WETS GIVE BLACK EYE TO PORTLAND

Real and Imaginary Ills of District Are Attributed to Prohibition Law.

MEN QUOTED ENTER DENIAL

Californian Finds Third and Jefferson Streets City's Two Main Arteries and Other "Facts" Are About as Wide of Truth.

Somebody should have bought a drink for the genial advertising manager of the California Grape Protective Asso-

This gentleman, who handles a vivid pen and is little hampered by facts, passed as much as two days "investigating" conditions in Portland recently. He appears to have missed his toddy, or something, for in an advertisement given wide circulation by the association he takes a most respinistic view.

tion he takes a most pessimistic view of the prohibition situation here.

Incidentally, the fact that the so-called Grape Protective Association is gathering ammunition just at present for a big offensive against the campaign for prohibition in California may throw a little light on a shady transact. throw a little light on a shady transac-tion. Portland, being close at hand and a recent convert, so to speak, to the anti-grape peril, should make a most horrible example of prohibition's

"Facts" Are Set Forth.

Providing, of course, the facts are presented to bear out the meatphor. The author of the advertisement in question has seen to that. A most en-tertaining array of "facts" are set

forth.

"Since the enactment in 1914 of the new Oregon dry law, which became effective January 1, 1916, Portland, the largest city in that state, has entered the worst financial and industrial period of its history," says the Grape Protective Association's circular.

"Existing conditions are thus described briefly by B. M. Lombard, one of the Big Three' property owners and real estate operators of Portland:

"Every large land owner in town is anxious to sell, and so are most of the smaller ones. The Ladd Estate, the largest holder of realty in town, has been filling the newspapers with advertisements of its intention to sell out. Industrial conditions are very bad—in my belief, the worst in the United States.

Taxes Declared Unreasonably High.

"'Taxes are \$2.50 per \$100 of as-sessed valuation, but the assessment is

"Real estate values and rentals have fallen enormously, and in many cases from 60 to 80 per cent. Where rents have have not fallen tenants are hopelessly bandicapped."

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"Travelers who come to Portland will not stay and do not return,' said George C. Ober, manager of the Hotel Portland. The theaters are doing a poor business. There are nearly 11,000 vacant homes in the city today and you can see "For Rent" signs whereved you go. The Northwestern National Bank building of 13 stories is only one-third full. The Failing building, 12 stories, has only its first floor occupied. The Lewis building, 19 stories, is only half full.

Labor Reported Hit Hard.

Labor Reported Hit Hard. Travelers who come to Portland

"The prohibition law has brought disaster to labor,' Edward Stack, secretary of the Portland Labor Council and also of the Oregon State Labor Federation, said. "Twelve hundred members of organized labor, including only those men employed directly in the liquor business or its affiliated trades, were added by prohibition to the thousands already walking the streets of Portland. Society has done nothing to relieve these sufferers. Recently the Commis-sioner of Public Utilities told me he believed fully 40,000 people had left Portland since 1914." Just how correctly B. M. Lombard was quoted can't be said, for Mr. Lom-

bard left Portland some time ago to live in Pasadens. If the accuracy of the other statements attributed to Mr.

As to the remarkable series of mis-statements attributed to George C. Ober, manager of the Portland Hotel, let

manager of the Portland Hotel, let Mr. Ober's own words testify to their degree of accuracy.

"I did not say that travelers who come to Portland will not stay and do not return, though I did say they do not come, and are frank in giving prohibition as the reason," said Mr. Ober last night. "At the same time I did not know that I was supposed to be talking for publication.
"I did not say the theaters are doing."

"I did not say the theaters are doing a poor business. I did not say there are nearly 11,000 vacant homes in the city today. The representative of the California Grape Protective Association has got those facts elsewhere, or else drawn his own conclusions, and put them in my mouth.

did not say that the Northwestern "I did not say that the Northwestern National Bank building of 13 stories is only one-third full. I did not say the Failing building has only its first floor occupied. I did not say the Lewis building is only half full. The investigator may have authority for these figures, but he has misquoted me in attributing them to me."

