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ENCOURAGEMENT TO LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE.

COTTAGE GROVE, ORE., March 3.—(To the Editor.)—May I speak a word through our city paper of encouragement to law-abiding and law-believing people?

We are told by the best authority that "the year 1930 saw a decrease of 21 per cent in export of spirits from Britain to Canada and the West Indies as a result of tightening the grip of our prohibition enforcement agencies." The laws are enforced better than many and as well as any of our laws. And more and more of us are learning that our nation means to enforce them, and that to obey is better than to do otherwise.

Judge Clark of New Jersey knew his decision was wrong—but some young men think to get rich quick is better than to be all their lives poor just judges.

Senator Upton of Oregon knew what he was in, he knew his company would be below par, but for other considerations he preferred to malign the W. C. T. U. and the others who love the homes and the youth of the land.

The liquor interests have hundreds of such agents all over the land. You find them everywhere. Many of them at heart are not bad criminals. But they say, "These are hard times and since the 'trade' has slumped to throw away what harm is it for me to open my lap and let some of it fall into it." You hear sometimes some fine man say, "May be we have made a mistake in passing this 18th amendment."

I wish they did not say it. Looks like he is growing weaker. Mr. Rum then howls the louder. Then others get weaker. It's Mr. Rum's way of getting by without paying for it.

God says thou shalt not lie, steal, murder, commit adultery and all the rest of the moral law. But Mr. Rum does all of these and repeats it day by day till we are so dazed we think the clean and upright are all hypocrites and all the other evils. Then don't say, "may be we made a mistake to put the 18th amendment in our constitution." Brother, let's take courage. Remember God alive and we have lived up to Him and will forever so stand, knowing victory cometh in the morning.

W. V. McGEE.

Editorial note.—Mr. McGee is in error in his presumption that those who sponsored modification measures at the recent legislative session were in the pay of any organization. The Sentinel is as much opposed to a reign of booze as Mr. McGee, but this paper does not believe Senator Upton and Representative Manning are any less entitled to their convictions than the rest of us, even though we may seriously disagree with them. It must be borne in mind that both were known to be wets when they were elected, and evidently represent wet districts of the state. Neither one is any wetter than our governor who was elected by so tremendous a majority and who soon will be in full control of the entire law enforcement machinery of the state.

Under the Big Dome

(By ELBERT BEDE.)

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Ore., March 2.—(Special.)—Before this is printed the session will have adjourned, and it will be possible to say that the members remained here at their own expense until they had completed in an orderly manner the business they came here to perform.

It will then be possible to say that the governor got every thing he asked for that could be in any way considered necessary for the performance of his platform pledges, and of that which was not a part of the so-called Joseph platform. The police bill is one of such, and it is my belief that the chief executive is likely to wish, before the four years are over, that the legislature hadn't been quite so ready to give him no excuse for not carrying out his program in full.

When a recapitulation has been made it will be found that carrying out the governor's program, or making it possible for him to carry out that program, has so far resulted in only additional expense. Twenty thousand dollars has been given the governor to aid him in making an investigation that he hopes will result in cutting expenses in various departments.

Fifty thousand dollars has been appropriated to carry out the hydro-electric program during the coming biennium. This is part of the without-cost-to-the-taxpayer program, and it remains to be seen whether returns from hydro-electric development will return to the state its appropriation and provide power without adding more taxes.

One of my predictions is being fulfilled. That is, the governor has become wise to the fact that he was entirely unfamiliar with the business of which he was suddenly placed at the head. He says he has learned in eight weeks more about the state's business than he learned in all the years preceding his induction into the gubernatorial chair. He has won over many who opposed him in the recent election. He has been making appointments until after the adjournment of the legislature, and thus has saved himself much grief. Whether he will be successful in satisfying all who expect to be favored with state jobs, who feel they have earned state jobs, remains to be seen.

The feature of this week's session was the third house, held Monday night. The house chamber and lobby were jammed and spectators were packed like sardines far out into the lobby under the big dome.

George Joseph, son of the late republican gubernatorial nominee, acted as president of the senate and Elbert Bede acted as speaker of the

house. Senators acted as pages, members of the house as messengers, and clerks of the two houses impersonated members of the two houses.

It is going to be a difficult job for the governor who succeeds Julius, unless he chances to be one who can be as liberal with his money as Julius is with his expenses. He will receive, but he seems to enjoy having it that way, and there is no danger of his depleting his personal funds.

