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A Startling Revelation

"It is estimated in the bone dry states of Washington and Oregon that there are 50,000 private kitchens in which beer containing 6 and 7 per cent alcohol is being brewed. It is strange that the Lord should permit Himself to be a factor in such a state of affairs by continuing to maintain His law of fermentation in such sanctimonious places."

Through the courtesy of one of our friends there was handed to us for inspection and probable approbation a calendar published in a central locality of Chicago. As far as we can discern the publication is intended for the spiritual enlightenment not only for the people within the confines of the said parish, but for the betterment of all others into whose hands it may fall. Perusing the opening pages of the booklet we were amused to see the above startling revelation about affairs in Oregon, which we cannot allow to pass without a word of protest.

To anyone who read the ten line editorial, there must come the idea that Oregon and Washington are frightfully hypocritical in pretending to be a bone dry state and convertly manufacturing more beer than can be consumed in 6000 saloons that grace the city of Chicago. It is surprising to find that information on the affairs outside of Washington and Oregon may issue from the most unexpected sources. The editorial is not going to do us any particular harm out west, for it is safe to say that it has not been brought to the attention of a dozen parties out here, but to those in Chicago, who will notice it and accept it as true on the veracity of their Rev. Editor, it is no more than justice to consider the other side of the question presented by those who live in this "sanctimonious" place and are supposed to be guilty of the alleged abominations.

The editorial begins after this manner: "It is estimated in the bone dry states of Washington and Oregon that there are 50,000 private kitchens in which beer containing 6 and 7 per cent alcohol is being brewed." Since this estimate is so preposterously erroneous, it is fair to come to the conclusion that it was made by the editor himself, or by one who has never been in Oregon and knows nothing of conditions beyond the mountains. Had the editor lived here for some time and made use of the 6 per cent beverage he protests against, he would now probably be advertising it in Chicago in a more spirited manner; it would have been to the betterment of our hop grower who are selling their products for that purpose. But to the point. How can a man living 2500 miles away form an accurate judgment of conditions existing in Oregon when he is not on the ground and probably never seen the brewing going on in one of these 50,000 private kitchens. Using one's imagination or the gossip of the street is always the last argument resorted to in a lost cause.

The Editor seems to forget that Washington and Oregon, who have figured so gallantly in the Liberty Loans and in the quota of boys over the waters, are parts of the United States. He leads the unwary to conclude that the Wild West is still existing, that there are no laws or common decency and that the people in these regions do whatever they please. If there is such an amount of illicit brewing going on in this "sanctimonious" place, why have not the government officials notice this condition of things and remedy it according to the sworn obligation they are under? Do they have to be told their duty, what is wise and prudent, by people living 2500 miles away. But maybe these conscienceless men, like their subjects, have imbibed so much of this 6 per cent beer or are so busy maintaining a portion of these 50,000 kitchens that they have no time to see that the laws of their bone dry states are observed.

The editor goes on to say that the beverage concocted in the private kitchens of Oregon contains 6 to 7 per cent alcohol. Though he gives us credit for experience in brewing, seeing the number of breweries we maintain, still we will lay no claim to proficiency in that direction. However, we have the statements of legalized manufacturers in Portland, that no private family with the utensils of a private kitchen and with the

A Most Prosperous Year

Next Sunday will be the closing services of the conference year at the Methodist church. This has been one of the most prosperous years in the history of the society. The church has been abundant in its offerings of men and money to the Nation's service. Twenty-seven stars are on its Honor Flag. Over 50 new members have been received. All financial obligations to local and missionary claims are met in full. A snug little bank account in the shape of Liberty Bonds has been started for the new church which is forthcoming as soon as the Nation is helped through to victory.

God bless our splendid men,
Bring them safe home again,
God bless our men,
Keep them victorious,
Patient and chivalrous,
They are so dear to us,
God save our men.

available contents, can manufacture a beverage that will come up to the estimate made by the editor in Chicago. It cannot be done. It requires implements that are stationed in any of the legalized breweries of Chicago. No such instruments have ever been found in any private kitchen, or if such were the case by a few wild westerners, justice was dealt mightily. The Rev. Editor of Chicago who has but to look around the corner of his residence in Chicago, where he will behold countless number of barrels of real beer of greater percentage than that he tries to ascribe to the people of Oregon, seems to be totally oblivious of this fact and wonders why the Lord allows himself to be connected with this nefarious and hidden work. Without wishing to become irrevolent to a possibly sincere man, would it not be better for him to confine his efforts and editorials to the streets of Chicago, where there would be enough work for a life time. There he can hardly walk down the street without meeting a drunken man, and sad to say, not extraordinarily a drunken woman, to give him time to the betterment of these he would have no time to tell people 2500 miles away how they should act or what hypocrites they are. During the time of the bone dry law of Oregon and Washington, we have yet to meet the first drunken man in either state, a statement that cannot be made with veracity by the editor in Chicago of one single week in his locality.

