon men than otherwise. But, wonderful to relate, the liquor-dealers themselves are clamoring for the exalted privilege of paying large sums of money for licenses so that they may make less money by selling a less amount of goods. Funny, seems to me.

The Telegram of Portland had this to say one day last week in substance: If the officers in the "dry" territories would attend to their business and observe to keep their oath of office, there would be very little bootlegging done.

Over in Idaho they are making the fellows feel the force of the strong arm of the law. In Pocatello where until recently there was a regular carnival of saloons, they have prohibition. It prohibits. One druggist who was convicted and sentenced to six months in the county jail, took an appeal, but in the meantime went to jail. That was four months ago. The higher court decided he had to serve the sentence. Now he begins the six months term. So says the Pocatello Tribune. A denizen of the underworld was convicted and is serving time in jail. The sheriff, a democrat, and a man not particularly partial to prohibition, goes with his deputies and makes quiet and unexpected calls on them who are suspected of doing illegal selling, and the result is that the lawbreakers are not visited by detectives. The officers sworn to enforce law are doing it as a conscientious part of their duty.

Who would believe this fabulous story?

A convention of all the animals of the world was once called to consider how to lessen the evils of the Ophidian tribe. Now, the Ophidians were very respectable people in their way; but the assembled denizens of the earth

and air did not like their ways. They were given to biting and destroying. They discussed several schemes, some of which were most chimerical, involving the suggestions of various ones to prohibit their multiplying, to pull their fangs, to banish them, or to kill them off. The goat and the hog were appointed a committee of two to resolve with power to act. They then legislated that the little ones, vipers, adders, moccasins, cobras and the like, being the most deadly should be looked on with much and exceeding disfavor and discouraged. The elegant, graceful, bewitching, charming, powerful and really uplifting members of the tribe should on the payment of great sums of money into the public treasury be permitted to exist as "necessary evils."

They were however, imposed upon savagely for they were taxed enormously for the mere privilege of living. They were also required to dress respectably and to have good character. They all promised to be good but they could not keep their word because they were snakes.

After a long while the creatures who licensed them discovered that so long as the big fellows lived, there was sure to be a brood of the little fellows around, and they then resolved on extirpation.

This is the way prohibition became a workable fact. It is the only power in the hands of the law that will kill the saloon snakes. The only way to keep the saloon-snakes out of one's boots is to keep one's boots out of the saloon-snake's holes, and this is best done by keeping these snake-holes out of the land. Play St. Patrick.

J. D. GILLAN.

Notice of Street Improvement.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Grande, Oregon on the 21st day of September, 1910, creating Improvement District No. 26 and designating Cedar street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said Common Council on the 21st day of September, 1910, whereby said Council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Cedar Street, in said Improvement district, as hereinafter described, by laying thereon board sidewalk, the Council, will ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvements be made; that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows.

All that portion of Cedar street, from the South curb line of "C" avenue, to the south curb line of "A" avenue. Notice is hereby further given that the Council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$330.00. That the Council will on the 12th day of October, 1910, meet at the Council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

La Grande, Oregon, Sept. 23, 1910.

**CITY COUNCIL OF
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OREGON.**

By D. E. COX,
Recorder of the City of La Grande,
Oregon.
Sept 30 to Oct. 11.

**Directory of the Fraternal Orders
of La Grande, Oregon**

F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 11. A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m.
**JOHN C. HODWIN, W. M.
C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.**

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.
**MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, N. G.
MRS. JENNIE M. SMITH, Sec.**

P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 433 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers are cordially invited to attend.
**DR. G. L. BIGGERS, Ex. Rul.
HUGH McCALL, Rec. Sec.**

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall.) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights.
**JESS PAUL, C. C.
R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.**

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the month. All visiting members welcome.
**NERI ACKLES, C. C.
J. H. KEENEY, Clerk.**

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. C. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
**MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.
PAULINE EDERLEE, W. M.**

W. A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Monday in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting neighbors are cordially invited to attend.
**I. R. SNOOK, C.
D. E. COX, Clerk.**

WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT—Grande Ronde Circle No. 47 meets every first and third Thursday evenings in the month at the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are welcome.
**CHLOE ROBINSON, G. M.
LIZZIE ELLSWORTH, Clerk.**

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