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DELIVERANCE:—For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth: the poor also, and him that hath no helper.—Psalm 72:12.

A NATION OF LAWBREAKERS

Are we a nation of lawbreakers? An appalling array of figures, statistics and comparisons with the crimes of other nations of the world is cited by C. P. Connolly in McClure's Magazine for July as proof that we are. And the causes for this situation, he finds, are lack of respect for law on the part of officials and the public; ineffective administration of law due to lack of trained and untrammelled judges and lawyers and to an outworn and antiquated judicial system. The truth, he adds, is hidden behind a barricade of technicalities.

"The widespread defiance of prohibition laws has brought us face to face with an acute phase of a chronic national ailment. There are those who insist that the present crime wave is solely due to prohibition while others, like ex-Governor Miller of New York and Senator-elect Edwards of New Jersey, insist that prohibition is responsible for a part at least of our contemporary lawlessness.

"But the record will show that we have always been a lawless nation. During the Boer War, England lost 22,000 soldiers on the battle fields or by disease in South Africa. During exactly the same period of time we lost through homicide 31,000 or 9,000 more than were killed on the English side during that war."

Other comparisons cited by Mr. Connolly in support of his statements include these.

In 1903, Germany, with a population of fifty millions, reported 322 homicides. In the same year, the homicides in the United States, with a population of eighty millions, numbered 9,000. More significant still, in that year the convictions for murder in Germany were 95 per cent of the total, while in the United States the convictions were only a little over one per cent.

It has been estimated that in the administration of justice in the United States the odds in favor of the murderer increased from about 17 to 1 in 1885, to about 680 to 1, in 1920.

With a population of seven millions and a quarter, London, in 1916 had nine premeditated murders. During the same year, Chicago, one third the size of London, had 185 premeditated murders, nearly 12 times London's total. In that year Chicago with its two and a half millions of people, had 20 murders more than all of England and Wales, with their 38,000,000 people. The Chicago murders were one more than London had during the period from 1910 to 1914, inclusive.

The United States holds the record for lynchings, while England, Scotland, Ireland and all the British possessions have not had a single lynching for more than 75 years.

IS A NEW HOTEL NEEDED?

The matter of a new, modern hotel in Ashland has been a question prominently before the public for the past several months. For most part there has been a unanimity of opinion that a new hotel is an urgent need if the town is to forge ahead. However, if there has even been any doubt relative to the actual need of a new hostelry that should be dissipated in the announcement that at least thirty people were turned away from local hotels

Sunday night and compelled to go to Medford to secure sleeping accommodations. The incident simply means a clear loss financially to the business interests of the town, and also detracts from our prestige as a tourist center.

The condition is one that demands immediate attention on the part of every citizen who has the future of Ashland at heart. To delay the matter for a year simply means that a year will be lost in making Ashland the city natural conditions demand it to be. The more extended the delay the greater benefit other towns will reap from the business that desires to come here and rightfully belongs here.

The towns that grow and prosper and become cities of commercial importance are those that are ever alert to take advantage of the opportunities offered. Nature, with a beneficence unexcelled by any point in Oregon, has endowed Ashland with advantages that if recognized and taken advantage of mean a city of forty or fifty thousand people. Too frequently lost opportunities can never be recalled, and it is not unlikely that if the one great opportunity of bidding for the trade of the wealthy class of tourists is passed up it will be forever lost.

If differences as to the location and character of a new hotel have existed in the past forget them and begin anew. Begin now the campaign to secure for Ashland a hotel that will command the patronage of all the wealthier class who will visit Southern Oregon in the future. Prejudices must be forgotten, and a sentiment must be formed that will without the loss of unnecessary time, bring to Ashland a hotel that will be a credit to the city and one that will give necessary accommodations to a class of trade that will grow from year to year.

VACATION TIME IS HERE

Full of joy is vacation time. There is joy in anticipation of the annual vacation, and there is perpetual delight in remembering the pleasures of it. The annual vacation is becoming very much a part of the life of American people, and it is a time that appeals to all re-blooded men and women. For six months preceding the vacation we dream of it, and live in joyful anticipation of a week in the depths of an Oregon forest. The thought of a day along the whirling, rushing, crystal stream quickens the pulse and urges us on to better work. To contemplate a day in the shade of a stately pine or beneath the sheltering branches of the oak or fir brings new life. It is often said that there is as great joy in anticipation as there is a realization, and it is only too true with respect to anticipating a week or month spent in the depths of nature. Rare it is that the vacation does not hold all the pleasure we had anticipated. We leave the world of worry and our daily duties and once more become imbued with the exultant impulses of boyhood and girlhood days. There is joy both in communing with and combating nature. The vacation season ends and we resume our work with new life and a new hope. We live joyfully in the remembrances of our trip. Gladly we recall the successful day with the rod or gun. There comes to us memories of pleasant hours spent with loved ones in the flickering light of a campfire. We recall the pleasant stories of the evening, and there comes to us a recollection that bed-time never came until the once glowing embers of the campfire had dimmed and darkened.

