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CITY AND COUNTRY OFFICIAL PAPER.

Canadian and Bourbon Whiskey

The first of a series of whiskey seizures, probably the largest in the history of the country, was started by Federal dry agents at Portal, N. D., in an effort to head off the exportation of a million and a quarter dollars worth of intoxicants which distillers sought to import to Canada.

From a business standpoint, according to the Minot, Dakota, News, it is rather difficult to figure out the reasoning that prompts a government to officially permit the exportation of whiskey and then hire a small army in various states along the border, as well as farther south, to chase, catch and prosecute whiskey runners. There is no argument why whiskey is taken to Canada. No one ever suspected Canadians of drinking bourbon whiskey made in Kentucky. They have no use for it, except in the hands of the crookedest class of individuals who ever endeavored to classify themselves as businessmen. Taking American liquor these men have doped it in order to double the quantity until today a man is taking his life in his hands to taste the stuff.

While American liquor has poured into Canada to be diluted and doped, Americans have been paying Canada's war debt until today Canada's money is as sound as that circulated by Uncle Sam. The whole process during the last few years has been to give the United States the vilest liquor ever smuggled into a country, with a handsome royalty paid to the Canadian government in the transaction.

If it is the policy of the Washington government to permit distillers in this country to realize on their stocks, why not allow it to be sold, in an undiluted manner, at a reasonable price direct to Americans, in place of carting it across the Canadian line which is nothing less than subterfuge.

Without entering into an argument on the merits of the Volstead act, it is only fair to look at the handling of the present liquor stocks in the country in the same manner as would be utilized in any similar matter.

There will be tremendous stakes involved in the present controversy and a battle royal is assured. Whether Canadian bootleggers get the 12,000 cases, mix it with poison and peddle it back at exorbitant prices to thirsty United States, is the question that must be settled.

Advertising Oregon.

The curtain was rung down on the Portland exposition at the general election by a vote of the people. Immediately Julius Meier, who is sincere in wanting to do something to assist Oregon's advancement, started a campaign for state advertising to attract settlers and people who would like to live in Oregon.

The wisdom of this move need not be commented upon. It is plainly the most sensible thing yet started, for, with a proper campaign pursued vigorously there is hope that the big Eastern Oregon country may not remain empty but begin to acquire permanent settlers.

The Portland Oregonian carried a full page advertisement on the need of advertising Oregon a few days ago which will do a lot of good toward arousing sentiment for such a campaign. The Portland Chamber of Commerce has raised \$300,000 for state-wide advertising, all of which indicates the people are going to join the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific railroads in an effort to get a movement started which will mean a greater Oregon with more people, more wealth, more development.

Union County at Exposition.

The best possible standing a county could have in the live stock world was experienced by Union county at the International stock show at Portland. The old county that is the home of the breeding stock of the northwest certainly made a fine showing, as did her young people who are taking an interest in live stock, for they also were on the job in many events. Floyd McKennon, with his six-horse team, took the first prize as a driver of sixes, and altogether Union county proved to the world her merit.

That proof was not obtained in a day or a month or a year, for Union county's success as a live stock county reaches from almost the days of the first settlement. The Grande Ronde horse, known over the world for its superior wind and feet, was the first inspiration to improve live stock in this valley. The process has been constant but sure, and today no single county west of the Rocky mountains has a better reputation for good live stock than has old Union county.

Three judges are at work hearing the telephone rate case which has been re-opened. This reminds us, what good is the Public Service Commission, and a lot more commissions, when the final showdown has to come before the courts anyway?

It is one thing for the state, through one of its commissions, to demand the building of several miles of railroads, but it is quite another thing to get the railroads and finances. Oregon has made the demand, now let us see how far this demand will reach.

THE OFFICE CAT

THOUGHT SO, TOO

Captain Higgins of the army air service tells about his first trip up in an airplane. When the airplane was up several hundred feet the aviator thought he'd sprig one on the captain to test his nerve. So quite suddenly he manipulated the machine so that it went shooting toward the earth, and when within a few feet it suddenly rose again to the clouds.

