

SHOTGUNS ARE LESS HARMFUL

REV. E. P. HILL REPLIES TO DR. HUTCHINSON'S THEORY THAT SALOONS KILL THE WEAK, AND SO ARE BENEFICIAL—POWDER A SURE AND LESS DEADLY AGENT

Rev. E. P. Hill preached a strong sermon on the liquor question last evening at the First Presbyterian church. He denounced the theory of Dr. Woods Hutchinson that gambling destroys the unit and the weak and makes the strong stronger. "If this is the case," said Dr. Hill, "why wait for the weak to be weeded out by such painful methods? Why not go around with a shotgun and kill them off?" In conclusion he pleaded with his people that they set an example to their fellow citizens by total abstinence, inasmuch as they cannot pass laws abolishing the saloons. In part he said:

"The announcement was made this week before a conference of churches and corrections," said Dr. Hill, "that the drunkard is a nation in the more fit it is; that temperate nations are the greater, while sober ones are going into decay. That gambling destroys the unit and the weak and makes the strong stronger. If this is the case, the stronger let it work out its beneficent ministry. The same thing was said of smallpox and leprosy. If this is the case, why wait for the weak to be weeded out by such painful methods? Why not go around with a shotgun and kill them off? Is it not more humane to put the whole thing away than to let it stay in order that the strong may grow stronger by the suicide of the weak?"

"Why is it that the man who talks about the fit and the unfit always assumes that he is the fit?" "Take this matter of local option. Does not the excitement of the saloons about the matter show that there is something doing? Why should we not be allowed to vote away the pitfalls which await our boys in our neighborhoods if we wish? But in this city, even when a law is passed, if a man does not want to comply with it he has only to say so. The city officials will hear him and say: 'Well, we think you ought to obey, but if you can't, why just pay us so much money and it will be all right.'"

"Local Option in Theory and Practice," was the subject of Rev. George Crosswell's sermon at the Unitarian church yesterday morning. Dr. Crosswell opened his sermon with a few remarks about Dr. Woods Hutchinson's theory on alcoholism. The speaker declared that in his belief, that alcoholism is a salutary agent in human progress is far-fetched and self-destructive. Dr. Crosswell believes that local option is consistent with the principles of democracy. He said:

"It is the ideal of self-government and the fundamental safeguard of liberty. It is superior to state prohibition, not only because more in harmony with the principles of democratic government and more easily divorced from partisan and political considerations, but also more reasonable, but emphatically since it establishes law against the sale of intoxicating liquor where public sentiment will secure its enforcement."

If Dr. Woods Hutchinson's strong statements on the question of alcoholism brought forth a torrent of expostulation from pulp and private sources, the urban medical savant bears the excitement with remarkable sang froid and assurance. He appears, to have expected the change that has been made to his utterance.

"Let the other side have plenty of time in which to state their position," he insisted today during the course of an interview. "I do not want to hurry matters. Some of my statements are accepted too hastily and several seem to talk on subjects that were entirely foreign to what I did say. For instance, I am placed in a false light in the argument purporting to come from me as to the elimination of the unit from society. But will not go into any lengthy argument on this point. I have heard the other side fully I will give my answer, complete and unreserved. Good day."

Dr. Hutchinson's statement appeared in the press last week and formed the basis of several sermons in local pulpits yesterday and has brought forth many letters to the newspapers. Dr. E. P. Hill of the First Presbyterian church took strong exception to the medical man's claims in his sermon on local option. He touched on the liquor question in general; the army canton local option, and "The Cheerful Side of the Liquor Problem"—all in the way of an answer to the doctor's representations.

G. M. Alvord also challenges these statements in a public letter. He describes alcohol as "a poison to every body," and "no less poisonous to the vigorous than to the deficient members of society, and no less poisonous whether taken in small amounts or large." He closes with: "But Dr. Hutchinson's whole thesis is false, because it rests upon false premises. Alcohol, as has been said, is a simple poison, acting as a temporary stimulant. Its continued use, whether in the fit or unfit, by the vigorous or defective, results, sooner or later, in disease."

LANDSLIDE DELAYS SOUTHERN TRAINS

A small landslide south of Roseburg, on the Southern Pacific yesterday caused a delay in the arrival of train No. 18. The train arrived in three sections this morning, the first at 10:30 o'clock, the second at 10:40 and the last at 11 o'clock. The tracks are now reported clear and unless heavy rains follow, no more trouble is anticipated. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation and the Northern Pacific trains were on time today.

