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OBSERVER IS BOWLED OVER

FORMER DALLAS PASTOR DENOUNCES EDITOR'S LOGIC.

THE STATEMENT OF MR. GERLINGER, "I DO NOT KNOW," DOES NOT ANSWER POSITIVE STATEMENT OF ENTERPRISE.

To the Editor of the Independence Enterprise—The Polk County Observer for Oct. 18 contains a most interesting leading article under the caption, "Not Coming to Dallas." The careful reader finds it hard to follow the logic by which the statement from Mr. Gerlinger is made to support the editor's tirade against the assertions of the Independence Enterprise. There are a few things dangerous even for an editor to handle, and one of these is ignorance. The Observer has burned its fingers.

The Enterprise makes a positive statement: "Men are coming from wet cities to work in the Dallas mills." That sounds bad for the "wets" and must be disproved. Presto: Mr. Gerlinger: "I do not know of any men coming." It is quite possible that the zeal of the Observer could get a similar confession of ignorance from President Taft or even our "Omniscient Teddy," and it would have just as much weight. "I do not know" never disproves anything, and of course proves nothing. When Mr. Gerlinger is able to say that he knows that no men have come to Dallas for the reason assigned by the Enterprise, his testimony will discount the assertions of that paper; but until that time his confession of ignorance is rather lame logic. A "fact campaign" conducted by an exponent of ignorance is just a bit ludicrous. There are possibly a few other things Mr. Gerlinger does not know, and it might be interesting to the general public to have them published.

What he does know, when rightly interpreted, means more for the cause of temperance than the Observer suspects. "I do know of several instances where families have refused to move into Black Rock on account of the boot-logging and blind pigs." Now, there are two ways of getting liquor in any community, the legal way and the illegal way. Does the family thinking of moving into a community think so much of the way the drink gets there as it does of its being there? Certainly not. It's there; the man can get it, spend his money for it, impoverish his family by it. Simply because it is there, the family refuses to go there. Mr. Gerlinger's knowledge is of great value here, for it plainly proves that if you want the family to come you must keep the drink out.

The rest of the statement is purely matter of opinion. If this "fact campaign" will only give the general public more facts of this nature so well attested, we shall be ready to confess our debt of gratitude.

My residence in Dallas, as a citizen interested in its welfare and slightly at least conversant with its life, leads me to express no surprise at the stand the Observer has taken; but my acquaintance with the editor of that paper fills me with grief at this loss of his usual logical sagacity. I know Mr. Gerlinger too well to believe that he will claim omniscience; and when the Observer can get him to say that high license will add more to the morals of the men under his employ than a strictly enforced prohibition, I shall believe that he is rightly and fairly used by the opponents of temperance. His knowledge is of too high an order for him to be misled by a lame use of his ignorance. Respectfully yours,

(REV.) N. S. REEVES
Argyle, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1910.

A plea for Majority Rule
E. E. Fisher, ex-mayor of Beaverton;
T. E. Hills, ex-state commander

Oregonian Editorials in Sober Moments

"The Maine and Kansas savings banks hold deposits far out of proportion to their relative populations and far in excess of what can be shown in similar territory where the sale of liquor is permitted by law."

"Offenses against the law are enough fewer in prohibition territory to cause an appreciable saving in the public expenses and therefore diminish taxes."

"The economic argument is therefore against the saloons."

Be Consistent

We prohibit stealing, murder and even the selling of impure milk. Why not be consistent and prohibit the making and selling of liquor which is the greatest cause of crime and one of the worst of poisons. If the lodges exclude the saloon keeper, why should not the people prohibit his business?