"I'll bet fifty per cent of the people down there thought we would strike the earth," shouted the aviator in the ear of the captain. "Yes," replied the captain, "and fifty per cent of the people up here thought so, too!"

ANOTHER

One more unfortunate.
Crossing the track,
Rashly, impudently,
Failed to look back!
Men in his auto,
Taking a flop
Teaches this motto:
Slow down and stop!

MISUNDERSTANDING

"Reggie would range perfectly out for two things."
"Yes, what are they?"
"His feet."

There are a lot of people who know what is right but have not the courage to do it.

One time is as good as another to have the agony over. You can put up the stove now whenever you feel like it.

THE STINGY CUS

Your idea of the champion mean that is the friend, who, having formed the habit of taking us out on rides in his sidecar, turns around and trades in the sidecar outfit for a new solo job.

"What has the indulgent mother in view when she whips her disobedient child?" inquired the professor of a class in mental philosophy, and then he couldn't quite understand why the class looked at each other and laughed.

"Girl, yesterday wreck a lumber yard." "Oh, well, as the saying is, it will be boys."

THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS

She was the sort of a woman who always tell everybody her family troubles. With a chummy smile she settled herself at the counter and began: "My husband has been very ill—very ill—so I have to do his shopping, and I want a shirt."

"Certainly, madam," said WILLIAMS courteously. "Shirts front and off."

"Oh, no," she exclaimed in horrified tones. "The doctor says he can't avoid anything with starch in it."

HOPEFUL

"The world's supply of coal will be exhausted in 1,200 years."
"That reassures me for this winter."

One correspondent reports that the usual crop of freshmen who can't dance without crushing their partner's toes is there again in full number. How long will the preparatory schools of this state continue to send young men to the university only half-fit for the work that is required?

Personality is a big factor in business success, but personality is not made by failures and hardships.

Today's Events.

One hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of Sir Charles Lyell, founder of the modern science of geology.

The resignation of William H. Hays as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States becomes effective today.

A conference on natural resources is to be held at Ottawa today between the Dominion government and the provinces of the three Prairie Provinces.

Birmingham, Alabama, today will begin the entertainment of the annual general convention of the society of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The forty-first international convention of the Y. M. C. A., representing the association in the United States and Canada, opens today at Atlantic City.

Secretary of War John W. Weeks has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address tonight at the annual dinner of the Box Car Club of Commerce.

Governors, commissioners, farm bureau presidents, and agricultural extension agents from 12 states in the spring wheat area are to meet in Minneapolis today for the second annual conference for the prevention of grain rust.

BRIEF PUNCHES

Whence, Germania Herald: The first election is ended. Most sure-bets can be paid now. If he has enough money to pay for it and can find a dealer with sense to sell.

Reuben City Star: A New York woman selling divorce says her husband went out to get a drink and left eleven years ago and to her credit she should have the divorce.

It should be the duty of every citizen to see how far this demand will reach.

FORUM

Editor of the Observer:

MORE ABOUT THE FOX

I wish to thank you for your favor in publishing an article I wrote you from Muskegon, Mich., regarding my trip through the east and north-east, relative to the silver-fox farming and the pet end of the industry which I started on about October 18. The article mentioned covered for the most part, my findings relating to the pet end of the industry while at St. Louis Mo., the largest fur center of the world today.

While most of the silver fox farms that I visited were in the state of Michigan, I personally saw of 2,000 silver foxes while on this trip. This amount is about one-half of the number in the United States today. The average fox farm had about thirty foxes on it. A few had as high as eighty. I found that it was a difficult task to buy fox because on a farm of say forty foxes, there would be scarcely any out of the total which I considered fit for breeding or foundation stock. There seems to be too much money in the business at present to force the fox farmers to sell their cubs. Naturally they are stuffed off on to the new beginner through mail orders.

