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**The Justification of Prohibition**

It is a year now since prohibition went into effect. Has its working so far justified itself? The chief test of any measure is its effect on law and order and the morals of the community. Judged by this, prohibition has been amply vindicated. It has emptied jails, poor houses, kept families from want and disruption, reduced crime and criminals to a marked degree. And this in spite of the fact that it was inefficiently enforced. The present wave of crime has no relation to prohibition, as its opponents would like to make out. The present unrest is an aftermath of the war and cannot be helped, and will continue until there is a readjustment in business, and work for all available on a normal basis. It would be much worse if prohibition were not in effect, and with open saloons running full blast. While it will take some time longer to stop moonshining, and the importation of contraband liquor, yet the benefits of prohibition will become more and more evident, mostly in the rising generations who will grow up without seeing or encountering the temptation of the saloon.

Governor Oicott wants the Japanese to receive the gentlemanly bounce, but in such way as will leave no hard feelings. This is the question which our best diplomats at Washington, are trying to solve and burning midnight oil in the attempt. It is not likely then that our state solons will more adept. Better leave it to Washington.

Poverty has its advantages, as it will never be bothered by the black handers, nor require special police protection as a body guard.

The state legislature has started out well in getting down to business. May it keep it up.

**The Estacada Situation**

Our relations with Estacada, at the present time, offer high contrast to our relations with the high school of the university city farther south. It is beyond our power of comprehension to imagine more ideal connections than those that exist between our school and Estacada. Estacada seems to have a superabundance of two important assets—sportsmanship and fight.

No matter what the contest is to be—athletic or debate—if it is with Estacada, Salem may be sure of a square deal. A good example of this was exhibited just before our last contest with Estacada when Mr. Burns, their principal, called Mr. Nelson over long distance telephone and said he would send his "list of eligibles" immediately, and apologized for not sending it before. With some schools we are lucky if we get any list at all. The attitude of the Estacada teams, both during and after the games, is highly commendable.

In the realm of fight and determination, Estacada has no peer. Nearly every year Estacada meets Salem in some kind of a contest, and in nearly every contest Salem is victorious, but does that dampen the spirit and fight of the Estacada men? It does not! No matter how much they are beaten—which by the way, is not very much—they always come at us with a fight and determination that can't help but be admired.

The NEWS prints with pleasure this laudatory editorial from the Salem High School paper "The Clarion." Next to being victor is a good loser, and it is more creditable, sometimes, to be the latter than the former.

Henry Ford, when he began his anti-Jewish propaganda, did not know it was loaded. The experience will be a useful lesson to him, and one for which he can well afford to pay. According to the Rev. G. F. Aked, who was one of his colleagues on the "Peace Ship" expedition, "to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas," the reason is, he was fooled into it by a Jewess and is now seeking revenge for the humiliation he then received.

Governor Oicott's message to the state legislature, is a very business like document, and shows that he has a comprehensive grasp of the problems confronting the state, and has given careful consideration to the same. He deserves abundant praise for his work.

California's senators are very much opposed to any decrease in the army and navy. Very natural under the circumstances.

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