G. A. R.; Hon. J. R. C. Thompson of Tualatin, Theo. Pointner, George Stitt and 500 other legal voters and residents of the portion of Washington county proposed to be annexed to Multnomah have signed a remonstrance and ask that the boundary lines be not changed. Less than 300 voters within the strip signed the petition and the remainder of the county is practically a unit against it. Let the majority rule. All county divisions should be decided by the wishes of the people affected. By no voting at all you give half a vote for the measure. Multnomah, all powerful, does not need one-fourth of Washington county to further increase her power in the state. The loss of the territory will practically ruin Washington, which is already small in area. We ask you to vote 339 X No.—W. D. Wood, Chairman Anti-Annexation Committee, Hillsboro, Oregon (Paid advertisement)

A Hallowe'en Party

On Hallowe'en eve Leona Sperling entertained her friends with a pleasant little party. She was assisted by her sister, Rowena, and Miss Mable Porterfield.

The rooms in which the party were assembled were illuminated by Jack-o'-lanterns and decorated with autumn leaves and chrysanthemums. After enjoying a few games each one was asked to retire to a dimly lighted room and receive their fortunes from a witch sitting under a bower of leaves and ferns crouching over her customary fire.

The drawing contest afforded much amusement, Velna Bush winning first prize and Willard Reeves receiving the consolation. After refreshments were served, different members of the party added to the enjoyment of the evening with a few vocal and instrumental selections.

Those present were: Edith O'Kelly, Marie Jones, Marie Byers, Bertha Collins, Velna Bush, Florence Gebb, Gladys Byers, Bessie Hartman, Edith Holverson, Ruth Sperling, Ella Chase, Queen Dickinson, Mable Porterfield, Rowena and Leona Sperling, Ray Adams, Ernest Williams, Earl Ruef, Jake Redicuff, Willard Reeves, Dean Baughman, Marion Butler, Ralph Morrison, Faye Dunsmore, Ira Mix, Arthur Sperling, Victor Seeley, Dolly Dalton, Raymond Williams.

VICTIM KILLED THEN ROBBED

With \$5000 in his pockets with the view of paying a debt, J. E. Roberts, a Salem real estate man, was murdered on Wednesday afternoon by a robber, near the state reform school. A local man who knows something about Mr. Roberts' affairs, is suspicious of the crime. A new revolver found near where the murder was committed may furnish a clue to the apprehension of the murderer. Mr. Roberts was the father of the Roberts Brothers who conduct the feed yard in Independence.

MAKES RAPID HEADWAY

Add This Fact to Your Store of Knowledge.

Kidney disease advances so rapidly that many a person is firmly in its grasp before aware of its progress. Prompt attention should be given the slightest symptom of kidney disorder. If there is a dull pain in the back, headaches, dizzy spells or a tired, worn-out feeling, or if the urine is dark, foul-smelling, irregular and attended with pain, procure a good kidney remedy at once.

Your townspeople recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Read the statement of this Independence citizen.

J. A. Simmons, Log Cabin St., Independence, Ore., says: "I do not believe I would be alive today were it not for Doan's Kidney Pills. I suffered for a long time from kidney trouble and lumbago. The kidney secretions were too frequent and painful in passage and caused me much annoyance. I tried a number of remedies, but was not helped until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They benefited me from the first and I am now free from kidney complaint."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

SUPREME COURT IS UNFAVORABLE

DECISIONS OF SUPREME COURT DENOUNCE THE TRAFFIC.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT WITHIN A YEAR THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT WILL DECIDE AGAINST LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

It is not generally known that there is today an appealed case before the U. S. Supreme Court relative to the constitutionality of the liquor traffic. Because of the decisions that the U. S. Supreme Court has already given indirectly, it is believed by the able judicial minds that that court will decide against the liquor interests.

The following are a few of many similar declarations of our National Supreme Court respecting the liquor traffic:

"The statistics of every state show a greater amount of crime and misery attributable to the use of ardent spirits obtained at these liquor saloons than to any other source."

"It is undoubtedly true that it is the right of every citizen of the United States to pursue any lawful trade or business, under such restrictions as are imposed upon all persons of the same age, sex and condition. * * * There is no inherent right in a citizen thus to sell intoxicating liquors by retail. It is not a privilege of a citizen of the state or of a citizen of the United States."—Crowley vs. Christensen, 137 U. S. 86.