Tenants Increase Monthly. In line with the general accuracy of

In line with the general accuracy of the esteemed grape protector, it might be pointed out that the Northwestern Bank building is not "of 13 stories." It is a 14-story building. However, a story more or less is nothing to the gifted story teller from the south.

"The statement that the Northwest-ern building is only one third sail is

ern building is only one-third full is a plain lie," said Walter C. Haines, rental plain ile," said Walter C. Halnes, rental agent for the building, last night. "The building was opened January 1, 1914, a little more than two years ago, and it is now 70 per cent full. Moreover, it is gaining every month. So far as prohibition is concerned, it has not affected us one way or the other." fected us one way or the other."

C. Hunt Lewis, owner of the Lewis building, said that the assertion that the building was only half full was "not far from correct," but that it was not entirely correct either, as the building was more than 50 per cent occupied.

Failing Building Long Vacant. Relative to the interesting intima-tion of the California word artist that prohibition is responsible for the fact that "the Falling building, 12 stories,



NEW INTIMATE PHOTOGRAPHS OF REPUBLICAN STANDARD-BEARER AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

Vacationists Do Not Go on Trips to Top—Charles Evans Hughes and Mrs. Hughes at Right Foreground, and at Left Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Willeox. Middle Row, Left to Right—Miss Helen Hughes, Mr. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes. Below—Elizabeth Hughes.

liquor business who were thrown out of work.

Talking with Commissioner Daly last Spring, he made the remark that there were 14,000 fewer water users and the computation that this repre-sented 40,000 persons was my own." Commissioner Daly on June 27 made the official statement that since De-cember 1, 1915, there has been an in-crease of 116 water users in the city. The California investigator for the Grape Protective Association might have had other official figures if he had waited a little longer.

Club Data Are Refutation,

An official survey made by the Progressive Business Men's Club reported at a luncheon June 29 and now being published in detail shows, among other than the collowing that are indicated to the collowing that are the other statements attributed to Mr. Lombard is on a par, however, with the remarkable assertion that Third and Jefferson streets are the "two main arteries of the city," the California grape would seem to need all the protection it can get—particularly its liquid derivatives.

Mr. Ober Denies Allegation.

published in detail sate indicative of improved business conditions:

Of 332 saloon buildings vacated January 1, when prohibition became effective, all but 21 have been rented. "The Ladd Estate reports that rents are about the same as last year. The estate, which has been holding land for a good many years, decided this for a good many years, decided this Spring to sell it for home sites with liberal building inducements. This was

in no wise due to prohibition.

The Realty Association has reported that rents have not been reduced since prohibition went in, but have been at a standstill for the past year.

Up to May there had been an increase in deposits of \$7,865,709 in Portland and of \$12,693,421 for the entire On More

land and of \$12,693,421 for the entire state, and an increase in Portland of \$4,905,120 in loans and discounts over the corresponding period of last year. Bank clearings from January 1 to June 1 in Portland increased \$10,405,-667 over the same period of 1915. Detailed instances are cited in the Progressive Business Men's survey of improvement in business conditions generally, merchants being quoted.

RUSSIANS WIN IN CAUCASUS

Turks Driven From Heights Hand-to-Hand Fighting.

upon the enemy, we took the villages of Djetjeti and Almali." Bandon Chautauqua Well Attended.

Bandon Chautauqua in this city opened yesterday with a large attendance of visitors from all parts of Coos and Curry counties and the Willamette and Umpqua valleys, who are spending their vacations on the local beach. The weather is all that could be desired, and the committee in charge of the accommodation and entertainment of visitors is preparing for a record crowd during the last days of the assembly.

Bandon Chautauqua Well Attended.

