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1916, ASTRIDE WATER WAGON, RUMBLES IN

1915 Staggers Away, Saloon Tags Behind.

SOFT DRINK RISES IN GREETING

New Era Comes All Dolled Up With White Ribbon.

CHANGE MADE WITH A RAH!

Oregon and Six Other States Are Gathered Into Unmoist Embrace of Prohibition, Whose Wards Now Are Numbered 18.

Hark to the rumble of wheels! Why, it's the water wagon, sure enough, with little 1916 astride it.

His race all done, 1915 sneaked off to the cellar for a final pull at the keg. Then out staggered the tipsy old ragamuffin fellow with his pal, the saloon, stepping on his heels.

Out they both go, never to come back. Out they go to the accompaniment of mirth and jolly capers, horns, whistles, pealing bells, watch parties, a parting drink or two. Out, to the shouts of the multitude.

Not for them is the fickle acclaim. Bunco them out, the impostors! See how every defect looms at this retrospective moment. Who could have been so blind to hail these naked fellows? Rah! Rah! for 1916 and the new lord, prohibition!

1916 Dolled in White Ribbon.

Going, going, gone—and while you wait, here's 1916, all dolled up in a neat white ribbon, a bottle of loganberry juice under one arm.

All together, sirs and ladies! Here's a soft drink health to 1916 and a health to Prohibition.

The old order changeth, a new has come in the passing of one dividing moment. From 1847 to 1916, the first saloon in Oregon to the very last—an institution of 72 hoary years become a grand old ruin while you blink an eye. Hear the doors clatter as they bang shut for the last time.

So here's to the new present and the shining future. Prosperity, Leap Year, and two full quarts a month—an outlook of teeming possibility.

Everybody should be happy. And why not? Father and mother and all the little Prohibitionists, for one, because old Bill Tanglefoot as a licensed institution in this state, is dead. And they celebrated the glad occasion in many a watch party last night.

Liquor Boys Not Downhearted.

As for the liquor boys, they are not so downhearted as might be thought. Not with their stocks sold down to well-nigh the bottom quart, their pockets full of money and California as a fresh base of supply only a little matter of 317 miles to the state line.

Ah no, the New Year will not be without its blessings even for the pestered liquor dealer.

And with many a stout keg and quart bottle stowed away in basements about this town, the worst might even come to the worst and there would still be enough for a warm nip or two all around.

In fact, if a bottle and keg census could be declared this morning by the City Council, the results would be highly interesting and educational. Unless all the experts are at fault, it would be vastly in excess of the population.

Seven States Close Saloons.

In short, the situation is not without its pleasing side, for just about everyone, with the exception, to be sure, of habitual drunkards and narcotic drug addicts, who are barred from the two-quart privilege, and the Bartenders' Union.

For the ancient and esteemed union of bartenders, the association of saloon loafers and the standing order of barrail birds of Oregon, as well as of seven other states, enlist this first morning for 1916 in the grand army of the unemployed.

Oh, no, Oregon isn't alone in making the big climb. Not with Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, South Carolina, Washington and Iowa all swearing off with her last night.

And that makes 18. Who's next on the wagon?

Gay Crowd Greets 1916.

One of the gayest little throngs of many a year filled Portland's downtown streets last night as 1916 came along to send 1915 on his way.

It began assembling as early as 7 o'clock. By 8 the din had started. By 9 the sidewalks were too crammed for comfort, and wise pedestrians were taking to the streets. By 10 the streets were filled and streetcars had to feel their way. The tumult and the merriment was in full tilt.

Not a whit did it worry the crowd that for the first time in the memory of the ordinary inhabitant it was a white New Year's eve. The weather man started with a clean record for 1916, when his last prediction of the old year, southeasterly winds and probable snow, came true.

Downtown the early snowfall melted as fast as it came down, but in the suburbs there was a white carpeting over everything.

