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SETTING THE OREGONIAN ARIGHT.

The Oregonian's excuses and apologies for the growing sentiment in favor of prohibition in Oregon makes a large majority of its readers decidedly weary. What is the matter with Scott? He can usually quickly see, read and interpret the handwriting on the wall, and the Leader can but believe that he sees it today and is conscious of its interpretation in Oregon as relates to the prohibition movement, which not only promises to become state wide, but national in its scope. He, however, is not in accord with this great tidal wave of public sentiment which is sweeping over the country and would therefore put forth an effort to arrest its mighty progress by resorting to subterfuge, misrepresentation and deception. He says:

"We take it that Oregon as a whole does not want prohibition. But a majority of the men who voted on the wet and dry issue June 1 declared against the saloon. The people of Oregon, then, are not hostile to liquor, but to the saloon method of selling it. They would not vote for prohibition did they think they would put liquor completely under the ban, or that they would be barred from getting liquor in a neighboring county, or in Portland, or in the express office. They don't want saloons near their homes or their workmen. But they do want it where they can get it themselves. Such is the truth about the prohibition election in this state. For this reason, state prohibition would not carry."

We do not think the above is any thing like a correct analysis of the attitude and sentiment of the Oregon voters. Even the majority of drinking men who voted in favor of local option, voted as much against the vile stuff, which they realized was getting the better of them, as they voted against the saloon. Just as well argue the great corporations and manufacturing institutions are simply adopting rigid restrictions against the saloon but, not the liquor, which renders their employees untrustworthy. It is simply the "booze" they are fighting and that is what Oregon voters are fighting. The voters are discovering the fact that they can get along without the indulgence in the periodical spree, the morning "eye opener" and the occasional "bracer." They are discovering that it's all a pernicious habit, and that aqua pura, coca cola, Hire's root beer, an ice cold lemonade or a milk shake serves equally as well. Oregon is abreast if not a little in advance of the times and will fall in line with the other states in the overthrow of the chief antagonist of morality and industry—the saloon and its mis-called commercial commodity.

Word comes from Eugene that Charlie Case, convicted and sentenced to serve time in the county jail for illegally dispensing booze in this city, is having a delightful summer vacation. It is said that

he not only enjoys the liberty of the corridor, but the liberty of the city as well; eats three square meals a day and only sleeps at the jail at night. He says he is still not exactly satisfied with the treatment received at the hands of Sheriff Fisk and will therefore "fire" him July 1st and put Harry Bown in his place. He says he has selected comfortable quarters in the county jail for his friends who are still persisting in violating the law by conducting "blind pigs" in Cottage Grove, and he can rest assured that he will be accommodated with their company just as soon as evidence can be secured to convict them, if any there be. The citizens of Cottage Grove do not propose to put up with the violation of this law any more than the violation of any other law and the sooner the "blind piggers" are made acquainted with this fact the better for all concerned. But why should Case be allowed so much liberty? If he has expiated his offence why not release him and save the county further expense? The Leader dislikes "farces" in real life, they are only to be tolerated on the vaudeville stage.

William H. Taft has been nominated president of these United States at the hands of representatives of the republican party assembled in convention in the city of Chicago. Mr. Taft is a big, brainy fellow, honest in purpose, safe and conservative, with no doubt a better knowledge of international conditions and affairs, than any man in this country today. He has visited almost every country on the globe in recent years and discussed international politics with their rulers. He has studied the Phillipine question from every view point and from short and long range. He has all along been in hearty accord with the Roosevelt administration and is a man after the president's own heart. That if elected he would carry out the Roosevelt policies goes without saying, and that the strenuous Teddy would remain his chief counselor and advisor is saying nothing against the man, nor to the discredit of his administrative ability. Taking it altogether there is no doubt but what the destinies of the United States of America would be safe in the hands of "Bill" Taft.

Prohibition moves are not all of a political nature as is evidenced by a recent order of the Frick Coke company, of Pittsburg, Pa., in which it prohibits the use of intoxicants by any of its employees either while on or off duty, with the understanding that the one who disregards the order will be discharged from the employ of the company. The company have traced the cause of many of the accidents in their mines direct to the over indulgence in intoxicants by their employees, and takes this move as a matter of economy for itself and safety for the men who are employed by it.

There promises to be some interesting developments in the Bohemia mining district next month when the successors of the Oregon Securities Mining Co. get down to business with an expert mining man in charge of their fine property. Mr. Hard and many other mine owners are quietly proceeding with their mining operations this season but are not doing much taking about it. They will all be heard from later when the desired results are obtained.

One of the best things we have had the pleasure of reading in a long time was the speech of John Veatch delivered at the Yamhill County Native Sons reunion recently, and which was published in full by the Telephone-Register of McMinnville. Mr. Veatch reviewed the struggles of the Oregon pioneers from the day they severed homelies in the old states and turned their faces westward. He reviewed Oregon's history from the days of the Hudson Bay fur traders up to the present time, and its struggle to gain government recognition, coming down to the great part the sturdy old settlers of Yamhill played in these historic affairs which resulted in the establishment of a territorial government in the almost mythical Oregon country and later the admission of Oregon into statehood. The speech was replete with pioneer historical reminiscences and was closed with a fine tribute to the pioneers, and the grand, rich and resourceful country of their adoption. Mr. Veatch is a son of Hon. K. M. Veatch of Cottage Grove and has taken up the study of law under one of the oldest and best law firms of Portland, and he certainly possesses the ability and qualifications necessary to insure success in his newly chosen profession.

