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A Notable Anniversary

SEVENTY-SEVEN years ago on the 15th of July, in the good old year 1836, a fool in fear of dissolution invented the American cocktail.

One of the real "od's blood" Virginia gentlemen, pricked by his opponent's blade in a well intended effort to take his compatriot's life according to the code of honor, was borne, spent and bleeding, to a neighboring inn. Here was the birth of the cocktail—a concoction intended to brace and revivify the pallid duellist.

It was a memorable occasion and a fitting conception for the fine old drink. Since that glad day whereon the spent bravo pronounced its excellence, the American cocktail has figured in many affairs of honor. It has deprived gentlemen of respectability and substance; it has shorn fine ladies of their—lingerie. It has wasted little patrimonies, and great. It has made the scion of family to beg for a drink of cheap whiskey.

It is the grand American institution, which asks no odds of the green venom of French absinthe or the murderous mescal of the Mexican peon. Harry Thaw, in Matteawan, knows all about it.

Conceived in the aftermath of attempted murder, it is nobly preserving tradition, and the knowledge that it has passed through three-quarters of a century without deterioration is very welcome, indeed.

For Greater Gold Hill

THE DECISION of the supreme court, establishing the status of municipal affairs in Gold Hill, is a welcome conclusion to the long legal battle—necessary to remove the suspicion of a bar sinister from the prevailing charter and the elected council.

The folly of pursuing city business of importance while the faintest reflection of illegality existed was plainly evidenced by the refusal of eastern bonding companies to consider the city water bonds, voted at the special election of 1911 in which the charter was adopted, and the necessity of legal action to straighten the tangle fully apparent. Regardless of the outcome of the case, the interests of the city were certain to be served by the established legality of either administration.

The News believes—in common with every good citizen of Gold Hill—that the decision of the court should be accepted without show of partisan bitterness, if such exists, and that the present tranquility of city affairs be made the corner stone of a greater Gold Hill and a more united citizenship.

Within the next few months the city will pass the turning point of its history, and in growth and prosperity eclipse the palmiest day of the past—when whiskered miners with dust in their pokes made it the greatest mining center of the middle coast.

The necessity for concentrated, united effort was never greater—the opportunity for burying the hatchet never more opportune.

PEOPLE IN PRINT

Superior Judge William A. Huneke of Spokane has signed an alternative writ of mandate against the city council, commanding it to call a recall election against Mayor Hindley and Commissioner Fallley before June 21.

Because a train crew had thrown him off the train of which he was trying to steal a ride, Frank Smith, 22 years old, it is alleged, tried to wreck O. W. R. & N. fast mail train on the line two miles east of Hood River on a curve within 100 yards of a high trestle.

At a meeting of merchants in London, Lady Balfour was one of the speakers and told of a method she had accidentally discovered to silence crying babies, which she said she had always found successful. She said crying babies would soon fall asleep, if lain with their heads slightly lower than their feet, at a "gradient of about one in 12."

Ploughing his way through a mob of 1000 persons, a block from the Oregon Packing company's plant at Portland, where a strike is in progress, Governor Oswald West Saturday planted himself two feet from a barrel on which Tom Burns, a Socialist orator, was making a speech, and, interrupting the talk, shouted to the orator that if any more disorder took place he would take such action as would quickly quiet the disturbance of the peace.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The government has rested its case at New York against the so-called motion picture trust, after calling more than 100 witnesses. The hearings were adjourned until October 1.

The directors of the National Educational association, in convention at Salt Lake, selected St. Paul, Minn., as the meeting place for next year's convention. The board also chose Oakland, Cal., for the 1915 convention.

It is announced from St. Paul that the Northern Pacific has refused to grant the demands of its telegraph operators for Sunday overtime or 15-day vacations, although offering to make minor changes in working conditions. It gives as a reason anti-railroad legislation, both federal and state.

According to the report of the interstate commerce commission, the employment of an "inexperienced and untrained engineer" was responsible for the wreck of a New York, New Haven & Hartford passenger train June 12 at Stamford, Conn., in which six people were killed and 20 injured.

