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## THE DRYER OREGON

THOSE PESSIMISTS who so freely predicted the failure of Oregon's prohibition law, would be overjoyed to observe in the future a bow-wow trend of business, together with a wholesale disregard, evasion and contempt for the provisions of the act which theoretically bereaves the state of its "morning's morning" and its evening cocktail. The association of ideas is a peculiar one—that prosperity is begotten in the flushed exuberance of "wet" territory. Setting aside the fact that prosperity of this sort can be, at best, but artificial exhilaration in no wise relating to the common interest and welfare of the town, the country, or to their development, the fact remains that an equalization of conditions throughout the entire state will leave economic affairs very much as they are. It is pertinent to prophesy that bank accounts will probably increase in general fashion and merchants experience less difficulty in collections.

The actual success or failure of the prohibitory measure is problematical, to the extent that no state-wide prohibitory law can ever be designed that will abruptly dispense with strong drink. If Oregon curbs the use of liquor to any appreciable degree, the measure may be said, and rightly so, to be successful. Nothing is to be gained by cavilling at the law. It is a good one, permitting far more of personal privilege than is customary in such measures, but standing rigidly against abuse of that privilege. Moreover, it is law—better or worse, for the present.

Popular attitude will be a more potent factor in preventing and discouraging violations of the law than all the arrests and convictions to be accomplished through the law and its officers. The humor of the public will, if grimly against violation in any district, make clear to the officials of that district the serious nature of their oaths and the meaning of the prohibitory provisions. The same display of good citizenship will paralyze the boot-legger and pigger in their pernicious activities. Illicit liquor dealing is of such a nature that, once accepted and condoned in any community, it becomes an extremely difficult tenant to evict. It is saddening, but so, that persons of good community standing will hesitate to imperil their popularity by performing the duties of citizenship in this regard. At this time, when public feeling, both "wet" and "dry"—for strangely dissimilar reasons—is emphatically for the most stringent enforcement of the law, a stand must be taken for enforcement and maintained.

Preachers and party prohibitionists—with some few exceptions, perhaps—retarded in Oregon, as elsewhere, the progress of the beneficent drouth that is gradually encompassing the nation. The intentions of these crusaders were doubtless well meant, but not calculated in their expression to capture the good will, or even the tolerance, of moderate drinkers. And it was this latter class, if you please, who brandished the vote that beamed old Demon Rum. This digression is to emphasize the wisdom of being canny with your crowing.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

The principal American demands in the Ancona case—punishment of the submarine commander and assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare on merchant vessels—have been met in Austria's reply.

Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important visible war activity. From the Pripes to the Roumanian frontier, over a front of at least 300 miles, a huge Russian force with a great appearance of confidence is hurling sledgehammer blows at the opposing force, which, according to all accounts, totals at least one and a half millions of men.

Meanwhile in the south of the Balkan peninsula the entente allies continue their expectant attitude toward a threatened attack, although Greece seems mainly occupied in making various diplomatic protests, having followed up her polite protest to the entente allies against the arrest of the consuls by an equally polite protest to the central powers against their aeroplanes flying across Greek territory in a raid which killed a Greek shepherd and a few sheep.

Of the total, in rough figures, of 1,000,000,000 board feet sold from the national forests, Oregon forests have contributed 545,000,000. The value of the Oregon timber sold is rated at \$1,629,000.

## SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Seattle under the new prohibition, is the largest "dry" city in the world, outside of Russia.

Seven states, Colorado, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina went dry January 1.

A. L. Ringling, oldest of the Ringling Brothers, veteran circus men, died of heart disease at Baraboo, Wis., his home. He was 63 years old.

Charles A. Fleming was unanimously elected mayor of Spokane, succeeding Charles M. Fassett. The motion was made by Commissioner Argall. The entire council was reorganized.

Prohibition in Portland, Ore., wiped the slate clean of 295 saloons, four wholesalers and rectifiers, 15 wholesalers, 15 grocer liquor licenses, 10 grill liquor licenses and three brewery licenses.

Governor Winfield Scott Hammond, of Minnesota, died suddenly in a hotel at Clinton, La., from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians said apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.

## Ford Arrives Home.

New York.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here December 4 on the steamship Oscar II for Copenhagen, in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations that would end the war, arrived here on the steamer Bergensfjord. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Mrs. Martha Hill, a pioneer of 1847, is dead at Independence.

Building operations in Salem during 1915 totaled approximately \$200,000 in value.

The road levy in Lane county for the coming year will raise approximately \$110,000.

The supreme court has held Portland's jitney ordinance constitutional, reversing Circuit Judge Bagley.

Farmers adjacent to Salem have received \$12,000 in the last month from a Portland firm for the sale of 1100 hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Adams, of Scappoose, died Sunday within 11 hours of each other, as the result of la grippe.

"Pay-Up Week" will be celebrated in Newberg February 21-26 by merchants in an endeavor to collect long standing bills.

The Oregon workmen's compensation act was held constitutional by the supreme court in a decision upholding Circuit Judge Galloway.

A good roads conference is to be held at the Oregon Agricultural college January 3 and 4 under the direction of Professor G. V. Skelton.

Henry Tillery, veteran of the Mexican war of 1846-1848, died at his home at Ballston, Polk county, December 29, after an illness of a few days.