I brought with me a crate of this year's pups, jet black, from advanced registered stock, which guarantees that they are from the very best quality stock. I personally know that they are the very best pups in the east, as they are prize winners of last year's silver fox show at Muskegon, Michigan. They are of the famous Ashton and Tangle strain. I bought silver from the original pioneer fox farmer, Mr. R. F. Tangle, and the very best pups to buy. You may know they are valuable stock, for I obtained special permit from the general manager of the American Fur-trade company to ride with my four on No. 5 in order to care for them properly, as it is too far to ship with safety that distance.

I wish to state that owing to the nature of the silver fox and the successful raising of them, that it is necessary to close the pens to visitors certain seasons of the year. This closed season begins November 15 and ends June 15th following. I will now ask that all parties wishing to see my fox now while they are here be turned out to please come before the 15th, or on that date, as after said date my pens will be closed to visitors except those contemplating buying foxes next season. I will accommodate those parties at any time possible. I am not exaggerating when I now state that I have as good a quality of silver fox as can be produced in the United States today.

Yours truly,
H. W. SMITH.
1364 W. Avenue,
La Grande, Oregon.

Today's Birthdays.

Claude Monet, famous French artist, and sole survivor of the impressionist school, born in Paris, 82 years ago today.

Dr. Charles Wesley Flint, the new chancellor of Syracuse University, born at Stonsville, Ont., 44 years ago today.

Dr. Robert E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon college, born at Warrenton, Va., 68 years ago today.

Robert S. Hildens, successful novelist and playwright, born in England, 58 years ago today.

One Year Ago Today.

Rose C. (Patty) Arbuckle placed on trial in San Francisco. More than 50,000 garment workers went on strike in New York city.

Free Demonstration

J. J. McAllister LINIMENT

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J. J. McAllister

Manufacturer and owner Simplex Liniment used in this demonstration.
For Catarrh, Bronchial Asthma, Hay Fever, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Gout, Indigestion, La Grippe, and everything cold.
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The public is invited.

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A Brilliant Collection of Distinctive Party and Dance Frocks

Pertinent the most striking features of the youthful dinner and dance frocks assembled here are the beautiful and brilliant colorings, the lovely fabrics and their distinctive styles. Many of them are original creations, others are copies of Paris gowns and every model embodying the latest in styling. This is an unusual opportunity to select a party frock for the many social functions of the season. All our party and dance frocks are shown in our French Costume Room only on request, the salesladies will gladly show them.

We Dye Your Satin Pumps to Match Your Frock

Sale of Pure Silk HOSE 69c pr.

The unusual feature in this sale of silk hose is the fact that every new shade is included. You will find Pink, Blue, Grey and Camel, beside Black and Brown. They are PROVEN "seconds," but the defects are hardly noticeable, and customers tell us they wear unusually well. There are all sizes—choose 45c pair.

In the Day's News.

Miss Annie S. Peck, who has sailed for South America to plant the flag of woman suffrage on the summit of Mount Corcovado, overlooking the harbor at Rio de Janeiro, is an explorer and mountain climber of world-wide reputation. She has been climbing mountains ever since she can remember, almost. She has scaled all the high peaks of the Swiss Alps, of the Rockies and Sierras in North America, and of the Andes in Peru and Bolivia. Miss Peck, who is a native of Providence, R. I., has had a varied career, for she is proficient in many other things besides scaling peaks. She is known far and wide as a scholar of unusual attainments and

a lecturer of marked success. She was graduated from the University of Michigan and subsequently studied in Germany and other parts of Europe. She has held a professorship in Smith college and has lectured before the chief scientific and learned societies of America.

Today's Anniversaries.

1802—Jacob Abbott, author of the "Rolls Books" for boys, born at Hallowell, Maine. Died at Farmington, Maine, October 31, 1879.

1809—Bonaparte was congratulated on his return from Austria by the public bodies of Paris.
1832—Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, died at Baltimore. Born at Annapolis, Md., September 19, 1737.
1907—Protestants Episcopal Convention at New York condemned the removal of "In God We Trust" from the new gold coin.

Confidence

The successful man has confidence in himself. He also has confidence in his banker.

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We invite your confidence and offer you our best service in our business relations.

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B. P. O. E. HALL

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