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AT THE THEATRES

"THE CASE OF REBELLIOUS SUSAN."

High-class comedy is the menu at the Baker theatre this week and those who enjoy a wholesome offering of that sort cannot do better than visit Manager Baker's amusement headquarters for an evening with "The Case of Rebellious Susan."

There is just the proper blending of pathos and comedy to save the play from being a farce. Some of the characters are ridiculously funny, but for the most part the story concerns the mishaps of such people as we meet every day. "The Case of Rebellious Susan" portrays the disagreements which lead to the separation of Lady Susan Harrabin and her husband James Harrabin. Lady Harrabin engages in a flirtation that leads up to a proposed elopement with Lucien Endorse, but is prevented by a watchful uncle, Sir Richard Kato. George Allison is the clever Admiral Sir George Darby and endows the part with his ruddy complexion and rollicking talk that one expects from a sailor-fighter. As the perplexed husband, James Harrabin, William Bernard has a good opportunity. Carlyle Moore has a little to do as Lucien Endorse but he does that little well. Howard Russell appears as the villain of the piece, a man married to a woman whose sole ambition is to change social conditions. Esther Lyon is at her best as Lady Susan Harrabin, a woman with decided views of what to expect from a week's engagement and credit. Gleason is a pleasant contrast in the role of a mature and perfectly contented wife. Gertrude Rivers is unusually charming as Mrs. Quessel and Osa Waldrop in real life would be one of the strongest advocates imaginable for woman's rights.

"The Case of Rebellious Susan" continues all week.

"DOWN BY THE SEA."

The romantic comedy-drama, "Down by the Sea" opened at Cordray's last night for a week's engagement and seemed to please the large audience present. The play is a melodrama and was written by Mortimer Murdoch, a playwright, better known in England, his home country, than in America. The role of Jack Haynes, a fisherman, is a gem in the way of a character study and is portrayed by Charles H. Sanders with an incisive and clear-cut style. Frank M. Allen is the brusque and rough-actioned ex-captain, who is willing to sacrifice his daughter's happiness for his own selfish ends. Henry McLeod, the young parson, is not endorsed by Mortimer Murdoch, the force and commanding interest that the leading role should be given, and a little more vigorous action would improve the character greatly. Edwin Felix was acceptable as Richard Dwight the villain. Miss Fannie Curtis is one of the best emotional actresses seen at the up-town theatre in a long while.

"A NIGHT ON BROADWAY."

"A Night on Broadway," with Murray and Mack, will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand theatre Friday and Saturday nights, February 26 and 27, with a popular price matinee Saturday. Every act of the farce has many songs and dances, and special attention has been paid to the selecting of the chorus of 30. The advance sale of seats will open next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

THE BOSTONIANS.

The Bostonians will begin an engagement of four performances at the Marquam Grand theatre, opening their engagement in "Robin Hood," which will also be the bill at the matinee Wednesday night and "The Queen of Laughter" Thursday night.

AT THE ARCADE.

The opening of the new program at the Arcade theatre is an event to which thousands of people have learned to look forward with feelings of pleasant anticipation. In all the history of this playhouse they have never been disappointed and this week's performance, which begins today, is no exception.

DEATH OF PHILIP REED, A PIONEER

The body of Philip Reed, who has resided in Portland since 1870, was found on the deck of the steamer Regulator about 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning floating in the river between the foot of Morrison and Washington streets. Coroner Finley was notified. Mr. Finley identified the body, and telephoned Henry E. Reed, son of the late Mr. Reed, who resided at his home at 165 East Sixteenth street.

During the past four years Philip Reed has been suffering from an abscess in the head and has been residing at St. Joseph's home. His illness continued during the past few weeks and he had been dependent. About 8 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Reed left the home, stating that he was going to visit a physician. He was not seen again by any of his friends until his body was picked up by the steamboat

Mr. Reed moved to Portland from San Francisco, where he had worked in the machine shops at the Mare Island navy yard for several years. During the civil war Mr. Reed was a machinist in the Brooklyn navy yard, and there worked on a number of the most famous warships in American history.

Mr. Reed was 63 years old. He leaves a wife and four children. The children are Henry E. Reed, secretary of the Lewis and Clark fair; and directors, James Clark and Joseph L. Reed, and Mrs. Thomas Gannon. The funeral services will take place at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Francis church, corner of East Oak and Eleventh streets, and will be conducted by the Rev. Father James H. Black.

SHIPBUILDING IN FRANCE.