Oregonians are fortunately situated in enjoying the annual summer outing or vacation. There is not a section in the state more than a day's ride from points where nature is seen at its best, where there are shady nooks, where there are streams that are beautiful and abounding with the wily trout, where there are forests in which scamper the fleet-footed deer. Oregon is a veritable playground in which citizens and visitors may enjoy life to the fullest, and where perfect health and joy abound.

A persistent fight was waged to secure for Ashland an office for the registration of out-of-town automobiles. It is only the determined fight that wins. The commercial organization that becomes weak-kneed following a refusal seldom succeeds in getting the things it goes after.

Those who planned the auto camp ground at Lithia Park felt secure that its area would be sufficient to accommodate campers for many years to come, but the tremendous increase in the number of automobiles has made this area inadequate.

A special attorney has been appointed for the enforcement of the dry laws in Jackson county, giving the county some undesirable notoriety in outside points.

The Ashland Chamber of Commerce won another victory in securing the establishment of an office here for the registration of out-of-town automobiles.

Automobile tourists has reached a point where it will soon be necessary to increase the area of the grounds.

Let's go for a bigger and better Ashland.

SOCIETY

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D. A. R. Committee Meet

The committee appointed by the Regent, Mrs. J. P. Dodge, met last Thursday and assigned the chairman of each group of hostesses for the meetings next year. The chairman will choose her own assistants. If for any reason it is inconvenient for her to act at the meeting assigned she may arrange an exchange with one of the other hostesses or secure someone to take her place and so notify the program committee. Hostesses for the year follow: September—Mrs. Alice Pell. October—Mrs. H. O. Andrews. November—Mrs. H. C. Galey. January—Mrs. E. V. Carter. February—Mrs. McCracken. March—Miss Blanche Hicks. April—Mrs. Mabel Stearns. May—Mrs. Van Natta. June—The Misses Chamberlain and Palmer. The Annual Picnic.

Birthdays Celebrated

Friday evening occurred a joint birthday celebration in Lithia Park. Those so honored were Messrs. Ray Oslin and Butterfield, manager Twentieth Century Grocery. Although it was the thirteenth, neither gentleman considered the date unlucky since it included the pleasant guests and the jolly "weinie" roast, with baskets piled with all sorts of good things to add to the "piece de resistance." Those who were present to voice the good wishes and "many happy returns" were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Oslin, Mr. and Mrs. D. Crimmins, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ghiselin and Mr. Wickson of Medford "Twentieth Century Grocery."

A Delightful Surprise

A neighborhood party that was in the nature of a surprise was given the latter part of last week when a group of friends perhaps ten in number surprised Mrs. T. F. Miles on her seventy-first birthday, at her home on Ashland street.

A most delightful time was spent by hostess and friends till goodbyes were spoken and friendly wishes given for many another happy birthday.

Delightful Afternoon

The pleasant home of Mrs. Boyd on North Main street was the scene of a delightful party at which the "Good Cheer" class and a number of others were the guests. It was given in compliment to Mrs. Anna Miller, who leaves soon for her new home in Eugene and for Mrs. Curry, who may go to Pennsylvania later in the season. Mrs. Miller was completely surprised for she had been asked to spend the day with Mrs. Boyd and did not suspect the event of the afternoon at all.

Because of the warmth the lovely lawn was the setting for the gathering. Animated groups in easy chairs about the tea tables made a pretty scene and the hours sped swiftly in happy converse.

Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Dunn, wore the old time costumes and these evoked a flood of interesting reminiscences. The Boyd home itself is one of the older residences, being built sixty years ago by Mrs. Garrett's father. There were thirty five present including Rev. William Johnson, the beloved teacher of the class. Mr. Gow, Mr. Rudd and Mr. Taylor dropped in later in the afternoon.

Other than the honor guests, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Curry, there were present: Mrs. Weinschenk and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Reid's guests; Mrs. Caldwell, of Los Angeles and Mrs. Edgar of Lakeview, Ore., special guests of the class. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Iva and Jessie Boyd and Miss Nellie Hake.

It was a very lovely afternoon and the guests departed reluctantly sorry when evening shadows reminded them it was time to make their adieus.

Guests at the Manse

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar so pleasantly remembered here, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Koehler. They came Friday, driving from Lakeview, Ore. Their trip was not very pleasant, owing to the very bad conditions of the road.

