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CAN LIQUOR BE CONTROLLED?

SOME time during the course of the next year, a new scheme of liquor control will probably be submitted to the people of the United States. The licensed saloon system was a failure, so we tried prohibition. Prohibition has failed to prohibit in any part of the country and in many localities it has created vice and corruption blacker than any saloon ever produced. What should we try next?

Many brewers and distillers want to return to complete home rule by states. Many sincere reformers also believe this plan is best. Theoretically it has many advantages. Practically, its evils were demonstrated long since. No state and no town or locality can be kept free of liquor abuses when other territory is wet.

Wherever people are gathered there will be some who feel it is their right to drink, so long as they do not annoy other people. Prohibition experience, both local and national, proves pretty conclusively these people can and will get what they want to drink. The wet citizen of a dry Kansas or a dry Oregon will still feel that he has rights as a citizen of the United States.

Is there any plan which will really "work"? It ought to be conceded by all concerned that there is no scheme of laws which will make all people "good" or even make them agree with the rest. What, then, should be the practical objectives? Common sense demands a plan which will not seek to prohibit the liquor traffic but to reduce its evils to a minimum, outlaw the bootlegger and drive keefer for all time and offer a plan so far to the habits and ideas of all classes everywhere that violation of the rules will have no chance of popular support.

Following in general the outlines of the minority in the Wickersham report, here is a plan which commends itself as likely to give satisfactory results:

1. Alteration of the 18th amendment, repealing prohibition but giving congress power concurrent with the states to regulate liquor traffic.
2. Under absolute federal control, the licensing of a limited number of supply centers in every state.
3. Providing that extension of license beyond the federal minimum to hotels or restaurants, shall rest entirely with the states with the stipulation that saloons as such shall not be established.
4. Make drunken driving a penitentiary offense.
5. Make public drunkenness everywhere a serious offense.

To provide a system which is flexible enough to satisfy the ideas of rigid Kansas and cosmopolitan New York is exceedingly difficult. If there is not to be a premium on corruption, the plan must be such that the decent citizen everywhere, wet or dry, will accept its enforcement as just.

ROOSTER IS A NOBLE BIRD

THE rooster is a noble bird. No doubt about it. Just recently the famous Mr. Josephus Daniels suggested that the Democratic party's election triumph should be celebrated by returning to the rooster instead of the donkey as the party emblem. That was an appropriate thought.

The rooster, however, is not a city bird. He is a bird of the great open spaces. He is famous for his vocal attainments, but they are best appreciated in the green countryside where there is a fit setting of woodlands and meadows and golden fencerows.

In town the rooster is a bit of nuisance. When the rooster crows at crack of dawn, the city dweller does not leap from his bed with a glad cry as does the farmer and sing:

"It's time to get up and go to work."

The city dweller might be better off in health and wealth if he did rise with the cock-crow, but the fact is he doesn't, and in Eugene the wise city fathers in by gone years have recognized the city dweller's claim to comfort by ordaining a law prohibiting the possession within the city of (a live) rooster or cock.

The matter comes to our attention through a doctor who has a number of very sick patients who have complained that their sleep is being interrupted by noisy roosters within the city limits. Now, of course, the disturbed families could go down to city hall and swear out a lot of warrants and get the police prowling out hunting birds who sing at night but this ordinance like a good many others is intended more as a suggestion than as one to be rigidly (without fear or favor) enforced.

In these hard times, the city rooster has many uses. In fact, the city rooster is different from his musical country cousin. He is not at his best singing to the dawn. There too much fog and smoke in town to affect his voice.

The city rooster (in our opinion) is at his best in a large pot well attended by tender, juicy dumplings, a few well selected potatoes, a judicious onion (and for those who like it) a touch of carrots or garlic. The whole should be underlaid, walled and roofed over with a crisp brown crust. So presented, smoking hot, there is a new music in the city rooster, a symphony to move the stoutest heart.

We recommend the experiment as far better than the city ordinance. Alas, poor old Dick! Alas nonsense! What nobler ending could there be for a noble bird for in it everyone will sing his praises and rejoice and be content.

LANE 4-H WORK GROWS

LANE county comes to the end of the dark year 1932 with 2,133 of its young people enrolled in the 4-H clubs, a growth of 40 per cent in the twelve-month. There were 3,281 projects started by the youngsters and 80 per cent of them, 2,956 were completed. A project is a specific enterprise in farm husbandry or household arts which the boy or girl member undertakes to see to a finish with nothing more than a word of guidance now and then from R. C. Kuehner, the county leader, or the local leader.

It is safe to say that nearly every rural home in Lane county has a 4-H worker in it. Few counties

in the United States, even those which are densely populated and compact in geography can match the Lane county record. Many counties employ a whole staff of leaders. In this county the success of the work is due in large part to the number of able volunteers, men and women who give their time to the work.

