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THE PROPOSED PROHIBITION LAW.

The prohibition forces of the state following up their victory at the polls last November have completed and placed in the hands of the Multnomah county delegation to the state legislature, a draft of a bill looking to the enforcement of the prohibition law.

The bill, which is most exhaustive in its nature, is intended to cover every phase of the prohibition question. Every possible violation of the will of the majority is anticipated by the framers of the bill and means are provided for preventing the circumvention of the law and penalties affixed that, to say the least, should discourage any attempt to thwart the real intents and purposes of the prohibition movement.

Not a point is left uncovered that might leave a loop hole, whereby opponents of the prohibition idea might pry off the lid and let in the tabooed "wetness," and if the bill is passed and its provisions are honestly and conscientiously carried out Oregon should, a year hence, stand out very prominently as one of the really dry spots in the nation.

And so it should be—if we are to have prohibition let it be whole hearted and complete, and not merely a meaningless nothing gracing the statute books of the state.

In the bill the definition of intoxicating liquors has been made broad enough to cover all imaginable varieties, and anything containing more than one per cent of alcohol is placed under the ban. Taking orders for liquor in the state is strictly forbidden, and drug stores are forbidden to handle intoxicants of any description, with the exception of wines for sacramental purposes only, and physicians, while permitted to administer whiskey in cases of necessity can not prescribe the same. Neither is the giving away of liquor to be tolerated when the action is intended as an evasion of the spirit of the law.

Club room lockers are forbidden, liquor can not be carried to dance halls, and the shipment of liquors into the state for private consumption is so carefully guarded that only the original consignee can receive the shipment, and the amount that can be received at any one time and in a certain length of time is limited and specified and habitual drunkards can not import liquor under any circumstances.

Places wherein liquors are manufactured, sold or given away are declared to be common nuisances and a search and seizure system is provided whereby a warrant may be obtained by any citizen at any time the circumstances appear to justify.

In the experience of other prohibition states the weak point in the enforcement of the letter of the law has been found to lie in the failure of public officials to do their duty in the matter of law enforcement. This condition is anticipated in the Oregon law which provides that officials failing to do their duty may be removed by civil action. Another section of the draft that is deserving of special commendation provides that the exact definition of liquor sold is not required in the complaint against the violators of the law. Profiting again by the experience of other dry states the men behind this bill have eliminated in this section the technical loop-hole so often resorted to by the professional bootlegger in effecting his escape from the clutches of the law.

The draft is a lengthy one. Experience has proven that details can not be overlooked if the prohibition law is to be enforced. It is a most comprehensive document, compiled by men of legal ability and patterned after the laws in effect in other dry spots in the nation, with changes and improvements to suit the conditions as they exist in Oregon. The men behind the bill are to be commended for the effort that has been put forth to place a liquor tight fence around this great state of ours, in compliance with the expressed wishes of a majority of the voters of the state, and the legislature of the state could not go far wrong in adopting the bill in its entirety and without change.

SAYINGS OF SAGES.

Men seldom, or, rather, never for a length of time and deliberately, rebel against anything that does not deserve rebelling against.—Carlyle.

Recompense injury with justice, and recompense kindness with kindness.—Confucius.

If those who are the enemies of innocent amusements had the direction of the world they would take away the spring and youth, the former from the year, the latter from the human life.—Balsac.

The contemplation of celestial things will make a man both speak and think more sublimely and magnificently when he descends to human affairs.—Cicero.

Old Book Advertisement.

The advertising of children's books does not seem to have advanced in ingenuity since the time of old Jobu Newbery. Here is a specimen of his art from the Morning Chronicle in December, 1767: "This day was published 'Nurse Truelove's New Year's Gift, or the Book of Books For Children,' adorned with cuts and designed as a present for every little boy who would become a great man and ride upon a fine horse and to every little girl who would become a great woman and ride in a lord mayor's gilt coach. Printed for the author, who has ordered these books to be given gratis to all little boys and girls at the Bible and Sun in St. Paul's churchyard, they paying for the binding, which is only twopenny each book."—London Chronicle.

Well Made Up.

Lady, dressing her toilet—Well, An' d'ee, how do I look to you? Maid—Expense my dear'm I am not an art connoisseur. The inside matter.

Poverty.

The School-Child—I am poor, but poverty is no crime. Her Father—Er, no. Not until you commit something else. Judge.

Turn thyself to the true riches and content with little. Seneca.

A Sale For Thrifty, Economical Men and Women
 Now in Full Swing, N. K. Wests 17th Great
Annual Jan. Clearance Sale

Cost Entirely Disregarded in Mark Down of all Ladies' Suits, Coats, Dresses Waists, Skirts & Furs
At One Half Price
All Women's Tailored Suits and Coats

Entire line of new Fall Suits and Coats—now at just One-half Price. The best styles of the season. The newest and most popular materials, and shades.



\$9.00 Coat or Suit	\$3.50	\$20.00 Coat or Suit	\$10.00
\$12.50 Coat or Suit	\$6.25	\$22.50 Coat or Suit	\$11.25
\$10.00 Coat or Suit	\$5.00	\$25.00 Coat or Suit	\$12.50
\$15.00 Coat or Suit	\$7.50	\$30.00 Coat or Suit	\$15.00
\$17.50 Coat or Suit	\$8.75	\$35.00 Coat or Suit	\$17.50

Our Entire Stock of Waists At Drastic Clearance Prices

50 Women's Silk, Crepe De Chine and Net Waists, new blouse and basque effects—low and high necks—now

At One Half Price

\$4.00 Silk Waists	\$2.00
\$5.00 Silk Waists	\$2.50
\$6.00 Silk Waists	\$3.00
\$7.50 Silk Waists	\$3.75
One lot white Waists, regular \$1.25 values, now	39c

Every Waist in the Store Reduced

Afternoon Street Dresses Big Reduction

Every Dress right up to the minute in Style and Cloths.

\$10.00 Dresses now	\$6.70
\$12.50 Dresses now	\$8.35
\$15.00 Dresses now	\$10.00
\$20.00 Dresses now	\$13.35
\$25.00 Dresses now	\$16.90

Entire stock of Furs selling now at cost, One lot to \$3.50
 Children's and Misses' wash dresses now 59c
 One lot 12 dresses values to \$35.00 remainder of last season now \$5.90

A sale that surpasses all others in point of Economy, Variety and Quality.

Big Savings Now on all Our Immense Stocks of Piece Goods, Linens, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Spreads, Towels, Embroideries, Laces, Draperies and White Goods.

Many economical women are now supplying their needs for a year to come at the very low prices now in force at this Big January Clearance Sale.

Men's High Grade Clothing Now 25% off

One lot Men's Overcoats one-half price.	Boy's Hats Reduced One-third.
Every Shirt in the store reduced 20 per cent.	Trunks and Suit Cases Reduced 20 Per Cent.
Men's Sweaters Reduced One-third.	Men's Mackinaws Reduced 25 per cent.
Boy's Clothing Reduced 25 per cent.	Men's Pants Reduced 25 per cent.

Sale now on See Windows



Sale Closes Jan. 30, 1915

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