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Moonshine Moralizing

The Linn county moonshine tragedy has brought forth a great deal of hypocritical lamentation and moralizing cant in the newspapers which was righteous in wrathful indignation. Says the Oregonian:

The still of the moonshiner drips a deadlier concoction than any liquor, however vicious. It drips despite of law and anarchy and death. Such has ever been the product of the distillery, but now that the still itself is outlawed there exists no reason in law or conscience why this should be. And very far from being an argument against prohibition, the Plainview murders and suicide serve as reminders of the spleen and passion that are associated with liquor. Plainly the prevention of other tragedies rests not alone with the law, but with the individual citizen.

That is the source of the trouble, the effort to replace self-restraint and individual control with sumptuary law, which causes a very human revolt against compulsion, which in sub-normal people frequently produces tragedy.

The Portland Journal declares:

Booze plays no favorites. It respects no life. It is the fanged monster that strikes with eyes closed, laying low alike the strong or the weak, the fair or the foul, the innocent or the guilty. . . . And there is something coldly venomous and murderous about moonshine. It callouses. It chills the morals. It makes men ruthless. They become kin to the tiger and the wolf. It was as the wolf with cruel fangs displayed, that Dave West seized his gun and rang down the curtain in the Linn county tragedy.

In this particular instance, none of the parties had been imbibing. There was a still on the premises, but no "fanged monster" to "callouse" or "chill the morals" and inflame the mind to tragedy. The cause of the triple shooting was the very natural anger of an irate old man, caused by the factless search of home and hearth, the abuse of wife, and the interference with what many old-fashioned people, particularly hillsmen, regard as their rights, a resentment that has produced countless similar tragedies in the past. Some people still labor under the delusion that their home is their castle and that there is such a thing as individual right.

If there is any moral conveyed by the tragedy it is the necessity of mastering one's temper as well as of obeying the law.

Yes, stern and righteous in their indignation against the poor rancher making moonshine "for his stomach's sake" are these fearsome organs of reform, but we see nothing in their chaste columns condemning the open and flagrant violations of the law that attend great conventions and secret society conclaves, where carloads of booze are openly distributed and noisy drunken crowds make the night hideous playing the rowdy, rough-housing the hotels, making the streets unsafe for women—with full sanction and permission of law enforcing authorities.

Portland is soon to entertain the bankers of the nation and Portland bankers are reported to have set aside a fund to purchase booze for their guests as part of the entertainment. Will the Portland police seize the booze or arrest either the bankers or the boot-leggers? Will they? No they will not—at least they never have in similar instances in the past. Will the Portland papers depict the drunken orgies following, if there be such? They will not, at least they did not two years ago when members of a great secret society raised hell three days and nights, in Portland, or last week when they repeated the performance in San Francisco. Not much. But if it was some isolated rancher caught making moonshine, we would have columns of slushy moralizing and hypocritical holding up of hands in holy horror.

FORDNEY WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE THIS FALL

Saginaw, Mich., June 26.—Congressman Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the house ways and means committee and author of the Fordney tariff bill, announced positively this morning in a telegram to the Saginaw News-Courier that he will not be a candidate for re-election. He plans to retire at the end of his present term after 24 years of continuous service in congress.

Following a dim trail leading from Scappoose creek to a tent covered with leaves and twigs, Sheriff Wellington of St. Helena, discovered a moonshine still running in full blast. John Fuir and Steve Konic, Austrians, were arrested.

Clarence Curry, a Dallas boy who has been attending the University of Oregon, has assumed management of the Polk county Farmers Cooperative Warehouse company, taking the place formerly held by Henry Voth.

SAP AND SALT
BY Bert Moses
Sap and salt in the hands, Askland, Oregon

Nothing worth having is easy to get.

Cashing in on what you know is about all there is to it.

People really in love are right on the edge of bitter hatred.

One way to hide dishonesty is to make specialty of being "respectable."

Tell a woman something about her looks, and she'll make a dash for the nearest mirror.

Hez Heck Says:
"Real love is the only thing that will make a woman quit flirtin'."

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Love's Masquerade

By Idah McGlone Gibson
On The Brink

As John Davis sat waiting for Doris Glendening—she was dressing to accompany him to the hospital where her husband was lying between life and death—the telephone rang. Being the only person near he took up the receiver.

"Is Mr. Davis there?"
"Yes," he answered eagerly. "This is Davis, Jim," for he recognized Clavering's voice. "Is Harry conscious yet?" he asked eagerly. "You called the turn, old man. Doris blames it all on herself and is preparing to go and see him. I am expecting her any minute."

"Don't let her come, Dave. She can do no good and the sight would only hurt her."
"What do you mean? Glendening was shot in the lungs, was he not? He isn't disfigured, is he?"

"No, but he has come out of the coma and is delirious. It is very hard to keep him in bed. He talks incessantly, continually calling for Margaret Earle."

