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SLANDERING THE DEAD

The prohibition brings out much abuse of persons who have passed out of this life as far back as Noah. Just how this can advantage alcoholic advocates is not plain. If Nero set fires to see Rome burn, that is no excuse for the man of today to get drunk and turn incendiary. If Napoleon remained too long at a festive party and arrived too late to save the day at Waterloo, that circumstance affords no reason why any of us of the present should fill up on booze and neglect a wife and children at home. Or if Roger Williams, George Washington or a large number of other noted persons referred to by those in favor of a return to wines and beer brewed beer, distilled whiskey and drank it in days past and gone, what has that to do with the present situation and why attempt to cast odium upon their names? If all these charges were true, it does not alter the moral question that it was wrong and that experience has taught us the truth about the practice. Furthermore, in those days, there were no laws to be broken as we have now. All the persons named left no evidence that they were taught but respectable and

law-abiding citizens of their time and deserving of better than to be held up to the people of this country as personages who favored the demoralizing use of harmful beverages. Times and manners are changing and we are all hoping for better things, for better morals, better ways of living, and of progressing as intelligent beings, and to do this we must correct and put behind us evils that we know are opposed to the full enjoyment of all those characteristics. And for any man or set of men to hold up other men whom history has taught us were great and respectable and subject them to scorn to further their desire to fasten again upon the race what was ever a curse, shows to what lengths they will go and how low the same curse has already brought them. These advocates having lost all respect for themselves, would for the sake of the money there is in the traffic, bring back again all the misery, the woe, the devastated homes, the sodden and drunken beasts, in the form of men, the helpless and innocent women and children in rags, and tatters and empty stomachs, that we have put behind us as a disgrace and shame to the name of humanity. The majority of people of the United States have spoken against these things, and they must be on their guard against the insidious propaganda such as that mentioned above, the misleading straw votes and all the other means fostered by the metropolitan newspapers which might be in better business. The laws are there, and that they remain is impossible, unthinkable to believe that they will ever be changed except to strengthen and make them more possible of enforcement.

VERACITY--THOU ART A JEWEL

The Oregonian on the last day of March in a leading article accuses Governor Pierce of being the commander in chief of the forces en-

gaged in breaking down the law enforcement agencies of the state. We hold no brief for Governor Pierce, yet we do not profess to have so convenient a lapse of memory as the estate editor of Oregon's one leading newspaper seems to be capable of summoning at will.

Within the memory of those less facile, Governor Pierce instructed State Probation officer Cleaver to enforce the liquor law against the rich and poor alike.

Conforming to the statutes pertaining to the enforcement of a search warrant, officer Cleaver was given a search warrant by a learned member of the bench. Armed with this search warrant officer Cleaver appeared an uninvited guest at one of Portland's wealthy, so-called prominent, elite, social, liquor loving, constitution and law violating residents. Liquor was found and taken as evidence. Drained glasses with the dregs in the bottom were standing mutely, testifying to the fact that a common law violating booze party was in progress, when the state officers entered. The learned jurist who issued the search warrant upon the affidavit of officer Cleaver subsequently discovered hidden in the recesses of musty, dust-covered jurisprudence, a legal fiction and dismissed the action. It appeared that notwithstanding officer Cleaver's affidavit, and the subsequent finding of liquor upon the premises mentioned therein, he did not have sufficient knowledge upon which to base such affidavit. He had merely been told that liquor would be served at the party. That it was found there, made no difference. It was ordered returned to its lawful owner. A wealthy man's castle is his home. A poor man's home is his castle.

We have searched the files of the Oregonian for evidence of its support of Governor Pierce's law enforcing agencies and find nothing but carping criticism of every enforcement. It was the Oregonian that assisted in the repeal of the State Income Tax law and then gloated over the deficiency which it assisted in creating. Truly the Oregonian has forgotten Abe Lincoln's homely adage, "You may fool some of the people all the time, all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." Nothing could have increased Governor Pierce's standing in the state so surely as this faux pas of the Oregonian, in accusing him of assisting in breaking down the law enforcing agencies of the state.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

The old-time jingle, "April showers bring May flowers," got a thirty day set-back this season, as the flowers got here first.

March came in this year like a lamb, and in the language of the nursery rhyme, went out with his little tag-tail behind him.

The man who brags about the pies and cakes his mother used to make also fails to state whether anyone could eat them or not.

Some of the wearers of short skirts make a disclosure of short skirts are not aware of. Back in New York they used to say a man built that way could not stop a pig.

The bootlegger's days are not all on beds of roses. Down at Kansas City, upon conviction, they are put at the pastime of converting large stones into smaller ones.

A Berlin man just having completed a forty day fast has received five hundred offers of marriage. Probably thinking there would be few dishes to wash.

A New York life insurance company is planning a campaign against the high cost of funeral by undertakers. Some one has yet to offer to start one against the high prices charged by bootleggers.