It goes without saying that "men blame an awful lot on God." Even in a ten line editorial the Lord has to bear the sins of his creatures. The Good Lord who makes His sun and rain fall upon the hop and barley crop of Oregon which are used for the abominable 6 per cent liquor, is asked disparagingly why he allows Himself to be a factor in this abominable affair. Without professing to be a theologian like our Rev. Editor, still we may ask in surprise, since when is the Lord to be blamed for the sins of His creatures? Up to this time we were under the impression that God is not the author of sin. Seemingly He must stop his laws of fermentation because there are 50,000 abusing it in Oregon. If this is logical, why should he not suspend many other laws because they are abused. Particularly the liberty of the press, because some are using it to malign other people; also the eighth commandment because editors do not state the truth about the stills of Oregon.

Owing to war conditions we will be compelled to stop the manufacture of our near beers and tonics by which everyone in the West has been benefited. It is these innocent beverages that the defenders of John Barleycorn and the saloon elements are decrying in Chicago and maligning the people of the West. But when John Barleycorn and the Kaiser are relegated to the regions of Nilisim, it may be our good fortune to invite the Editor from Chicago to the West, where he can spend day after day visiting the 50,000 kitchens of Oregon, where after imbibing the harmless brew that they make he will learn fact, and not fiction or worthless hearsay. An appeal to such is made only by those who have no facts to back them up and is generally made by those who consider the cause they defend's lost. Surely the Rev. Editor would not wish to come under that category.

We guarantee all A. D. S. Remedies. Currin Says So.

High School Notes

School notes this week were written by the English VI class. John McGregor and Cyril Magone made the school a good visit on Wednesday evening. They look like the best kind of Americans in their sailor uniforms.

The Seniors still unaccustomed to their newly acquired dignities are gaining more courage behind heavy tortoise shell rimmed spectacles and yellow badges bearing the astounding information "I'm a Senior, too."

The Fifth Termers were the first to set the social ball rolling. A class party was given at the home of George Skells last Thursday evening. A large percentage of the class was present. The evening was enjoyable spent in playing the usual parlor games and doing stunts. Although the Juniors are good "sports" and furnished the main performances themselves there were extemporaneous concessions furnished by the members not in the class which consisted of green tomatoes presented in a variety of ways.

One of the surprises of the

September Invigorating

September, genial, mild and calm, is coming, like a soothing balm. Perhaps, regardless of cost, she'll bring along an early frost, and that will sweat more kinds of flies than man can swat, however he tries. But if she doesn't bring that boon, she'll soothe our spirits pretty soon; she'll heal, with breezes cool and sweet, our chigger wounds and prickly heat. September comes, so don't despond, but save the coin to buy a bond; the fourth big war loan will appear before October's dawn is here, and in the crisp September air we surely ought to do our share. For then we're full of pep and snap and fit for frolic or for snarl, and we can hustle up the mon, and look upon the stunt as fun. The summer is a long ordeal; like false alarms all people feel; they're wilted and they're all run down; ah, then it's hard to chase through town to rustle seeds for any cause, however good it is or was. But in September, when the breeze puts ginger in our spines and knees, and makes us feel like yearling colts, ex-

State Essay Contest

The state wide essay contest in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive is attracting considerable attention among the school children of the state. The subject chosen for the youthful writers is "My Liberty Bond and I," and it is hoped that a large proportion of the 270,000 grade and high school pupils in the state who are eligible will take part in this interesting competition. Pupils of the third and fourth grades will write not more than 200 words; fifth and sixth grades, not more than 400 words; seventh and eighth grades and high schools, not more than 1000 words. Each teacher will select the best essay in her room. Each principal will select the best essays in her building, one from each competing grade. These will be sent to the county superintendent, who will choose the best essay in each grade, ten in all, and forward them to Fred L. Boalt, chairman of the Essay Contest Section, Room 203, Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, where the 370 essays submitted will be again read

St. Johns' Honor Roll

Following is a list of those from St. Johns who have enlisted in Uncle Sam's service. Persons knowing of any names omitted will render a favor by reporting same to this office.

