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A NEWSPAPER IS A CITIZEN OF ITS COMMUNITY.

REFORM IN HASTE, AND THEN—

THE working out of some logical, practical plan to take the place of prohibition is not proving simple. The wishes of the people in most parts of the country are perfectly obvious. They want some plan whereby they can have liquor again legally, conveniently and in reasonable quantities, but they do NOT want the return of the saloon.

It seems like a relatively simple matter to amend the Volstead act to permit a small alcoholic content in wines and beers during the period of seven years or so, while the 18th amendment is being repealed. This is a face-saving scheme. By declaring these rather mild beverages "non-intoxicating" we can make believe the 18th amendment is still being observed.

But during that long period, just what shall be the theory of liquor control? Will the national government continue to exercise a measure of supervision and control or will the whole job be turned back to the states? Will the national government continue the fight against the traffic in the more powerful spirituous liquors after the prohibitions on wines and beers have been annulled?

Unless great care is taken in drawing the prohibition reforms, the police job may become even more impossible than it is now. The legalizing of the light beverages may cut down the demand for the more powerful liquors but it is quite probable that during the period of modification, the bootleg trade will be as big a nuisance as ever. Wishing the whole had job off on the states may be an easy "out" for congress but it may hinder rather than help the cause of reform.

In our great eagerness to get rid of the saloon we jumped into national prohibition without much thought for the difficulties involved. We might take that very experience as a warning against too hasty reforms of any nature.

Legislation to repeal the 18th amendment is the necessary first step in any case, but while that is awaiting the slow process of state approval there are definite limits to relief by modification and it is difficult to see how any program of modification can be operated in orderly fashion except under national control.

MOTHER DOES HER STUFF

AS Christmas approaches Poor Paw comes in for his big inning of public sympathy. Poor Paw is supposed to find the money. He is as pathetic as a European statesman trying to pay off war debts, maintain an army and balance a budget. He is pictured standing up heroically while Maw and Sis and Junior and all the rest of the tribe succumb gleefully to the "gimmies."

Why not give Maw a little of the credit for this Christmas business? More often than not it is Maw who stands alone between Paw and the Sheriff at this trying moment in history. It is Maw, with her stub pencil who compiles the only authentic "Who's Who For Christmas." It is Maw alone who knows just how many folks can be satisfied with a pretty card and how many must be more substantially remembered.

It is Maw who discovers that little Horatio expects Santa Claus to bring him nothing less than an airplane and fleet of real battleships and by a little applied psychology causes him to find heart's desire in a few very modest notions. It is Maw who convinces Sis and Junior that a few little cleverly made duds might please some of their dashing friends far more than a carload of expensive trinkets. It is Maw who has a way of taking Paw's old muffer and Sister's old stockings and a few cents worth of yarn and ribbon and turning out "something gorgeous" for Aunt Isabel who's so fussy.

Nobody but Maw would have the patience to do the intricate planning and scheming which is necessary for a well-regulated Christmas, and nobody else would give it the necessary personal attention. One of our statisticians down the street estimates that the average Eugene mother preparing for Christmas walks a distance equivalent to that from here to Chicago. Straightened out and placed end to end, the travels of Eugene's Christmas shoppers would probably girdle the globe with enough to lap over from Eugene to Borneo.

Whether the family surplus is ten cents or ten dollars or ten thousand dollars Maw usually manages the miracle of "something for everybody." In her is born the true spirit of Christmas. Whether what she has to spend is much or little, she approaches the task with the zeal of a crusader. In her eyes shines the joy of the Christmas season (and the wistfulness). After all, at Christmas time, Paw is NOT the heroic figure.

THE TEAM COMES BACK.

THE Oregon football team comes home from its defeat by St. Mary's unbeaten and covered with the praises of all who saw the great struggle in San Francisco. There will be little to ask if the team can always do as well. The same sort of fighting spirit in the final game with Louisiana will suffice to wipe out the one or two black marks that have been acquired in battling through a long and unusually difficult schedule.

There is some speculation as to what should be done about next year. The answer is simple. Get behind Coach Callison and the team. The worst enemies the team had this year were those friends who expected championship performances without allowance for handicaps which were quite obvious to those who know football. It is true, Oregon had the best squad in years, but through no fault of its own, it entered the season under the necessity of adjusting to a new coaching system.

In spite of the long train of injuries in the squad and the loss of Jack O'Brien when he was needed for scouting and coaching against the Trojans, and the unreasonable "panning" by sports writers, the Callison system stood its initiation into the toughest league in the country pretty well. A multitude of shortcomings could be forgiven for that heroic fight-back against Oregon State after defeat seemed certain.

For next year, there will be another great squad. Given proper support we need worry very little

about either Callison or his players. We can compare this year's record against the Spears record or against the record of Washington during the first three years with Jimmy Phelan—and we can stop being blue.

