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EDITORIAL COMMENT

WHAT HAS THE SALOON DONE FOR YOUR TOWN?

The writer is impelled to tell what he knows about the value of the saloon as a commercial asset in any community. He has had thrust into his face in several neighboring localities a placard that pretends to present facts in reference to the financial condition of Kansas City, Kan.

This placard represents that Kansas City, Kansas, is financially bankrupt, all due to loss of saloons. It suggests a deal in scrip in which the loyal business men of the city financed public improvements, and when the time for redeeming the paper came there was nothing in the city treasury to meet the requirement, although taxes had been increased to such an extent that many business enterprises were closed to escape the levy. If true, just what it has to do with the liquor business is not clear. How city scrip is related to saloons, or what closing of saloons has to do with inability to pay scrip, is mystifying to anyone who knows anything about the town.

Kansas City has not legally received a cent from saloons, except from fines, and few of them were legitimate, for over 30 years. I say few of them were legitimate because it was frequently arranged between grafting officials and saloonmen that the business might be conducted subject to a monthly fine. Only a fraction of the joints paid fines and being illegal the officials did not hesitate to graft it.

We are also told of over 800 business places vacant, due to driving out the joints. Personally we branded the statement as a lie on sight. Why? Because being acquainted with the town we know that few of the so-called vacancies are desirable locations for an ordinary business. Most of the pictures shown are of inferior buildings, perhaps vacant due to their condition, and if they exist at all. And more to the point, we were in Kansas City last summer, after the saloons were ousted, and absolutely deny any such condition as existing. The town was never in a more prosperous condition. Even if it were suffering at this time it would not be unusual. What city has not suffered since the panic? But investigation shows an excellent condition. Not one bank failed in the panic. Deposits in June, 1906, were \$10,586,171.81; in March, 1908, \$14,372,605.95, an increase of 35 per cent. Property taxable in 1906 was \$12,831,550 at 20 per cent of actual value; in 1907, \$13,875,940. Bonded debt in 1905 was \$2,856,499; in 1907, \$2,445,029. Today there is not a dollar of judgment against the city. A business man who was asked his opinion wrote to a friend saying:

"I have been in business in Kansas City, Kan., for seventeen years, and there are more houses, and good houses, being built, more people are buying homes and good homes and seeking investments, than in any year since I have lived here. LIKE MOST OF THE BUSINESS MEN OF THE CITY, IN THE PAST I HAVE BELIEVED IN HIGH LICENSE AND LOCAL OPTION. NOW I AM IN FAVOR OF CLOSING THE SALOONS AND KEEPING THEM CLOSED. DRINKING IS NOT A NECESSITY, IT IS ONLY A HABIT."

Mr. Trickett says:

"The people who objected to the enforcement of the Prohibition law said that it would destroy the prosperity of our city. They said it would stop the

erection of buildings. But the official records show that during the year after the closing of the saloons from July 1, 1906, to July 1, 1907, Kansas City showed an increase of 22.7 per cent in building operations, the largest of any city in the Union. The next largest gain was 7.7 per cent. THREE TIMES AS MANY LABORING MEN BOUGHT HOMES IN OUR TOWN LAST YEAR AS EVER BEFORE IN ITS HISTORY.

"The effect upon crime and disorder has been similar. The closing of the saloons has reduced our court expenses \$25,000 a year, which was formerly spent in the prosecution of criminals.

"During the time the saloons were open there was never a term of court that did not require from six to eight weeks to try criminals. Since then no term has been more than three weeks, and one term we did not have a single criminal for trial. This month the same court opened its session and it took only three days to try all the criminal cases on the docket."

The history of this town is supported by data from innumerable others.

