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Parties

BEING invited to a "party" nowadays proves somewhat embarrassing unless one knows the hosts. He may have to do some snooping around to find out what kind of "party" it is. The old-fashioned get-together with a few hands of whist followed by ice cream, cake and coffee have gone the way of the boot-jack and the corset, whatever way that has been. The modern party has to be "hot" whether it is attended by young or old. "While returning home in the early morning from a party" is the frequent clause in newspaper stories about auto accidents, which gives an accurate picture of the kind of party it was.

George Lux in Chicago is dead. He had been out with young friends making the round of amusement resorts; the car turned over; he was suffocated. At the coroner's jury Virginia Graf, 18, testified: "Believe me, if a girl doesn't drink, she's not wanted at a party these days. They never invite her to a second party." Replying to the question, "Can't you entertain in your own homes?" Virginia said: "Oh, yes, but if he can't bring a bottle with him he won't call the second time." But before the hearing was over the girl's bold front was shattered and she collapsed on the floor in a faint.

That was Chicago. We read how at Oregon City the county court denied renewal of dance hall license at Carver because of the wild goings-on at the dances.

It is true that it is the wild parties we read about, and not all of them. The ones that wind up in the ditch, the divorce court or the criminal court are the ones that get reported on the front page; so we get no report save in the conventional society columns of the decent parties which are enjoyed.

The uncritical may place the blame on prohibition. Prohibition has of course encouraged the bottle business; but that is not the real cause of the depravity of the day. It is hedonism, the worship of pleasure. Pleasure has long been the lure of humankind and the object of pulpit wrath. But today this quest for pleasure is heightened by popular prosperity, which gives added leisure and added money for enjoying that leisure period; and stimulated into wrong channels by the decay of old religious formulas, such as the doctrines of rewards and punishments, which for years kept folk pious through fear.

It is a matter of standards. People young and old have had to choose what standards they wanted to live by, whether the cheap and the false or the more wholesome and elevating. They will continue to face that choice. A certain number will sell out cheap for the gaudy tinsel of a passing party; others will hold to higher ideals and adhere to stricter codes of moral conduct. The burden resting on social agencies is to expose the emptiness of the former and to build up the appeal of the latter. It is as hard a problem as "farm relief."

Awaiting the Court Decision

STOCKHOLDERS in railroads are awaiting with considerable anxiety the decision of the supreme court in the St. Louis and O'Fallon case. Involved in this case are the questions of how the railroads of the country shall be valued for rate-making purposes, also the recovery of one-half the road's earnings over 6% on its investment. The interstate commerce commission's preliminary estimate is a railroad valuation of around twenty billion dollars, while the roads claim they should be valued at ten billion dollars in excess of this amount. They claim they should get the mark-up due to the rise in prices during the war, while the government valuation has been on the basis of 1914 prices.

The direct effect of a decision favorable to the roads would not be so much in the increase of rates in order to permit the authorized (but not guaranteed) earnings of 5%, as it would reduce the amount which the prosperous roads would have to share with the government, which is to be one-half of all over 6%. The decision is expected to settle the long-disputed matter of how railroads shall be valued for rate-making purposes, an issue never yet settled. The court may, it is true, avoid the issue on jurisdictional grounds; but it is expected that the final decision will be comprehensive and conclusive.

Some days ago the court's decision was adverse to the Interborough Rapid Transit corporation in New York City, which sought to raise its fares from 5c to 7c in spite of its contract with the city. The court turned the question back to the state courts, which came as a jolt to the traction interests. This decision of course has no connection with the railroad case, but it does show an independence of thinking on the part of the court in contrast with the claims of soap-box orators. We guess that the court will pretty much sustain the findings of the interstate commerce commission as to railroad values; but that will not be injurious to railroads as a whole.

The continued cool weather is serving to hold back blossom time. It may prove to be a good thing for the orchardists. Frost damage in this vicinity has so far been light, and there is hope now that the major fruit crops will escape injury. If they do, then the promise is excellent for a splendid year in the mid-Willamette region.

THE
Cosmopolitan Store
Will Close Saturday Night
2 More Days
of Real Bargains
Stock left will be moved
to Director Dept. Store

To the Man in the Street



Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Said Hubert Howe Bancroft: "There is nothing in the wide world worth mourning for." Do you agree with that statement? Listen.

The great historian in his first volume on Oregon in his stupendous work covering the Pacific coast had finished the record of Ewing Young. As most readers know, Ewing Young was the leading spirit (or one of the leading spirits, if you will have it that way), of the Willamette Cattle company, bringing the first large band of cattle from California, then Mexico. Young and his party got through with \$30, having lost 200 on the way.

This was in 1837. In 1834, Ewing Young and a party of men who got together in California had brought (or started with) about a hundred horses and mules, ar-

riving at the place on Mission bottom where Jason and Daniel Lee and their companions were beginning the construction of their first log house, in October. One of Young's men remained there and helped the Lees with their work. But on arriving in the Multnomah (Willamette) valley, Young found that Dr. McLoughlin had posted his party as horse thieves, relying on a note sent by sea by Figueroa, Spanish governor of California—through the mistaken notion that some real horse thieves following the Young party part of the way to Oregon came all the way with their equine booty. This note from his Spanish governor caused Dr. McLoughlin, in charge of the Hudson Bay company post at Fort Vancouver, to refuse to sell Young and his party supplies. Oh, there is a great deal to the story. But, briefly, Young was furious. He was a southerner, and a fire eater.

The matter was patched up, but not till after Young and a man named Carmichael undertook to establish a distillery at their place in the Chehalis valley, now Yamhill county. This would have ruined the beginnings of civilization in the settlements. Dr. McLoughlin and Jason Lee, virtual governors then of the empire that has become the Pacific northwest, were bone-dry pros. They had to be. They had to keep the country bone-dry or suffer extinction from the drunken Indian population. So the Oregon country started dry; also free soil. But Ewing Young was dissuaded from starting his distillery, by arguments and inducements offered by Jason Lee and Dr. McLoughlin.

But Ewing Young was a misanthrope, imagining and nursing

many wrongs and slights; and he fretted himself into his grave. After telling Young's history, in a matter of fact way, Bancroft, the great historian, in a manner not usual to him in his writings,

made these conclusions:
WOMEN DENIED VOTE
BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 18. —(AP)—The Hungarian parliament today by unanimous vote

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