The most significant feature, in respect of the shipbuilding industry in France during 1903, says Lloyd's Shipping Register, has been the abandonment of the construction of large steamships. During the years 1899 to 1902 the numbers of steel sailing vessels of 2,000 tons and upwards launched in France were respectively 24, 39, 49 and 54. During 1903 not one such vessel had been launched, neither is any now under construction. On the other hand, the steamer tonnage launched in France during 1903 amounts to \$2,000,000, or 28,000 tons in excess of the output of 1902. At the present time the steam tonnage under construction in France reaches a total of 105,000 tons, as compared with 77,000 tons at the end of 1902, and 59,000 tons at the end of 1901.

KING PETER HAS FIGHTERS.

Belgrade, Feb. 22.—A number of officers have asked permission to join the Russian army. The list included some anti-regime officers at the Nish Garrison. Reports say that King Peter's army has also made application for permission.

SALEM

NOTICE.—Salem subscribers will please take notice that the Oregon Daily Journal has been transferred to E. E. Davis, 180 State street, who will receive subscriptions, complaints, etc.

BICYCLISTS GET MUCH BETTER DEAL

(Journal Special Service.)

Salem, Feb. 22.—Late Saturday afternoon Mayor Waters signed the new bicycle ordinance and it goes into effect at once. The new city law is far more lenient than was the one it displaces, but it is the intention to enforce its provisions strictly, which was not the case with the old law, which, by common consent, was entirely ignored. The mayor also signed the ordinance passed at the last session of the council providing for the issue of \$30,000 city bonds to refund the bonds that matured some years ago and which have since been carried by the Ladd & Bush bank in this city. The new issue is in the shape of a popular loan, bearing 4 per cent interest, running 20 years. There are enough applications in now for those bonds from local people to take up the entire issue, and the indications are that the proposals will be sufficient to take up the issue twice over, as was the case some years ago, when the first popular loan was floated by the city.

Frank Durbin Declines.

In the political article from this city a few days since showing the conditions in Marion county, your correspondent gave the name of Former Sheriff Frank W. Durbin as one of the men talked of for sheriff. Mr. Durbin, though repeatedly urged to go into the fight, declines to allow his name to be used, as he says that no man ought to ask for that office for a third term. He has always been one of the strongest Democrats in the county, and was twice elected sheriff when he was the only Democrat elected, the Republicans taking all the other offices. Now, however, Mr. Durbin places his private business to again stand for the nomination, and declines the repeated requests to run for this office.

News Notes.

Senator Mitchell and Charley Luke, two Umatilla Indians, were brought to the penitentiary Saturday evening from Pendleton, to serve three years and one year respectively, for horse-stealing. Sheriff Taylor brought the noble red men here.

Sheriff Fred Fiske of Lane county brought to the asylum Mrs. Lucinda Veltum from Lane county. The patient is 55 years old and is suffering from a loss of mental power. This is her first commitment, and she is entertained for her speedy recovery when proper treatment is given.

News was received in this city Saturday evening, from Detroit, Mich., that Dr. L. A. Port, an aged and highly respected resident of this city, is lying dangerously ill in that city, with small hope for his recovery. Dr. Port was taken sick in Athens, O., last August, and as his malady did not yield to treatment, he went to Cincinnati and later to Detroit, to consult specialists, and the latter city, while undergoing treatment, he began to fail.

Chinese New Year's Eve.

Chinese New Year's Eve, which is celebrated in this city yesterday afternoon by the explosion of hundreds of dollars' worth of firecrackers. At 4 o'clock, on Liberty street, in response to an advertisement in the local papers, a large crowd of people of Salem gathered to witness the burning of immense ropes of firecrackers, and the unique exhibition lasted fully a half-hour, to the great delight of the Chinese and their white friends, including every little boy in town. The evening another explosion of the same kind was given, but the same place before an interested and curious audience. The Chinese claim that fully \$500 was burned up in firecrackers in this city yesterday.

SUMPTER

NOTICE.—The "Eastern Oregon Mining Company" agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is located at Sumpter, H. W. Donahue agent and correspondent, whom subscribers by mail or carrier will be received, as well as orders for advertising.

DEVELOPMENT OF RICH COAL LANDS

(Journal Special Service.)