Oregon has sent more horses to Europe in the past year than any other Pacific coast state, according to buyers for the allies and for Germany.

By written opinion and stipulation, the Oregon supreme court last year disposed of 381 cases, while a total of 420 transcripts were filed in the same period.

With the close of the year, only 11,500 automobile owners of Oregon were equipped with the new license tag for 1916 as required by law before they can be legally operated.

Twelve members of Company M, Oregon national guard, Salem, qualified as expert riflemen last year, with a score of 210 or better out of a possible 250 on all ranges.

Announcement of the annual conference of county fair officials to be held January 5 at the Oregon agricultural college, Corvallis, has been made by the state department of education.

Bids have been opened by the Clatsop county court for clearing, grading and paving four and one-half miles of the Columbia river highway between Columbia beach station and the West ranch.

Assistant State School Superintendent E. P. Carlton was elected president of the reorganized State Teachers' association. Principal George A. Briscoe of Ashland high was chosen vice president.

Letters handled at the Portland post office during 1915 numbered 85,800,000, of which 42,900,000 were sent out, the remainder being received. The total is an increase of more than 2,000,000 over 1914.

Mrs. Frances Ellen Jane Haro, 104 years old, is dead at Astoria. She leaves seven children, 23 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. She was a descendant of the Davenport family of Virginia.

Receipts of the state banking department totaled \$17,526.04 and disbursements \$17,110.33, leaving a balance of \$415.71 and members traveled a total of 56,134 miles in attendance upon their duties in 1915.

Preliminary estimates of the output of metals from Oregon mines in 1915 by the United States geological survey show material increases over the figures of 1914 in both gold and copper, and slight decreases in yield of silver and lead.

After being out five hours the jury in the Rosa Merlo murder case at Hillsboro returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Mrs. Merlo. Mrs. Merlo shot and killed her husband, Joseph Merlo, at Santa Rosa, October 4.

Representative Hawley has announced appointments to the Annapolis naval academy as follows: Lloyd Harris, Oregon City, principal; Howard L. Lamar, Tillamook; Miles Gamill, Medford and William S. Kinney, Astoria, alternates.

Governor Withycombe received an invitation from Joseph H. Choate, honorary president of the National Security League, to represent the Pacific coast at a congress of the league to be held in Washington, D. C., January 20 to 22. He declined.

James J. Hill has sent \$50,000 to Albany college as promised, making \$258,000 the college possesses in permanent interest-bearing endowment funds. A fund of \$165,000 will be raised to erect the first building of the new college campus.

According to a report just issued by Chief Forester Henry S. Graves for the fiscal year of 1915, more than half of the timber sold from all the national forests in the country has been taken from the Oregon forests.

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## WASHINGTON REGARDS SITUATION CRITICAL

Washington.—President Wilson returned to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., to take personal charge of the nation's foreign affairs in the new crisis brought about by the sinking of the British steamship Persia with a loss of at least one American life. The situation is regarded in official circles as being the most serious to confront this government since the submarine operations of the central powers began.

After a brief conference with President Wilson, Secretary Tumulty issued the following statement:

"The president and the secretary of state are taking every means possible to obtain the cold facts in this grave matter and will act just as soon as the information is obtained."

The administration is depending largely on the inquiries which Ambassador Penfield has been instructed to make at Vienna and the information which consuls are gathering elsewhere, to establish the nationality of the submarine which is said to have sunk the Persia and to develop the facts in the case generally.

## GRANT LAND TAX REGULAR

Douglas County Wins Suit for \$17,541 Delinquent Taxes.

Roseburg.—Holding that the acts of the tax-levying officers of Douglas county were regular in every particular, Judge Hamilton rendered a decision in which he held that the Southern Oregon company was liable for the payment of delinquent taxes in this county amounting to \$17,541 and covering a term of five years.

Judge Hamilton holds that the "tax, being properly levied, is a lien against the land, a definite charge, not against the individual owner, but against the land itself."

Under the decision Judge Hamilton is of the opinion that the delinquent taxes will have to be paid. The same ruling would also apply to the delinquent taxes due from the Oregon & California grant lands in this county for the years 1913 and 1914, and totaling \$186,763, although the latter was not a party in the case at issue.

If sustained by the higher courts, this decision means that Douglas county eventually will recover \$204,304 of delinquent taxes from these two corporations. Coos and Lane counties are in a similar situation to recover almost equal amounts each.

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Restoration to Entry of Lands in National Forest.—Notice is hereby given that the lands described below, embracing 40 acres, within the Crater National Forest, Oregon, will be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States and the act of June 11, 1906 (34 Stat., 233), at the United States land office at Roseburg, Oregon, on February 18, 1916. Any settler who was actually and in good faith claiming any of said lands for agricultural purposes prior to January 1, 1906, and has not abandoned same, has preference right to make a homestead entry for the lands actually occupied. Said lands were listed upon the applications of the persons mentioned below, who have a preference right subject to the prior right of any such settler, provided such settler or applicant is qualified to make homestead entry and the preference right is exercised prior to February 18, 1916, on which date the lands will be subject to settlement and entry by any qualified person. The lands are as follows: The SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 8, T. 34 S., R. 2 E., W. M., 40 acres, application of R. S. Hawk, Derby, Oregon; List 6-1770. December 1915. C. M. Bruce, Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office. Dec. 25-Jan. 15.

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