The question "Should Religion Be Taught in the Schools?" was answered affirmatively by the conference of ministers attending the 26th International convention of Christian Endeavor Societies at Los Angeles. So also was the question of the teaching of sex hygiene.

Overdrafts (Secured & Unsecured)

B. H. L.

Star Dust in the Cinders

BROTHER of mine, behold the stars—each as great as the little old World; scattered and flung in the deeps of space and up through the evening hurled. One of them gleams for little old me, and one of them beams for you, and one of them shone for the Kid—who quit when the last fast freight slammed through. They picked him up from the dirty track, the bull and the section hands, the grimy husk of the lad who took first-class to the Promised Lands. And there was wet on the gray fish-plate, and there was scraps on the steel, and there was a wisp of sodden curl on the left-hand pilot wheel; now they have said that the bum is dead—the coroner and his crew—and they have bidden us hit the grit, his pals—which is me and you.

Brother of mine, behold the stars and think of the spaces that lie between; of the upper reaches that dwindle away—lonely and cool and clean. One of them stars went out tonight; it plunged like a cinder into the dark when the mogul roars on the trestle-work—and that was the Kid's last spark. And one of them beams for little old me, and one of them gleams for you, but the one that shone for him went dark when the last fast freight banged through. The Kid is riding the cushions now—on a special train for bums—and we must carry the tidings back to a Jane in the 'Frisco slums; there is 'nt a moniker over his head, and no one but us to care—that the Kid who tackled the fast through freight, at last has rustled the fare.

Poppies

The poppies have ceased their blooming. The blossoms their petals have shed; The petals, once bright and brilliant, Are scattered, faded and dead.

Once they were caressed and admired, Their beauty a theme of the day, But their mission on earth, here to brighten, Is o'er, and their life's passed away.

—M. A. G.

Beagle, Or., July 17, 1913.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The president has set aside 244 acres in Klamath county for entry under the enlarged homestead act.

Senator Chamberlain has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address before the United Irish societies in Chicago August 18.

Fifteen permits for the construction of reservoirs in the state at an estimated cost of \$1,492,600, were issued by the state engineer during the quarter ending June 30.

The citizens of Madras have organized a fair association, and will hold the first annual fair and livestock exhibit in Madras on October 16, 17, and 18.

While playing with a small target rifle at Baker, Gerald Moody, the 9-year-old son of Orson Moody, a wealthy sheepman, was accidentally shot through the head and instantly killed.

The first conference ever held for church ministers of all denominations in Oregon will take place at the University of Oregon during the week of July 21 to 27.

By unanimous consent the senate passed a bill making Oregon lands which had been withdrawn or classified as oil lands subject to entry under the homestead or desert land law.

Application has been received by the comptroller of the currency for permission to convert the State bank of Redmond into the First National Bank of Redmond, with a capital of \$25,000.

To prevent the necessity of having to remove a number of old soldiers from the Soldiers' home at Roseburg, the state board of control raised the pension limit over which veterans will not be admitted from \$20 a month to \$30.

According to an announcement made by Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carlton, 1800 teachers took the recent examination. This is the largest number to take an examination in the history of the state.

It does not matter what the amount of a widow's salary or wages is, if she has children depending upon her for support and has no other income aside from her wages, she is eligible to the benefits of the widow's pension law according to an opinion given by the attorney general.

Although the law which required commission merchants to obtain state licenses and puts them under the regulation of the state railroad commission, has been operative more than a month, only one concern has obtained a license. The object of the law was the protection of farmers and fruit growers and many have asked the railroad commission why the law is not enforced.

SUMMER GREETINGS

Think of that recreation trip you have been planning, and when making up the bill-of-fare, JUST TAKE THIS TIP

Fancy Tillamook Cheese, per lb.	.25	Vienna Sausage in glass	.15
Boneless Herring in jars	.25	Veal Loaf in flat can	.15
Sweet Pickels per quart	.25	Peanut Butter, large glass	.15
Ripe Olives in cans	.25	Corn Beef, in tin cans	.25
Fancy red Salmon, per can	.15 and .25	Van Camp's Pork and Beans	.10 and .20
Chip Beef in glass	.20	Grape Juice, per bottle	.25

TAKE THIS ALONG WITH YOU

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