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PROHIBITION AND POLITICS.

In publishing the courteous letter from Mr. J. Sanger Fox on the prohibition question today, we do not feel justified in letting it pass without considering an inaccurate impression obtained from an editorial in the Oregonian.

The Oregonian did not intend to convey the idea that "local option is responsible for the more successful enforcement of prohibitory law in the states that have recently secured it."

Local option is responsible for the spread rather than the enforcement of state-wide prohibition. Under this influence some of the real progress has been made in the past few years.

The issue resolves itself into a matter of enforcement and where local option has been enforced it has created a powerful trend toward state prohibition.

It may be conceded that the election of officials pledged to strict enforcement of prohibition is made an aid to the agencies for the enforcement of the law.

PROSPECT OF WHEAT MARKET.

A government crop report which raises the estimate of wheat to 945,000,000 bushels, an increase of 3,000,000 bushels on the July report in spite of rumored damage, turns attention to the question of what price the farmer will obtain.

STATE ROAD POLICIES.

It is significant that those states which have succeeded best in establishing and maintaining good roads have taken the work under state control.

Exports to Europe have not begun as briskly as last year, for then supplies were low, while the heavy shipments of the year have stocked up the British.

release Russia's export surplus of 160,000,000 bushels and that they may then leave the Americans with a large carry-over in case the latter hold for a side market.

By buying by France and Italy and by American millers, who have an active demand for flour, has caused prices in Chicago to advance in the last few days.

At present the wheatgrower perhaps does well to wait and see which way the tide turns. In another month the situation should have cleared up sufficiently to enable him to make a decision.

WALKING IN THE DARKNESS.

A child's swing breaks and a beautiful young woman is dashed to the ground, and later dies from her injuries.

The sweeping current of the ocean takes in its powerful clutch a lovely young bather, and she is rescued with great difficulty, only to die of exhaustion on the beach.

No one knows when the curtain is to be drawn. We are but shadows and shadows we pursue.

FRESH AIR.

The impression left by the assembly of osteopaths in Portland last week is that there is a wide territory not yet explored in medicine and surgery.

Many of the theories and experiments advanced by the various schools come as new discoveries, but we suspect that most of them are mostly old truths in a new guise.

Experience has convinced me of my error. I now look upon fresh air as a friend; I even sleep with an open window.

Franklin seems also to have had an inkling of the fact that colds are due to the following:

Vapors arising from marshes and stagnant pools, in which many insects die and corrupt the water, afford a miasm.

Benjamin Franklin lived to a ripe age—84—practicing all his life the virtues of frugality and moderation in eating and drinking.

It has been proved that the germ of typhoid is not destroyed by boiling.

The British and French were handicapped by the loss of their French guns.

The sam's effects are seen where the allies had superior artillery.

It has been proved again and again, and the fight at Neuve Chapelle has only served to endorse the statement.

Now that we are without diplomatic representation in Mexico, why not give Funston a few credentials?

These are automobile days in Oregon, not rare, but so numerous as almost to pass unnoticed.

Having built the Canal, Colonel Goethals thinks the Canal is good enough for him.

They expect to get the Eastland up-right today, ready for another spill.

We are in Haiti and the revolution is over until we get out.

Welcome home, Beavers, and just show us.

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ways, improved and maintained by the town with the aid of the state.

Maryland, though one of the smallest states and one of the latest to undertake highway construction, has done as much in proportion to size and has profited as much as any.

The most progressive public road states have succeeded by adopting the system of state control over construction and of state defrayal of part of the expense.

means of getting from a farm or village to the county seat; they are means of going from one county to another and across a whole state into the next state.

OUR RESOURCES OF WAR MUNITIONS.

So much uproar has been raised about American sales of war material to the allies that it is as well to know what dimensions this business has attained.

Department has been revealed at the beginning of the war American production of war munitions has increased fourfold.

Alleged peace offers by the Kaiser to Russia have a little foundation of fact. The Russ chafes at getting all the whipping and, knowing his weakness, easily can quit.

If all the vacant property in the city were put under cultivation, work would be provided for a large proportion of the unemployed.

Mr. Satterlee shows that the shipping question is reduced to a question of how Uncle Sam, merchant, can best organize his own delivery system.

Pacification of Haiti by force has been so promptly successful that we are encouraged to hope it would have had equal success in Mexico.

The Oregon Naval Militia is coming home covered with glory, though last January it was declared worthless and disbanded was proposed.