There was the usual jostling at crossings, where streams of folk on different streets tried to pass each other, the usual New Year's racket, and occasionally an ill-tempered outburst.

But take it all in all, considering the large quantities of all varieties of

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NEWSSTANDS TEAR OUT LIQUOR ADS

DEALERS TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID $500 FINE.

Law Prohibits Possession of Magazines or Papers That Have Inducements to Buy.

Newsstand operators yesterday awoke suddenly to the fact that the selling of publications carrying liquor advertisements would make them liable to a fine of from $100 to $500, and on the advice of the Oregon News Company, local magazine dealers began looking through all their publications and tore or clipped out the pages on which appeared the advertisements of intoxicants.

That part of the Oregon law that affects the newsdealers is found in section 8, which reads:

"If any person shall advertise or give notice by signs, billboards, newspapers, periodicals, or otherwise for himself or another of the sale or keeping for sale of liquors, or shall circulate or distribute any price lists, circulars or order blanks advertising liquors, or publish any newspaper, magazine, periodical or other written or printed papers, in which such advertisements or notices are given, or shall permit any such notices, or any advertisements of liquors (including billboards) to be posted upon his premises, or premises under his control, or shall permit the same to so remain upon such premises, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined not less than $100 nor more than $500."

A movement has been initiated with the publishers to send special prohibition editions to this state and Washington.

14,000 GET MORE WAGES

Michigan Copper Concerns Increase Payroll by 10 Per Cent.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Dec. 31.—Ten per cent increase in wages for 14,000 employes of the Calumet & Hecla and subsidiary mines, mills and smelters was announced today by General Manager McNaughton, beginning with the new year. The management, announced the general manager, said the increase would last at least until July.

The increased wages bring the total payroll of the mines for each month to $1,700,000. He said that more men were employed and wages were higher than ever before.

TENOR RETURNS TO STAGE

John McCormack Receives $2000 for Performance of "La Boheme."

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The Chicago Opera Company brought John McCormack, the tenor, back to the operatic stage tonight after an absence of two years. McCormack appeared in "La Boheme," with Geraldine Farrar.

Five years ago, when Mr. McCormack was with the Chicago Opera Company, he received $2485 a performance. Tonight he received $2000. The box office sales showed the house tonight to be the biggest in the history of the Chicago Opera Company.

TRAIN OF PILES ORDERED

Washington Timberman to Ship 1485 of Cedar, Varying Lengths.

WINLOCK, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—W. H. S. Clark, a well-known timberman of this place, has just received an order for an entire trainload of piling.

Cedar is to be furnished, 1485 piles being ordered, running from 25 to 75 feet long each. Mr. Clark says that a long train will be required to ship the order to its destination.

This is the biggest order for piles placed in Southwest Washington for years.

$18,050 BROUGHT BY CUPID

Vancouver Visited by 1805 Wedding Couples During 1915.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—During the year ending tonight 1805 couples, or 3610 persons, were married in Vancouver. For marriage licenses they paid $1122.68, and an average of $5 each for the marriage ceremony.

Estimating that each couple spent just $10 here for the marriage, licenses, etc., couples being married paid out in Vancouver during the year $18,050.

POLES WIN IRON CROSS

Kaiser Confers Large Number of Honors for Bravery.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Emperor William has conferred the Iron Cross on a large number of officers and soldiers of the Legion of Polish Volunteers.

General Durski, commander of the legion, has issued an order of the day in which he says the Emperor's action is in recognition of the bravery of the Polish volunteers.

EVE CELEBRATED AT FAIR

Thousands Join in Observance at San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 31.—Combining the New Year's eve celebration with the ceremony incidental to the opening of the Panama-California International Exposition, thousands tonight joined at the fair grounds to welcome in the New Year.

A feature of the final day of the 1915 exposition was a military and naval review in the afternoon.

SERB "ATROCITIES" MUCH MAGNIFIED

SUPREME COURT LIBRARY Supreme Court Bldg

Terrors Less Fearful on Acquaintance.

