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BUT WHO IS IN JAIL?

In Oregon we have we have stringent gambling laws.

In Oregon we have stringent laws on selling liquor to boys.

In Oregon we have stringent laws on incendiary.

It is said, and from a source that we should none of us doubt, that positive proof of breaking these three laws occurred in Copperfield. Yet, up to the present time, there has not been a saloonkeeper of Copperfield punished; there has not been a gambler punished; there has not been an incendiary punished.

Why have those who violated the state's laws not been imprisoned? Why should they go unmolested with the possible loss of a few barrels of liquor and gambling paraphernalia?

If the Baker county officials further refuse to prosecute the men then why does not the chief executive act under the 1913 statute, declare their offices vacant and proceed to appoint officials who will prosecute the law's violators?

Would not the mother and father of the boy who was sent home drunk from a Copperfield saloon feel much better satisfied if that saloonkeeper were in jail, than to see him free even though his liquor has been shipped to some other point?

Calm reasoning is beginning to prevail in this whole matter and the demand for prosecuting is becoming keen, just as it should become keen.

The advertising feature of the Copperfield episode has new been exhausted and those who demand results from the laws are asking why this evidence which has been mentioned so often, has not been used under the state statutes to put a few of the law breakers in jail.

EIGHT HOURS WILL BREAK CITY

Commissioner Hoff, of the labor department, insists that the state-law on eight hours a day for men on public works includes police and firemen and all others working for cities. If the supreme court upholds his views there is a hardship in store for all small cities like La Grande. However, if it is law and the supreme court once decides the matter there is nothing to do but live up to it until such time as the law can be repealed.

The paid fire department in this city will have to be increased three fold under the new idea and policemen can work but eight hours with an entirely different shift for Sunday. This will increase the public expense materially and will likely cause many cities to go back to the village custom of having a one-man force and a volunteer fire department.

Mayor Albee is under arrest now in Portland in an endeavor to try out the new law before the supreme court. It will depend on the ruling of that

tribunal to determine what the law really means. But, if that court holds with Commissioner Hoff there is only one thing to do—abide by the law, no matter what the cost may be.

They are pounding Judge Bennett of The Dalles, because he is not a good democrat. They claim he did not support the entire ticket in 1910. Now, isn't that a joke? So far as we have been able to see Oregon democrats do not pretend to support their ticket. They do just as every minority has done, pick out one candidate and single shoot him at the expense of every other candidate on their ticket.

As different announcements are made by candidates one can hear remarks that show conclusively the day of voting party tickets is over. One man will proclaim his intention to vote for a democrat for governor and the balance of the republican ticket, while another will do the reverse. Yes, there is no such a thing as party in Oregon—except during the primary campaigns.

HOUSE TALKS RAILROADS

Discussion of Senate's Alaskan Railroad Bill Taken Up In House.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The house spent the day discussing the Alaska railroad bill passed by the senate last Saturday. A compromise bill for the Chamberlain bill will likely be adopted. The latter bill appropriates \$40,000,000 for the building of the road and the Wickersham bill appropriates \$35,000,000. The house has consented to debate the measure today.

Vanderbilt Yacht On Rocks.

Panama, Jan. 28.—Frederick W. Vanderbilt's yacht, the Warrior, is on the rocks off the north coast of Colombia. It is reported that she is more seriously damaged than was at first supposed and it is doubted whether or not she can be re-floated. Vanderbilt and his wife, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, and Lord Falconer were on board when the vessel hit the rocks. Distress signals were immediately sent out by wireless and the passengers were taken aboard the Fruitera and transferred to the Almirante bound for New York. The party left New York on December 23 for a cruise of the south American coast.

AROUND THE VALLEY. PART II.

We will skip Union on our way over and tell a few things about that city on our return trip.

It happened that rain began falling when we entered Cove and that Cove rain continued all night. "You may think we are very wet over here," said Rural Carrier Sutherland, "but we are not, for the majority of Cove people believe in dry government."

Be this as it may, the rain kept falling and occasionally a little snow was mixed with it. But the Cove people did not complain. Invariably they would say, "this is fine, it is just what we have been needing," and they would usually close their conversation by calling attention to the excellent season and how certain it is that a good cherry crop will be harvested next summer. They are long on cherries over there. A cherry is the official emblem of Cove every day in the year and they garner more money from that one crop than many people imagine.

The Cove people are money-gatherers, and right here let us say that La Grande is missing her biggest business opportunity when she does not force a gravel road across the valley so those Cove people can come here to trade. They want to come and are willing to do the right thing on a road proposition.

To attempt to give a description of the scenic beauty of Cove is beyond us. Judge Lowell or Col. Callahan or Judge Messick would do well to spend a few days in Cove and get a

new inspiration for their word pictures on nature, for there is more material to work on in this line in Cove than any place we know unless it should be Egenesperger's head of the Wallowa lake.