If, as our National Supreme Court here affirms, every citizen has a right to engage in "any lawful trade or business," but does not have the right to engage in the liquor traffic, then that traffic must be unlawful. And if that traffic is not lawful because of its inherent character and harmful influence, then it is by common law mala in se and cannot be made lawful.

"We cannot shut out of view the fact within the knowledge of all that the public health, the public morals and the public safety may be endangered by the general use of intoxicating drinks."—State of Kansas vs. Ziebold and Habelin, 123 U. S. Rep., 623-662.

"If a loss of revenue should accrue to the United States (because of prohibition) from a diminished consumption of ardent spirits, she will be a gainer a thousand fold in the health, wealth and happiness of the people."—License Cases, 5 Howard (46 U. S.) 573-632.

In these decisions of our National Supreme Court the liquor traffic is solemnly declared to be, harmful to material prosperity; Perilous to life; Destructive of human character; Disastrous to peace and happiness; Fatal to morals and religion; and Productive of crime and misery.

It would be difficult to express in human language a more severe characterization of the liquor traffic as a commercial monstrosity. And having thus branded that traffic as the voracious foe to "the health, wealth and happiness of the people," and having once and again declared that no legislature can "bargain away the public morals or the public health or the public peace," that court cannot fail to deny the right and power of civil government to give that traffic any legal standing.

Having in Crowley vs. Christensen said, "as to the enjoyment of property, the rule is general, that it must be accompanied with such limitations as will not impair the equal enjoyment of others of their property," and having in Beer Co. vs. Mass. said, "all property in this country is held under the implied obligation that the owner's use of it shall not be injurious to the community," that court cannot fail to declare unlawful a traffic so injurious to our material interests as to justify it in saying that if it were destroyed the nation would be "a gainer a thousand fold" in wealth as well as "in the health and happiness of the people."

In Stone vs. Miss, (a lottery case) that Court made the familiar declaration, "No Legislature can bargain away the public health or the public morals." Subsequently, in Beer Co. vs. Mass. (a liquor case) it quoted those words as equally applicable to the liquor traffic. The only logical sequence is the same decision against the liquor traffic as the one they rendered against lotteries.

If our U. S. Courts, which look at the liquor traffic from a full and comprehensive view, condemn it and their decisions favor prohibition, why should not every loyal American citizen condemn the liquor traffic and vote to prohibit it. The voters in Polk county can do no better than to prohibit the saloon by voting 329 X NO, 312 X YES, 341 X YES and 100 X YES.

U. S. Supreme Court Decisions

"There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell intoxicating liquors by retail."

"If a loss of revenue should accrue to the United States (because of prohibition) from a diminished consumption of ardent spirits she will be a gainer a thousand fold in the health, wealth and happiness of the people."

"No legislature can bargain away the public health of public morals." Beer Co. vs. Mass.

ELECT FOUR SUPREME JUDGES

For the first time in the history of the state there are four judges of the Supreme Court to elect at the general election, two for four years and two for six years. The Republican candidates with their names on the ballot are as follows:

For the four year terms,
27 Henry J. Bean of Umatilla county.

29 Thomas A. McBride of Clackamas county.

For the six year terms,
33 George H. Burnett of Marion county.

36 Frank A. Moore of Columbia county.

Vote for all of them.

CHAS. E. HICKS
(Paid advertisement)

Will Promote Beauty

Women desiring beauty get wonderful help from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It banishes pimples, skin eruptions, it banishes sores, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Best for burns, scalds, fever sores, cuts, bruises and piles. 25c at all druggists.

Taken to Feeble Minded School

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McElmurry returned Sunday from Salem where they went for the purpose of having their daughter, Verdie, placed in the school for the feeble minded, at that place. The work of that institution has done so much for the patients upon which they have practiced that there is every hope that Miss McElmurry will be developed into a useful young lady. This school is a new venture in the state of Oregon, the money for the buildings and school having been appropriated at the last session of the legislature.

Mr. McElmurry told of several cases which were brought to his attention while visiting the new school, of feeble minded boys and girls who are being reclaimed to usefulness to a large extent.