MONASTIR SAFE FOR VISITOR

McCutcheon Finds Snoring Man Worst Experience.

INTRIGUE IS EVERYWHERE

Name of Ancient City Changed to Bitoli, Reverting Back to Olden Times—Many Murders Seem to Be Done for Pay.

BY JOHN T. McCUTCHEON.

(War Correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. Published by Arrangement with the Tribune.)

MONASTIR, Serbia, Nov. 17.—It has been my observation that terrors, difficulties and atrocities are enormously magnified by distance.

The average difficulty shrinks as it is approached and the average atrocity is like a will o' the wisp when you seek to pin it down.

When I came to Monastir it was with the expectation that great difficulties and dangers were to be encountered. There was little food to be had, I was told, and yet I have found plenty at a very cheap price. A dinner of soup, two meat courses, a dessert and coffee costs only about 3½ dinars, which is about 45 cents.

I was told that the railroad stopped at the frontier and that I should be obliged to pack my things by horse or wagon in the last 14 kilometers to Monastir. On the contrary, we changed trains and rode comfortably here with the single difficulty of being about two hours late.

Lots Drawn for Room With Turk.

I was told that there were no hotel accommodations to be had, but our party of three found a hotel where we slept with a certain degree of comfort. There were three beds vacant, two in on room and one in a room occupied by a Turk. We matched coins to see who drew the latter and the other two occupied a little room with two beds on the ground floor. Having left our things in these rooms we went to a noisy and crowded drinking place, where we got some soup and some coffee. It was about 10 o'clock at night.

The two of us who had drawn the room with two beds were pleased at the prospect of having a room to ourselves, but when we returned to occupy our beds we found a swarthy stranger in one, while a mattress had been thrown on the floor for one of us. The stranger was feigning sleep, as we afterward discovered, for later on in the night we found that he incessantly snored whenever he was really asleep.

I drew the mattress on the floor. It was a thin one and the floor thrust its hardness up through it in a most aggressive manner. So for hours I was able to devote all of my time to a critical analysis of the swarthy stranger's repertory of snores.

Nightmares Given Variety.

Sometimes in the early hours he had a series of nightmares in which he

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OREGON MILLS TO BID ON CAR ORDER

GRAYS HARBOR MAY SELL PART OF 10,000,000 FEET.

Inquiries Are Received From Builders of 2000 Cars of Fir Stock for Union Pacific.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Lumbermen of Grays Harbor have received inquiries for bids on approximately 10,000,000 feet of lumber, to be used in the manufacture of 1500 boxcars and 500 stock cars for the Union Pacific system. The inquiries are from three of the large car companies of the country, the Haskell & Barr Company, of Michigan City, Ind.; American Car & Foundry Company, St. Louis, and the Pullman Company, Pullman, Ill.

H. P. Potter, district freight and passenger agent of the system here, said today that one of the specifications of the company is that the lumber for these cars must come from mills located on the lines of the system. This lets in Grays Harbor mills, but not the mills of Willapa Harbor. He also said that the Grays Harbor mills, owing to their equipment for filling this class of orders, undoubtedly would get a large share of the order. The lumber used in these cars is practically all fir.

RAINIER INN MAY BE DRY

Secretary Asked to Refuse Permit for Bar in National Park.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 31.—At the request of George D. Conger, superintendent of the Washington Anti-Saloon League, Senator Jones today asked Secretary Lane to refuse to approve the application for a bar permit to the Rainier National Park Inn.

The Senator pointed out in his letter to the Secretary that the issuance of the permit would lead to a legal battle to determine whether it could legally be used, in view of the prohibition law of the state.

BIG FREIGHTER IS ORDERED

Steamer to Have 7000 Tons Capacity and to Cost $700,000.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 31.—A contract for the construction of a freight steamer of 7000 tons carrying capacity, to cost $700,000, was placed here today with the Moore & Scott Iron Works, by Hind, Rolph & Co., of San Francisco.