It is all very well for Admiral Caperton to disarm the Haitian revolutionaries, but if he is going to imprison all the brigands, he will need concentration camps for nearly the whole population.

Circuses, big and little, must have a zebra "born in captivity," to exhibit if they have to stripe a mule.

The buyer who brings his wife is a good man, for it is not well that all metropolitan courtesies be locked on the head of a mule.

If people are careful about what they eat these warm days there will be little danger of so-called ptomaine poisoning.

German submarines in the last day or two got away with a few merchantmen and trawlers, but the allies hold the score even by sinking a Turkish battleship.

Bull Run water should be put into Linton before there are deaths from typhoid to detract from Portland's fame for health.

The moving picture censors write when they are censored. They should be able to take their own medicine without a wince.

Oregon wants to fight to a finish with Villa, and Carranza hopes to see it. All being agreed, to arrange it should be easy.

The Tacoma girl who can throw from center field has one prime qualification, but can she steal third and slide home?

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eight a day, the Russian army is hopelessly outmanned.

In order that the United States may not only hold its own but have the advantage over any enemy, its Army must have the superiority in artillery and machine guns and must have an abundant supply of ammunition.

We must also be equipped to supply ourselves with all the necessities of war within our own borders.

Thus the War and Navy Departments do well to inquire into our means of providing our own war material and to prepare to ask Congress for an increase in our productive capacity.

It has been said that the stream of money that has flowed from the sons and daughters of Italy working in the United States is the largest margin of comfort to the masses of home-staying Italians.

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The average purchasing power in Italy has been very small, and there is little expectation that its imports from this country will take on much permanent increase.

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Harry sells 28 of his eggs at the rate of seven cents per egg, and he has one egg left which he sells for 3 cents, or a total of 10 cents.

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Therefore each brings home 10 cents if he has sold his eggs at the same price per egg.

What Kind of a Doctor? ESTACADA, O., Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Suppose your friend told you to introduce you to a friend Dr. Blank. Arise you up against it. Yes? How are you to know what he is? Is he a doctor of horses, or a doctor of teeth, or a doctor of castles, or a doctor of divinity, or a doctor of chiropractic, or a doctor of laws, or a doctor of corns—ad infinitum? What are we going to do? It was rumored hereabouts that a nominee had been elected a law would have been enacted designating and defining the term.

It is really a serious question, and I am sure the people would appreciate some suggestions on this line. In Kentucky the term "Colonel" is upheld to mean, common usage, a adult male with a goatee and a mustache.

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European War Primer

By National Geographical Society.

A review of Italy's economic condition before the war suggests the nature of the problems confronting her in the present and forms a commentary of interest to Americans upon the happenings in the southwestern part of the continent.

Italy was just getting into the struggle of international trade competition in earnest at the outbreak of the European war.

Modern Italy is more a land of art traditions than of art itself. It is a material nation, absorbed in its problems of commercial and industrial growth.

Italy is credited with a total national wealth less than one-tenth as great as that of the United States.

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LOCAL OPTION IS POOR METHOD

Prohibitionists Say It Will Have to Be Discarded For Better Method.

PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—I wonder if you will allow me the privilege of referring to your leading editorial under date of July 29, entitled "Ready for a Nation Day?"

I would like to emphasize two very important points which you bring out in your editorial.

With regard to the former, while it is encouraging to note that we now have joined the dry ranks within the last year, this fact alone is not sufficient to warrant the belief that the victory is ours and that the present wave of sentiment is bound to result in National prohibition.

With regard to the second statement, the position of the Prohibition party upon the subject of the enforcement of prohibitory law is almost too well known to need enlarging upon.

I do not agree with your editorial when you state that local option is a possible and a desirable method of enforcement of prohibitory law in the states that have recently gone dry.

Take, for instance, the state of Ohio, which has been a dry state since 1906. As a matter of fact it is now the wettest state in the Union; it is constitutionally wet.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of August 10, 1890. Jephtha C. Yates, an Oregon pioneer, died at his home at Irving, Lane County, on the 6th. He came to Oregon in 1824, and has resided here ever since. He was 93 years old and leaves a large family.

The steamer Potter yesterday carried down the largest crowd that has ever been taken to the seaside on a single boat.

Hugh Brady yesterday made another effort to recover the body of Pat Malloy, who was drowned in the river Aug. 1st, and on Friday afternoon. He dragged the river carefully at the point the drowning is said to have occurred, but without result.

