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Coos Bay Times

A CLEAN WHOLESOME NEWSPAPER FOR ALL SOUTHWEST OREGON HOMES

FINISH COMES AT MIDNIGHT

After That Hour There Will Be No More Drinks Sold in Marshfield

BUYING SUPPLIES

Enormous Amounts of Liquors Have Been Sold for Future Private Use

WILL BE LIVELY TONIGHT

The Ship Waterwagon Will Sail as Usual Out This Time There is no Chance for the Passengers To Fall Off.

The good ship Waterwagon will sail tonight as it has on the first of many previous years, but this time it will make its last trip. Formerly at midnight on December 31 there was a struggle among the passengers to get aboard. They were laden down with luggage which consisted of good resolutions. Few of these passengers ever made the trip clear through.

Strong as were the resolutions and with fares paid through, some even dropped off at North Bend. A stop at the Empire wharf always meant the disembarkment of a large number of through passengers and when the Waterwagon reached South Slough there were always scores washed overboard. That was one of the hardest places to get past.

Dangerous Points So there were many who never even got out of Coos Bay. The Curry County Coast was also a dangerous district to pass. Such places as Port Orford and Rogue River had uncharted rocks which might even cause the whole vessel to go to pieces.

Those who have endeavored to make the trip on the ship Waterwagon know full well the difficulties in getting past these various ports. It was necessary to stop at Haddon the passengers were always badly depleted in number and San Francisco and Portland would cause such disaster that life-savers were called upon.

No Chance Now Seldom, if ever, has anyone made the through trip on the Waterwagon, which starts from Coos Bay, but this time it is different. The hatches will be fastened down tight, the stateroom and cabin doors will be locked and those who take passage at twelve o'clock tonight will have no chance to slip overboard.

The big event takes place just at twelve o'clock and at that hour all saloons must close. Today the "Happy New Year" spirit has started. Old time livers who have together trumped the brass rail and hooked their elbows over the edge of the mahogany are taking their farewell drink together. "It's the last one I can buy you," they say.

Laying it Away. Incidentally, however, those who use liquor are laying away enormous stores for their personal use. Large amounts have been bought in the city and the supply has about run out.

One of the saloons today had a line of bottled goods which represented the last and was selling them at bargain prices. At the Blanco bar the mirrors and cash register have been sold and the stock of liquors is about all gone. Many of the saloons will have practically nothing on hand and some may run out of a supply for the customers during the last hours.

Hilarity Tonight. There will probably be a good deal of hilarity tonight, but there is not so much spangling or drinking over the bar as might be supposed. The customers seem to be putting their money into supplies to lay away. The police will insist that everything close promptly at twelve and all the celebrating will stop at that hour.

Tomorrow will be the first time in the past 46 years that it is impossible to buy a New Year's drink over the bar of a saloon in Marshfield. North Bend Brewery Closes. Charles Thom, founder and owner of the North Bend Brewery, presided at the final obsequies about 2 o'clock this afternoon, when all

CLOSE ON MINUTE

NO LENIENCY TO BE ALLOWED SALOONS, SAY POLICE

Dry Law to Be Enforced to the Letter One Minute After Midnight—Many People Out

When the hour and the minute hand point straight up, marking midnight, and the verge between December 31, 1915, and January 1, 1916, all saloons of Marshfield close their doors. "No buying of booze after this time" says Chief Jack Carter. There will be policemen on the streets to see that the law is enforced to the dot.

In some cities the police authorities will allow 15 minutes for customers to "lap" up the last of the booze purchased before midnight before making arrests.

"Nothing like that doing here," continues Carter, and he means it. About Saloon Signs

And right here there comes up another point of interest. The new prohibition law reads that there shall be no posted liquor advertisements after January 1. Does this mean then that all saloons must at once take down the signs in front of their places of business? If they don't, they remain there in contradiction to this phase of the law. It is not presumed, however, that such a strict enforcement will be made at the very beginning, the main efforts being centered about the closing of the saloons on time.

Expect Big Crowd The police are anticipating good sized crowds in the city this evening. Excessive noise will not be tolerated. In brief the police declare that they will allow for a proper jollification to celebrate the coming of the new year, but there must be no "rough stuff."

Suit Cases Gone It was said today that several merchants have sold out their cheaper brands of suit cases, the said cases disappearing in all four directions of the compass, enclosing as many cold bottles as can be jammed between the covers.

Many Extra Police. Mayor F. E. Allen said today that while he did not anticipate any serious trouble tonight, he had provided some additional police to cope with the situation. The officers who will be on duty tonight include: Chief J. W. Carter, Nightwatch Shoppe, Walter Richardson, J. C. Doane, Frank Bean, L. W. Traver.

Besides these, Gordon Smith, Duncan Ferguson, Jr., and others in reserve at the station can be called upon to meet any emergency. J. W. Housman, who assisted at Christmas time may also assist tonight. Identified with it assembled and drank the last bottle of beer in the plant. The brewery is being converted into a plant to make non-alcoholic drinks and will start the new business tomorrow. He is going to make four different brands which he declares will be free from alcohol. They will be called Not-beer, English Porter, Birch Beer and Porter.