But Cove is knee deep in scenery to say the least. Besides having nearly every line of business represented and all seem to be flourishing and prosperous, we were told that there was not a needy family in the community. Not a single family there who was not comfortable. How's that for the Portland Commercial club's campaign of back to the soil? And Cove farmers and ranchers, as a rule, are not large land owners. Outside of the Conley, Mitchell and a few other large ranches, including Tom Johnson's, the rancher has from five to twenty acres of land. But it is real land. One man offered to bet me the price of a trip back to La Grande that he could make more money on thirty acres in the Cove than a Umatilla farmer could make off two hundred acres of wheat land. That shows the confidence Cove people have in their community.

Judd Geer said, after discussing the political situation and wondering what spectacular political skyrocket would next be shot off, "There's no use to argue against it, this is the best place I ever saw. Land responds better to the touch of labor here in Cove than any other section of the Northwest and we all know the Northwest is the best part of the Union. I have been here for many years. I have seen the small farm come into its own and it is a winner. Where proper care is used along with some work five acres of this land will care for a good sized family. Our cherries are too well known to need mention and the prunes we raise are topping the market every year."

The financial hub around which Cove and community revolves is the Cove State Bank, with an old La Grande boy—Hugh McCall behind the counter. He has a healthy institution, and a busy one. Every citizen in speaking of the bank admits they do not see how they got along without it, for the convenience of a financial institution in a place where so many products are constantly going to the world's market is apparent. Hugh has a hatred for overdrafts, and insists on everyone paying up, which has put his bank in good shape and made it shine like a newly swept floor.

(To Be Continued.)

UNION MEETS WATERLOO (Continued from Page One.)

ers ragged through the serpentine and otherwise enjoyed themselves mannerly but hilariously.

Story of the Game. In the first half both teams were plainly stage frightened. There was little basketball of the real sort that teams of such caliber can real off under less exciting circumstances. Union, used to a slippery floor, quickly overcame that handicap, but the floor at Union is considerably larger and that told on them for a while. The stage fright was fully as apparent with the home squad heavers. Baskets were thrown on hit or miss tactics. Intense rivalry driving all players to top speed, and Referee Hall let minor fouls go on both sides, calling only those which were glaring. In his decisions he was eminently fair, and out of a multitude of decisions inflicted on both teams he miscalled only one. The job cut out for the officials was an arduous one, but both went through it with good satisfaction. Rosenbaum followed the ball in the second half and was, like Hall, as fair as mortal man could be. The game was pleasingly free from disputes or wrangling. Though furious and vicious, the playing resulted only in one or two minor injuries.

Goodbrod was Union's best score maker. This youngster who leaves Saturday for O. A. C. to win his spurs, has an uncanny precision and accuracy in tossing fouls. Out of 13 fouls called he converted 12 into baskets. In addition, he heaved a field goal. Union got but three baskets all told, but each was a gem in sensationalism. Lewyn's throw from the sidelines and Goodbrod's heave on the run were easily the features of the evening. Harn, too, got one under adverse conditions. In fact it was these adverse conditions that held Union's score down. Hollister, Bean and Wood remembered that Le-

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wyn and Goodbrod and Maxwell threw field goals with equal ease from the center of the floor or from under goal and for that reason kept watchful eyes on their opponents always. Harn and Davis were unable, as the score shows, to keep Larson, La Grande's principal point-getter, from shooting baskets with considerable regularity. Harn's floor work combined with that of Goodbrod's, was a feature of Union's attack, but Woods outstretched Maxwell at center and time and time again, the La Grande players were able to break up Union's plays at the bat-off. Stoddard, and Schofield alternated at forwards, Schofield shooting one goal on the run in fine style.

During the first half the score was nearly even, La Grande leading very slightly, but in the second half, La Grande tore into the proposition and for ten minutes went through some real basketball teamwork, that left Union players baffled and helpless. Hollister, Woods and Bean fed the ball into the hopper via Larson and Schofield in this half with such regularity that the margin between the teams was soon irretrievably wide.

Only momentarily would Union hang together with aggressive tactics; close tenacious guarding breaking it up almost instantly. The visiting forwards did, however, lack the accuracy of eye that they display on their own floor, for they were sorely pressed by guards. The whole Union team was lighter than four of the La Grande players.

Table with columns: M. I. A., Fld. Gls, F. T., Total. Rows for Stoddard, Larson, Woods, Hollister, Harn, Bean, Schofield, Total.

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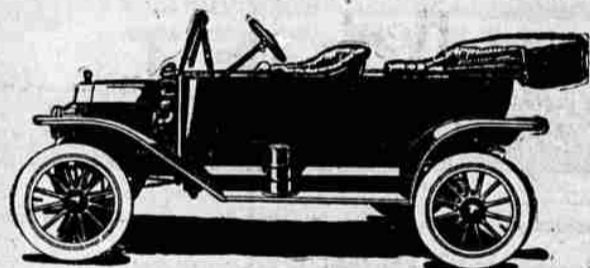
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