We predict that the voters of the state of Oregon in a very few years will be better educated upon political issues both national and local than the voters in any other state in the union. The law making power rests upon his shoulders and he must rise to the emergency and show that he is competent to discharge the duties involved.

TAFT AND SHERMAN.

Following the nomination of W. H. Taft for president, Representative James S. Sherman of Utica, N. Y., was today nominated for vice president. The republican presidential ticket will therefore be, Taft and Sherman.

Oregon now has 21 out of 33 counties that are entirely dry. The dry elections have closed 270 saloons. No liquor can be served on S. P. Pullman cars after the trains enter Oregon from the south until Marion county is reached, and none can be secured on the O. R. & N. except through Wasco and Multnomah counties.

That business is picking up throughout the country is evidenced by the last report of the American Railway Association, which states that there was at the end of May 22,000 more freight cars in service than at the end of April.

There can be but one opinion of a merchant who allows a few enterprising dealers to draw trade to a town by liberal advertising in the home paper and then profits by it. He knows he is taking that to which he is not entitled.

After convicting or accusing all the prominent Oregon republicans of land frauds, U. S. Dist. Attorney McCourt has started in on the democrats, heading the list with Hon. J. H. Raley of Pendleton.

Editor Shutt of the Drain Non-pariel says: "Even a coffee mill makes sweet music to the fellow who lies in bed while his wife gets breakfast." Mrs. Shutt must be a most indulgent wife.

The latest social reformer says that six hours work a day is enough to keep the world going. He should go out on some farm in harvest time.

At the same temperature that kills people in eastern cities, it is just nice good old summer weather in Oregon.

"Peace on earth; good will to men," is a good national policy, but it takes a big navy to back it up.

A falsehood, like a white oak stump, stands a long time after its death.

BOSWELL SPRINGS

HOTEL DESTROYED

Boswell Springs hotel, bottling works and club house at the famous mineral springs resort, two miles south of Drain, was burned to the ground Saturday night, the building and contents being totally destroyed and a complete loss, there being no insurance. The fire is said to have originated from the overturning of a lamp during the course of some festivities somewhat on the sensational order, if reports are true, and besides the hotel force, a lady guest was in the building at the time, and so quick did the fire spread that this lady guest only escaped in her night garments, losing all of her personal effects.

The hotel was a large structure, handsomely furnished, two pianos, costly paintings and much valuable bric-a-brac all being lost, besides a snug sum of money. Many of the paintings were the masterpieces of Mrs. Boswell and were exhibited at the Lewis and Clark exposition, where they attracted wide-spread attention.

The loss will probably reach \$10,000. The resort was recently reopened for the season by Mrs. Boswell, the captain having died some time ago. Mrs. Boswell was recently offered \$25,000 for the resort, but declined the figure, placing the value much higher.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED IN A FEW LIQUOR CASES

In the circuit court at Eugene Tuesday the grand jury brought indictments against J. Jacobs and his son Anthony Jacobs, aged 16 years and F. Baker, for selling liquor. Baker pleaded guilty and will be sentenced Saturday.

Tuesday the grand jury returned a true bill against Emil Cook, of Junction for selling liquors. Cook was arrested, arraigned, pleaded guilty and was fined \$200, which he paid. It is said that other indictments are to follow.

David Parmenter, held on a bigamy charge, changed his plea to guilty and Saturday at 10 a. m. was the time set for sentence.

G. M. Whitson, forgery, pleaded not guilty and the date of his trial will be set later. Case dismissed.

Andrew Graham vs Ernest Purvaunce. To recover money. Jury brought in a verdict for defendant, Purvaunce.

The First National bank of Cottage Grove, Oregon, vs J. W. Walker and R. S. Walker, to set aside deed. Demurrer withdrawn; leave to file answer Monday.

U. OF O. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

University of Oregon commencement exercises begin Sunday June 21st with the haecalaureate sermon. There are 58 graduates this year.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS.

Sunday June 21.—Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, '87, Villard hall, 11 a. m.

Monday, June 22.—Field day, 2 p. m.; graduating exercises, school of music, Villard hall, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, June 23.—Alumni reunion and business meeting, Villard hall, 9 a. m.; alumni banquet, campus, 1 p. m.; flower and fern procession, campus, 7:30 p. m.; Failing-Beeckman prize oratorical contest, Villard hall, 8 p. m.

Wednesday, June 24.—Commencement day. University dinner to visitors, campus, 12 m.; Commencement exercises, address before the class and presentation of diplomas, Villard hall, 2 p. m.; followed by the unveiling of President Johnson's portrait; alumni ball, armory, 8 p. m.

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