As a final act of the obsequies over the end of the brewery, the largest flag obtainable was unfurled at half mast.

Liquor Men's Farewell Mr. Thom also announced that the liquor dealers who tomorrow will no longer be liquor dealers had formed the Clam Diggers Union, No. 1,000,321. He said the officers would be: President—Chas. Thom. Vice-Pres.—James Bering. Secretary—Wm. Shrock. Chief Clam Gunner—Jack Leslie. Assistant Clam Gunners.—Geo. Murphy, Chris Grohs and John Juth.

Chief Cook—Joe Shira. Assistant Cook—Jas. Hoiman. Complaint of Johnson. C. L. Johnson, who says his home is near Delmar and that he has been engaged in ranching in Coos County and on the Coquille for forty-five years, told of a thrilling experience he had last night. He said that he dropped into a saloon and while talking with some friends remarked that he was glad the county was "going dry." He said that he had no sooner given utterance to his sentiments that a man named Wilcox and two or three cronies made a rush for him, knocked him down and forced him out into the street. He was vowing vengeance on them last night.

SEVEN STATES GO DRY TONIGHT

Washington, Oregon, Iowa, Colorado, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina

CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT

Three Thousand Saloons and Breweries and Distilleries Put Out of Business

SOME HAVE LOCAL OPTION

For a Number of Years Scattering Counties In All the Seven States Have Been Dry Under Local Option Law

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—State wide prohibition of the sale of manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in seven states at midnight tonight. More than 3,000 saloons, a large number of breweries, wholesale liquor houses and distilleries will be put out of business. The states to enter the dry column are Washington, Oregon, Iowa, Colorado, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina.

Many counties in all the seven states have prohibited the sale of liquors for a number of years under the local option laws. In Colorado In Colorado, the district attorneys at a recent meeting agreed that technically Colorado's prohibition amendment and the enforcing of the statute do not become effective until midnight of January 1, but it was also decided that the expiration of all liquor licenses tonight will render liquor sales on New Year's Day unlawful.

Will Enforce Law When the prohibition law in Arkansas, passed by the last legislature, goes into effect at midnight the anti saloon league will have workers in the field to see that this law is enforced.

Condition in Iowa In Iowa under the repeal passed by the last legislature, statutory prohibition is restored pending the action of the next legislature and the people on the proposed constitutional amendment.

Strict in Idaho Idaho will go dry by virtue of a statutory prohibition, the most drastic in the Union. It makes the possession of liquor a crime except for sacramental, medical or mechanical uses.

Dispensaries Stop. The South Carolina dispensary system, under which 15 out of 44 counties operated liquor dispensaries, will cease to exist at sundown today.

MAKES LITTLE CHANGE

Statewide Prohibition Not Felt Much in Lane County

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 31.—Four arrests in a single day established a new record yesterday for the year in Eugene. In all cases the Christmas spree was responsible. During the year there have been intervals of several weeks in which no violations of the law were recorded. Statewide prohibition, aside from limiting the amount of liquor shipments of 24 quarts of beer or two quarts of whisky within any one month will make little difference in Lane County, which has been local option territory with the exception of Glenada, a small town near the coast on the Willamette-Pacific Railroad.

SHIP IN LIQUOR

Large Quantities Have Been Taken to Portland

Portland people will not be entirely dry according to the following from the Oregonian: Shipments of liquor, including several hundred cases of champagne, have been received in Portland on several of the steamers coming from California. Practically all of the liquor was sold by the Portland dealers before it was put on board at San Francisco. It is said. The steamer Bear, of the Big Three line, brought on her last trip from the south 275 cases and 13 barrels of liquors. It is understood that the steamer Beaver also has aboard a shipment of liquors.

The steamer Geo. W. Elder, of the North Pacific Steamship Company, is said to have brought a shipment of liquors and 22 tons of near-beer.

BUSY AT SEATTLE

SALOON MEN ARE DOING TREMENDOUS BUSINESS

Owners of Buildings Will Help to See that the Law Is Enforced Tonight

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—The last day of liquor sales in Washington saw the saloons doing a tremendous business. All the police reserves of the cities will be on duty tonight to see that the law goes promptly into effect. Owners of buildings will help enforce the law as they are liable to be proceeded against if liquor is sold in their property after midnight.

SELLING OUT STOCK

LIQUOR AT PORTLAND WILL BE DISPOSED OF

There Must Be No Bottles on the Cafe Tables After Twelve O'clock

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—The remaining stocks of liquor in Oregon are being disposed of rapidly today in anticipation of prohibition becoming effective at midnight. Many liquor houses were practically sold out yesterday. Under the "common nuisance" clause, those having liquor on the tables in the cafes after midnight are liable to be proceeded against and as a result the revelry will be stopped short with the New Year.