Excellent progress has been made on the Centenary M. E. Church. The walls on the west side have been carried up nearly to the height set down in the plans. Great loads of stone are constantly being received from Albany, and a large force of men is constantly employed.

Yesterday's Southern Pacific overland was one of the heaviest trains of the year. The three Pullmans were completely filled.

The latest nickel-in-the-slot fad is a "shagrap," which sings "Annie Rooney" if properly fed.

Mr. Noel H. Jacks, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, will be in the city on Monday at 4 P. M., at their hall, corner First and Adams streets. All younger men are invited to be present. The meeting is always opened with an inspiring service of song.

Hon. Phil Metchan, the newly elected State Treasurer, came up from San Francisco yesterday and is on his way home at Canyon City.

Edwin Booth is passing the Summer at Newport. R. L. with his daughter, Mrs. Grossman, and her children. The great tragedian is said to look very much worn, and is not the same Booth of five years ago.

Half a Century Ago

From The Oregonian of August 10, 1865. A company of Eastern men have purchased a tract of land on the east side of the Willamette River six miles below this city, and engaged upon the erection of a large steam barrel factory. They expect to give employment to about 60 men, we are informed, and the works will soon be in operation. Success to the enterprise.

Messenger West, of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, last evening delivered \$20,000 to the Portland office—brought from each of the mountains.

Considerable freighting has been doing between Walla Walla and Uniontown, Grand Coulee, and the Columbia. The price per pound is the ruling price paid for freighting.

The Stockton Independent has entered into a new volume. It is one of the best papers in California.

The European emigrants to the United States, between the years 1849 and 1850 are numbered and naturalized as follows, leaving out Great Britain and Ireland:

Germany 1,348,000
France 258,000
Switzerland 24,000
Ireland 15,000
Italy and Spain 27,000

It is computed that the number of emigrants to this country from England, Ireland and Wales, for the same period, is fully equal to the figures given above.

The Union Vedette, at Camp Douglas (Utah Territory), says: They say that Brigham Young brought up with him from the settlements, the trip before the late war, a young girl to become his 68th or 70th wife.

Members of Columbian engine company No. 3 will meet tonight at 7 o'clock, precisely, in full uniform. Members of the fire departments are also respectfully invited to attend and join with the company in a large and well-attended circus on the occasion of the benefit.

Mr. Buchtel has made a number of excellent photographs of the late lamented General Wright, from an original plate that was taken at the time of the late general's death, for the same among us. We acknowledge a copy, which we shall cherish in memory of the departed commander.

Home Damaged by Drainage. PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—I wish to correct a statement which appeared in The Oregonian August 7 claiming to have been made by me that the seepage from the city reservoir, No. 6, had caused the basement wall of a large steam barrel factory to sink into a cave. The facts are as follows:

Ever since the completion of this reservoir there has been more or less trouble with water in the basement of my home, caused by the drainage from the bank surrounding the reservoir. Every time it rains the water runs down the embankment and seeps through the soil into the basement, undermining the house to such an extent that there is danger of its falling down. These statements have frequently been made by the officials that they would take care of the matter, except to install a drain pipe. In substantiation of the claims which I have made, 15 residents living in close proximity to my home have frequently signed a statement of the condition, which fact was called to the attention of the city officials.

All I desire is justice and believe, when the liability is so apparent as in this case, that the city should pay me, without restriction, for all damages sustained, and should prevent the water from further damaging my property.

W. T. LYON.

Coming and Waiting. Houston (Texas) Post. "Do you believe there is any truth in the saying that all things come to him who waits? I believe more things wait for him who comes."

Why Not? Mr. Merchant, if a manufacturer advertises his goods in this newspaper.

And they are good. And reasonable. And fairly priced. Is it not to your profit to sell them? And the more you sell the wider will be the influence of your store. Is it not also a fact you will sell more of them by putting them on the counter-top in the windows than by hiding them away?

People are interested in the goods advertised in their own newspaper. And—and the time to show these particular goods is when the newspaper advertising is running.

Merely Book Detective. PORTLAND, Aug. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly refer me to whether Sherlock Holmes was a real detective or only an imaginary character in a book. A SHERLOCK.

Call of the Witty One. Boston Transcript. Smart Alec (in a store)—"I want a nickel's worth of dimes. Clerk—'We don't keep that, sir. Smart Alec—'Oh, brighten up! brighten up! Gimme a five-cent calendar."