

# THE CENTRAL AVENUE BOOSTER

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## COOK'S GROCERY

—FOR—

### CHRISTMAS GOODIES

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And may this Happy Christmas crown a year of Happy Days.

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### Chandler Hotel

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Consolidation of Wiley B. Allen and W. R. Haines Music Stocks  
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Central Ave. and Waterfront

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of Fire, Life and Marine insurance which insures, see—

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the  
**Insurance Man**

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### AN OFF-HAND ILLEGAL OPINION

DISTRICT ATTORNEY LILJEQVIST has gone to Salem, we notice, to see if all the District Attorneys together can't figure out the new prohibition law. All these attorneys have studied this law carefully, and, we think ably, and if it is not clear to them just what it means, it is right they should get together and thresh it out. We ought to know a few little things about the law before we make our New Years resolutions. It would be awful to get pinched for taking a drink standing up, if the law really contemplates our taking it in a kneeling posture, or requires us to be in such a state of health as to land us in a recumbent position.

It appears to the Booster that, for the long time we have been at it since Moses put on his specs and looked around for a flat stone, we haven't got this lawmaking business down to a very fine point. One of the things we try to teach school-boys is to express themselves in plain English, so we understand what they mean. But seems impossible for those who write this laws to say what they mean, or mean what they say, or for anybody else to find out what they say, or what they mean.

A law finds its inception in the public mind which demands it. After we have pretty well thought out what law we want, somebody has to write it out. Then it is "initiated," and before it is voted on its supporters and its opponents pick it all to pieces and tell us everything we may expect if it is passed. Then we vote on it, and if it carries, we think we have a law and know what it is. Such innocence. The attorneys have to get busy with it, take it all apart like a toy engine, to see what's inside of it, and how the wheels go round. Then they hand it back to us, with the parts tagged and labeled, and with "direction how to operate," as many of them as there are attorneys. It doesn't look like it did, but its ours—we can keep it, can't we? Not at all! Somebody is going to say we can't have it at all. It will be argued before the courts, who will eventually let us know whether we can have it or not. If we are told we can, then we don't know what it means yet, and another long process before the courts will be necessary before we know what this law of ours means. And so forth, ad infinitum.

It seems to us sometimes that the real humorists of earth are the law-makers. They assume great gravity, but they must have a good many laughs up their sleeves. Take, for instance, the word "brief." This is one of the merriest little jokes ever; for the chief characteristic of a "brief" is its ponderous length. Another proof of their humor is that they put in laws what are termed "jokers."

Nobody suspected a joker in the prohibition law, but here it bobs up, as usual. The affidavit required when purchasing liquor must state that it is "for sacramental purposes." The only hope of any other construction rests flimsily upon the chance word "substantially."

We can hardly believe this. To our untutored lay minds that stuff don't look right. We know mighty well the churches had nothing to do with such a joke, because they have been the most persistent enemies of

alcohol, and we don't believe they would wish to be placed in the position of being the only ones privileged to use the curse. It occurs to us that somebody has been "joking" with a rather sacred matter. We absolutely refuse to believe anybody ever had any idea of an affidavit reading twenty-four quarts of beer for sacramental purposes." Or two quarts of whisky ditto." either. Bosh! The intent of the law is plain. We all voted for two quarts of whisky or twenty-four quarts of beer per month, for anyone who wanted it, and would get it right. We know very well we did. And if this painstaking quibbling must forever be necessary, we'd better chuck the constitution and go back to the incantations of the Medicine Man to find out what's what. That would be absolutely and purely American, at any rate.

### SMILE-A-WHILE

### PERSONAL MENTION.

EUGENE CROSTHWAITE thinks it would seem queer if, during the next 50 years all the men by the name of Smith would only marry girls of the same name.

J. T. HARRIGAN has a bad cold in his chest and says unless he can get it cured up he fears he shall go into a decline. We hope he will—that is we hope he will get it cured up.

LEW THOMAS made a trip to Bandon this week. Lew likes Bandon because it sounds so much like a Band and anything with music in it appeals to Lew, especially if there's har-mo-ny in it.

A. T. HAINES now the leading hay king of southwestern Oregon at one time didn't know the difference between a bale of hay and Dr. Straw. That shows what energy, intelligence and application will do.

RAY OLLIVANT, one of our former Central Avenue boys was under the weather Thursday and it proved so serious that he laid off for a day and came over to Central Avenue to enjoy the salubrious climate here.