The senate continues to be a day or so behind the house, so far as cleaning up legislation is concerned, but it seems at this writing that both houses will be able to adjourn Thursday, or possibly Wednesday. The end is easily in sight.

It probably was appropriate that the mattress bill should be put to sleep.

A senate bill prohibiting the use of stink bombs has just reached the house. It might have assisted in bringing the session to a close earlier if it had been enacted in the fore part of the session.

As the session draws to a close the crippled ones from Lane county are regaining the use of their limbs. The reading clerk of the house, who hails from Cottage Grove, and who severely cut up his left hand two days before the session opened, appeared today without bandages for the first time. It will be two months or more before he will again have full use of his hand.

Representative McCormack of Eugene, who suffered a sprained hand a few days before the session opened, has about regained use of the member. He and Representative Howard participated in an automobile accident, but Howard received no serious injuries.

A number of members are going to get credit for being absentees when the fault will not really be theirs. Never before have I seen so many members called into the gubernatorial office during sessions. Members are marked absent while they are in such conferences, and often they miss several roll calls. Of course there are a number who don't worry about absenteeism and linger in the lobby unnecessarily.

If Governor Meier should be a candidate for United States senator two years from now, say that now seems certain, and should not resign the gubernatorial job, the presidency of the senate might become as important as the governorship. If the governor should be elected to the federal position, and should not resign until time to take his new job, which would be after the legislature had elected its presiding officers, the president of the senate would become governor. Of course the governor, if nominated for senator, might resign as soon as he became the nominee, and the state central committee would name candidates. In such a case both democratic and republican committees would act.

That's That

It is annoying when one goes to the theater and has one's view of the stage obscured by the hat of a woman seated in front.

Nobody has much sympathy for those who choose to wear their largest hats while seeking amusement, but on the other hand, there is the crusty old man who finds fault with everything and pretends he is unable to see the stage even when the hat in front of him is of the smallest variety.

One of these was at the theater when, after fidgeting for some time, he growled in a loud voice to the girl in front of him: "Do you mind removing your hat? I can't see through wood!"

The girl turned and looked at him quietly for a moment. Then she said calmly: "Very well, change seats; I can."

Musical Milkmaid

The piping of the goatherds is one of the novel experiences of those persons who take occasion to spend a little time in the mountain towns in the Pyrenees mountains in the south of France. This music fills the early morning air, the milk pails appearing soon after the break of dawn. These early morning visitors present a picturesque appearance. The pair consists generally of a lad and a maid, leading a herd of goats, and the lad is equipped with homemade pan-pipes, and his music serves to call the housekeeper who appears in the door with a crock or heavy brass pail, and into this the milk is drawn directly from the animal.

Gauging Age of Stars

The age of the earth according to ordinary time standards is enormous, but when compared with the age of some stars our earth is extraordinarily young.

Three different astronomical methods can be applied to the calculation of the age of the stars, and all three astronomical clocks show the same time, 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 years. If the age of a human being is one second, of the human race six hours, then the lower limit of the age of the earth is one year, and the age of the stars is 5,000 years.—George von Hevesy in Science.

Fisherman's Odd Catch

Mark O'Neal of Toronto, Wash., went fishing. He came home with one trout and a slot machine. He worked half an hour landing the heavy machine his hook had snagged under the water, and an hour and a half making it disgorge a nickel he dropped in to see what would happen. Nothing happened.

Looking to the Future

"Your speeches were listened to with close attention."

"That's what worries me," replied Senator Sorghum. "Any number of people are liable to remember those speeches and quote them when I am anxious to talk about something else."

World's Debt to Faraday

The discovery of the laws of electromagnetic induction by Michael Faraday (1791-1867) made possible the experiments resulting in the telephone, the dynamo and most of our modern electrical conveniences.

Gigantic Structure

Herodotus estimated that 100,000 men were engaged for 20 years in building the Great pyramid.