Sumpter, Or., Feb. 22.—Tony Mohr of this city, who with Sumpter associates owns a large tract of coal land in Wheeler county, returned from there yesterday. Several men are now employed developing this property, now on all accounts the deposit is showing up exceptionally well. Lew Walker, formerly superintendent of the Midway mine, has charge of the development work. Mr. Mohr would make no definite statement regarding the present value of the property, but said that the property was looking fine, and that work would be continued. Analysis has shown that the coal they are developing is of superior quality and that the value of the deposit is only a matter of getting transportation facilities, which are sure to come in time.

Four Feet of Shipping Ore.

A report from the Independence in the Granite district, operated by Burch Burbridge of Spokane, states that a body of ore of a good shipping grade about four feet in width has been encountered in the shaft. It is said that the good ore has been coming into the shaft for some time, but the present discovery is the best yet encountered. This firm recently secured a bond on the Magnolia mine, which adjoins the Independence, and on which there is a 10-stamp mill, and it is understood to be the intention to run ore from the foot mines at the Magnolia mill.

Electric Power.

A report from the United Elkhorn, formerly the Balsey-Elkhorn, in the Rock creek district, states that machine drills, and also electric power for the mill will be installed within a month. The compressor plant now being used for the purpose of blowing the mill, which is in continuous operation, will be used for the drills and pumps. The drills are intended for the long croscut, of about 5,000 feet, which will tap all the ledges of the property at a great depth. The mine is now producing about 15 tons of concentrates per day.

Rich Strike at Listen Lake.

J. W. Wilson, general manager of the Listen Lake, in the Greenhorn district, who returned from the property a few days ago, says that the best ore yet encountered in this property has just been reached. There is three feet of ore on the foot wall, which is from \$18 to \$45, chiefly gold and copper. The croscut from the 50-foot level has entered the vein 27 feet and there is still ore in the face. It is a big ledge and the width has not yet been determined. The shaft is down on the foot wall and it is here that the

rich ore was struck. The first 50 feet of the shaft is 3 by 5 1/2 feet, but Mr. Wilson is preparing to enlarge it to 8 by 4 feet the rest of the way and to continue sinking.

Beat Up a Chink.

The city treasury was Thursday enriched to the extent of \$25 by a fine imposed by City Recorder Start upon one H. O. McCollough. The specific charge against this individual being assault and battery committed upon one Hemm Sing, proprietor of a noodle joint. The evidence introduced by the Chink was to the effect that McCollough and Nat Darrah entered his place and upon seeing a woman seated at one of the tables began to talk in a manner which was not approved by Sing, who remonstrated, and as a result was hit over the head with a chair and considerably disfigured. All three of the parties were a little the worse for booze. The woman was summoned as a witness, but said that she had gotten behind a door while the fracas was going on, and for this reason, and the only one cited, the events which took place were not very clear to her. The prisoners were both found guilty as charged and were fined \$25 each, which sum was paid by McCollough, but Darrah failed to ante and was committed.

Bourne Leap Year Dance.

The ladies of Bourne are making preparations for a well leap year dance to be held in the Miners' hall on this evening. R. J. Green was in town today and said that it was going to be the most important affair of the season. According to the program, each lady will invite her sweetheart, what he has a good time. The invitation is extended to Sumpter sisters, who are privileged to select and escort an join in the festivities. The insignificant sum of \$1 will be the admission, including supper.

ARREST STRONG FOR SALOON ROBBERY

(Journal Special Service.)

Baker City, Or., Feb. 22.—Fred Strong, a laborer, was arrested Saturday night on the charge of robbing the Mint saloon recently. Strong was at the theatre with his wife at the time of his arrest by Special Officer Oole. The chief evidence against Strong is said to be statements made by a young man named Moore, who is alleged to have heard Strong tell of "doing a job" while masked, and of how he disposed of marked coins taken from the saloon. Moore is also under arrest, but denies that he ever heard Strong make any confession. Strong denies his guilt, but the officers say they have convincing evidence. Strong is also charged with using the name of Armstrong when signing checks, and it is believed that his present name is an assumed one. He has been here but a few months.

Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias of the eastern Oregon district, which includes six lodges, met in Sumpter, Friday, a hundred delegates in present at the twelfth annual convention. The convention organized and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: G. W. Jack, chairman, and W. F. Johnson, secretary. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Baker City, the exact date to be fixed by the grand lodge. The following program was carried out during the afternoon: Address of welcome, Mayor C. H. McCollough (on behalf of Sumpter Lodge No. 84); address of welcome, J. F. Shelton (on behalf of Sumpter Lodge No. 84); "Pythianism," Emil Waldman, C. C. address, "Uniform Rank in Oregon," Brig. Gen. J. M. Aiken; response, "Gauntlet Lodge No. 8, Baker City," Col. James A. Patton; address, "Pythianism," C. C. address, "Golden Lodge No. 82, Granite," E. S. Stowe.