GEO. COOK was one of the conspicuous leaders in the brilliant Moose social event last Tuesday evening. It was a much discussed question as to whether councilman Cook or Mayor Allen was the handsomest man at the party. O. A. MINTOYNE, the Coquille Valley Apple King attended the Elks dance on Central Avenue Wednesday night and presented everyone with one of his choice pieces of fruit. J. W. Hildenbrand says if the one Eve gave Adam was as good as Mintoynes' he doesn't blame the first man Adam bit.

W. S. CHANDLER, the man who put the Cent in Central Avenue, came down from his South Coos River home this week. He was a little late in reaching town and said that the reason of delay was milking the goats and cows. Dr. Mlungus said that he was willing to make a small wager that said milk netted very little cream. COLBY PERRY came in from his new home on North Eighth street this week and spent some time on Central Avenue. He called on his old friend J. T. Harrigan whom he has named King Peter of Serbia and Harrigan insists that Perry is the king of Greece in disguise.

D. I. MAGEE, our popular drug salesman, left our midst this week, after enjoying two or three hours' nap in the afternoon. Said nap, according to Don Gardiner and Leonard Baker, was not only to gain physical rest, but to enable Jay Doyle to put the finishing touches on McGee's suit of clothes for the visit.

### CENTRAL AVENUE SAYINGS

**Off and On.**—The weather of late has been stormy one day and clear the next. Ben Ostlund, weather man, says the line on his chart of weather conditions looks just like the business edge of a saw.

**Waste of Material.**—The Oregon Power Company uses fourteen window cards to inform the public that its Central Avenue display window contains "practical gifts." We bet Roy Lawhorne could have put that all on one card.

**Very Popular.**—It's hard to tell who has the most friends right now, Mayor Copple, with a bunch of appointments to make, or Jay Doyle, with a new Ford. Both are said to have stated that people have been very friendly that they never thought liked them very much.

**Santa on Central Avenue.**—Santa Claus made his appearance on Central Avenue Wednesday, followed by his court of small children. There was just enough doubt in the minds of the children to make it fascinating, as it is with older minds about such things as getting to heaven.

**Enough Wet.**—Rain is not needed we learn from Frank Cohan the pop. pharmacist at "The Owl," who says he secured the information from the official weather bureau. Frank says "he is satisfied if the weather bureau is. Frank is always agreeable.

**No News About Al.**—For three weeks now we have tried to find out some news about it in The Booster. But none has happened which calamity we deplore. We hope by next week that something will happen to Al, so we can print it. If we ain't got no news about Al we can't print none, can we? Answer, no!

**Denies It.**—Jim Kellond is indignant at the report that he is seeking appointment as dog catcher under the new city administration and says there is not one word of fact in it. He suspects "Dad" Welch of circulating the report and if he can secure sufficient evidence he will commence suit for criminal libel, doggone it.

**Works Sometimes.**—Walter Butler says the memories of his childhood are so potent that all he has to do when he wants to wake up early in the morning is to hang his stocking up on the foot of the bed. John Ferguson says he tried hanging up his for the same purpose on Walter's suggestion, but that there was nothing in it.

**Japan Takes Honor From Us.**—We notice in some holler plate stuff they worked off on the editor last week an item stating that "the most vicious species of crab is found in Japan." We had thought sometimes that Central Avenue held this honor, but are glad to yield to scientific authority which makes us appear good-natured by comparison, at least.

**Just the Way You Look At It.**—Stranger, (slightly under), entering Gordon's Shoe Store: "Give me a glass of lager." Lionel Gordon: "This is a shoe store, not a saloon." Stranger: "Well, you advertise lager on your sign outside, don't you?" Lionel: "No, that is a shoe sign—it's 'Regal'." Stranger, (looking again): "I beg your pardon, I read it from the bottom up."

**The Bankers' Thoroughfare.**—Central Avenue is the favorite thoroughfare of the Coos Bay bankers. Besides the large force in the First National, who walk in slowly about eight in the morning, and emerge with a rush towards four p. m., there can be seen, around meal times, Ralph and Joe Williams and Herbert Buserud, of the Flanagan & Bennett Bank, and John Ross and Reidar Bugge, of the Scandinavian-American, walking westward on Central Avenue, just like mad.

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For the Christmas tree, we have the nuts, fruits and candies.

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We have have a special effort effort this year to provide the gifts that men will appreciate. If you cannot stop in telephone us and we will help you select the gift. We have

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FATIMAS IN SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PACKAGES  
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FULL LINE OF SMOKERS' NOVELTIES  
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