"Right now, while I am talking to you, I hear his high-strained voice saying:
"Don't leave me, Margaret. I have never loved anyone but you. Dear, I could never be anything without you. Don't leave me—don't leave me."

"He repeats this over and over in the most imploring, heart-breaking voice you have ever heard, Dave. That's the reason Doris shouldn't come."

"If you are not careful, Jim," said Davis from his end of the wire, "some smart reporter will listen in on this and bring Margaret's name into the mess."

"That is what I am very much afraid of. One of the nurses asked me a little while ago if Margaret was Harry's wife. I had to tell her it was not."

"What did she say to that?" asked Davis excitedly.
"Nothing. She, like every other woman, has become very much interested in Harry. Even when he is out of his head he makes a greater appeal to most women than a sane man would."

"But I called you up to tell you Dave, that I have just had a phone from Milt. Like a fool I let out the fact that Harry was calling for Margaret to come to him. From what I could gather from my end of the wire, Milt went up in the air. He insisted that he was coming right over to see Harry."

"He says there is no reason for him to be delirious if the doctors have diagnosed his case correctly. He thinks Harry must have hurt his head when he fell."

"I wonder if I told you that there is a slight bruise near the base of his brain. Milt says that the doctors must know that a prolonged delirium would not follow a wounded lung. I am waiting for Milt now."

"Please keep Doris away until Milton has been here and given his opinion on Harry's condition."
"All right, Jim, I'll do my best, but you never can tell what a woman will do in a case like this." Then he hung up.

"What woman and what case?" asked Doris Glendening as she entered the room. "What is the matter? Harry!" she exclaimed.

"He's not worse, is he? Oh, John, do not tell me my husband is dead," and she gasped Davis's arm convulsively.

"No, Doris, Harry is still alive, but of course you have known from the first that his life hangs by a thread. I have just had a telephone message from the hospital telling me that no one, not even you, Doris, may see him right now."

"Dr. Milton, at Jim Clavering's request, is going to look Harry over. They are afraid of complications."
"Although Milton was badly burned at the fire last night he is getting up from his bed against the advice of nurses and doctors, and going over to see Harry. At least until after that visit you must possess your soul in patience."

"But, John, don't you think that it would help if he knew that I did not mean it when I told him that I would never live with him again? Perhaps if he knew I had forgiven him and was ready to begin over again it would make him want to live. You know, wanting to live has a great deal to do with one's living."

"That's just it, my dear Doris. Your presence would only excite him. First he would want to know if you came to forgive him, and then he would want to talk more than he should."
"Oh, John! I can't stay here. I wish I knew whether Margaret Earle was in town. She seemed to like Harry. If I knew where she was I would go to her. She would understand."

"Great Heavens! I must keep Doris out of that hospital room," thought Davis as he answered, "Mrs. Earle is in Europe."
Tomorrow—Doris's Emotions.

Citizens of Condon at a special election last week voted, about 20 to one, to authorize an issue of water bonds in the sum of \$137,000.
Some think that a standing army costs quite a bit, and perhaps it does, but seems to us that the sitting army is too much of a luxury—Amity Standard.

West Salem

West Salem, Or., June 26.—Mrs. Ethel Goodspeed Rhoads and daughter, Winnifred, of Toledo visited at the Goodspeed home Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Billings gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of J. R. Bedford on Wednesday evening to announce the marriage of her son, William McAdams, to Miss Mary White of Salem. The guests all being gathered and made acquainted with the bride-elect, the entertainment of the evening was furnished by several beautiful piano duets rendered by Misses Beth and Ruth Bedford. When the guests were busily chatting, they were suddenly hushed by the entrance of a large basket decorated with beautiful roses and tinsel containing very many useful as well as ornamental gifts. After the packages were opened and examined by all present, the brides served a two course luncheon. Those present left at an early hour wishing the honored guests all the best wishes for their future happiness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fouts of Kingwood on Saturday evening, June 17, 1922, an eleven-pound girl.

The Fraser property is being improved by having the house raised and newly roofed and having a porch added.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Demasters were among those who attended the Rose Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. Bales have returned home after a month's sojourn with relatives at Astoria.

Miss Alison French of Monmouth and C. C. Flashback of Kingwood were quietly united in marriage on Saturday, June 17, 1922. The ceremony took place at the parsonage of the Christian church at Drain, Oregon. The young couple are at home to their friends on Edgewater street, Kingwood.

The Nazarine prayer meeting was held at the Leach home, Tuesday evening.

The new charter of West Salem carried and was accepted by the citizens of the town.

George Davis left this week for Cheki, California, on a business trip.

Miss Morrison of Portland was a guest at the W. T. Grier home the past week.

W. E. Patton and family have started on a trip for the east. They are motoring through and expect to make their future home somewhere in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kaster accompanied by some friends motored to Portland, Friday, and visited the rose show.

Fred Ireland has been employed this week with the Associated Oil company of Portland.

