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THE INCONSISTENCY OF THE THING.

The ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have determined to use their efforts to stop a prize fight scheduled to be held in this city on Saturday night. The ladies feel that the fight will be a disgrace to the city, and that it will have a demoralizing effect, as all such events have. They are opposed to this sort of amusement on customary grounds, which we need not here enumerate. They purpose circulating a remonstrance against the fight encounter and, upon securing a large number of signatures, submitting the remonstrance to the chief of police, with the request that he take steps to stop the mill.

The Astorian is not favorably inclined toward the alleged art of prize fighting. It is not so much opposed to it because of any particular brutality which prize fighters display in the ring, but it believes that prize fighting is a mighty poor way for one to make a living, and after all that's as much as there is to this life. The much denounced brutal feature of the game is a small consideration, as all know who evince interest in fistie events. While prize fighting has a demoralizing tendency, it is not a circumstance, in this particular, to either the liquor traffic or card playing. At that, however, it is something without which we could just as well get along. There is a very considerable element which is arrayed against the sport, and on the other hand there is a very large element which believes that it should be permitted to attend prize fights if it feels so disposed. The best solution of the problem, generally speaking, yet found is for the opposed to stay away from such events, and for those who manifest interest to attend. As a rule, people will do as they see fit in such matters.

It is plain, however, that this crusade of the ladies of the W. C. T. U. constitutes an inconsistency. We know they are actuated by a desire to elevate the moral tone of the community, and we know they are sincere in their opposition to the coming fight; we understand thoroughly the object which they seek to accomplish. But they forget that Astoria is a wide-open community. This city depends upon what is commonly known as "vice" for the bulk of its revenues. Cut off this source of revenue and our taxes would treble. We accept annually about \$18,000 from the saloon keepers—an amount which just about equals out total receipts from legitimate taxation—and we receive another \$10,000 a year from the gamblers. The slot machine owners and operators contribute another \$2500, a grand total of \$30,000, or about two-thirds of our total revenues.

Now, if we find it essential to cater to this class of people for our revenues, we should not undertake to prevent any side issue such as a prize fight. It is admittedly poor policy for a city to become the rendezvous of prize fighters, but it is far worse for a city to depend upon the so-called vicious element for its revenues. If we are willing to take the money of this class, we can not consistently make war on its diversions, especially when those diversions are far less contaminating than the evils from which we derive the bulk of our municipal funds.

It is lamentable that such conditions should exist, but we are not facing theories. A wide-open community—and Astoria is nothing less—must follow wide-open policies; a city which permits gambling whenever and wherever the gambler will pay \$25 monthly into the city treasury must not frown at prize fights; a city which has a saloon for every 275 people must expect to put up with such attractions as fistie events. We might just as well be honest with ourselves in these matters, for opposition to prize fighting is, in Astoria, largely waste of effort. We can not consistently declare against prize fighting while openly encouraging and countenancing other forms of vice of far more demoralizing tendencies.

In view of the conditions existing here, it would seem the W. C. T. U. ought to devote its attention to other matters of greater civic importance. We commend to the consideration of its members the work of the Woman's Club. This latter organization is seeking to better the city and has accomplished much already. Presumably its members are aware of the lamentable customs in vogue here; but they know

they can do more good by striving for civic improvement than by continually denouncing those forms of vice which we have mutually agreed to tolerate. The W. C. T. U., for instance, might make it its business to get closer to the parents of such bad boys as are now in the county jail for youthful depredations. If it would employ its energy in that direction much benefit might ensue. There is work to be done along this line, and with much better prospect of permanent success.

So long as the city of Astoria tolerates—indeed, depends upon—other forms of vice, just so long will it be inconsistent for us to attempt to prohibit prize fighting.

The Russian fleet in and about the Red sea is surprisingly active for a fleet that is there only on sufferance, says the N. Y. Tribune. It was compelled to leave the neutral port of Djibuti and to turn toward home, having received just enough coal to carry it to the nearest home port. But now it appears to be cruising around the Red sea, trying to intercept supply ships on their way to Japan. Of course it has the right to do so, but the question inevitably arises, where is it making its base of supplies, and where will it get more coal when it has used up the supply which was to carry it home? As matters have turned out the Japanese may now be wishing they had let the Nishin and Kasuga remain in those waters to deal with precisely such a situation as this one. Now, if presently the Japanese, having cleared east Asia waters of Russian ships, should send some of their swift fighting machines around into the Red sea, or even the Mediterranean, or indeed into the Baltic itself, there would be occasion to sing with the Japs of the lyric stage, "Here's a pretty how d'ye do!"

Our estimable friend the Oregonian is again out with a denunciation of the knockers of "Astoria, Tacoma and Seattle." These knockers are said to have defamed the Columbia river by ventilating the fact that the transport Dix lost 12 days at the mouth of the Columbia. We'd like to know who started this thing—Astoria or Portland. The Oregonian almost daily lambasted the bar while the Dix was detained here, with the intention of making it appear that the bar and not the inland waterway was responsible for the delay. It now holds up the run of the Buford as proof of its assertion that the river channel will accommodate large vessels. It will be observed that the Buford was not detained at Astoria, but had she been 30 hours on the trip down, as was the case with the Dix, she might have missed a good bar and have been compelled to remain here for some weeks. The river is not one whit better than the bar—and that's all the alleged knockers have ever said of it. The Oregonian may set up the cry, "Stop thief!" but it will deceive no one.

When a woman whose husband has lost his money playing "21" at Erickson's, a Portland resort, demanded return of the sum, the sympathy of most people went out to her, and nearly every one was happy to learn that she had been paid over the amount, which she herself had earned. But there will be little sympathy for the woman who undertook to administer a thrashing to Peter Grant because of his failure to immediately separate himself from a sum of money said to have been lost by the woman's husband at the Portland Club. It would seem that enterprising females have devised a new system of getting funds when in need, and the plan will not prove popular. Husbands who gamble away their earnings should readily be restrained by wives vigorous enough to beat up gambling men. This second Portland case is a decidedly poor imitation of the real thing transpiring at the time the first case came to public notice.

So far as the neutrality of our government in the Russo-Japanese war is concerned, the pro-Russian element need have little fear. Our government will maintain neutrality just as long as its interests are not made to suffer. In the meantime, its moral support is with the Japanese, who are waging the war of civilization—a cause which we are bound to encourage.

The Oregonian and Salem Statesman are devoting space to publication of events that transpired 50 years ago. This sort of stuff will doubtless prove attractive to those persons who are not especially interested in the news.

We trust the New York Commercial will succeed in convincing its readers that it is not kindly disposed toward Mr. Fritz Heinze, of Montana.

By her note to the powers Russia claims to have gained a diplomatic victory. Such victories do not count much in war times, however.

The sea wall will make Astoria a great city. Encourage the committee of ten with a prompt response to its letter.

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