It is said the exclusion of saloons prevents growth. We have a striking argument to the contrary in this (Multnomah) county. Five years ago there were not 200 people between Lents Junction and Fortieth street. No district near Portland has outgrown it. Within this time the population has grown to 15,000. Over 50 business places have grown up and property valued at hundreds of thousands has been developed. The argument that city expenses are maintained by the saloons is false. In the above named district there is not a police officer and practically no ex-

courts cost more than its licenses bring in. See the following table:

City	Received from Licenses	Cost of Policing
Los Angeles	\$ 180,000	\$ 261,000
New York	7,991,865	12,030,500
Chicago	3,213,298	3,688,982
Washington	415,985	514,245
Cleveland	525,000	513,000
New Orleans	151,000	231,374
Pittsburg	493,000	634,000
St. Louis	1,007,884	1,002,182
Boston	1,432,132	2,932,930
Philadelphia	1,742,175	3,031,254
Cincinnati	417,647	603,210

We call your attention to an article on the first page in which Reverend Clarence T. Wilson of Portland gives his estimate of the cost to the people of Portland's 437 saloons. His estimate of the cost to the people of \$3,146,400 is probably, in fact, very moderate. The income from saloon licenses issued annually amounts to \$323,408, while the police department is maintained at a cost of \$150,350, leaving a balance of \$173,058. Now compare this with the \$3,146,400 expended for liquor, much of which goes to outside producers and which if invested by the people in necessities or improvements would be a permanent source of wealth, increasing annually, and if taxed at the ordinary rate would soon produce far more than the income from licenses.

And what does the consumer get? A swelled head, broken health, poverty, rags, a stricken home, etc.

Honesty is always at par and generally at a premium. Then in times like these it is never more highly valued. The trouble is to know or discover where honesty of purpose or report exists. There is a lot of political energy being exerted to show conditions, false or true, as being just the thing desired or entirely the undesirable. We can see no harm in admitting an error. We have heard it maintained that an admission of error was an admission of weakness. On the contrary the one who admits his errors or the weakness in his platform gains respect for his honesty and fairness. What is the use of bolstering up an argumentative creation by misrepresentations. There are fallacies in all creeds and parties and cliques. Hence the irrationality of being a "hide-bound" partisan. Which shall

THE CHARGE.

SUDDENLY the prisoner rose to his feet and in a low, firm but distinct voice said: "I stand before this bar convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard and a wretch; that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed my wife. But, if it please the court, I wish to show that I AM NOT ALONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF MY WIFE. THE JUDGE ON THE BENCH, THE JURY IN THE BOX, AND THE LAWYERS WITHIN THE BAR, AND THE MOST OF THE WITNESSES, INCLUDING THE PASTOR OF THE OLD CHURCH, ARE ALSO GUILTY BEFORE ALMIGHTY GOD.

"I have been made a drunkard by law. If it had not been for the legalized saloon of our town I never would have become a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I would not be here ready to be hurled into eternity. Today my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children cast out on the mercy of a cold world, while I am to be murdered by the strong arm of the state, and ALL BECAUSE THE STATE HAS LEGALIZED THE LIQUOR SALOON THAT HAS BEEN MY UNDOING."

pense. A "drunk" is rarely seen and an arrest would be an event. How long do you think it would be before police were necessary if saloons were permitted?

Eugene, Oregon, is cited as another town that has grown in spite of a "dry climate." St. Helens, Oregon, is without a saloon for nearly two years, yet is more prosperous than ever, has more nice dwellings erected in this time than in any previous ten years. Why shouldn't it grow? There is less dissipation and more money put to practical uses. It is a safer town in which to live. There is no place for the lower element to congregate, so it has moved out and better citizens take its place.

As to the value of the saloon as a source of revenue, the argument is one-sided. The revenues may amount to considerable but it will be found that extra expenses are entailed for protection of the town from the gamblers, thugs and drunks that swarm around these centers, not to mention the salaries that are diverted from useful purposes and thus lost as an object of legitimate taxation.

Almost every large city which publishes its expense reports discovers that its police and police

be the greater—the party, the principle or the man?

The editor of The Herald had not intended to take any decided stand on many of the questions being discussed at this time. Lack of editorial experience and want of time were sufficient reasons for silence. Yet a few things have come our way that seem to require at least our attention. We have undertaken to express our opinion and our findings on the matter of the liquor question as we have observed it, in another column. If we can be shown that we misrepresent or misunderstand the facts we will be pleased to offer apologies or corrections.

We reprinted an article from the Oregonian last week stating Superintendent Ackerman's plan for utilizing the public lands that might be recovered from the railways. We believe the superintendent is just right. Oregon's school fund is pitifully small. A large fund well invested means a large annual income and relatively smaller special state tax for school support.