Taylor M. Whitmore, Athill W. Irvine, Dean H. Knowles, Earl H. Knowles, Theodore Bugbee, H. Bryon Poff, Armand Olin, Claude E. Harris, Russell Poff, R. P. Galloway, Chas. E. Garlick, Murne Donaldson, Glenn Haskell, Ray Clark, Benajah T. Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John LaVillett, Frank L. Thompson, Oron Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trowbridge, Bert Larson, Alan Rutherford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenberg, J. W. Welsh, Walter Bowe, Clyde Heath, David Mayer, Fred Scmallings, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram Eatinger, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dowe Walker, August Jensen, Ray Meyer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gagnon, Lester D. and Basil B. Smith, Bryant Kilkenny, Paul Rude, Emory Gilmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindie C. Satterlee, Gordon and Wilbur Bellinger, Zelta Rice, Leslie B. Moulton, Harry Truman, Frank Green, Walter Rickson, Frank Whitney, Thomas Reynolds, Carlyle Cunningham, Percy Smith, Frank Whitney, Arthur C. Clark, Alphonso Fox, Harry O. Hughes, Geo. Downey, Thos. E. Willikson, Edw. G. Willikson, Ingolf Willikson, F. Edward Isbell, Graham Moxon, G. Lincoln Fassett, Harley Manning, Grover Carroll, Clyde Miller, Adolph Ascher, John Easley, Wm. Moe, Albert Hyde, Reed Chamberlain, Ray Vanderbeck, Richard Barley, Cecil Magone, Frank Bugbee, Ivan Faber, Bert Sundstrom, Gail Perrine, Norman Nelson, Grover Barron, Harry J. Simmons, Thos. Roberts, Max J. Witters, A. Tallman, G. W. Stevens, Christ Lind, William E. Galloway, Geo. Worthington, Jack L. Douglas, Joy Milton Carnahan, Elmer Flynn, J. Elmer Thomas, Eugene Small, Howard and Basil Holcomb, Carl Smith, Sprague B. Marsh, William Ward, Bert Sundstrom, Glen Weiser, Louis St. Johns, John F. Brownley, Ross Gatten, Thos. Cochran, Dewey Brown, Henry J. Amala, Alva and Ralph Smith, Eugene Thurmond, Harry Reichmeyer, George Schmidt, William Sneed, Alec S. Cokalas, Louis Fletcher, Roy Muck, Paul Irvine, R. L. Smith, Frank Steichen, George I. Letson, Merie Andrew Teeling, Guy Edwin Teeling, Albert Wrinkle, Eneas Small, Raymond Sprouls, Robert and Roy Andrews, Leonard H. Gagen, Frank Carlson, John B. White, Donald M. Flynn, Raymond Smith, Tony Halicki, Fred Marlett, Albert V. Marcy, John Balke, Edward Crosson, Anton Piekli, F. E. Wright, Vernon C. Scott, Emil Bronsart, Lester E. Ellis, Fred De Villette, Elmer Sneed, Harry W. Fassett, Percy M. Johnston, Fred Sterritt, Willis Vinson, Claude L. Peters, Lester E. Barry, Cyril W. Magone, Jerome H. Whisler, Eugene Brown, A. Earl Jayne, Wyeth Jayne, John McGregor, Thos. J. Donlon, Roy Thompson, J. Morton Lindley, Wylie R. Hessinger, Harry A. Imboden, George H. Royer, William Hughes, Clyde Thayer, Leo Sterns, Edward Hanson, Casper Hanson, Sam Dewey Peterson, Theo. Fred Mullar, Viking Larson, Gardner M. Whipple, William M. Koeter, Gilbert M. Olson, Earl Keliher, Ernest Jensen, Clyde Hein, Melvin A. Butts, Raymond F. Bueermann, Allen F. Sterritt, Wm. J. Kirkham, Olney Crosson, Lawrence Layton, Alva J. Asper, Geo. S. Payne, Fred Herwick, Robert G. Clark, Jos. C. Galloway, David Dickson, Chas. Spaekman, Edgin L. Barton, Frank Walden, Jos. G. Allen, Michael B. Fenschweller, Clarence J. Cannard, Francis W. Cannard, Albert G. Cannard, Joseph J. Bowley, Albert Vanderbeck, A. Fred Ihinger, Amandus L. Verdegan, Harvey P. Brown, Chas. S. Dane, N. R. Zimmerman, George Hufford, Everett Smith.

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LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEE

new term has been the large enrollment of older boys. School authorities anticipated a heavy dropping off among the upper classmen, believing that high wages, unusual opportunities for advancement and the general restlessness of the times, would prove irresistible temptation. Evidently, these men miscalculated. The boys, with remarkable good sense and forethought, have shown that they understand present conditions to be abnormal and have returned to school in spite of alluring offers. Their steadfastness is gratifying.

The high school classes have organized and elected their officers. The Seniors were the first to announce the result of their election. The officers are: President, Hugh Whistler; Vice-President, Denby Coon; Secretary, Zara Hindley; Treasurer, Ray Bredeen; Serg. at Arms, Ruth Edmondson. The sixth termers were next to organize: President, Kelsey Cook; Vice-president, Gladys Coon; Secretary, Stanley O'Connor; Treasurer, Edith Hartnell; Live Wire, Gevlyads Keeney. Fifth Termers: President, John Ohm; Vice-president, Lewis Clark; Secretary, Esther Olson; Treasurer, Melford Wlesler; Live Wire, Thomas Wood; Serg. at Arms, Oliver Jessup. Fourth termers: President, Lolita York; Vice-president, Margery Moxon; Secretary-treasurer, Virginia Dunsmore; Live Wire, Erma Griswold. Third Termers: President, McClure Adams; Vice-president, Jas. Vrooman; Treasurer, Jessie McNiven. Second Termers: President, Oscar McKinney; Vice-president, Lola Shirley; Secretary, Romyne Brand; Treasurer, Robert Burk.

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