EIGHT MEN KILLED

EXPLOSION IN SOUTH CHICAGO PLANT IS FATAL

Naphtha Tank at American Linseed Company Blows Up—Cause in Not Known

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—An explosion of a naphtha tank at the plant of the American Linseed Company in South Chicago today caused the deaths of eight employees and the injury of as many more. The exact figures are not obtainable, as the building in which the men were at work was rendered impenetrable by the flames.

THREE MEN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Dec. 31.—Three men were burned to death here today in a fire that destroyed the Farmers Inn, the leading hotel of the city.

MAKING A FIGHT

SPOKANE BREWERY ASKS FOR COURT ACTION

Wants Attorney General Restrained from Interfering With His Conduct of Business

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 31.—William Soehrer, of Boise, a stockholder in the Inland Brewing and Malt Company of Spokane, filed a suit in the United States District Court here today asking that Attorney General Tanner be restrained from interfering with the business of the company under the prohibition law on the grounds that the law is unconstitutional.

It also asks that the company be restrained from discontinuing its business. The petition follows closely that filed this week by a brewing company in Tacoma. No action was taken on the petition in court today.

WILLIAM LORIMER PLACED ON TRIAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—William Lorimer, president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, was placed on trial today on the charge of looting the institution and the case was then continued to January 4.

GASOLINE BOAT WAS IN DANGER

The Enterprise Experiences Rough Sea and Rescued by Steamer Willamette

THREE MEN ABOARD

Almost Exhausted When Towed Into Coos Bay by Adeline Smith Today

FOOD AND WATER GONE

Was Brought from Astoria to Alsea Bay—Engine Flooded and Craft Was Helplessly Drifting at Sea—Vessels Failed to Answer

Facing the hardships of a terrific sea in a waterlogged condition and with her engines disabled, the gasoline schooner Enterprise, of Astoria, was picked up off Hecata Head this morning at 1 o'clock by the steam schooner Willamette, Capt. Rainier, southbound from Portland. The Willamette put a line aboard the craft and towed her down opposite Cape Arago where this morning the Adeline took charge of the Enterprise and towed her into Coos Bay and to the Smith Terminal dock. The three men making up the crew were almost exhausted as both the food and water ran out.

FIGHT IN GALICIA

BATTLES REPORTED BY AUSTRIA IN THAT QUARTER

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DEFEAT SERBIANS

BULGARIANS WIN VICTORY AFTER THREE-DAY FIGHT

Belief is That the Serbians Have Been Reinforced by the Italians.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The defeat of the Serbians, who apparently have been reinforced by the Italians, after a three-day battle in Central Albania, is reported by the Overseas News Agency. According to the Italian reports, the Serbians were almost annihilated. The Bulgarians continue to advance.

HAVING RACE WAR

GREAT EXCITEMENT PREVAILS IN GEORGIA

Five Negroes Shot and Killed and Two Others Are Burned To Death

BLAKELY, Ga., Dec. 31.—Excitement caused throughout this section by clashes between a posse of white men and negroes near here, in which seven negroes were killed and two whites seriously hurt, had not entirely died down today. Five of the negroes were shot and killed and two others burned to death as the result of three battles yesterday between negroes and whites, who were seeking the alleged slayers of a white man.

TROOPS IN ALBANIA

ITALY IS GATHERING FORCES AT AVLONA IN REPORT

Regiment Sent to Durazzo and Evidently Intended for Garrison Duty There

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Journal's correspondent at Avlona, Albania, says the Italians now have a fairly strong contingent there and have sent a regiment to Durazzo. These troops seem intended for garrison duty and there is no sign that they are preparing to march toward Macedonia.

SINK SUBMARINE

AUSTRIAN FLOTILLA DESTROYS FRENCH FIGHTING BOAT

The Second Officer and Fifteen of the Men Are Captured During the Engagement

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The Austro-Hungarian flotilla, consisting of the cruiser Heliogoland and five destroyers, on December 21 destroyed the French submarine Monge, according to an official Austrian statement. The second officer and 15 sailors were captured.

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AVOID A CLASH WITH AUSTRIA

Not Likely to be Any Trouble Over the Sinking of the Liner Ancona

ANSWER RECEIVED

Press Dispatches Indicate That the Demands of the United States Are Met

COMMANDER IS PUNISHED

Apparently Only One Point Left to be Settled and That Is the Payment of Indemnity for the American Lives Lost

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—The official text of Austria's note was received today at the State Department. The work of translating from the diplomatic code will take several hours and arrangements for publication will be made later.

The American demands on Austria-Hungary in connection with the destruction of the steamer Ancona apparently have been met in the new note from Vienna to Washington.

Looks Quite Hopeful If the official text of Austria's reply to the second Austrian note conform to the press dispatches saying that the communication announced that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer had been punished, virtually only one phase of the incident remains to be cleared up.

That would be the payment of indemnity for the American lives lost, for which Austria has expressed a willingness to make reparations. Later however there may be full exchanges between the two countries on the question of submarine warfare and the necessity for warning before attacking merchantmen.

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