This spread of the 4-H work in Lane county indicates an unusually healthy agricultural condition. We have few wealthy farmers in Lane county and few who operate vast acreages. We have a great many enterprising small farmers who see the farm as a home as well as a business. There is a healthy philosophy in Lane county farm life. The farm problems are not necessarily calamities but projects which can be worked out.

Sometimes when you have time drop in at one of those farms where the 4-H sign on the gatepost invite you to come in and look at Johnny Jones' pigs or Sally Jenkins' rabbits. The youngsters will tell you all about it.

FUNDS FOR FARM AGENT

IT is proof of the real worth of O. S. Fletcher as county farm agent that busy men have volunteered to give both time and money to the raising of the \$1,875 which the county this year has declined to appropriate from tax funds. It is not a question of keeping a job for Fletcher. Even in these times, a man of Fletcher's experience and ability would have a job, as good or better than the one he has had in Lane county.

The purpose is to keep the office of farm agent functioning in Lane county and to keep Fletcher as farm agent because he has been here a long time and is thoroughly familiar with all its agricultural problems. Times are not good for Lane county farmers. Few of them are making more than a living on their properties. Many of them have already given generously to the University fight and other civic enterprises.

The farmers are doing this thing because they know that the farm agent's services are well worth the cost. His expert knowledge helps them keep down production costs, helps them plan crops to meet market conditions, guides them around many a difficulty that means the difference between success and failure. Those who are willing to accept advice find it valuable.

It is the plan of the farmers to confide the drive to farmers but it merits whatever support Eugene people can give it. The irrigation projects alone mean many times the cost of the farm agent's office in better crop prices and increased farm values. We need to be just as much interested in maintaining values in these times as in cutting taxes.

Only 17 more days till Christmas. Just time to get those spare toys to the Lions club and buy some more Christmas seals to guard public health.

Only 17 more days till Christmas and those who buy early will get the real best of the bargains because they will have first pick.

Only 17 more days till Christmas and then you can have a brand new year to worry about.

Only 17 more days till Christmas and Ajax McGurk says it's a lot safer to trust in Santa Claus than Congress.

Only 17 more days till Christmas, and it looks like we might have Christmas weather at last.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

THAT LOOMING SEVERANCE TAX

(Albany Democrat-Herald)

MEMBERS of the legislature from the timber counties of the state will do well to pay strict attention to the movement emanating from Portland to substitute a severance tax for the ad valorem tax on timber.

The plan, as now outlined, will scale down to nothing over a term of ten years the certain sure income from ad valorem taxes and put in place of it the uncertain, delayed revenue from the severance tax, which will not be collected until the timber is logged off. According to the present movement of lumber, the time of collecting the severance tax appears to be in the distant future.

Lane county's standing timber is valued at \$7,000,000. This represents almost 20 per cent of the county assessed valuation.

Any plan of tax reform which would render this asset valueless at the end of a ten year period is of vital concern to all the other taxpayers of the county.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON.—The Republican progressives in the senate are not going to give up their committee chairmanships to Democrats during the short session. The Democrats are not going to permit the Republican progressives to retain those chairmanships after they gain senate control.

President-elect Roosevelt is not going to appoint any Republican progressives to his cabinet.

All that is rather thoroughly agreed now, although there have been various rumors and speculations to the effect that Democrats and the liberal Republicans who supported Roosevelt in the campaign were going to be rewarded just as if they were Democrats and that the progressives were going to lose control of the short session senate to the party which won the election but will be in a slight numerical minority in the upper house until March 4.

There may be extensive cooperation between the two groups, but it appears that no one is going to give away anything very tangible.

Not even a hint has reached the progressives that they can retain their chairmanships in cases where they campaigned for the president-elect. To do so they would have to become Democrats—which is unthinkable since they were elected as Republicans and none has ever indicated any thought of changing his label—or the Democrats would have to deprive their own brethren of honors and powers to which they are entitled by ancient political tradition.

Progressive Republican senators who supported Roosevelt and the committees which they head include Norris of Nebraska, Judiciary; Johnson of California, Commerce, and La Follette of Wisconsin, Manufactures. Each is an important committee and each chairmanship will be used importantly as an instrument for promotion of progressive legislation.

Under Democratic control the chairmanships, respectively, would go to Arthur of Arizona, Fletcher of Florida and Smith of South Carolina. None of those gentlemen has indicated any desire to forego the job to which he is entitled.

No much of the national legislation is done in committees that the prestige and power of the principal chairmanships is very great.

Progressives such as Chairman Borah of foreign relations, Nye of public lands, Frazier of Indian affairs, Norbeck of banking and currency and Cawson of interstate commerce, would be bound to lose their posts in any event. They didn't belt Hoover.

The yarn that progressives would turn senate control over to the Democrats was based on the idea that they would thus sacrifice themselves in honor of the time-drawn amendment, which they all supported vigorously and which, when in effect, will seat the newly elected congresses in January instead of March.

SIDE GLANCES



"Mary Ann has unusual talent, but our decorator won't let us have a piano in this apartment."

