

Some of Oregon's "Fool" Laws

Also Other Statutes That Are Honored in the Breach, Never in the Observance.

PORTLAND, July 10.—(To the Editor.)—In Oregon we have acquired the cheerful habit of leaning back in our chairs and saying that we are not and never can be bothered by fool laws and blue laws such as obtain in the East; that we are essentially a broad-minded, liberal people, and that our good sense is so deeply ingrained as effectually to prevent intolerance or sumptuary legislation.

We also pat ourselves on the back because we are a progressive commonwealth, with every citizen a born booster, and industrial and agricultural progress an Oregon shibboleth. Citizens of Portland are peculiarly of this frame of mind. Everything is pointed to with pride, and nothing viewed with alarm.

By way of putting on the brake just a little, it may interest some to know that there exist among other queer statutes in Oregon the following: "No negro or mulatto shall have the right of suffrage." (Constitution, article 2, section 6.)

We are a good many miles from that part of the country which believes in this sort of racial discrimination, but even down there they are aware of the 15th amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

By literal construction of another statute, a citizen may be imprisoned for one year for conversing with a member of either house of the Legislature in regard to the passage or defeat of any measure before it or which may come before it. (Section 1834, law of 1904, B. and C. code.) This would seem to be in the nature of a conspiracy to prevent some legislators from acquiring any information concerning subjects upon which they legislate.

The newspapers of Oregon would be in a bad fix if the following were enforced: For printing, publishing, advertising, selling, holding, giving away, or distributing any book, paper or other publication that purports to relate or narrate the criminal exploits of any desperado, or convicted felon there shall be a punishment by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than three years or by a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1000.

The well-intentioned promoters of church fairs and charity bazaars may not know it, but they have sadly fractured the law of Oregon which says: "If any person shall promote or set up any lottery for money or other valuable thing, or shall aid or be in any way connected with setting up, managing or drawing such lottery, such person or persons thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than six months nor more than one year, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three months nor more than six months, or by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000." (Section 1950, L. 1893.)

About a year ago an attempted enforcement of the following state law had the City of Portland in an uproar: "If any person shall keep open any store, shop, grocery, hotel, billiard hall, or tipping house, for the purpose of labor or traffic on any place of amusement, on the first day of the week, commonly called 'Sunday' or the 'Lord's day,' such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, provided, however, that the above provision shall not apply to the keepers of drug stores, doctor shops, undertakers, livery stable keepers, butchers and bakers." (Section 1908, L. 1905, P. 127.)

Section 2100, laws 1891, page 153, provides that all steamboats or other water craft on the Willamette river above the City of Portland shall have smokestacks so constructed that they can be

lowered to a level with the pilot-house when necessary to pass under any bridge. Violation of this act carries a penalty of \$50 to \$200 fine.

Under Sec. 2108, L. 1891, p. 74, any one throwing or placing in any running stream of sufficient capacity any log or drift except for the purpose of driving or rafting shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

The last Legislature, with a lofty disregard for less important matters, concentrated their undivided attention upon securing the personal comfort of our oppressed citizenry and wrote in fat letters upon the statute books of Oregon the fiat that all beds in hotels and lodging-houses shall be provided with sheets not less than nine feet in length. Violation of this law shall be deemed a separate offense. (Ch. 22, p. 94, L. 1909.)

Thus are the peculiar extremes of a free people guaranteed covering in the silly, chilly night, and the peace of mind of solicitous legislators assured.

The City of Portland is not outdone by the State of Oregon. It is unlawful to post bills upon sidewalk, crosswalk or building without permission of the owner, and they must be nailed or tacked at least seven feet above established grade. Also distribution of placards, etc., to pedestrians on streets is illegal. Nobody pays any attention to this ordinance. Nevertheless it is there.

The speed limit for automobiles in the city is fixed at eight miles per hour. The mere mention of this is sufficiently humorous. Fines are fixed at not less than \$5 nor more than \$50, or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

Another ordinance prohibits the suspending of signs or advertisements over sidewalks. No goods or merchandise may be placed upon the sidewalk by way of show, advertising or otherwise. A fine and imprisonment is included in the penalty. The enforcement of this ordinance would necessitate a fleet of airships from the freight depots to our stores, which would have to receive goods "in their midst."

It is against the law of Portland to exhibit a cripple or deformed person in a public place. Just what constitutes deformity is a nice question. Down at the Oaks were exhibited this year a couple of fat children of such longitudinal dimensions as to lead one to believe they might come within this provision. If this ordinance were enforced in this instance the capacity of the cells in the city prison would be tested.

The throwing of confetti in the city is prohibited by the maximum penalty of \$50 fine or 25 days' imprisonment. This would have filled the city jail during Rose Festival week.

In the outlying portions of the city, because there is no service for carrying away garbage, the people burn their waste material on their back lots. It is well that they do, or we should not have our present reputation for being a healthy city. Nevertheless, any one who kindles a fire upon a public street, or anywhere in the open air, in any portion of the city, without a written permit, is liable to a fine of \$50 or six months' imprisonment, or both. Needless to say this ordinance is not enforced.