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GRANGE NEWS IN BRIEF

J. J. Johnson as State Lecturer.
The state grange has completed its work and Multnomah grangers should feel gratified to find that the leading granges of the county have honored with one of the most important officers. We are free to say that we have observed the work of Mr. J. J. Johnson as a master of Evening Star grange, as county deputy, as master of Multnomah, Pomona and as chief officer elsewhere, and wherever he has undertaken work he has done it well.

"We feel sure that Brother Johnson will leave a record as state lecturer that will not be easy to excel. The work of a lecturer is important and the grange will find the new officer ready to comply with its requirements even if his private interests suffer.

Mrs. E. L. Thorpe, lecturer of Rockwood grange, is offering as a prize a handsome book for the best essay on "Education and the Grange." This offer is for the members of any subordinate grange in the county and must be read at the regular session of Rockwood grange Wednesday evening, June 3. The essays are to be from 300 to 500 words. Competent judges will make the decision.

Lecturers of the various subordinate granges of Multnomah county are requested to each arrange for a place on the Pomona program of at least two numbers and report same to Mrs. E. L. Thorpe, Pomona, lecturer. Pomona grange will meet at Pleasant Valley on June 17th.

Russellville grange nearly a year ago selected a site on which it intended to build its future home, but owing to various defects in the purchase the purchase was delayed. It was announced by the executive committee that a deed had been secured at its bi-monthly meeting on May 9, and the property was in the name of Russellville grange. The property consists of four lots 100 x 100, fronting on the Base Line nearly opposite Russellville school, No. 40. It is considered a desirable and centrally located site for a hall within the jurisdiction of Russellville grange. An interesting feature of the lecturer's hour was a talk by Brother H. Lewis, a rose specialist. Regarding the good program is the life and vitality of a grange, various ways were discussed in order to secure the opinion of the young and different members of the order. The following members attended the State grange: E. C. Huffman, Alice Mickelson, Samuel Richmond, R. W. Gill, Julia Mickelson, John Mickelson, and W. H. Adlis.

Fairview grange, No. 344, met in regular evening session Tuesday, May 19. The names of Mr. and Mrs. Carthon, Mrs. Emily Jackson and Mrs. Comner were presented for membership. The final arrangements were made for the picnic to be held in Stone's grove June 3 to which all are cordially invited. A short program will be rendered and a general good time is expected.

The Ladies of the Russellville grange held their weekly social tea at the residence of Mrs. T. D. Pollock last Tuesday afternoon. A very enjoyable time was had and all felt the time well spent. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. M. Hager next Thursday.

The Need of the Hour

BY M. C. GATNEY.

We will work for prohibition
And will work with all our might,
Never giving up the struggle
For we are working for the right.
Though we meet with opposition,
Opposition sure and strong,
We shall never be discouraged,
But will push the battle on.

Some will say that we are foolish,
That we throw our votes away,
That our efforts all are futile,
That we need the liquor license
And the revenue it will bring,
That it helps to pay expenses
And it keeps our taxes small.

That the most important measure
Is to stop the traffic in liquor,
And they talk of silver money
And they talk of our money,
Lay aside our foolish notions,
And not be a temperance crank,
Let the people have their freedom,
Not oppose the drinking rank.

That they'll throw protection round us,
And who knows how smart
So the minors and inebriates
Will not fall into his trap,
Yes, they talk of great intentions,
Till they get your vote, then say
We've got the best in politics,
And we'll have it all our way.

Others say 'tis utter nonsense
To prohibit a man to think
Prohibition would prohibit
Any man who wants to drink,
That as long as people want it
Some will make it make it sure
That you cannot stop the drinker,
Neither can you stop the brewer.