Bandon, Or., July 13.—(Special.)—

The General plan, as yet in its swadding clothes of uncertainty, calls for a big public mass meeting on the Plaza blocks. Multnomah Field or elsewhere, when the poor old skirt will "gets its" — not that it hasn't "got its" many a time before, but this time it will be in practical and to prove their modesty rading over "medieval modesty" like a Juggernaut car.

Truth to tell. Mayor Albee admits it is a big problem to tackle in Summer of fabric as the conventional dress.

unofficial capacity as a member of one of his tour parties. He was accompa-nied by his daughter, Miss Elizabeth MacGregor, and by Miss Helen D. Hood. to drink. Idea Is Ridiculed. MacGregor, and by Miss Heien D. Hood.
of Danvers, Mass., a friend of Miss
MacGregor.
"Mr. MacGregor, has the tourist I have handled thousands upon thoumovement to Oregon and Washington sands of persons, and I have yet to

been in any way affected by prohibition in these two states?" was the first
question that a reporter asked him at
the Benson Hotel last night.

Mr. MacGregor shamed the reporter
for even suggesting such a possibility.

"In the first place I want you to
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emphatic declaration of Archibald Mac-Gregor, vice-president, treasurer and general manager of the Raymond & Whitcomb Tours Company, who was in "In the first place, I want you to understand, young man," he replied, "that the tourists whom you see coming here every Summer are not the kind of persons who travel from one place to another looking for something

DRESS REFORM CRUSADE

TO BE STARTED HERE

Committee of Representative Men and Women Will Consider Inaugurating Much Discussed Changes-Bifurcated Skirt Favored.

THESE are the haloyon days for another, the Mayor and the City Comriding hobbles—the Summer "silly missioners found themselves considerations"—when Society—society ering the mass meeting in solemn ses-A season" - when Society - society with a capital S-goes seriously into the movies, and serious-minded business men and dress-oppressed clubnecessary article of wearing apparel-On Monday night there will be a

Find Liquor, Is Comment, and

Idea of Travelers Avoiding Dry Towns Is Ridiculed.

Prohibition has not affected tourist

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Portland yesterday, Mr. MacGregor was traveling in an

meeting at the Chamber of Commerce when a dozen or more men and women of prominence will meet to discuss a plan of having a big mass meeting in Portland, at which the problem of dress reform will be taken up and a movement launched to make bifurcated outer garments for women popular.

Among the women club leaders who have been invited to attend the luncheon are Mrs. J. C. Elliott King, who has been actively indentified in making simpler dresses popular among schoolgirls; Mrs. Isaac Swett, of the Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, ex-president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Aristene Felts, another prominent club leader, and the following men:

sion the other day, at the behest of Frank Deems, husband of Fannie Harley, creator of a distinctive mode ness men and dress-oppressed club-women lay plans for opening warfare on that antiquated but at present still necessary article of wearing apparel— public meeting. Dress Parade Planned. If the plan to be presented at the Monday night meeting is carried out the public meeting will be an interesting one. Mrs. King, who has designed

ing one. Mrs. King, who has designed a simple frock for schoolgirls and been instrumental in having jeweiry and extreme fashions done away with at high school graduations, probably will attend and talk on her "dress hobby." Miss Harley (Mrs. Deems), who has designed and worn in public a mode of bifurcated skirt, will also attend. Models will be there exhibiting the now famous Polympiel coarn expressed by famous Polymuriel gown promoted by Mrs. Mildred Johnston Landone, of New York, and models wearing the artistic nothingness designed by Ruth Butts Carson. Miss Harley probably will ex-hibit the "Harleys."

PETROGRAD, via Londen, July 14.—
Important successes for the Russians in the Caucasus are announced in the official communication issued by the War Office tonight as follows:

"After hand-to-hand combats, the Turks were driven from heights east of Balhuit and now are retreating.
"Our offensive west of Mamakhatun continues successfully. After a violent night battle, we occupied a series of heights southeast of Mamakhatun. The Turks attempted to take the offensive, but were thrown back. Pressing closely upon the enemy, we took the villages

Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Aristene Feits, another prominent club leader, and the following men:

Representative Men to Attend.

