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HOME BREW AND BRAIN POWER

A veritable tidal wave of intellectual energy was unleashed by the adoption of the eighteenth amendment, remarks the Saturday Evening Post. Contemplating the activities of "millions of resourceful and self-reliant Americans" since they were deprived of their favorite beverages, the Post philosophizes as follows:

"There can be no particular impertinence in making a friendly estimate of the sum of their united efforts and in asking if the same amount of zealous thought and personal activity turned into other channels might not, in the long run, yield them rather larger and more satisfactory returns; for no candid critic can deny that the aggregate product of their intellectual effort daily corked up in bottles, carboys and demijohns has reached dimensions of real economic importance. Indeed, it is not hard to believe that if all the new thought power now being devoted to homemade beverages could be rounded up and broken to harness it would suffice to invent and establish a workable league of nations, solve the problems of capital and labor and materially speed up a lagging millennium."

Here, indeed, is a theme worthy of the highest thought of economists, philosophers and statesmen. If all that brain-power could really be applied to constructive and beneficial purposes. But every student of errant human nature knows the futility of any such hope. The home-brewer is utilizing his lofty intelligence for brewing purposes precisely because he is more interested in brewing than in establishing a league of nations or solving the labor problem, and because he sees his millennium through the bottom of a glass, darkly.

The fact is that civilized man has always had a tremendous lot of power to waste, and if he doesn't waste in one way he is pretty sure to do so in another. Vices are mainly a means of getting rid of a troublesome superfluity of physical and mental energy. Men drink and smoke up and gamble up their extra brain power, or expend it in other ways, almost as much as they use it constructively. Home-brewing is merely the latest manifestation. They might take to gardening, or scientific baking, or industrial chemistry, or home-weaving or furniture-making, or the study of mathematics and astronomy, if only a paternal government would prohibit such occupations.

PAYING BILLS IN HARD TIMES

It is very bad business to let hard times be the excuse for holding out on one's bills.

When a man is doing what we may call 100 per cent of business, making 100 per cent of collections, saving or investing 10 per cent of his income and paying 90 per cent immediately on bills, things are made easy for everybody.

Suppose a depression comes along and this man gets in only 50 per cent as much money as he has been getting. His natural tendency is to become frightened. Instead of keeping to the same proportions, putting 50 out of his fifty on his regular savings investment and disbursing the rest, making it go as far as it will on current expenses and bills, paying everybody half as much as usual, but still keeping all his money moving, he has a tendency to hang on to every cent, to pay out as stingily as possible and to go around with a long face, worrying for fear his family won't be able to eat next month.

Multiply this man by several million and you have the makings of a fine, large slump, all mixed up with bank failures, business bankruptcies and miseries and hunger.

But if that man will take his 50 and disburse it in just as nearly the usual proportion as he can possibly arrange, thus getting every cent of it out of his hands and into the next man's by the end of the month, and if he will go around with a cheerful face, telling everybody this reaction from extravagance was bound to come but it can't last long if everybody keeps going and spends his money why, that's different.

Multiply his faith and cheer and flow of coin by the same several million as before, and the makings of

prosperity are ready to go into the oven. Nor will this product fall. Confidence is pretty good baking powder and hard work produces well-beaten eggs. Add the raisins of justice between man and man, and you have a cake worth eating.

Paying every little bill with the greatest possible promptness is one of the surest ways to hasten the coming of good times.

LEAGUE REVISION

Revision of the Covenant of the League of Nations is now under way. A sub-committee of the League is considering a batch of amendments proposed at the last meeting of the Assembly. They deal with the permanent court of arbitration and conciliation, relaxation of the rule requiring unanimous voting in the Council and Assembly, the attitude to be taken toward a member nation that fails to pay its dues, the method of selecting non-permanent members of the Council, the attachment to the League of states too small to be full members and numerous other matters. There is a Scandinavian amendment proposing the elimination of the compulsory economic blockade. There is an Argentine amendment that would admit all sovereign states automatically on their request, and a Chinese amendment regarding "regional understandings," evidently designed to keep Japan from applying an oriental Monroe Doctrine to Asia. Canada has one that would eliminate from the Covenant Article X, which prescribes a military obligation on members of the League and has been subjected to severe criticism in this country.

The subcommittee now sitting will report to the amendments committee as a whole early in May, and the conclusions of that body will be referred to the Assembly at its next meeting in the summer. The result in any particular case is problematical, but it is fairly certain that several important changes will be made in the Covenant, regardless of whether or not the United States has anything to do with it.

The ensuing group of amendments will be roughly comparable to those which were found advisable for the Constitution of the United States immediately after its adoption—the "ten original amendments" proposed at the first session of the first Congress, in 1789, and adopted within two years.

Demonstrates Grade
Olmstead of the Code Machinery company of Bendleton, crossed the mountains several days ago with a new type of motor-driven road grader. He demonstrated the machine before the county court. The machine is said to do excellent work.

AD CLUB DINNER THIS EVENING

All members of the Ad Club attending the dinner at the Country Club this evening are asked to meet at the Foley hotel at 6:15 this evening, according to announcement by Secretary C. B. Miller this noon. Mr. Miller asks that those having machines all be on hand at that hour so that they can help take those without machines to the club.

Earl Stoddard, president of the Country Club, who will be in charge of the meeting this evening, has arranged a special program of music for the occasion. It is probable that the directors of the Union Stock Show will be guests of the club this evening. They are in La Grande and vicinity in the interest of the stock show today and have been invited to attend the meeting.