Attractive Party

One of the most attractive and novel parties of the season occurred Friday evening when the student body and faculty of the Summer Normal School were the guests of the Civic club and Chamber of Commerce at the Civic clubhouse, which is so admirably fitted for functions of this kind.

greeting.

Mr. Fuller, in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke at some length most encouragingly of the prospect of our Normal School becoming a permanency and of the influence toward that end, of those who were in attendance. He remarked upon the fact that there were so many of the faculty that Ashland might claim. Mr. Briscoe, representing the Normal in well chosen words expressed the pleasure of the guests and made the announcement that the Lithians were anxious to be enrolled in membership. The mention brought enthusiastic response and the matter was so voted.

Later Mr. Briscoe stated that one week from Monday that there would be a special program arranged to properly observe their admittance into fellowship. Mrs. V. V. Mills, as chairman of the Program Committee then took charge and in happy fashion gave brief greeting, assigned Mr. Briscoe as leader in the Grand March which led by cleverly devised ways to animated groups ornamented with unique favors (all day suckers and colorful balloons.)

When they were grouped, Harvey Woods with Mrs. A. E. Woods at the piano, favored the company with two beautifully rendered violin solos, generously responding to the hearty applause. Miss Bernice Yeo then graciously favored the listeners with a piano solo, played most beautifully with exquisite touch and interpretation.

The "Tale of Sweet Marie" so pathetically told by Mrs. Galey, with its gressive finish occupied the attention for a number of hair-raising minutes.

Clever stunts and jolly games followed, the guests making frequent incursions to the dining room, where at beautifully appointed tables graced by artistically arranged blossoms the Misses Clara Will and Edith Dodge served delicious punch.

During the evening "Out Where the West Begins" was feelingly sung by Carl Loveland with Billy Briggs at the piano. Delicious refreshments were served during which Ramona Wise enlivened and entertained with a number of well played solos.

Among the out of town guests were noted Mrs. Homes-Carters, Miss Burr and Miss Grace Tolch and Mrs. Myrtle Weeks, from Portland a sister of Mrs. Harris Dean, who is visiting here.

Miss Almeda Kaiser and Miss McWilliams were among the number of special Ashland guests present.

The evening closed with those who were so inclined tripping to tuneful measure, kindly rendered by Miss Bernice Yeo.

Those who carried the responsibility of this so successful function were Mrs. Maxey, general chairman; program committee, Mesdames Mills, Engle and Winter.

Decoration—Mesdames Fred Homes, McGee and Wright. Cakes—Mesdames Schwein and Roberts. Ice cream—Mesdames Everton and Marske. Music—Henry Enders.

Guest from Portland

Saturday evening Mr. Walter Gray of Portland and J. K. McWilliams were dinner guests at the F. G. McWilliams home.

Mr. Gray is a friend of the F. G. McWilliams family. He expects to visit the Marble Caves before returning to Portland.

Mr. Gray is connected with the Hartford Insurance company and he said Mr. Billings had been the representative of their company for forty years, July 16, of this year.

Sunday School Meeting

The group meeting planned by the Sunday schools under the auspices of the American Sunday School Union, of which Mr. Randall is the representative, was held at Bybee Bridge Sunday, July 15, an all day meeting.

These Sunday schools had invited all the other Sunday schools of the county to meet with them.

There were eleven schools represented. Program began at 10:30, with the Sunday school hour. Two addresses were then given: one by S. D. Taylor on "Adult and Teachers' Training Classes", and one by Mr. W. W. Robison on "The Need of the Hour."

The basket dinner was most thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. The Rev. Amos led the song service of the afternoon and the Rev. Isaac of Baltimore, a guest at Dr. Webster's, conducted the devotionals.

A number of short talks were given on pertinent topics, by Dr. Webster, Mr. Reid, Mr. King and

the minister at Central Point.

The last address was given by Rev. Mr. Koehler of the Presbyterian church at Ashland on "The Authority of the Word." Special music had been provided, a number of solos and choruses.

Those present from Ashland were: Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Taylor, Evelyn Taylor, Mr. Robison and daughter Edith, Mr. Reid and Rev. F. C. Koehler.

It was a most successful convention and a large attendance there, being at least 150 present.

Fine Swimming Party

The Wide Awake class of boys of the Presbyterian Sunday school

of which Miss Edith Robison is the teacher, had a fine swimming party at Jackson's Springs Friday afternoon. These boys have wonderfully good times together.

Returns from Seaside

Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Angell who are at Seaside, will return to Ashland Wednesday the 18 of July.

Dr. Harry Coleman of Medford is with them and has been a member of their party since they left Ashland July 4th.

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