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TAFT AND PROHIBITION.

Presuming that President Taft has been quoted correctly in the People's Forum column let us see what he said. "To the man who is engaged in responsible work, who must have at his command the best that is in him," says the statesman, "I would with all the emphasis that I possess urge—leave drink alone—absolutely. He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement. Personally, I refuse to take such a risk. I do not drink."

Now, this is not a prohibition utterance. It is a temperance sermon and a good one. This is the kind of doctrine that should be taught. Taft, like every other well balanced man, knows it does not pay in any sense to drink freely of liquor, but he is also too wise to think that it is possible to do away with liquor entirely.

The man who says, "I do not drink liquor because I do not want it," is the man who is setting the standard of citizenship. He is the man who is strong enough to stand out against all kinds of fanaticisms and therefore is safe for the country and for himself. You could not agitate that man into doing anything. The country needs more of such characters. Appealing to prejudice, to passion or to carry the wall of misery in order to create sympathy is not effective.

Aunt Amanda Way, a national prohibition leader, once said when the issue had been defeated at the polls, "the trouble with so many is that they have a cotton string for a backbone." There must be some truth in this else this agitation for prohibition would not be so noticeable. Men with backbones don't drink to excess, neither do they bend the knee to popular sentiment, and when a case is held up to them eliciting sympathy they do not lose their head but quietly weigh the cause which sometimes shows that the agitators are deceived and they are worrying over something that is not worth their time.

In the Roosevelt extract on liquor which is also quoted in the Forum, why not add the other remark made by T. R. in which he said: "If you find a man in the ditch give him your hand and help him to stand. If he insists on returning him to the ditch let him stay there for there are other things you can do of more importance than to continually render assistance in such cases."

SHOOTING PAST THE ISSUE.

In the People's Forum column are

some clippings furnished by Dr. G. L. Gillan and also a short article by him regarding the case of a man who fell by the wayside. The doctor stoutly claims the abolishment of liquor is the only cure, but that abolishment is a thing which has never been accomplished since the world began and apparently never will be accomplished. This being true, the question that confronts Union county and the state of Oregon is, "How can liquor best be handled," for everyone knows liquor will not be abolished despite anything that can be done.

Put the liquor business under rigid restrictions. When a license will be revoked if a saloon keeper sells to a man who is known to be weak, or to a boy that saloonkeeper will obey such restrictions for he has too much at stake not to do so. Now, some one will say, "but look at the saloons of the past." And they are right. Rather than return to the old-time saloon with all its environment we would prefer advocating an insurrection of the people. But the point for every good citizen and home-loving individual to remember is, whether the present alleged prohibition gives the results that were expected, whether it would be better to continue this condition so apparently debauching and ineffective or whether it is best to give a trial to regulation and restriction of the business such as is now meeting with approval in many places.

This is a question that deserves your most earnest consideration.

JAIL EMPTY TODAY.

Record of Several Months Broken by Lack of Prisoners Today.

For the first time in something like three months the city jail cells were empty this morning. It is almost an invariable rule that the cells fill up during the afternoon and night and when morning comes the jail is filled with drunks or drunks and disorderlies.

FEW EXCEPTIONS FILED.

Up to Date Only One Man Has Objected to Taxation for Current Year.

Though the county board of equalization has been in session nearly four days up to date only one taxpayer has filed an exception to the taxation as assessed. The board, which consists of County Judge Henry, County Clerk Ed. Wright and County Assessor Rinehart will be in session all this week to hear complaints but with Saturday night the taxpayers privilege in this respect ends.

The board will likely be in session a portion of next week but not to hear complaints.

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SURVEYORS ARE IN MOUNTAINS

EXACT PURPOSE OF THEIR MISSION A MYSTERY.

Claim to be After Power Sites, But Otherwise Mission is Unknown.

Surveyors are again in the Blue mountains and their purpose appears to be somewhat of a mystery. A special from Walla Walla has this to say:

Outfitting so quietly that no one was aware of the fact and leaving this city in the night to escape detection, it is said that six surveyor's crews all working under the same direction have gone into the mountains for the purpose of locating power sites. Nothing can be learned of the identity of the backers nor the purpose, beyond an assertion by one of the engineers that power sites were the objective.

The destination of the crews is divided into as many parts as was the gang of surveyors. They were going to the Alpowa, beyond Pomeroy, to the Patit, Tucanon, beyond Dayton; to the Walla river; to Mill creek above this city and to the Looking Glass and Salmon, on the other side of the mountains.

Just what the move means cannot be figured here. All clues to identity of the parties have been covered carefully. The engineer in charge of one party said he did not know for whom or what he was working, that he only knew he was going into the mountains to locate power sites.

It is variously thought here that it is a new electric line, a Strahorn move, a Pacific Light & Power company plan or that a new power company is to enter the field. All efforts to learn anything of the surveyor's plans have failed.

Banner Liner Launched.

Belfast, Ireland, Oct. 20.—The White Star liner Olympic, the largest vessel in the world, was launched at Harlan and Wolff ship yards here today. Countess Aberdeen, wife of the Viceroy of Ireland christened her.

Advertisement for 'MODERN SWEETS' featuring an illustration of a woman and the text 'FOR CANDY PATRONIZE THE MODERN DEALER' and 'Purity'.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Recorder of La Grande, Oregon, for the furnishing and laying of 1500 lineal feet of sewer, in the alley between Washington avenue and Adams avenue, from the east side of Hemlock street to the center of Chestnut street.

Said sewer to be laid according to the plans and specifications now on file in this office and under the supervision of the City Inspector. All bids must be in before 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday evening October 26th, and must be accompanied by a certified check of five per cent of the amount of the bid. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the Council, October 19th, 1910.

D. E. COX,

Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. Oct 20 to 26

Notice to Trespassers.

Positively no hunting allowed on our premises. Do not ask for permission. Blockland Bros.

Different From a Mountain.

A certain Philadelphian who is at once a minister of the gospel and a registered physician had an amusing experience in his attempt to corner a Christian Scientist. Every time they met this Scientist took occasion to scoff at medical science and to dwell upon the wonders that could be performed through faith.

"You are convinced that through faith you can do anything," said the medical man one day.

"Yes," he replied; "faith will move mountains."

A week later he was in the doctor's office with a swollen jaw, due to toothache.

"What, you here?" the doctor exclaimed, with feigned astonishment.

"Oh, doctor," he said, "I have suffered agony all through the night. I simply can't stand this pain any longer!"

"Have you tried faith?" the physician asked him. "You know you told me faith could move mountains." "But this is a cavity, doctor."

Pleasing the Sultan.

Kaid Belton told the following story, which illustrates exactly the attitude of the sultan of Morocco toward the French:

One day the sultan asked a lady, the wife of his dentist, to play one of the pianos that were in the room of the palace. She played several pieces, one of them at length catching the sultan's fancy, whereupon the following little dialogue took place:

Sultan—That piece is very nice. What is it called?

Dentist—It is the "March on Cadiz." It was written to commemorate the Spaniards driving the French out of Spain.

Sultan—What! Were the French in Spain?

Dentist—Yes.

Sultan—How many of them?

Dentist—About 200,000.

Sultan (in a surprised tone)—And the Spaniards drove them out?

Dentist—Yes, every one of them. There was a slight pause while the sultan was thinking hard, and then:

Sultan (quietly)—Play it again.

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