Yes, the tippler wants his freedom,
Wants his liberty while he lives,
Says he wants to be a free man,
Not be bound down as a slave,
If he cannot have his freedom,
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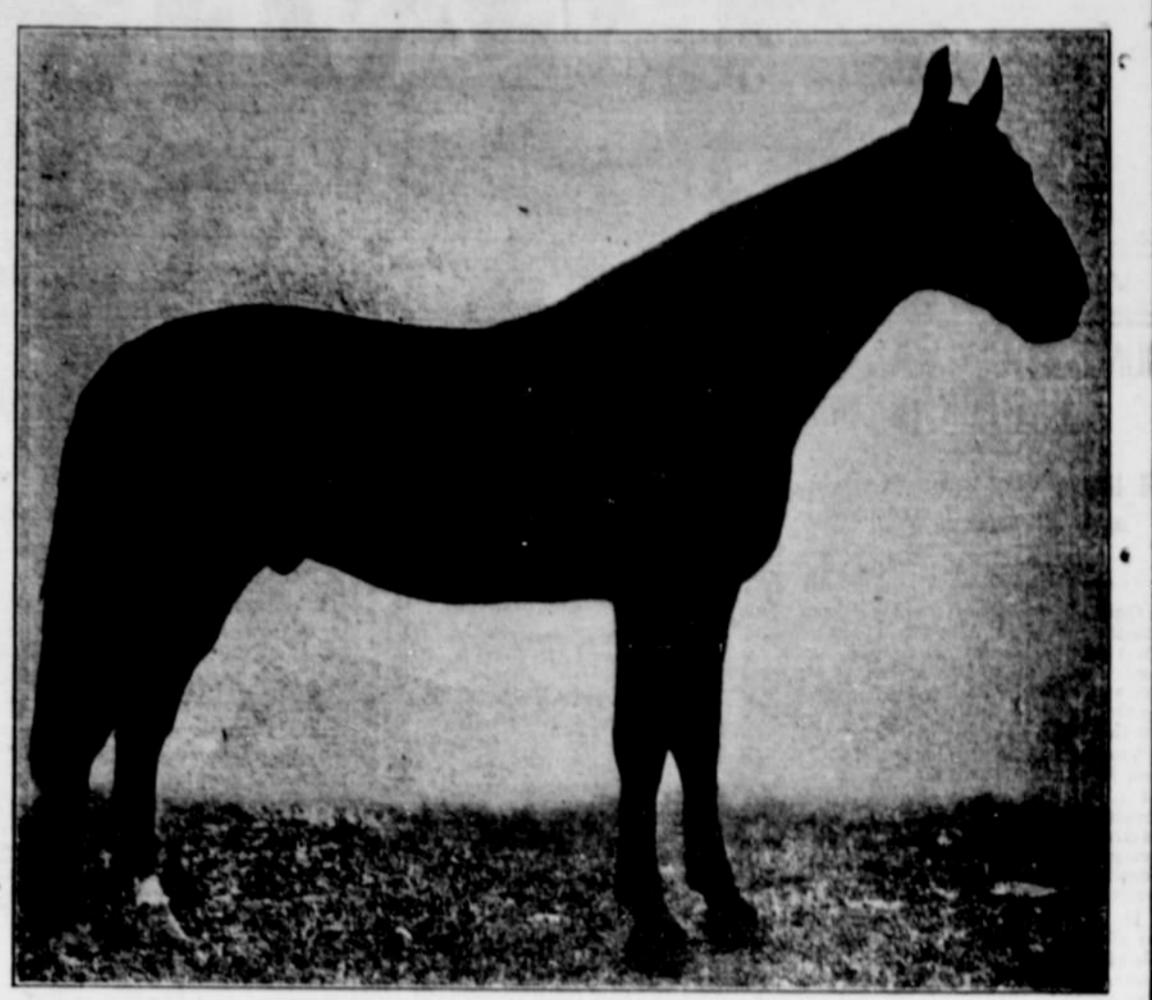
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Who at last the victory won.
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But is bound with iron chains;
He uses controlled his appetite,
But his appetite now reigns.

Or the man who gave him drink,
Or the brewer, or the one who
Vote for license, do you think?
And they tell us prohibition
Won't prohibit any more,
That in states where they have tried it
They gave up in sad despair;
But where law has fair enforcement
Men with properties seldom stay,
For the keepers with their business,
Soft pack up and move away.

Help to build up broken manhood,
Broken down by health liquor's blight,
That all may when loosed from bondage
Stand as free men for the right.

Vote for the increased appropriation
for the University of Oregon. Don't
brand Oregon as a "miss-back" state.
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