Fine or imprisonment may be inflicted upon any propertyowner who fails to trim shade or ornamental trees in the street each year.

These are merely a few gentle reminders that Portland and Oregon are not in a position to laugh at Washington. There is no apparent corner on freak legislation.

DRUNKARDS IN BRITAIN

STATISTICS SHOW SLIGHT ALTERATION IN FIGURES.

Reformatory Institutions Making but Little Progress in Battle Against Alcohol.

LONDON, July 10.—(Special.)—In his report for 1908 the Inspector for Scotland under the Inebriates act states that the admissions into reformatories again showed a decline, being only 19, as against 42 in 1907, while the admissions into retreats numbered 75 as against 68.

As a means of reformation of police court drunkards, the Inspector says that inebriate retreats may be described as only very moderately successful. Of 173 such cases whose subsequent history has been traced, only 12 can be described as completely reformed.

A recovery rate of rather less than 7 per cent. On the other hand, as a means of saving others from contamination, these institutions are of service.

The treatment of drunkenness by punishment is of undoubted value when the habit is not of extreme nor of long standing. More than 80 per cent of first offenders never come back to prison, but the treatment by punishment of the worst cases of inebriety, cases in which the habit is extreme and of long standing is allowed to be a failure, and it is to such cases that these reformatories give a chance; a small chance certainly, but nevertheless a genuine chance.

A recovery rate of from 7 to 10 per cent cannot be disregarded when dealing with cases innumerable of cure by other known means.

The superintendent of the Newmans Retreat (Lancaster), says he is often asked what is the cause of alcoholic excess among the ladies who come to that institution. He states that it is more instructive to note certain characteristics which are fairly constant among the patients, namely:

An absence of steady purposeful attention to definite duties in life. This is even with those who have a business—i. e. teaching, housekeeping, wifehood, or children to bring up; their work is an unimportant factor in their lives, got over quickly and forgotten, or left altogether.

A dread dullness, a fear of being bored, and a habit of constant mild excitement.

The experience of the stimulative or soothing power of alcohol and its equivalents.

A habit of constant attention to themselves—to aches mental and aches physical, which build die away under neglect, but which grow to almost unbearable acuteness if attended to; in short, there is too much ego in their cosmos.

PREVOST "FUSSY" ON FOOD

French Novelist Particular About What He Has to Eat.

PARIS, July 10.—(Special.)—M. Marcel Prevost, the novelist, and the latest elected Academician, seems to be something of a Lucullus. In fact, even the refinement of feeding hardly equals his. He is a Gascon, and is quite sure that "it is only in Gascony that one knows how to dine." A description of few of his dishes off which M. Prevost habitually dines is remarkable reading.

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LIVELY TIME IN DUBLIN

MAYOR DENOUNCES COUNCILMEN AND FIGHT ENSUES.

Names Men Who Disturb Meeting and Sinn Fein Party Starts New Outbreak.

DUBLIN, July 10.—(Special.)—Such gentle words as "liar" and "silly little incidents" as challenges to duels marked the meeting of the Dublin Corporation this week. When the roll had been called, the Lord Mayor referred to what he described as the disgraceful scenes which occurred at the last meeting. He named to the citizens, the ratepayers and the electors generally the following members, who, he said, were responsible for this outrage upon the council's deliberations and the honor of the city: Alderman Kelly, Councillor John Kelly, Councillor Daniel McCarthy, Councillor Sheehan, Councillor Patrick O'Carroll and Councillor Cosgrave. The Lord Mayor warned these gentlemen, all or nearly all of whom belong to the Sinn Fein party, that so long as he occupied the chair he would preserve order and would, if necessary, use legitimate force for that purpose. Mr. O'Carroll angrily retorted: "You can do what you like. I will defend my

honor with my life. I did it 17 years ago, and will do it now." He complained that at the last meeting he had been called a liar and he resented it.

The Lord Mayor called upon him to leave the chamber, but he refused to do so. After some disturbance a resolution was declared passed that the meeting be adjourned, as the members were not in a temper to discuss the business. Then Councillor O'Carroll rose and said: "Now in the face of this assembly I challenge Councillor Sherlock to meet me as a man, and I will allow him to choose his own weapons."

Alderman Kelly said to the Lord Mayor: "All I can say is this; you have impeached us as blackguards, and you will have to answer for it."

"I will not be browbeaten," answered the Lord Mayor. "Very well, you will have no meetings until you withdraw that document," said Alderman Kelly.

A motion was proposed to adjourn the House. In a violent scene which followed two members were seen striking at each other, and one of them fell. In another part of the building two other members came to blows, and amid a scene of great confusion and uproar the Lord Mayor left the chair.

Eleven Hurt in Wreck.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Eleven persons were slightly injured as the result of a spreading of the rails, causing the derailment of a passenger train on the Southern Railway near Blantyre, N. C., late today. The first-class cars and the parlor car were turned over.

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