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WAITING FOR THE COUNT

John Barleycorn after fighting the good iron people for 147 years since the foundation of the United States, is at last about down and out. In the language of the street he is on his last legs waiting for the count, sense and the better judgment of the American people.

This has been a bad week for old John B. Several additional states, including Old Oregon have taken healthy wallops at him and all have landed on vital spots, for these punches have consisted of ratifications of the Prohibition Constitutional amendment.

Oregon was the 26th state to give its endorsement of the amendment which will make the biggest nation in the world a dry nation, and only ten more states are needed to make the amendment part of the basic law of the land. These ten, it is believed will be recorded within the next week, or two at the latest.

The West will hardly notice this great change, for here local sentiment placed practically all the states in dry territory. It is in the East, particularly along the Atlantic seaboard that the change will be felt most.

The passage of the law will serve to make boot-legging a profitless industry for the offenders will find themselves coping with federal officials, as have the moonshiners of the South who can ply their trade only in the most remote regions, and then under extreme danger of being caught. So great is the vigilance of the federal authorities that the moonshiner is almost an outlaw. Such a price only a few will pay. As a result the time is not far distant when liquor will be an almost unknown commodity and as generations come who have no knowledge of its traffic in licensed form its insidious influence and baneful effects will be unknown, save as revealed by histories. Students then will wonder why it was so long endured.

The passage of the Prohibition amendment is a great testimony to the constructive and persistent efforts at educating the people of America to the harms of the liquor traffic which have been conducted by many temperance societies during the past half century. This long campaign made little progress during its early stages, but during the past ten years its strides have been long and rapid. In fact had anyone declared ten years ago that such an amendment would in

1919 receive the support of a majority of the states, he would have been derided as a crank. It has received more than that portion already, and seems bound to come the law of the land in but a few days. It can not come too soon.

WSS WSS WSS CAUSE FOR APPREHENSION

With the spread of Bolshevism from Russia to Germany and to South America, and now to Portland, here in Oregon it seems natural to ask the question: Are we here in the United States to suffer from the blight of that awful curse?

It is natural to answer no. But that does not dismiss the question. What does the meaning of such a meeting as that held in the Arion hall in Portland last Friday night signify, or does it signify anything?

In ordinary times, such a meeting would be passed over as merely another frothing of the I. W. W. given undue prominence in the press, but that can not be done now, for such occurrences are happening too frequently in the world today. Unpleasant and unAmerican as they may be, and are in fact, they signify a condition that is fraught with possible trouble. The sooner the truth of that fact is recognized and the condition analyzed to determine its cause, the better. With the cause determined right thinking efforts will eradicate them in this republic, or at least so neutralize them as to remove them as a cause for foreboding ills.

Present conditions are not usual. With the return of hundreds of soldiers and sailors to private life there is bound to be more or less unemployment until they can be assimilated in the industries of peace. With a belief that they deserve well of the people whom they were to fight for, and because too many of them were drawn from too recently made Americans, they furnish a fertile field for the seductions of the flannel-mouthed I. W. W. orators who are active in the cities.

It will not do to tell them that here they are the people, they are the power that rules the government. They are in no mood for fine spun theories on political economy, what they want is work. Give them work and a means of enjoying their leisure hours and they will have no time to spend listening to the pupils of Lenin and Trotsky.

This then is the time for the patriotic employer to show his patriotism and his sense of social justice. Let him find places in his force for the men who have gone to the army, at least until he has replaced with discharged soldiers and sailors a number equal to the stars on the service flag he has flown since his other employes left.

Such action at present would serve to tide the situation over until spring when agricultural and other pursuits will fill the void in the labor demand and put conditions back to normal.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Sgt. Elmer Leavitt returned last week from Portland and San Francisco where he has been in the Marine service.

Barney Tillotson is down from Beulah this week visiting with friends here.

Donald McKenzie is another Beulah visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hinton and daughter Miss Annie Harris motored to Vale Sunday where Mr. Hinton transacted some business matters.

Little Marjory Kroessin returned Thursday from Huntington where she has been for some time visiting with relatives.

James McEwen was visiting with his family here this week.

Mrs. Louis Kroessin and small daughter Marjory journeyed to Weiser Saturday to visit with Mrs. Kroessin's relatives.

Mrs. J. G. Staples is able to be about after a week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Touse motored down to Ontario from above Vale Sunday and spent the day visiting with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hodge of Weiser spent Sunday in Ontario with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Anderson.

H. Doubleday of Los Angeles who was until recently a resident of Ontario was again in the city for a brief visit the last of the week with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dunphy were entertained at dinner Sunday by Miss Georgia Hull.

Mrs. Beulah Lewis and small son left Sunday evening for Spokane where Mrs. Lewis was called to attend to some business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker and children moved Saturday to the Strickland place.

Mrs. Nan A. Jones of the Style shop is leaving for a two week's vacation the first of the week.

Mrs. Anna Sullivan who has been on the sick list for some time is better now.

Miss Alva Arnold is now able to be out of doors again after three months' illness.

Mrs. Hugh Allen returned from Burns Wednesday where she conducted the annual showing of the Allen Shoe company in the Harney county metropolis.

Larue Blackaby went to Riverside to drive back the car T. T. Kohout drove out to Cord when he took ill there with the "flu."

Mrs. Lucy B. Fox returned to her school work this week after an illness of several days last week.

P. M. Boals, secretary of the Payette-Slope Irrigation district was in Ontario enroute for Vale, Monday.

Miss Erma Robertson returned to her home in Parma Friday after spending several months here in Ontario.

Mother Superior Mary Katherine of the Dominican Sisters returned to the Holy Rosary hospital Friday after a month's stay in Portland. While away she suffered from a light attack of the flu.

NOTICE TO THE OWNERS OF DOGS
All parties owning and harboring Dogs within the limits of the City of Ontario, Oregon, are hereby notified and warned, that after the 8th day of February 1919, the provisions of Ordinance No. 88 of said City will be strictly enforced and all dogs therein for which license has not been obtained will be taken up and destroyed.

License can be obtained from the City Recorder at any time up to said mentioned date by the payment of the following license fee, to-wit: For male dogs the sum of \$3.00 and for female dogs the sum of \$5.00 per head.

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