WHEELER LAW CREATES PROBLEM

THE court decision invalidating the Wheeler law fixing school tuitions in this county has created certain problems in making county and district budgets. Till such time as the supreme court can give final decision in the matter it will be necessary to make "two-way" budgets apportioning costs under the Wheeler law or the general law, whichever one is held valid.

If Lane county is compelled to operate under the general law, the change will have these effects:

The amount of county levy to cover tuition costs of districts which do not support high schools will be reduced, possibly by \$100,000.

The amount of district levies for this purpose will be increased in proportion.

The larger school districts will receive a slightly larger fee per pupil than they now receive and they will be relieved of sharing in the expense of educating "outside pupils."

Small districts maintaining high schools may receive less county support and the drift toward union high schools may be accentuated.

Under either plan the cost of providing high school education for Lane county's children will remain the same and the duty of providing it will remain an important obligation. All counties in the state except Lane have chosen so far to operate under the general law.

Whether the wealthier districts of the county should subsidize education in less able districts remains an issue. So far as possible, districts should be laid out and reorganized to be self-sustaining. The main requirement is a program which will insure in every part of the county the opportunity for adequate education.

Ajax McGurk says that the period from Thanksgiving to Valentine's Day seems to be the legal open season for football coaches but suggests that this might be offset by having a similar open season on sports writers.

Soviet Russia is reported to be trying to squelch the few remaining independent farmers by imposing new taxes on them. Don't it beat all how those Russians copy our methods?

Two million children in this country are holding painful jobs, according to a child labor survey. Putting those kids back in school might be the quickest way of helping ten million adults who are out of jobs.

Well, anyhow, after all these years the question of who won the war seems to be settled. Europe is agreed on it.

A tip: The best way to get through the winter is not to wait for congress to restore prosperity.

Questions of the hour: Have you paid your taxes? Have you finished up your turkey?

Now is the time for all good men to spend their Christmas savings.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

ASKING FOR ADVANCE DELIVERY

(Sheridan Sun)

THE Eugene Register-Guard bemoans the fact that an army of hungry men called on Mr. Roosevelt and came away without getting any relief, and therefore draws the conclusion that Mr. Roosevelt should apologize and confess that his campaign promises were impossible of fulfillment. Mr. Roosevelt's friends gave him credit for a lot of ability, but there were few who were quite so optimistic as to expect delivery three months before his inauguration.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Amid the unprecedented democratic election landslide, there was no upset more revolutionary than the tendency of the negro vote to draw away from its old place under the republican banner.

States went Democratic which had been republican for decades, but the negro vote had been overwhelmingly republican since the Civil War. Now it has been split for the first time and politicians do not see how the old tradition of loyalty to Mr. Lincoln's party is going to be restored.

This happens to be a factor of considerable political importance. There are several border states and large northern states where the republicans always previously were able to start campaigns with a substantial nest egg because they had the negro vote so securely in hand.

There are some states in which the negro vote is large enough to cause negro leaders to claim a theoretical balance of power, including New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, Indiana and Ohio.

In some of the larger states the negro vote is estimated into the hundreds of thousands. And there are many congressmen and quite a few senators who have to worry about it.

If the election gave no other indication as to the future political complexion of the larger northern states, the apparent elimination of that republican "edge" would seem to promise a significantly larger proportion of doubtful states among those heretofore regarded as normally republican.

As it is, with the negro vote divided, the republican task of winning back such of those states as voted for Roosevelt will be just so much harder than if the colored folks had remained loyal to the G. O. P.

Negro leaders were predicting the defection many months before the campaign began, rejoicing in the negro's "political emancipation."

The negro vote cannot be counted separately, but reports to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People indicate that Roosevelt received something approaching an even break. Republican leaders managed to hold the negroes in line in some districts, but failed conspicuously in others.

Samples of the reports include the following: Estimates that negroes of Indianapolis and Indiana voted approximately on a 50-50 basis. . . . Deserter to the democrats of an estimated 25 per cent of the hitherto negro republican vote in Philadelphia. . . . Three largely negro precincts in a Kansas City ward gave Roosevelt 1050 votes and Hoover 388. . . . Estimate that 40 per cent of 6000 negroes voting in Virginia went for Roosevelt. . . . Almost a 50-50 vote in the chief negro ward of Pittsburgh. . . . Large increase in Democratic negro vote in Ohio. . . . Negro vote held in line by republicans in some border states.

General economic conditions are given as the chief reason for the negro's new tendency toward political independence in a consensus compiled by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to which are added:

"Lily-white" policy of the Hoover administration and especially the nomination of Judge John J. Parker to the U. S. supreme court; Jim-Crowism of colored state mothers on the pilgrimage to graves in France; distribution of the negro regiments in the army to service detachments; failure to appoint negroes to public office; general indifference of the Hoover administration to the negro."