BICE ANSWERS CAMPAIGN LIES

Independence, Ore., Nov. 3, 1910. I understand that it has been circulated through the county that I have been telling the dry people that I am with them, and on the other hand, have been drinking and telling the wets I am with them. These charges are absolutely false.

I have made a square and honest fight and have all through the campaign stood for a dry state and county. If elected I will enforce all liquor laws just as rigidly as any other laws on the statute book.

W. L. BICE

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of Christ Notes

Everyone will please remember that there will be services next Lordsday. Don't forget, and stay at home, or go somewhere else.

The morning subject will be "Sharing One Another's Burdens," and the evening, "We Reap What We Sow." All friends are invited. Expect to have special music. H. Campbell Clark, Minister.

At Methodist Church

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 and song service at 7 p. m. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be held in the church a union temperance mass meeting. A number of citizens will take part. All are welcome.

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Regular services at Calvary Presbyterian church next Sunday, with Sunday school at 10 o'clock, morning worship with sermon at 11, and evening sermon at 7:30. The pastor will preach at both services. Special music by the Calvary choir. A cordial invitation to all to worship with us.

Baptist Church

Preaching next Sabbath, morning and evening. Bible school at 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 p. m.

WILLIS HAWLEY MAKES FRIENDS

HE TELLS OF THE GOOD WORK OF REPUBLICAN PARTY.

SECURING THE FREE LOCKS OF WILLAMETTE AND IMPORTANT RAILWAY LEGISLATION ARE DUE TO MR. HAWLEY.

Last Friday night at the opera house Hon. W. C. Hawley discussed the issues before the people this fall. He related some of the many good things that the republican party has done for our country and what he personally has had a part in accomplishing for Oregon.

A very marked feature of his address was the courtesy extended to all his opponents and the modesty with which he presented his own case.

Mr. Hawley will receive many votes from Polk county.

Tag Day Great Success

Saturday was tag day for Independence and everybody got tagged. The town was tagged to the amount of more than a hundred dollars, all to the good of the Independence Public Library. The women who had the tagging arrangements in charge worked faithfully and were duly rewarded for their pains. The people contributed liberally and little realized that they were giving so handsomely.

REASON FAVORS MONMOUTH

There are a number of measures coming before the people for their consideration next week. Among these the question of the policy of the Normal School is deserving of especial attention. The purpose, plan, scope and function of the Normal school is to prepare, train and educate teachers for their work in the public schools of our state. All admit that the better these teachers are trained, the better success they will meet with in their work. This means the more benefit in instruction your children and mine will receive.

The cost of this is but four cents on a valuation of \$1000.00, and is specific in the law. The Normal School must be located at some place; there is a valuable property at Monmouth, and it would be the sheerest folly to abandon this valuable plant which could not be duplicated without a very large outlay of money in any of the cities. The location is in a beautiful stretch of rolling country, having daily communications with the capitol by boat and by rail, as well as direct communication with the metropolis.

In short, the interests of the children of the state, the interests of the public schools, the interests of the general intelligence and a conservative policy to the taxpayer, warrants all of us in voting YES on No. 318, which is the State Normal School at Monmouth.

The "Shadow Social" given by the Fraternal Union of America was postponed, and will be given next Wednesday evening, November 9. All are invited to come.

Come to the "Shadow Social" at K. of P. hall next Wednesday night, November 9. Bring a basket with a lunch.

Orchardists Attention—Now is the time to spray for Anthracnose, a Dead Spot, also Woolly Aphis. Call and get full information as to what to spray with. Use our Pea Crystal blue stone and Roche Harbor Lime.—Williams Drug Co. 20tf

For pains in the side or chest dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. There is nothing better. For sale by all good dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tripp returned Saturday from their wedding journey.

For a Greater Oregon

All who favor a Greater Oregon should vote:
Against "Home Rule"—
329 X NO
For the Prohibition Amendment—
342 X YES
For the Prohibitory Law—
344 X YES
For a Dry County—
100 X YES