Mayor Albee, Commissioner George
L. Baker, J. P. Jaeger, president of the 1916 fashions" from the pulpit will be asked to speak. Physicians will pay their compilments—over the left—to the Rose Festival board; J. E. Werlein, W. E. Conklin, of the Chamber of Commerce; Dr. John H. Boyd, Dr. Frank Loveland, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and Dr. J. P. Tamiesie have been asked to attend. There are others who have been like the dress parade, and then various ministers who have attacked "the immodesty and immorality of modern of the 1916 fashions" from the pulpit will be asked to speak. Physicians will pay their compilments—over the left—to the Rose Festival board; J. E. Werlein, W. E. Conklin, of the Chamber of Commissioner George
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tended by success, the movement will if the much-used but much-abused lose its savor as a Summer "silly" sea-skirt has a leg to stand on after the

"Portland already stands well with the tourists. You have the best paved streets in the country. Your scenery can't be beat, and the Columbia River Highway is a wonder.

Advertising Is Advised. Advertising Is Advised.

"The highway is well advertised in the East and is drawing tourists in great numbers this year. But you must keep on advertising it. You can't allow interest to die down."

Thomas Mavers, who was in immediate charge of the party yesterday, was of the same conviction as Mr. Mac-Gregor on the prohibition issue.

Gregor on the prohibition issue.
"Tut! tut!" he exclaimed, when the question was put to him. "It's a silly notion for anyone to think that tour-

notion for anyone to think that tourists are going to stay away because
they can't get a drink.

"The class of people who go around
with their tongues hanging out looking for liquor seldom ever accumulate
enough money to become tourists."

The Raymond Whitcomb Tours Company is one of the oldest established
institutions of the kind in the country. It has sent thousands of sightseers to Portland in the last few years.
Their parties generally are recruited
among the leading business men, manufacturers and professional people of facturers and professional people of New England and the Atlantic Coast states. They have booked more than a score of parties to come through Portland this year.

NURSE HOME FROM BORDER Miss Louise Hofer Tells of Constant

Fenr of Raids. Miss Louise Hofer, graduate of the

Good Samaritan training school for nurses, has just returned from Bisbee, Ariz., within nine miles of the Mexican She has been in the Calumet and Arizona hospital there for the past

months.
Miss Hofer said last night that although the town in which she was though the town in which she was working was some distance from the border there were continual rumors that raids on the mining town would be made. She said that the city has a home guard of more than 200 men. Miss Hofer is visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Reagan, 1068 East Thirteenth street North. She intends to return to Arizona in a few weeks.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A farmer's work may be as important as a Congressman's, but he gets no extra pay for his mileage in the

PORTLAND MEN TO AID BOY SCOUTS

Movement Declared to Be One to 'Control Gregarious Instinct of Young Boys and Control It by Honor and Truth."

Fifty prominent men meeting at the

enson Hotel last night awakened from a passive interest in the Boy Scout movement and became active and diligent workers for an organiza tion that they asserted unantmously to be one that would "control the gregarlous instinct of young boys and con-trol it through honor and truth, rather than by mischief and depredation." Most of the men present at the meeting, called by a special committee working in conjunction with the National Field Scout Commissioner, H. D. Cross, professed but a superficial knowledge of its intent and purpose, most of them thinking it to be a militaristic organization. Not that they cared not for such an organization for they seemed to express

the "lack of stiffness in the backbone of the younger generation."

After talks by many of the men, in which they all expressed their gratitude in discovering the real motives and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America, definite organization was effected. W. W. Cotton, although not present at the meeting, "because of his love for the boybood of the city" was the unanimous choice of president of the local council. As vice-presidents, Adolphe Wolfe, S. Benson and Dorr E. Keasey were named. J. K. Gill was elected treasurer. Today, following the usual custom, an executive board consisting of 11 men, besides those elected last night, will be named by Mr. Cotton. He will meet at 10 o'clock this morning with Mr. Benson, Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Cross, pick the executive committee and arrange for a general meetmittee and arrange for a general meet-ing, at which extensive plans for mak-ing Portland a Boy Scout center will

At the conclusion of the dinner, and after Mr. Cross had explained what the boy scout movement really amount-

ed to, impromptu speeches were made by several men.