CHEVROLETS DROP IN PRICE

A drop of \$175 in the price of the Chevrolet "490" and a drop of \$155 in the model T truck chassis became effective Saturday, according to word received by the Inland Motor Company, the local agents for the Chevrolet. The reductions are on prices C. o. b. Detroit. There is no reduction in the P. B. Models, the larger cars.

With the reduction in price of the cars the bonus offer of \$70 for the open models and \$100 for the closed models, which would have been payable July 1, is withdrawn. However, all purchasers of Chevrolets at the old price will receive their bonus.

The general drop of the prices which became effective this week is effective on the lines carried by the Inland Motor company. These lines are the Goodyear and the U. S. With prices of cars and accessories down to around what they were before 1914, the Inland Motor company expects business to be stimulated considerably.

AUTO THIEF NABBED HERE

W. J. Clark was arrested last night by Deputy Sheriff John Striker for the Pendleton authorities and lodged in the county jail awaiting an officer from Pendleton who will take Clark back there, where charges of stealing an automobile will be lodged against him. Clark was driving a Maxwell "bug" when arrested. This machine was stolen Saturday night at Pendleton and the local authorities were notified to be on the lookout for the car. Clark was arrested between here and Perry.

LEGION HEARS OF BONUS BILL

SPECIAL MEETING HELD SATURDAY EVENING.

Matters Regarding Claims of Men Against Government Taken Up—Plans For Memorial Day.

American Legion Post No. 43 met in Eagles' Hall Saturday evening, the regular monthly meeting date having been changed from the second Monday of the month to Saturday in order to have it fall on the same day the "Flying Squadron" of the Legion visited here.

Included in the squadron were E. J. Ivers, state adjutant of the American Legion; Frank Ivers, who is working in the interests of compensation claims due the service men; Cliff Wood, of the bureau of war risk insurance; and J. C. Bree, an army field clerk.

This "Flying Squadron" is organized for the purpose of clearing up government claims service men have that are unsettled and for the purpose of issuing Victory medals. At the meeting Adjutant Ivers spoke of the soldier bonus bill. He outlined the bill from the standpoint of the service man and showed its favorable features, urging all former soldiers, sailors, and marines to use their influence to secure a favorable vote on the bill at the June special election.

Initial plans were also made for observing Memorial Day. While no definite announcement has been made it is probable that a special service in some particular church and a parade will feature the observance of this day.

There were about 75 in attendance at the meeting Saturday night.

COVE CHERRIANS DOWN BAKERITES

BAKER, May 10.—Notwithstanding the Baker colds were defeated on the game Sunday with Cove in the lower county league, the game was enjoyed by those who journeyed to Valley green grounds. The merry players

from Cove proved so much for the Baker team, the score being 9 to 2. This makes three defeats and one win for the Baker team. Baker has been up against some good teams but with practice are playing better. Cove Manager Joe Elliott is confident his players will hit a winning streak yet. Following is the Baker line-up: J. Bates, p; Keler, 2b; Baird, 3b; P. Bates, ss; Robertson, lf; Howe, cf; True, rf; Gardner, p; Grant, c.

POLICY TOWARD MEXICO FORMED

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The administration policy toward Mexico has been very well determined, it was stated today authoritatively, but the officials are not yet ready to enunciate it.

TRIBUTE TO SERVICE MEN

EUGENE, May 10.—Plans are being made for erection of a \$100,000 memorial court on the highest ground of the campus of the University of Oregon here as a tribute to men of Oregon who lost their lives in the world war.

The memorial court is planned to be at the entrance to an auditorium to be built later when funds become available. It will be flanked by buildings devoted to music and fine arts. In the court itself, which will be approximately 300 feet square, will be a memorial statue, two patriotically ornamented flag poles and tablets bearing the names of Oregon men who gave their lives. Completion of the memorial by 1925, the University's semi-centenary, is proposed.

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BIBLICAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Out of what did God make man?
2. How did Adam and Eve feel after they had eaten of the forbidden fruit?
3. What good man did God call from among the heathen?
4. What did Jacob pay Esau for his birthright?
5. Why did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob?
6. What did the angel in the burning bush tell Moses that God wanted him to do?
7. What was the name of Israel's most wicked King?
8. What little girl did Jesus bring to life again after she had died?
9. When Paul and Silas were in prison what happened as they prayed and sang?
10. When Samson slew the thirty Philistines what did his father-in-law do in revenge?

Answers to Yesterday's Questions.

1. When no man proved worthy to

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open the Book of Seven Seals, the Lamb opened it.

1. When the first seal was broken, St. John saw a mounted white horse which went forth conquering.
2. The second seal disclosed a red horse whose rider had the power to take peace from the earth.
3. With the breaking of the third seal St. John beheld a black horse whose rider had a pair of balances in his hand.
4. Upon the opening of the fourth seal there appeared a pale horse whose rider's name was death.
5. St. John saw the souls of the martyrs who had died for the word of God, upon the opening of the fifth seal.
6. Stephen was the first man killed for preaching.
7. The Egyptians made slaves of the Hebrews after Joseph had died.
8. God sent ten plagues upon the Egyptians.
9. When a youth David was a shepherd boy.

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- May 10, 1501 (about).—Americus Vesputius sailed for America.
- May 10, 1576.—First town meeting held to resist British aggression.
- May 10, 1813.—Montgomery Blair, postmaster-general under Lincoln, born.
- May 10, 1865.—Jefferson Davis captured at Irwinville, Ga.
- Seventh President.
- Andrew Jackson, Democrat.
- Incumbent March 4, 1829. Age 61.
- Term of office, 8 years.
- Residence, Hermitage, Tenn.
- Born, March 15, 1767, Charlestown, N. C.
- Died June 22, 1845. Age 78.
- College, Yale. Lawyer, President, Scotch-Irish.