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"UNANSWERABLE," "NOT GERMAINE," ETC.

We have yet to find a strong advocate of prohibition who did not believe his arguments were "unanswerable," that anything said contrary to the stand taken by those who carry the banner was "not germane."

The rule obtains the country over. It was true in old days when Aunt Amanda Way stumped the middle west. Probably it will always be thus.

This evening in Dr. Seeman's article he assumes the editor of the Observer is unaware of the fact that he belongs to the Home Rule association. He is mistaken. We are not ashamed of it, any more than the doctor is ashamed that he is a member of what is termed the Anti-Saloon league.

This illustration is given to show that in a public organization it is very difficult to choose your associates and members. And one organization is just as weak in this respect as another.

It is therefore necessary to adhere to the principles of the organization and not its members.

But the Doctor says Mr. McAllister's arguments are "unanswerable" leaving more room for a question of judgment in the matter. According to the Doctor's way of thinking everything said in favor of local option is unanswerable, but there is a multitude of people who do not choose to let the matter rest at that.

The charge of "inexcusable ignorance or shameless demagoguery" on the part of those who speak and write along different lines from local option advocates is not new. We have heard it rend the air when other questions were differed upon and it was due in this campaign just about this time, so Dr. Seeman is not at all late or early in the set program.

If a man is to be labeled a demagogue because he does not believe in the prohibition-demagogue; if a man is to be labeled ignorant because he does not agree with an element of humanity who prefer to make every man answerable for his individual acts instead of trying a process of destruction in the vain endeavor to prevent some man from killing himself, then the meaning of these words has long been misunderstood.

Again we say, proof that can be seen convinces people, and the voters of Union county plainly see the effects of the local option measure. Are those effects desirable or are they not? That is the question for the individual to decide.

When the editor of a Corvallis newspaper said Jay Bowerman was drunk in Portland he lied, of course. But he was forced to publicly admit that he lied when Bowerman made a speech in Corvallis a few days ago.

But the Democratic leaders, including Senator Chamberlain, have no good word for Charlie Barrett, the candidate for joint senator, yet Mr. Barrett made the fight and won on the principles the senator claims to stand upon. So well did the Athena man please the Democrats of Umatilla county an endorsement was given him. Now, the Democratic speakers urge Barrett's defeat. But this is some more of the consistency of Oregon democracy—the smoothest bunch of politicians that ever took part in a campaign.

WHEEL DISAPPERS.

While Local Elk was Eating Clams, Someone Purloins His Bicycle.

Frank Bay, the plumber, is without his pet Raycyle, a wheel which he uses constantly. He was at the Elk's clam bake last night when the "vehicle" mysteriously disappeared and though he has searched high and low he has found nothing that resembles it. "Bring it back" is his advice to the person who has it "and we will ask no foolish questions."

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The car was removed today with considerable trouble and at some risk to the workmen's lives.

Twenty-Three for Miss Liberty.

New York, Oct. 23—Miss Liberty, the statuesque beauty who lives out at Bedloe's Island, is getting along in years. She made her debut twenty-three years ago today, Oct. 23, 1887, when President Cleveland, his cabinet and the governors of many states, among other notables, gave her the glad hand.

During the twenty-three years which have passed since her unveiling, the star-eyed goddess of bronze has not

ed much progress and many innovations. Larger and larger have grown the ships which she has welcomed to the land of the free. Bird-men have wooed her—young Lochinvars who have come out of the air in strange contrivances which twenty-three years ago were scarce dreamed of. Wireless messages speed on noiseless wings through the atmosphere about her. Through all these innovations Miss Liberty maintains a calm and impassive countenance, intent upon her job of holding aloft the torch of liberty.

A Misplaced Title.

Among obvious misnomers one London theater is to be found. Drury Lane theater is not in Drury lane, and no reason can be assigned for giving it the name of that thoroughfare. The first theater built on the present site was at one time frequently referred to as the theater in Covent Garden. On Feb. 6, 1663, Pepys notes: "I walked up and down and looked upon the outside of the new theater building in Covent Garden, which will be very fine." In those days no theater existed in Covent Garden, the predecessor of the present opera house having been opened in 1732—London Chronicle.

A Feminine Impulse.

To straighten their hats is the first impulse of feminine humanity after an accident. If a woman could be raised from the dead she would straighten her hat before doing anything else.—Marion Crawford.

Just the Opposite.

"Whenever you lie to your wife does she find you out?" "Just the opposite. Whenever she finds me out I lie to her—when I come in."—Houston Post.

Fortune has often been blamed for blindness, but fortune is not so blind as men are.—Samuel Smiles.

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