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POLICE POWERS.

Questions involving the police powers of a state will probably soon be determined by the supreme court of the United States. In New York recently the supreme court passed upon the legality of the ten hour a day law for bakers, which was in effect, forbidding bakers to work more than 60 hours in a week. Unless it was clear, the court decided, that restrictions of this sort were intended to protect life, health or morals, they could not be allowed to suspend or override the constitutional rights of the citizens. Conditions in the bakers' trade were declared not to warrant the use made of the state's police power, inasmuch as no peril to life, health or morals had been shown sufficient to justify the arbitrary limitation of a baker's working hours.

In view of this decision, declared by Justice Harlan to be an exceptionally important and far reaching one, an attempt is now being made in Indiana to apply the state's general police powers is certain to attract much interest. The Indiana legislature at its last session passed a stringent anti-cigarette law. This measure made it illegal to manufacture, sell or give away cigarettes; but it even went further than that, and made it a punishable offense to smoke a cigarette or have in one's possession either a cigarette or a cigarette wrapper. The law was approved by the governor and has now gone into effect. Last week the leader of an orchestra in Richmond, Ind., was arrested for smoking a cigarette and was fined \$25. A citizen of Anderson was arrested on the same day and fined \$35 for having cigarette paper in his possession. Appeals have been taken in both cases and the state courts will have to decide whether the law as it stands is valid. Eventually, if the plaintiffs lose, an appeal will be taken to the federal supreme court.

Oregon has no law prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes, although an effort is being made to pass one. There seems

fort was made at the last session of to be no question about the validity of the law, in so far as it forbids the manufacture or sale of cigarettes in Indiana. If a state holds such a traffic to be injurious to health and morals it is within the functions of a state to forbid it, just as Maine, Kansas, Vermont and other states have forbidden the manufacture and sale within their borders of alcoholic liquors. It is contended on the part of the tobacco dealers who are fighting the law, that to prohibit a citizen from smoking a cigarette, and from consuming even privately an article which has come legitimately into his hands, points to an invasion of an individual right as fully assured to the citizens as the right of contract. Moreover to put a penalty on the mere possession of an unrolled cigarette paper involves a stretch of sanitary regulation as yet unheard of.

There is no question but that smoking cigarettes is a filthy and disgusting habit, and if moral suasion will not deter young men from indulging in the habit, we see no reason why a law should not be passed to compel a man to be decent as well as to be moral. A law of this kind would be beneficial in Astoria. An effort was made at one time to organize a club of young ladies who would refuse to associate with a young man that smoked cigarettes, but it didn't pan out. It left, practically no young men for a young lady to go to the theater with or enjoy an ice cream, and they couldn't stand to lose these pleasures. There are very few young men that would associate with a young girl that smoked cigarettes, but as a rule, women put up with more faults and indiscretions from young men and even husbands, that husbands would tolerate in their wives. We are inclined to the opinion that it is a poor rule that won't work both ways.

PURITANICAL BOSTON.

"Graft," incompetency, peanut politics and ignorance have characterized the city council of Boston to a degree that would seem astounding when the high mental standards of that community are considered. For years it was customary to have all carriage bills of the aldermen charged to the city, the aldermen simply "O. King" the bills and the city treasurer paying them. Cab and carriage bills climbed at an alarming rate, some of those for individual aldermen running up into the thousands every year. Investigation disclosed the fact that some aldermen had been sending out their families for afternoon drives in the parks, the city paying for the carriages used. Others have had whole strings of carriages used for some members of a constituent's family, perhaps a dozen of these city paid carriages being in line at one funeral. In some cases even the hearse was paid for by the city, and it is charged that flowers and the coffin came also under the item of carriages, that they never used, either drawing the money or dividing up with the stable keeper. It finally became such a scandal that there was an investigation and since then aldermanic carriage bills have been decidedly more moderate.

TIMBER LANDS.

Dealers in timber lands report an exceptionally quiet year and attribute the dullness to the fact that the Oregon timber land frauds have had a tendency to withhold capital from the east that otherwise would have been invested in Pacific coast timber properties. The easterners seem to feel that the fraud cases are more general than they really are and that the titles to lands are not secure. As soon as their minds are set right and that the government is only after the politicians and not the land snarks, who are the most guilty, the local dealers anticipate a speedy return to normal conditions.

OUR FUTURE HOME.

A Kansas exchange says: "The hottest region known is the southeastern part of Perla, where it borders on the gulf. For forty consecutive days in July and August the temperature has been known to register not less than 100 degrees either night or day."

When we were in good standing in the Sunday school we were taught that there was still a hotter place than that and even now we some times imagine we can smell the fumes of brimstone, so tropical were some of the sermons. According to impressions made at that time, the thermometer in that place of lost souls registered at least 200 in the shade.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Public funds can be invested to no better advantage than in road improvement. Every farmer and every business man in every community is benefited, either directly or indirectly, by good roads and should take a lively interest in the good roads movement. With the possible exception of Irri-

gation there is no one thing of so great and so vital importance in the future and intensive development of the country's agricultural resources as good roads. With well built and well equipped and well maintained highways, millions of dollars' worth of products, that are now a dead loss could be turned into money and millions of dollars would be saved on the cost of hauling the products of the farm to the railway, to the boat or to the market. All of which means large profits for the farmer, reduced prices on commodities to consumers. They enhance the value of farm lands and make possible and profitable the breaking in of new lands hitherto classed as inferior or unprofitable.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

If some of the Astoria papers keep up their lick they will have the whole Japanese navy sunk before they get within fighting distance. There is nothing like getting a scoop.

President Smith of the Mormon church is indignant because somebody called him "an old sport" when he went to a prize fight. Well, he can't expect to be always considered young.

President Roosevelt could drop into any of the Chicago exchanges nowadays and find signs of fresh bear tracks in the wheat pits.

If Mr. Rockefeller will send \$100,000 to a democratic campaign fund there will be no questions asked.

Having stored more oil than was necessary, the Standard Oil Company insists that somebody must pay for the evaporation.

Cigarette smoking has been forbidden in Nebraska. The fumes of hop, however, still emanate from the office of the Commoner.

There are no buttons on the men's clothes in Japan and this may be due to the fact that there are no bureaus for them to roll under.

Kansas has now started out to develop a race war. Between the Kansans and the Americans.

We are slowly but surely approaching universal peace. The Daughters of the American Revolution held an election the other day without bloodshed.

Besides his thrilling experiences with the wild beasts of Colorado President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to spend several hours in Chicago before returning to Washington.

The wife of a laborer in Kansas died leaving him a legacy of \$40,000 he did not know she had, which shows that a wife can find more money in a man's pocket than he ever suspects in there.

"I want to complain of the flour you sent me yesterday," said an Upper Astoria woman to a grocer.

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