The feature of the afternoon was the entrance into Baker City of Golden Lodge No. 84, Granite, in their six-horse sleigh, the horses decorated in the colors of the order, driven by a gentleman from Alaska, the only one in the camp who could handle a six-horse team on the mountain roads. They were received with cheers and escorted to the grand lodge. In the evening the contest of team work took place, the entries being from the Baker, Sumpter and Granite lodges. The judges appointed to decide the contest were Messrs. Davis of Union, Alt. of Huntington and a panel of Baker City. The contest was won by the Baker City team, the prize being a pair of altar swords. A banquet was given at 12 o'clock, at which more than 100 covers were laid, and the visiting Knights departed on a special train for Baker City early Sunday morning.

State of Oregon at St. Louis.

That the state of Oregon will be magnificently represented in its mineral resources at the forthcoming world's fair at St. Louis is a foregone conclusion. Superintendent Fred R. Melles of the Oregon world's fair and Clark departments, was today busy with Mr. Loomis arranging the ornamental work for the Oregon mineral building at St. Louis. This mineral palace and private office is now being constructed in Mr. Melles' home and is a building of itself, 9 by 13 feet and 15 feet high to the apex, where the Oregon flag will be displayed. The walls of this will be made of 60 panels constructed of pulverized ore from the different camps of the world, and the heaviest samples of quartz. There will be exhibits from every mining camp in the state. All the samples will be properly labeled and indexed in the catalogue. All over the sides of the Oregon building will be the words "Oregon" in gold nuggets.

CORNBREAST PUT IN PLACE.

(Journal Special Service.) Roseburg, Or., Feb. 22.—Records of the public and high school were laid today in the northwest corner of the Roseburg high school building, which is on its way to completion. The ceremonies were conducted by the Masons of this city. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman, being the principal speaker. The building when finished will cost about \$25,000, and will be the home for the high school and three grades of the primary department during the coming school year of 1904-05. The high school student body was started five years ago with 15 to 20 pupils. The members of the institution now number 75 with an outlook for 125 at the beginning of the coming fall.



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INDEPENDENCE

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PLEASE EXHIBIT AT INDEPENDENCE

(Journal Special Service.)

Independence, Or., Feb. 22.—The Horace Turner art exhibit was displayed at Independence Thursday, Friday and Saturday under the supervision of the Independence public school. The exhibit is a large one, and consists of the prints and reproductions of the masterpieces of painting, all over the world. Much enthusiasm has been demonstrated here by the citizens over the exhibit, and a vote was taken last night for the choice of the audience which resulted in the selection of the head of the Turner exhibit, while the visit to the hospital by Geoffrey, and the Lone wolf's vigil by Kowalski-Wierusz were admired more than any others. Exercises were held each evening at the opera house where the pictures were exhibited, and an excellent program was rendered each evening by home talent. Saturday night the exhibit was closed. State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman delivered an address to the audience which was well received. Mr. Ackerman advised the selection of pictures of animals for the lower grades, and the selection of historical pictures for the upper grades in most cases. The historical pictures that were most admired were the reproductions of the statues of Lincoln, the Minute Man and the photographic painting of Washington, all of which were excellent. Superintendent Ackerman is presenting to those present the indelible mark that a picture would leave in the memory of a child, and which would stand in all time, as clear, and plain as when it was first seen, say 35 to 60 years ago. He stated that when a child has seen the picture of the children, who were there, looking upon it day after day, and that time never could destroy that picture and that it would become a part of themselves.

EUGENE

NOTICE.—The Eugene agency of The Oregon Daily Journal is at the bookstore of Allen H. Katon, where subscribers to go by mail or carrier will be received.

LANE REPUBLICANS HAVE A LOVE FEAST

(Journal Special Service.)

Eugene, Or., Feb. 21.—The Lane county Republicans had a big love feast at the courthouse Saturday night, when the "Lane County Roosevelt club" was organized. The officers chosen were J. M. Shelley, president; C. E. Loomis, secretary; A. C. Jennings, assistant secretary; Darwin Bristow, treasurer. A vice-president was selected from each precinct of the county. Strong resolutions endorsing Roosevelt's administration were passed.

The Republican county central committee met here Saturday afternoon and fixed the date for the primaries to be held on Saturday, April 2, and the county convention in Eugene, Saturday,

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