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THE GANG AT WORK.

Do Wholesale Business in Grain Sacks—Caution to Purchasers.

The gang of young toughs of which mention has been made in these columns recently, is still at large and of the sort of capers that might be expected from such an outfit.

A land office business has been done by these lads of late in the sale of grain sacks, which they have stolen about town and disposed of at 3 1/2 cents each. Among those who have suffered from these depredations are Dick Tom, from whom 50 sacks have been stolen; Henry Stone who lost about the same number, and Jesse Moses who has been robbed of all that the young imps could find. As many as 100 sacks were sold by the boys at one time.

Along with these thefts an axe was stolen at the Moses home a few days ago, and a swing was cut down and the board stolen, the latter being a patent contrivance of uncommonly convenient design.

Again the question arises, Whose boys are they? Are they yours, kind reader? If your sons are "around town" from morning until night, chumming with associates of their own choosing, how do you know that these are not your sons? The quickest and best way to settle the question is to keep your boys busy at home, or to know positively how their time is spent. Police are less charitable than parents, and the performances of these young thieves are not such as to create a kindly sentiment in their favor when once they are caught, as they certainly will be in time.

Cameron in It

J. M. Cameron, formerly of Corvallis, but now of Portland, has become a member of The Fidelity Land Company, of the metropolis. It is the intention of the members of this company to send a man all through the East in the interest of Oregon.

The projectors of this great scheme have the handling of vast properties in Portland and other sections of the state and desire all who have real estate either in Portland or other sections to confer with them. All Benton county people who have property here or in Portland are requested to confer with Amy Cameron, of Corvallis, who will lose no time in communicating with members of the company in Portland.

He Favors Improvements.

While on the subject of abolishing the old china houses that are a disgrace to the city, a word may be added in regard to the unsightly, ram shackle old sheds that are tacked onto numerous stores and other business places about town, and also to certain rakish looking bill boards that disfigure the landscape here and there.

These sheds, some of them at least, are used as covers for all manner and kind of trash, including old barrels, boxes, tin cans, bottles, and other rubbish that might easily be burned and thus put out of the way. A view can be caught of conditions behind the scenes, in passing along certain streets.

The bill boards, and sheds or shacks on which bills are pasted, give the town a cheap, brazen, uncivilized appearance that is certainly not desirable and that could be over come by very little effort on the part of property owners.

Another improvement that has been mentioned by strangers as needed in Corvallis, is a cleaning up and beautifying of the river front. With the natural advantages at hand, and with such scenery as nature has given, it would be no great task to so beautify the river front here that visitors alighting from steamers

would at once be impressed with the thrift and general progressive air of our city.

Along with "clean-up" plans, let citizens awaken to some of these things than can and should be remedied, and by working together, each on his own property, a great and splendid improvement will be made in Corvallis. E.

Out For the Prizes.

There are two contestants a-field in Benton county for the free trip to the Jamestown Exposition in May, 1907. The local workers are Miss Greta Harrington and Miss Anna French, and to one or the other will probably fall the honor of the visit to the East. As outlined briefly in the Gazette recently, the plan is for the editor of the Pacific Northwest to give a free trip to Jamestown to 33 young women, farmers' daughters, one from each county in Oregon. The prize goes of course, to the girl sending in the largest number of subscriptions to the Pacific Northwest, the price of which is 50 cents per year. In addition to this, a check for \$5 is to be given each week to the contestant sending in the largest list of subscribers that week.

The Citizens' League of Benton is to aid the Benton county girls in every way possible, for it is desirable that Corvallis secure a representative in this big, free trip, which is, after all, an advertising scheme of great scope and magnitude.

The successful party, accompanied by the Northwest editor, will leave Portland May 1—'07 for Jamestown, all expenses of the trip to be borne by the latter. The estimated expense of the undertaking is \$10,000.

A Portland Experience.