SECONDARY INFECTION IS DANGER IN CHICKENPOX SAYS DR. FISHBEN

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

NOBODY knows how long a person who has chickenpox remains infectious for others, but it is safe to keep the person who is recovering away from other people until the skin is entirely free of the original crusts.

Chickenpox is not particularly a serious disease, since it is seldom associated with high fever or with much depression. Usually the fever disappears in from one to three days although it may last four or five days. With the exception of German measles, chickenpox is probably the mildest of all the infectious diseases that attack children.

Usually all that is necessary in such cases is to make certain that the child does not scratch the spots with the likelihood of secondary infection. The finger nails of children should be closely trimmed to prevent such scratching. If it cannot be stopped in any other way, the hands may be enclosed in mittens of cloth or celluloid, or tubes may be put about the elbows

which will prevent bending the elbow and scratching.

Ordinarily, the blisters, if let alone, will last a few hours, break, dry up and form a crust. This crust then disappears in from two to four days.

The diet is mild and soft. Mild, warm baths are used, and it may be desirable for the physician to prescribe powder to prevent itching, or ointments and antiseptic solutions to prevent secondary infection.

Chickenpox, seldom concerns older people. Most children have had it by the time they grow up. If, however, they have not had it, they may get the disease and it is exceedingly inconvenient for a grown-up person.

The most important step for a grown-up person is to make certain that he really has chickenpox and not smallpox.

After the patient recovers, it is merely necessary to wash the bedding thoroughly with hot water and soap, and to clean and air the room in which the patient has been while sick. It is also well for everyone who is in contact with the child to wash their hands thoroughly after leaving the room and preferably to wear a gown or covering while in the room.

HOLLYWOOD PUPPET SHOW COMING HERE

With the co-operation of various social organizations and civic groups the appearance here next Sunday and Monday of the Hollywood Marionettes is expected to be one of the most successful of the present continental tour according to Miss Monroe Augur, who created this unique and artistic attraction.

The puppets are designed in the most ultra-modern style and are exact reproductions of famous movie stars who posed in person for Miss Augur. Critics who have seen the production were loud in their praise of the fine work done by Miss Augur especially in the facial expressions and exactitude with which she depicts the most striking characteristics of the stars.

Sunday, the opening day of this program, the matinee performance will begin at 3 o'clock and will be continuous until 7 o'clock. The entertainment will consist of eight snappy vaudeville acts which will contain all of the characters in the troupe. Sunday beginning at 7:30 a few vaudeville numbers will precede the main showing of "The Lost Adam Digging," a feature length production.

On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock a special matinee has been arranged for school children. Vaudeville acts will precede the performance of a modernistic "Cinderella." This show will be repeated in the evening beginning at 7:30 with closing numbers of vaudeville acts.

Among the many stars depicted through this ancient art are: Marie Dressler, Ann Harding, Clark Gable, Janet Gaynor, William Powell, Ernest Torrence, Joe E. Brown, Will Rogers, Richard Dix, Marion Nixon, and Edward Everett Horton.

Champion Shearing Team Will Leave

Lane county's 1931 state champion 4-H sheep shearing demonstration team will go to Portland Thursday to demonstrate at the annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association.

The team is made up of Folmer Rodger and Cleo Petersen of Junction City. They will stay in Portland three days. R. C. Kuehner, county club agent, will accompany the team.

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During the evening Boy Scout troop No. 2 will give a short program. Russell Jones is scoutmaster of this troop which meets in the armory and is sponsored by the United Spanish war veterans.

H. B. Sallee, scout executive, will speak about the activities of scouting. Plans are being made to organize a scout troop in the Geary district which will meet at the Bethany Evangelical church, corner of Sixth avenue west and Blair boulevard. Parents of boys in this district who are

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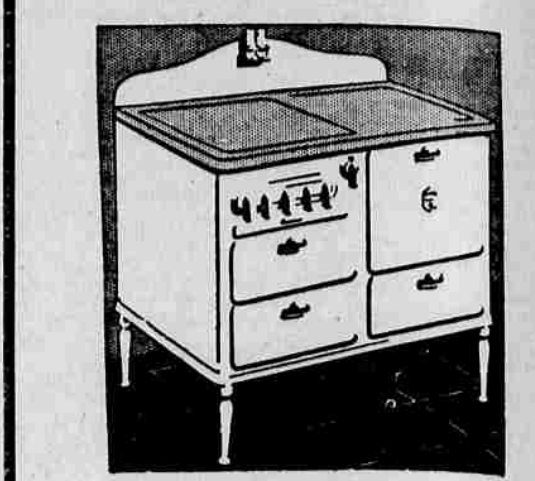
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eligible for membership are especially invited as this will be an opportunity to become better informed on the Boy Scout program, it is pointed out.

NEARLY TWO TEAMS The University of Pennsylvania loses 17 members of its 1932 squad this year due to graduation.



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