E. E. Calvin dwelf on the necessity of making the boy apreciate the mean-ing of responsibility and discipline, asserting that for the development of character they were essential consti-tuents.

All Urged to Take Part.

Adolfe Wolfe, a member of the executive committee of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, said that in the Boy Hygiene Society, said that in the Boy Scout movement, the oath of which contained the charge that Boy Scouts should be clean, the social hygiene society had a valuable asset. "It would be a criminal act if every man in Portland would not now take an active part in the movement," emphatically said Mr. Wolfe.

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who are in our partial who whether Portland is a prohibition town or not. They haven't had occasion to inquire."

"How does the tourist traffic this year compare to other years?" he was asked.

"Of course it isn't as heavy this committee.

Those who were placed on the list as members of the committee follow: Gov.

"Of course it isn't as heavy this year as last year when the expositions drew them out, but it is heavier than in any normal year.

"As a matter of fact, we have sent twice as many people to Oregon, a 'dry' state, this year as to California, which still is 'wet.' That shows that prohibition has nothing at all to do with tourist travel."

"What must Portland do to attract more tourists?"

"Portland already stands well with the tourists. You have the best paved the tourists. You have the best paved the committee follow: Governor Withycombe, Mayor Albee, Dr. John H. Boyd, F. S. Myers, Judge W. N. Gatens, W. W. Cotton, K. A. J. Mackenzie, L. R. Alderman, R. H. Thomas, J. F. Ewing, H. C. Ewing, H. Kirk, T. E. Anderson, A. G. Jackson, F. V. Parsons, S. S. Humphrey, C. D. Brunn, J. W. Larson, J. K. Gill, Hy Eilers, S. Benson, Jacob Karzler, Adolfe Wolfe, A. J. Bale, S. W. Mills, E. J. Rehfield, Frank R. Kerr, W. F. Woodward, Bishop W. T. Sumner, George L. Baker, Major M. B. R. Kerr, W. F. Woodward, Bishop W. T. Sumner, George L. Baker, Major M. B. Marcellus, C. C. Colt, N. B. Stone, George E. Hardy, Colonel J. S. Parke, R. L. Sabin, A. B. Steinbach, Dr. W. W. Youngson, H. A. Brandon, Carl Jones, Tom West, Will Lipman, Virgil L. Clark, E. E. Weinstein, H. W. Stone and A. G. Tindolph.

WOMEN HAVE CLOSE CALL

Mrs. O. Lewisohn, Formerly Edna May, Sees Caddy Killed.

NEW YORK, July 13.—More than a mobile has number plate, windshield, lamps core of society women, including Mrs.

scar Lewisohn, formerly Edna May, the Oscar Lewisohn, formerly Edna May, the actress, narrowly escaped death from lightning on the grounds of a golf club at Great Neck, Long Island, late today, when Felix Jacobus, a caddy, was struck and killed within a few feet of them. As the body of the caddy was carried from the field all the women in the party fell on their knees and prayed.

The lightning tragedy occurred while Mrs. Lewisohn and Mrs. Charles H. Goddard, wife of the president of the golf club, were engaged in an excit-

Organization of Prominent

Citizens Effected for

Active Work.

W. W. COTTON MADE HEAD

Goddard, wife of the president of the golf club, were engaged in an exciting game. They were negotiating for position when Jacobus, holding the tin flag on the putting green, was hit and fell dead in front of them.

Three other persons were killed by lightning, much property damage was caused and electric train service was badly crippled by a violent thunder storm, accompanied by a 60-mile gale from the west, which swept this city and vicinity. The temperature dropped 17 degrees in 15 minutes, bringing relief to thousands of persons who had been sweltering in intense heat for 48 hours.