Jesse Moses had business in Portland, Tuesday, and went down and back the same day. While conducting his business in a way thoroughly satisfactory to himself, Mr. Moses had an experience that was not to his liking and which he will long remember.

It seems Mr. Moses decided that he would indulge in a shave and hied himself to a barber shop. In getting himself ready for the chair he decided to leave a valuable stickpin in his cravat. There were four or five tonsorial artists in the shop at the time and all were idle except the man who attended Mr. Moses. When shaved the latter discovered that his pin had been removed from his tie during the time he was in the chair.

When Mr. Moses called the attention of the boss of the shop to the fact that the pin was missing he was shown neither courtesy nor respect. Our townsman being insistent regarding his loss, he was the subject of much abusive treatment and insultingly defied in the matter. Finally, Mr. Moses went to police headquarters and was accompanied back to the shop by an officer, but aside from the satisfaction of making the barber outfit change their tone he profited not.

The pin was a valuable one and was presented Mr. Moses by a cousin who resides in the South. On account of it having been a present he valued it highly. It is doubtful if he ever sees it again.

J. T. Smith, proprietor of the Commercial restaurant, has been a Portland visitor this week.

An epidemic of sore throat has been going the rounds in Corvallis the past week, among the victims being Miss Joann McClennan, Mrs. Arnold King, Miss Nelle Marvin and Mr. Mosier. The ailment is said to be quite general both at Corvallis and Philomath, and is accompanied by headaches and fever, causing the victim to think he has genuine "grippe."

GREETINGS.

To the Citizens of Corvallis and Benton County.

Coming as I do from a city where debauchery and crime exist in spite of all the efforts put forth by the churches and other elevating institutions, to your quiet little college town, needing but one policeman, and he may safely take a nap at any time, I naturally wish to know the why? But when I recall the fact that the citizens of Benton county two years ago banished the drinking saloon from their borders the condition needs no further explanation. When told that the public debt is now being diminished at the annual rate of \$2000 over and above current expenses, no difficulty is experienced in answering the common bluff of the saloon people and their friends, viz. "Banish the saloon and your town will soon become insolvent!" Bah! The time of the patent of that scarecrow is out and it cannot be renewed. The merchants of wholesome and legitimate goods have now no difficulty in collecting their bills for merchandise sold to purchasers who in former years postponed payments indefinitely, and gave their earnings to the saloon-keeper. The thousands that used to go into the pockets of the salesmen of "booze" now goes for shoes and hats and suits and bonnets and dresses; and refined sugar and surloin steaks and superfine flour, etc., etc. And the merchants smile, and the wives smile, and children laugh and play with papa when he comes home sober and in his right mind. The saloon-keeper has got into some reputable business in which he can maintain himself and family without robbing his fellowmen. And has become a respectable citizen whom his neighbors no longer shun. He is thankful now that his neighbors laid hold of him and pulled him out of the mire of filth and ruin. He knew it before, but now he is ready to admit that the drink business is robbery and a crime against man. Benton county, with her seven companion "dry" counties in Oregon, is now referred to as an example of sobriety and prosperity; and Corvallis as a safe place for the boys and girls to come and receive their advanced education at the State College. But she and her seven companions will not long enjoy the pre-eminence in these respects. These counties are an object lesson to the rest of the state. Very soon the remainder of Oregon will fall in line and the criminal drink traffic be driven into oblivion. Now, let me call especial attention to another and very essentially important matter. Sobriety is a great advantage to start with, but a stupid thing to stop with. We want more than that. We want agricultural development, commercial enlargement, educational facilities increased. Local manufacture must be encouraged. Enterprise and increased capital will bring all this. Dare we stop there? Yes, if man is an intellectual animal; no, if man is a moral being. We have merged too far out of heathen darkness to admit the former. We agree on the latter proposition, viz., Man is a moral being. His moral nature is not only susceptible of development, but it is impossible for him to stand morally still. He is bound to slide down or climb up. The God who made him wants him to climb up and has furnished him with the facilities for doing so, viz., the Bible and a weekly Sabbath as a time for its study. Some people who think they are intelligent deny this statement. But they are egotists always and frequently immoral in their lives. It is unprofitable to argue with them. The proposition I make is reasonable and satisfactorily

demonstrable. Illustrations of its truth are very numerous.

