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AS TO THE RAID.

The 12 men now charged in the justice court with breaking the prohibition law haven't anybody in the world to blame but themselves. If they should be indicted by the grand jury for every single glass of illicit liquor they have sold they could make no complaint.

When prohibition was adopted by the county the saloon business was officially abolished. Prior to that time it was a lawful calling and the saloon men were accorded belligerency rights in the fight that was on. But the situation changed July 1. The liquor forces were beaten in this county by an overwhelming majority. It was then time for the saloon men to quit. When they refused to do so they made themselves lawbreakers and they knew it.

As sworn officers of the law the district attorney, the sheriff, the justice and the constable have but one course to take. The law must be enforced like any other statute. The people of Umatilla county expect them to enforce the prohibition law with the same honesty and the same vigor they do other regulations of the criminal code. If the sheriff or any one else fails to do so he is negligent in his duty and he is taking a position he cannot hold.

There are two general ways in which such a statute as the prohibition law may be enforced. The officers may be ever on the alert for a violation and make an arrest whenever they can find grounds for one. The other method is to allow the law to be broken for a time and then by means of a widespread net catch all offenders at one fell swoop. This method was elected by District Attorney Phelps and the net is now being drawn in. The results will be known next week and at that time the relative merits of his plan of action may be more intelligently discussed.

IMPROVING NATURE.

For the sake of facilitating commerce, men are altering the face of the world. Years ago the Dutch drove back the sea by means of dykes. The Panama canal will divide the American continent into two islands. Asia and Africa have already been cut in twain. The United States, by means of river and harbor improvements, is now making seaports of cities so far inland as to be beyond the sound of the ocean's roar.

There may be a contradiction in terms in the phrase "Inland Seaports" but in these days of great enterprises, not only projected but accomplished, the inland city may become a seaport through the improvement of the inland waterway, as Manchester, England, did and progressed most solidly and wonderfully by the canalization of the Mersey. The subject is made prominent in the United States by the project by which it is sought to make a seaport of the city of Newark, N. J., and a seaport of the city of Ghent, in Belgium. In discussing the subject the New York Tribune of recent date, well said that while Newark, as an inland city, would doubtless continue to grow relying on railroads for transportation to the nearest seaport, it would be of decidedly greater advantage to have ocean steamers "come right up to its own docks" and that it would pay to build the canal "for the sake of the future which is assured to Newark and which the construction of the canal and the appurtenant docks would greatly promote."

According to the report of Consul W. P. Atwell, stationed at Ghent, Belgium, the contract for widening and deepening the Terneuzen canal has been signed by the Belgian and the Netherlands authorities, the canal being 10 1/2 miles on the Belgian and 9 1/2 on Dutch territory. Commercial docks at Ghent are to be provided,

with wharfage facilities of 5250 feet, with nine sheds. The depth of the canal is fixed at 28 feet; lumber docks are to have 910 feet of wharfage, with sheds covering 83,292 feet; the foreharbor is to have 7215 feet wharfage, 295 feet wide, with a depth of 21 feet. Consul Atwell adds that:

"The Terneuzen canal when completed will permit the safe entry of large trans-Atlantic cargo boats and as soon as completed a new line of steamers will ply from Ghent to Galveston."

Thus it is that mankind improves upon the work of God.

Now the Pendleton academy has opened with a larger attendance than ever before, while the public schools are so crowded that a new teacher had to be employed. Surely there cannot be anything wrong with a town when its schools grow and the postal receipts show a gradual increase.

Pendleton banks have money for investment in government bonds even if the crop was light and the smut hurt the wheat that did grow. The season's yield brings \$5,000,000 just the same. Prof. Jardine was right when he said he had never seen a farming county more favored naturally than is Umatilla.

Have you been inside the new fair pavilion yet? If you haven't, go and see the changes that are being enacted and then tell your friends that the fair this year will be larger, better and prettier than ever before. It will be the truth.

Smithson, Gilbert and Kelley won high honors for Oregon and they are justly entitled to the royal welcome they were given in Portland. May they live long and their fame remain undimmed.

The Tribune said editorially it did not know the prohibition law was being violated and that it trusted such was not the case. Ignorance may be blissful, but is it good journalism?

The dairy ordinance is now perplexing the council. But the men who handled the interurban franchise proposition will find the tubercular cow to be a snap in comparison.

AN ELECTRIC COIN COUNTER.

The burdens of bank work were considerably lightened when the electric adding machine was invented, but now comes the electric coin counter to make it still easier.

This apparatus counts and sorts coins into paper tubes, or bags, at the rate of 72,000 pieces an hour. Fourteen expert cashiers in the Bank of London, working all day long, are only able to count \$50,000 in silver coin. The new machine will do this work in one-fifth the time.

A bag of coins is poured into a receptacle in the rear of the electric machine. A tray full of several hundred coins is emptied on a polished metal plate. This plate is tilted downward at one end and broken up by raised metal dules into exactly a hundred squares which may be so altered in size that any desired coin slipping into them is held firmly in place. The plate is moved rapidly to and fro.