SIDE GLANCES



"Say, I'll betcha do think I'm different from other fellas, at that."

HEALTH TALKS

By DR. MORRIS FISHBURN
 (Editor, Journal of American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine)

THERE are various ways in which diphtheria may be spread from an infected person to a well one. The germs have been found on the bed-clothing, on handkerchiefs, candy, shoes, hair, pencils and drinking cups used by infected children. They are, of course, found in any discharges coming from the nose or throat of children who have the disease, or who are recovering from it.

There are, moreover, healthful carriers of diphtheria who, although they have recovered from the disease, still carry the germs about and distribute them to people who have not had the disease.

It is not safe for anyone to gamble on the possibility that a child infected with this disease does not really have diphtheria but simply some mild throat infection. Most of the serious results can be avoided if the child is seen early in the course of the disease and if proper treatment is given immediately.

If a child complains of sickness, and particularly of sore throat of the type mentioned, a physician should examine it promptly. A physician should be summoned immediately if the child complains of swelling of the neck or of any croupy condition with hoarseness.

Early attention is particularly important in small children, because 85 per cent of the deaths from this disease usually occur in the first five years of life. Children are much more likely to catch diphtheria than are grown people.

Moreover, the disease is likely to get a better start in a child, before it is properly diagnosed and treated, than in the case of a grown-up person.

The child should not be released to play with other children until it has been pronounced free from the germs. Cakes are known in which germs capable of causing diphtheria have been carried in the throats of children who have recovered from the disease for as long as 10 months.

In more than ten per cent of all cases a few of the germs can be found in the throat two weeks after all signs of the disease seem to have disappeared from the throat, and in

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stunts. She started cutting up her dimes long before Mr. Hood was a kid. Sometimes, she put lakes upon mountains and sometimes she put mountains beneath the sea. When she did anything it was on a large scale.

When she wanted a place for the kids to play there would be one sweep of her hand and millions of acres would be leveled off. A few scratches here and there and rivers appeared. A wave of her magic wand and hills became mountains. Some she left bare and others she covered with mighty forests.

Over millions of acres she scattered the seeds of fruit, vines and various grains which grew in profusion. Then she furnished a climate that would perpetuate these marvelous works for ages to come. She said, "Future generations need not suffer for food, raiment or shelter. It shall be free for the gathering." Still, she was not satisfied. Then a happy thought, "I will make a drink that will create warmth in winter and be cooling in the summer's hottest sun. Its taste will be pleasant and so exhilarating that kings and emperors will go wild with joy. It will be so plentiful that the poorest peasant may drink his fill. Men will go forth to their labors with shouts of joy and songs on their lips. But nations deprived of this drink will become morose, sullen and depressed."

No sooner said than done. From the drifting snow she made a water as pure as the dew from heaven. She put in just enough of this and that to give it a pleasant taste. From her vast storehouse of chemical knowledge she added the proper proportions of minerals from certain grains and vines to give it an exhilarating effect to the 10th degree. She called this drink, "Perfection!"

Millions of years later, when this drink was discovered by man it was renamed BEER.

A. H. HORN.

HITS THE WET MOB

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Like blood hounds baying its victim, or a pack of hungry

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Alaska wolves with its prey cornered; or a mob howling to lynch a supposed culprit the WETS are frothing at the mouth and swearing at each other. Speaker Garner leading, as to who shall be first to smite the 18th Amendment at Washington, D. C. I am not a prophet, or a son of a prophet, but I will not be surprised if he, she or they who strikes the first deadly blow will live to see the desire of the wets carried out in his, her or their normal health of mind. I started to say right mind; that is already gone. Like the rabble nearly two thousand years ago, who were bent on crucifying our Lord, they have been well paid by the millionaires to kill prohibition on sight so they must obey their master. They are so anxious to do it they will not do it decently and legally. Millions of our land are in nakedness and hungry and looking to Washington for relief. Yet like the same mob for the past year they must listen to the cry of the underworld mob before they can hear the cry of the needy.

One of God's prophets was pleading with God for the righteous and innocent suffering and against Israel's enemy of God told him that when his—God's—purpose was accomplished with Israel, then he would deal with Israel's enemy, And God kept his promise. And God tells us not to fret ourselves because of evildoers, that he will see to them. Some would ask why then do you fret and write

such letters then.

We answer, that we may persuade men from the evil doing. If you will cause men to think they will do as a rule—the right thing. We hope we had some part in securing a dry state for Lane county. Had men of other counties set the evils of rum before its people as Lane county did, Oregon would be bone dry yet. Let's keep up the fight brother drys. Our children are worth saving. W. V. MCGEE

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