These being facts, it logically follows that it is essential to the symmetrical development of the whole man that he must be encouraged in the study of the Bible and protected in using the day especially set apart for that purpose. The Christian world agrees to use for that purpose the weekly memorial day of the resurrection of the World's Redeemer, which is seven times called "Sabbath" in the Greek New Testament and once "Lord's Day," but never "first day of the week." Now, while it is not the province of the state to require its ecclesiastic observance, it is the duty of civil government to protect the church in teaching the people its religious observance; and to prevent its enemies from dishonoring it.

This in the interest of the production of the highest type of good citizenship. Therefore, it is within the province of civil government to enact laws and enforce them, prohibiting ordinary labor and business, public amusements, noisy recreations and secular exhibitions on the Lord's Day.

A fair interpretation of the laws of Oregon and Washington (with one exception) covers the case as herein described. The exception referred to is the protection given by the law of Oregon to the "Sunday theatre," the repeal of which exception will be sought in the near future.

J. H. LEIPER,
Field Secretary Sabbath Association.

P. S.—I think I heard a "blind pig" grunt on one of your business streets. Wake up, cop.

Tell your prosecuting attorney and sheriff to put a stop to "Sunday picnics" and "Sunday ball games." They come under the head of "Sunday amusements" which the law forbids. Tell the superintendent of the Corvallis & Eastern that "Sunday excursions" are demoralizing to any community and belittling to the management of railroad corporations.

Tell your pastors who happen to be at the seashore on the Lord's Day that Christ preached to the seashore crowds and converted many of them and spent no time in gathering shells on the Sabbath.

What about the "original package" business at the express office? That's a cunning trick, surely. But wait a bit. A bill before Congress, successor to the Hepburn-Dolliver bill, will stop all that ere long. The restoration of the saloon would not be any remedy for that smart trick.

J. H. L.

Prosperity For Nye Creek.

This will be the banner year in the history of Newport and Nye Creek, according to the reports that continue to come from that point. A recent dispatch from there has something to say of the situation, as follows:

The center of population at this seaside resort is shifting from Newport to Nye Creek. Very little building or improvements are going on at Newport, with the exception of the establishment of a bank. A large number of new residences have gone up at Nye Creek the past year and some very handsome ones.

Those who have not visited this popular resort for a year will be surprised to see the transformation when they arrive this year. Nye Creek now presents the appearance of a flourishing, ambitious town, with prospects ahead. There are now on the Nye Creek side of the Cape, 1200 to 1500 people. Nearly all the cottages and residences are occupied or spoken for. The hotels at both Newport and Nye Creek have a good run, but are not over crowded yet.



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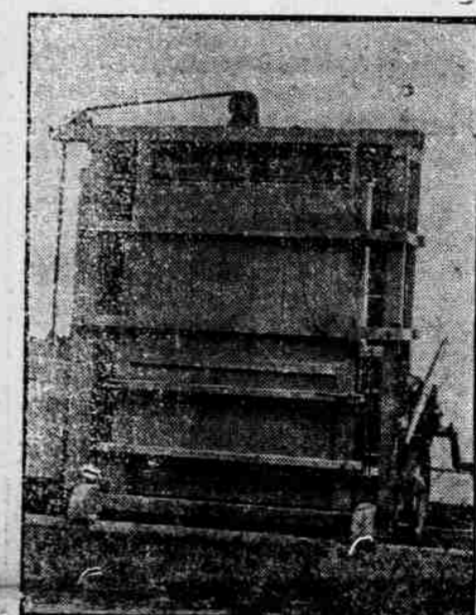
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