This is the fourth large steamer ordered by Hind, Rolph & Co. within the last few months. Two of the vessels ordered were sold, one on completion and the other a few days ago, shortly after the keel was laid, and at an advance said to have been $250,000 over the contract price.

DOG MUZZLING OPPOSED

California Sanitary Officer Says Practice Useless Against Rabies.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 31.—Edward T. Ross, State Sanitary Inspector, declared today that muzzles for dogs never should be permitted, and they do no good in fighting rabies.

"I believe muzzles are useless," said Ross. "They are false security which we impose on dogs, the innocent victims, which do all the suffering.

"Muzzles make the dogs now free from rabies helpless to protect themselves when attacked by a rabid animal."

ASSAILANT OF MRS. MYERS IS SUICIDE

Body of Evan B. Kemp Found Near City.

NOTES ADMITTING CRIME LEFT

Man Says He Asked Victim to Kill Him With His Pistol.

WOMAN NOT TOLD OF END

Fugitive Leaves Missive for His Mother and One to "Portland People" Describing Attack and Following Remorse.

Evan B. Kemp killed himself Wednesday night with a bullet from the same revolver with which he sent a shot into the breast of Mrs. Mabel Myers, the pretty young bride he brutally assaulted and left to die Thursday afternoon.

The body of Kemp was found at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon 400 yards north of Stanley Station, on the Estacada line, with a bullet hole in the right temple.

Two notes, scrawled in the same handwriting as the note sent by Kemp to Sheriff Hurlburt Tuesday night and which led to the discovery of the young woman on a lonely road near Gresham, were found on the body, one written by Kemp to his mother and the other addressed to "Portland people."

Attack on Woman Confessed.

In the notes, which were laboriously written with a blunt pencil over the light handwriting of a letter from his mother, mailed December 22, Kemp confessed to the attack on Mrs. Myers and told of his intention to commit suicide. "I die in the open where my ghost will run free," he wrote his mother.

The news which ended the state-wide search was received by Sheriff Hurlburt shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday. Garfield Haynes, who lives at 523 Churchill street, found the body of the young man lying in the center of a pathway through the woods near Stanley Station. From a store at the station he telephoned Sheriff Hurlburt, who, with Deputy Sheriff Phillips, rushed to the scene in an automobile.

They found Kemp lying face upward, with a bullet wound in his temple. At the right of his face was a large discoloration, testifying to the game struggle Mrs. Myers made before being overpowered.

Sheriff's Theory Justified.

At Kemp's side was the revolver, a small, cheap .22-caliber weapon, from which two shots had been fired. One was the shot fired at Mrs. Myers and the other was fired in suicide.

When the Sheriff's office was notified of the positive identification of the dead man, Deputy Sheriff Beckman telegraphed Sheriffs throughout the Northwest the news and thanked them on behalf of Sheriff Hurlburt for their co-operation.

Sheriff Hurlburt found his own theory justified. He was quoted in The Oregonian yesterday as saying: "It would not surprise me if Kemp car-

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$125,000 SALE CLOSES OLD YEAR

REPORT OF PROPOSED $75,000 STRUCTURE GIVEN OUT, TOO.

Realty Activity of Closing Week of 1915 Sees New Year Open With Dealers Optimistic.

While the year 1915 faded away last night and 1916, with prohibition, dawned upon Oregon, property owners and realty dealers looked back on a week that gave them much encouragement and two new deals pointed to a rosy horizon for the coming twelvemonth.

As if to cap the climax Captain C. P. McCann yesterday virtually sold the four-story brick Wellesley Court apartment-house, located on the northwest corner of East Fifteenth and Belmont streets, to the Smith Security Company, of Spokane, for $125,000, satisfied almost entirely in cash; the firm of Porter & Conley announced indirectly that it planned constructing a four-story brick apartment-house on the southwest corner of East First and Clackamas streets at a cost of $75,000, and stores near the northeast corner of Fifth and Morrison streets were leased for a large cafeteria.