The young folks of the town had a very exciting time on Monday evening when they gave a charivari for Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Flashback at their new home on Edgewater street. They created so much noise that the newlyweds couldn't resist but invite them in and give them a treat of candy and smokes. They serenaded the young couple by singing lively songs. All present enjoyed the hospitality of the bride and groom.

C. K. Russell motored to Mill City on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson attended a family reunion at Turner on Sunday.

Brooks News

Brooks, Or., June 26.—Several of the Brooks ladies attended the strawberry feast at the home of Mrs. J. D. Bennett home last Friday afternoon.

The M. E. Ladies Aid society met at the home of Mrs. Clyde Harris Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Hammond of Salem preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Pearl Harris, Mrs. A. E. Harris and Mrs. Gilbert attended the Relief Corps meeting Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Randall and wife of Salem were calling in Brooks Wednesday.

The farmers are very busy making clover hay.

Livesley News

Livesley, June 26.—Mrs. Rosetta Barr, who has been staying with Mrs. G. O. Higgins, returned to Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Anderson of Portland were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Zielke Sunday.

The neighborhood picnic given by the M. E. Sunday school, has been postponed from June 23 to July 4. It will be at the Meredith springs. Every one is welcome.

At the annual school meeting L. D. Johnston was chosen director and Mabel Higgins clerk for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin of Salem were callers at the home of H. Edwards Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker of Salem and Mrs. P. K. Whelpton and son of Texas were guests of Mrs. G. S. Higgins Friday.

Giles M. Ruch, formerly a resident of Eugene, has been elected professor of education at the University of Iowa. Ruch is a graduate of the University of Oregon with the class of 1915.

The Bandon post of the American Legion has purchased the old school building overlooking the city and will spend \$8000 in fitting it up for an assembly hall and Legion purposes.

Drunken Driver Goes Free Because of Joker In State Auto Statute

Fred Lacy, drunken automobile driver, appears to have been the sole individual to have materially benefited from a difference which developed here recently between city and county officials.

Lacy, driving an automobile on the evening of June 15, wove an uncertain course down Salem streets. On Court, near the state house, an elderly woman, Mrs. Elvira Gleeson, riding in a buggy, chanced to get in his way. There was a crash. A few minutes later the white-haired woman, bleeding profusely, was removed to her home. Her buggy was almost disintegrated.

Lacy was assisted to the Salem city jail where he spent the night. Officers said they found five bottles of lemon extract in his car.

The entire affair, it became known today, cost Lacy exactly \$19 and three days in jail. For his incarceration he was paid \$2 daily.

This is how come: Contrary to word given out by city officials, Lacy was charged with driving while unable properly to operate an automobile, instead of "while intoxicated." He was sentenced by Judge Race, of the police court, to pay to the city a fine of \$25 and to serve 20 days in the county jail. When Lacy was taken to the court house, however, county officials refused to receive him, pointing out that if the county was to pay his board it also should receive his fine. County officials felt that Lacy, since he was sentenced in the city, should serve his sentence in the city jail.

Police Judge Race said today that the statute under which he sentenced Lacy gave him no choice in the matter and that he was forced to commit Lacy to the county jail.

District Attorney John Carson explained that the state would have gladly handled the case had it been brought before state officials.

Lacy, however, spent three days in the city jail, for which he received \$2 credit daily, paid the remaining \$19 of his fine, and stepped out a free man.

The 20 days to which he was sentenced was never served and his driver's license was not suspended when he pleaded guilty to the charge.

Most folks are willing to take the other fellow's word for the benefits derived from a cold bath every morning.

JAPS LAYING PLANS TO EVACUATE SIBERIA

Tokio, June 26.—(By Associated Press.)—The chancellor of the foreign office has gone to Vladivostok, where the Japanese consuls in Siberia will join him soon to discuss details of Japan's military evacuation of Siberia. Among the matters to be taken up is the disposal of arms captured by the Japanese and now claimed by the Far Eastern republic of Chita.

The newspaper Nichi Nichi says the question of indemnity for the massacre of Japanese at Nikolaievsk and the recognition of Japan's vested interests in the northern part of Sakhalin island will be discussed with the soviet government of Russia.

200 GOLFERS TEE OFF IN KANSAS TOURNEY

Kansas City, Mo., June 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Nearly two hundred golf players from all parts of the country were here today to tee off at the Hillcrest Country club starting the Western Amateur Golf tournament. Today and tomorrow will be devoted to the qualifying round, 18 holes to be played each day.

The first and second rounds of match play, each of 18 holes, will be played Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be played the third and fourth rounds of match play of thirty-six holes each. The 36-hole final match for the championship will be played Saturday.

ELEVEN ARRESTED AS ASSASSIN SUSPECTS

Berlin, June 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Eleven persons alleged to be members of a Bavarian secret organization known as the "council," were arrested here yesterday, it was announced by the police today. The police expressed the opinion that this organization, which was suspected of playing a prominent part in the murder of former Minister of Finance Erzberger, was also implicated in the murder of Foreign Minister Rathenau last week.

After you get well into the story you discover that Veronica is a steamer and not a patent medicine.

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