City Council

The following bills were allowed at Monday night's meeting of the city council:

J. B. Fisher, salary \$130.00

Knapp & Graber, material 6.99

W. L. Leonard, cleaning streets 24.00

Oscar Smith, labor and expense 24.50

P. H. Jones, labor and expense 23.50

Cottage Grove Fire Dept., salary 10.00

Dr. E. E. Frost, salary 80.00

Donnell Allen, salary 80.00

Mr. Stiles, Post Office lights 2.00

Schofield Stewart, sewer cleaning 225.00

Railway Express Co., express .87

O. V. Brown, salary and expense 137.50

L. W. Colner, salary 2.50

The Frederick Post Co., engineers supplies 5.95

Emphrey & Mackin, building supplies 7.40

Wallace & Terman Co., chlorinator repairs 2.70

Smith Short, building supplies 1.45

Wiseman Hardware, supplies 113.00

J. C. Schaffer, sign poles 8.58

J. H. Chambers & Son, material and supplies 67.17

C. G. Sentinel, adv. and printing 22.95

State Industrial Accident Comm., insurance 1.50

P. Hunter, special police 48.38

F. Counts, cleaning streets 25.00

Herbert W. Lombard, salary and expense 25.00

Bad All Round

Appropos of movements for world peace, a prominent manufacturer said at a meeting of the Society for Universal Peace in Pittsburgh:

"We should all lend a hand in this peace movement. We should do so not only to prevent our young men from being sacrificed, but also for our own benefit."

"Warring nations," he continued, "suffer in lives lost. We suffer in our business, our pocketbooks, and, by consequence, we suffer, too, in our luxuries and conveniences."

"In a word the fighters trench, the noncombatants retrench."

Coloring Gold

The simplest way to produce the various colors of gold is to alloy it with other metals, copper giving a reddish tinge, silver a white tinge, while the alloy of gold, silver and copper may have a greenish tone.

An alloy of three parts of gold to one part silver is green, while three parts gold to one part copper is red. In the same way, special alloying gives the popular white gold. The wearing quality depends on other factors besides the amount of gold in the alloy, as expressed in carats.

Nothing

At a trial in a fraud case in an adjoining county to Indianapolis the receiver of the company in the case was asked by counsel to state in as few words as possible what the company had, what he sold and what he received as receiver.

"Well," he said, "they had nothing. I sold nothing. I got nothing."

Extra Punishment

The following notice has been posted at an electric station: "Be warned! To touch these wires is instant death. Any one found doing so will be prosecuted."

Interesting Collection

A collection of old plantation diaries, journals and records and Confederate banknotes, dating from 1840 to 1900 is in the Louisiana State university library, the gift of the DeTouet family of Lafayette, La.

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African Province Found to Be Flealand Oasis

A plague-prevention survey of Africa resulted in the discovery of a spot which is absolutely free of fleas and the incident was regarded as so remarkable that the investigators tarried for some explanation of the unusual situation.

This favored spot was the town of Prieska and the country immediately surrounding it. Fleas are notoriously good carriers of the germs of this disease and therefore the entire wide ranches of Africa were systematically searched for animals carrying infected specimens of "pulleux irritans."

Hence it happens that certain dogs at Prieska, which lies on the Karoo prairies of the Cape of Good Hope province, were searched for fleas by the medical men.

Not a solitary jumper could be found. Every cur, even the most neglected and mongrel native-owned brutes, was absolutely devoid of them.

The theory of some residents is that the nitrates in the barren lands surrounding this particular settlement act as a natural disinfectant.

Living Characters Used on Ancient Chessboard

The Mogul emperors of India carried out some strange plans in connection with their domestic life, and a visitor to the famous fort in Agra will be able to see young men from the beautiful buildings used as part of the zenana. One of the most interesting features is the open space in the center of the fort, known as the Anjuri Bagh. This space is divided into many squares, marked off by marble slabs, and covered with green grass. There are broad marble causeways between the separate blocks. It is generally believed that the Mogul emperors used these as chess-boards, and the "pieces" used in the game were young slaves, who chanced their position according to the directions of the players, who would be seated in one of the marble pavilions. The game played in these days did not correspond with the modern chess, but was known as pachisi. The size of the Anjuri Bagh is about 280 feet square.

Where Pigeons Fail

The use of carrier pigeons has not been attended with any great degree of success by the members of the royal Canadian air force on forestry patrol. Birds were carried on airplanes with the hope that they would prove valuable in case of emergency. Several birds were released 500 miles from home, but a small number reached their objective point. They had encountered an electrical storm and were lost in the struggle. Those that did get through were very late. In another test one bird reached the home cote, but it had lost its message. This was a genuine call for help and the unfortunate flyer was compelled to walk many hundred miles.

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