Robert Krims, attorney for Grant Smith, a Chicago millionaire railroad man, who is buying the Wellesley Court Apartment, said last night that he had not received the final confirmation from his client, but that he felt reasonably confident the deal would be concluded without delay. Except for convertible stock in a lumber concern all of the purchase price is being paid in cash.

Last week furnished the most startling lease activity of the year with John D. Yeon paying S. Rosenblatt & Co. $10,000 to cancel a lease in the five-cornered deal which placed the Woolworth Company in the Yeon building and the Rosenblatt concern in the Failing building.

ARMY OF BOYS PROJECTED

League Organizes to Equip Youths for Military Training.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The National Cadet Corps League was organized here today for the purpose of equipping high school, college and university boys of the country for a military training.

Through a special committee a bill will be drafted for presentation to Congress authorizing the War Department to furnish the use of arms and ammunition to high schools, colleges and universities.

Lindley M. Garrison, Secretary of War, was elected honorary president of the league.

HACK HAS ANOTHER INNING

Snow Drives Jitneys to Cover in Albany and Cabs Popular.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The first snowstorm of the year struck Albany tonight, covering the ground with about five inches of snow and tying up local jitney traffic. Pleasure seekers experienced much difficulty in securing conveyances to take them to New Year's Eve festivities and the few cab drivers of the city did a land office business.

A few sleighs soon made their appearance and found plenty of passengers.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 35 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees.

TODAY'S—Rain or snow; warer, southeasterly winds.

Foreign.

Peace pilgrims reach Denmark. Section 5, Page 1.

National.

Railways entering on period of prosperity. Section 2, page 1.

John Barrett pictures Pan-American defensive union. Section 5, page 2.

National Rivers and Harbors Congress playing politics. Section 5, page 2.

Mining industry shows marked revival. Section 5, page 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson to hold New Year levee in Virginia hotel. Section 5, page 1.

Domestic.

California launches scheme of state marketing of crops. Section 5.

Republican leader predicts protracted contest in National convention. Section 5, page 2.

Sports.

Washington State College clashes with Brown eleven in Pasadena today. Section 5, page 10.

James Clark is signed to twirl for Beavers. Section 5, page 10.

Northwest Amateur Union officials want stricter amateur rules. Section 5, page 10.

Pacific Northwest.

Oregon mills to bid on 10,000,000-foot order. Section 5, page 1.

Washington goes dry amid noisy revelry. Section 5, page 4.

Commercial and Marine.

Wheat movement from interior affected by Canal closing. Section 5, page 17.

Boom in livestock trade shown by local receipts. Section 5, page 17.

Wall Street stock market closes with prices strong. Section 5, page 17.

Year-end liquidation weakens wheat a Chicago. Section 5, page 17.

Lumber trade figures for year exceed expectations. Section 5, page 16.

Portland and Vicinity.

Old year closes with $125,000 realty sale. Section 5, page 1.

Snow begins to fall in Portland. Section 5, page 5.

Evan Kemp, assailant of Mrs. Mable Myers, commits suicide. Section 5, page 1.

News-stands tear out liquor ads. Section 5, page 1.

Seven collisions reported for day, but injuries are minor. Section 5, page 9.

Loss of revenue from 328 licenses marked. Section 5, page 11.

Oregon Development League may reorganize as State Chamber of Commerce. Section 5, page 11.

General trend of trade is upward. Section 5, page 16.

F. A. Taylor is indicted for $1100 shortage of company in hands of receiver. Section 5, page 8.

Ralph E. Williams says Republican victory this year assured. Section 5, page 11.

Mixup in Nortonia Hotel entrances causes comedy of errors at wedding. Section 5, page 9.