2000 ATTEND ST. JOSEPH'S HOME ENTERTAINMENT.

Dancing, Musical and Vaudeville Numbers,

More than 2000 persons attended the More than 2000 persons attended the entertainment given last night on the lawn of St. Joseph's Home for the Aged, at East Thirtieth and East Stark streets. The grounds were illuminated by 1000 colored electric jets and presented a brilliant appearance. From a stage erected on the lawn the performance was given. John D. Mann, who presided, made a brief address. Mr. Mann said the Home for the Aged was only one of the many institutions maintained by the Catholic sisters.

The programme was made up of dancing, musical and vandeville numbers. Misses Levens Lund and Arbena Downey gave an opening dance with ex-

they cared not for such an organization, for they seemed to express general opinion that preparedness, spelied in capital letters, was the propper thing, but they had no idea of its scope or exactions of discipline and responsibility before Mr. Cross explained them in detail.

Portland Aligned in Move.

As a result of their enthusiastic meeting Portland is lined up with all the other big cities of the country and its prominent men are backing a movement that they proclaim a solution for the "lack of stiffness in the backbone of the younger generation."

After talks by many of the men, in which they all expressed their gratitude in discovering the real motives and purposes of the Boy Scouts of America, definite organization was ef-

sold on the grounds, and all the pro-ceeds will be for the use of the Sisters of Mercy, who conduct the Home for the Aged.

The vaudeville performers came di-rect from the theaters and donated their services.

LUMBER GARLOADS ALIKE

WITNESS SAYS RATE SHOULD BE SAME, ROUGH OR DRESSED.

Portland Man at Federal Hearing Emphasises Importance of Industry to Pacific Northwest.

CHICAGO, July 13.—West coast lum-ber dealers testified at the ses-aion here today of the Interstate Comaion here today of the interstate Com-merce Commission's inquiry into lists and tariffs maintained by railroads for transportation of lumber and its prod-ucts. A. Larrson, of San Francisco, representing the Pacific Coast interests generally, and as traffic manager of the Redwood Lumber Manufacturers' Association, and A. W. Cooper, secre-tary of the West Pine Manufacturers' Association, of Spokane, were the prin-cipal witnesses.

cipal witnesses.

Mr. Larrson said that it was a matter of indifference to carriers whether they hauled a car of rough or dressed. no reason why a different tariff should charged for dressed lumber than

for rough.

F. G. Donaldson, of Portland, Or., testified that 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber is produced annually by the mem-bers of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, and that the percentage Association, and that the percentage of population engaged in the lumber industry in Washington was 63 per cent: Oregon, 52 per cent: Idaho, 52 per cent. He said their aggregate earnings were \$5,229,000 annually. The Commission is attempting to de-termine an equitable list for lumber transportation, based on its findings as to the distributing and consuming centers and grades of lumber to be trans-

SOLDIER WEDS BY

Contract With Sweetheart in New Jersey Signed in Arizona.

DOUGLAS, Ariz, July 13,-A marriage contract between Private Louis Bansmere, Company H, First New Jer-sey Infantry, on border duty here, and his sweetheart, Miss Ethel M, Sergant, in Newark, N. J., was formally execut-

in Newark, N. J., was formally execut-ed here today.

Bansmere signed a contract in the presence of a notary and witnesses, that previously had been signed by Miss Sergant. A formal marriage ceremony is planned when Bansmere returns home.

Sunday **Excursions**

Columbia River Highway

O-W. R. R. & N.

Union Pacific System



You will be delighted with the Special Sunday Train Service (leaves Union Station 1 P. M., re-turn 8:10 P. M.) and surprised at the small trip cost.

Call at or phone the 0.-W. H. R. & N. City Office, Washington at Third street.-A 6121, B'dway 4500, for Information and Tickets.

Refreshments and Lunch Accommodations at Multnomah Falls, near Waiting Station.