Should it be desired to extract sixpences from the heap of larger money all the bigger coins are sifted off the plate and the six penny pieces are retained in the squares. The coins are also stacked in paper tubes and counted.—Electric News.

A MAN'S MOST CRITICAL HOUR.

A business man not long ago experienced acute indigestion, followed by fainting fits, which so racked his nervous system that he became practically incapacitated for attending to his affairs. He believed that he lived a careful life and sought a physician's advice. The physician prescribed no medicine, but said:

"Try this little rule: Absolutely stop work a half hour before each meal, and don't resume work until a half hour after each meal, and see what happens."

The man did, and within three weeks he was well and has kept well ever since.

"Naturally," said another physician when told of the experiment. "Those two half-hours are the most critical in a business man's day."

HEAT IN FLORIDA.

It must be awfully hot in Florida. Read these scorching lines by the Jacksonville Times-Union poet:

It's too hot to work; to hot to play;

It's too hot to sing; or hardly to pray;

It's too hot to eat! and too hot to drink;

It's too hot to talk; or even to think;

It's too hot to live, we can't ask to die.

It's too hot to laugh, and too hot to cry;

It's too hot to read, and too hot to write.

It's too hot to sleep in our beds at night.

May all single women be married and all married women be happy.

Here's to the minister who said that all women would find husbands in the next world.

And here's hoping that the old maids will not be "dying" to get married.

MEXICAN LAWSUIT LASTS FOR 340 YEARS.

A final settlement has just been made in a lawsuit which has been pending in the courts of the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, for 340 years. The dispute arose between the local authorities of the towns of Yodocome and Nunu over the question of the legal boundary line between the two villages.

Both towns held titles to the same land the conflicting grants being made by the colonial government. The titles held by private parties were also involved, and each town brought suit against the other for the land claimed to be justly due it.

The suit dragging along for the first 100 years, one legal step after another being taken by the contending towns. Another century passed, and then another, and still the suit was undecided. During all this time the people of the respective towns were arrayed against each other in bitter enmity, and many have been the armed conflicts that have taken place between the opposing factions.

The father of President Porfirio Diaz was a native of Yodocome and stood high in the little country community because of his mental ability.

He took an active interest in the long-pending suit, and during his lifetime made every effort to get a final decision of the case. He was unsuccessful and the years dragged by.

President Diaz gave the matter his personal attention not long ago, and the ancient records relating to the land grants and the conflicting boundary were carefully examined. The matter was then laid before the people of the two towns, and after many conferences a settlement of the case was reached and the suit in court was formally dismissed. It is said to have held a place upon the court docket longer than any suit in the world's history.

The new boundary line between the two towns is to be marked by the erection of stone monuments. A great celebration to be held by the people of Yodocome and Nunu to commemorate the settlement of the dispute is to be called the "Feast of Peace."

GROWING OLD.

A little more tired at close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way;
A little less ready to scold and blame,
A little more care for a brother's name;

And so we are nearing the journey's end,
Where time and eternity meet and blend.

A little less care for bonds and gold,
A little more zest in the days of old;
A broader view and a saner mind,
And a little more love for all mankind;

And so we are faring down the way
That leads to the gates of a better day.

A little more love for the friends of youth,

A little less zeal for established truth;
A little more charity in our veins,
A little less thirst for the daily news;
And so we are folding our tents away,
And passing in silence at close of day.

A little more leisure to sit and dream,
A little more real the things unseen;
A little nearer to those ahead,
With visions of those long-loved and dead;

And so we are going where all must go,
To the place the living may never know.

A little more laughter, a few more tears,
And we shall have told our increasing years;

The book is closed, and the prayers are said.

And we are a part of the countless dead—

Thrice happy, if then some soul can say,

"I live because he has passed my way."

—R. J. Wells.

IF YOU WISH PEOPLE TO LIKE YOU.

Don't be inquisitive.
Don't be discontented with what you have. Discontent shows in your face.

Don't contradict people, even though you know you are right.

Don't repeat unpleasant things. Always be cheerful.

Think first of the comfort and pleasure of those about you.

In all things obey the golden rule; and happiness will find you.—Ram's Horn.

WARNING.

"Count that day lost, before whose setting sun,

You have not had at least one hour's fun.

'Tis said that love makes the world go round so slick,

But couldn't fun as well perform the trick?

Life is short, mix well with joy and laughter,

For there will be no fun in either world hereafter."

AFTER MAY DAYS.

No night so dark but just beyond it lies a dawn,

Nor day so sad and long, but evening comes at last;

However great thy task, O toiler, still hope on—

The waves will bring again the bread upon them cast.

The mighty chain of centuries on which the world is hung,

Ages to come, and eons passed while yet the stars were young,

Mean less than floating films of gossamer to you and me,

When fair today and yesterday spell out Eternity!

—Aldis Dunbar.

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