W. B. Glafke dies at age of 54 years. Section 5, page 18.

Courts face lull in pre-celebration arrests. Section 5, page 13.

Grand jury condemns jail life ease and calls for reopening of rock pile. Section 5, page 13.

RAILWAY BUSINESS AT TURN OF LANE

Improvement Marked as Year Closes.

PROSPERITY IS IN SIGHT

Roads' Credit Again Good, Betterments in Prospect.

BASIC CONDITIONS SOUND

Presidents of Leading Lines Predict That Permanent Financing Will Be Accomplished on Favorable Terms.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—"It's a long lane that has no turning." Possibly the old adage never was exemplified more effectively than it has been this year in the improvement in railroad earnings throughout the country, particularly the last three or four months.

Facing a combination of unfortunate circumstances which resulted in material depreciation of their revenues, the Nation's transportation agencies early in the year found themselves in a precarious plight, which seriously affected the credit of many of them and caused depression in various lines of business, which were sympathetically affected by the inability of the carriers to buy materials and undertake improvements to the extent to which they had been accustomed in previous years.

Material Progress Shown.

This situation was brought about largely by the slump in material business conditions in the United States and engulfed the Nation in a wave of depression. Now, however, material progress is apparent. Added to this influence were the constantly rising wage and tax expenditures, coupled with an apparently hostile attitude on the part of the public. All of these factors were responsible for a shrinkage in revenue, which struck consternation to the hearts of the railroad managers and forced them to send out cries for help.

This serious depletion in revenues led the railroads to urge on the Interstate Commerce Commission and the various state commissions having authority over railroad rates, the great necessity for enhancement in revenues derived from the transportation of passengers and freight.

Rate Revision Reconsidered.

The most important case of the year was the petition of the Western roads for advances in freight rates, particularly those on livestock and packing-house products, which were declared to be abnormally low. As distinguished from the case of the Eastern railroads, decided late in 1914, the Western roads did not seek a general advance in all commodities, but asked for various increases on the different commodities. The decision was a disappointment, inasmuch as the Federal body refused to allow advances on those commodities which the roads were the most desirous of obtaining.

The railroads have since been successful in inducing the Commerce Commission to reconsider its ruling so far as it applies to the rates on livestock and packing-house products.

In addition to the Federal cases, efforts were made in several Middle Western States to induce the Legislatures to amend the statutes so as to allow the railroad to charge higher fares on intrastate business. The efforts were, for the most part, unsuccessful.

Export Trade Help Earnings.

Europe's demands on the United States for munitions of war, foodstuffs and other materials have resulted in expanding the export trade of this country to enormous proportions. This has resulted in an increase in the movement of freight which has not only taxed the capacity of the transportation agencies to the utmost, but has been largely instrumental in bringing about the improvement in earnings. Added to this is the greater movement of freight which has resulted from the steady improvement in domestic activity. The country has been blessed with bumper crops and this fact has served to swell the revenues of those roads passing through districts in which crops are grown.

Slump Precedes Revival.

How strikingly railroad earnings and credit declined before the corner was turned is indicated by the fact that the total mileage in the hands of receivers is now greater than in 1896, which was the previous record. It is estimated that one-sixth of the country's total mileage is in the hands of receivers and that two-thirds of this is represented in Southwestern territory.

Fewer miles of new railroad were built in the United States during 1915 than in any other year since 1864. There have been only three years since 1858 when the increase in mileage was smaller than 1000 miles, and they were the Civil War years of 1861, 1862 and 1864. In 1915 the total mileage of new railroad construction in the United States was 933, compared with 1532 in 1914 and 3071 in 1913.

Bright Picture of Future Drawn.

Railroad presidents believe the future is bright. They say:

W. G. Bierd, Chicago and Alton—Insofar as we are able to discern from the present outlook the prospects for continuance of the present favorable business situation seem to be very good. Railroad conditions generally

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THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING DOING IN THIS NECK OF THE WOODS.

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