The beer parlor proprietors of Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, have decided that in the future no women will be served with beer in their places. As the women up there are granted equal civil rights, we fail to see why they should not be equally allowed to cause themselves, if they so desire.

Louis Phillips, Duke of Orleans, whose only claim to distinction was that he was a great grandson to the last king of France and a pretender to the throne, is dead at his villa, Palermo, Sicily. But France has been getting on quite well for some time without a throne.

You may think what you have a mind to about it, but at Sofia, the capital of far-off Bulgaria, the citizens meet in mass meeting in the public theater on January 14 of each year to celebrate the anniversary of American prohibition. Bad country that, for th straw vote.

One redeeming feature has been discovered in the Bolshevik government of Russia. It has decided to do away with monasticism, and that all monks must hereafter go to work and own their own living instead of grafting it off the people.

Secretary of Washington Forest Fire Association says petting parties start forest fires. That is not all they start, either, but while we are on the subject will suggest cigarette smokers be careful where they throw their lighted stabs.

A man has discovered a process to take the ink out of old newspapers so that they may be converted into pulp and used over again. Now another process is needed to prevent perfectly good white paper being daubed with ink and sent out as newspapers.

"Drugstore whiskey" in days gone by was the cause of many monasteries. Now he may again seek a "tonic" which the brewers, never known to produce anything for the welfare of mankind, are placing on the shelves by permission of this great nation.

An Ohio man, 86, is suing his wife, 82, for a divorce after 62 years of married life. He says she left him after twenty-two years together and now resides in Douglas county, Oregon. Forty years is a long time in which to make up one's mind.

The wires bring from England the story of a young woman who went into a trance while listening in on a radio and has remained so for six months. Have you a radio in your home? If so, no doubt you can account for this girl's strange plight after you have listened to the jazz music and the amateur singers.

Secretary Hoover thinks time is wasted in passing laws to curb reckless drivers unless there be drastic enforcement of such laws. That is very true of any law and while they are so anxious about the automobile which is accountable for far less deaths than booze, why not advocate and uphold strict enforcement in the latter case?

The newly elected lady mayor of Seattle is receiving much attention from all parts of the United States and her administration of a large city will be watched with much interest. Mrs. Landes is not a "new" woman, is not in office to vindicate any person, but only with the desire to demonstrate that civic decency may be brought about when freed from politics and its entanglements.

The labor department bureau of labor statistics says there are 20 million persons in this country too poor to resort to law to obtain justice. This has long been a well-known fact, and backed by Chief Justice Taft congress is to be asked to remedy the matter. Court costs and high fees of lawyers have retarded in keeping all but the financially able from just rights. All wrong and needing attention.

Doctor Mansbridge, professor of sociology at Oxford University, says when America catches up with an idea of adult education, it will result in the greatest civilization the world has ever known. We guess that's right, too. The majority of us are ruined through school as children and crammed with unrelated facts before the age of reasoning. Then when we go out from school our real education must begin and with no other teacher than experience and our own effort to guide and instruct.

The fact that a jury is instructed by the judge that because a criminal does not take the witness stand in his own defense must not be held against him, seems a slam at human intelligence. Naturally one would suppose another charged with the offense would be the best witness and a true way to arrive at the truth. But our court procedure bars the supposition and the juror must sit like a bump on a log and let the accused and his lawyer try to defeat justice.

A California lady of "rich southern blood" at Sacramento drove her high powered car on the railroad tracks, disputing the right of way with the locomotive, and being arrested said she thought it little short of persecution. Sure, and her doctor husband who put up \$2000 cash bail to get her out of jail ought to be proud of such a wife. Anyway, she was drunk and, as he remarked, "that accounted for the whole business."

The new "tonic" or "beer" or whatever it turns out to be, ought not to cause such a furor. Every drugstore has at present on its shelves so-called tonics containing large quantities or percentages of alcohol. That have for long years been "household remedies" in many families who thus camouflaged their ardent appetites for drink while fighting all the way down the line for temperance?—for the other fellow.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB FRAMES PROGRAM

The Democratic club of Oregon has completed its speakers' program for the annual Jefferson banquet and pre-primary rally at the Multnomah hotel, Tuesday evening, April 13. Carl C. Donagh is president of the club.

Dr. Norman K. Tully, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Salem, has been assigned the subject, "Thomas Jefferson." Bert E. Harney former commissioner, United States Shipping Board, will speak on "The American Merchant Marine." Ex-Congressman Elton Watkins, candidate for United States Senator, will discuss "National Issues and Problems."

Short talks will be made by Governor Walter M. Pierce, Judge Mary Jane Spurlin of Portland, and Ralph W. Swagier of Ontario.

The club will particularly feature the congressional and senatorial campaign. Messages will be read from the following National Democratic leaders: Clem Shaver, chairman national Democratic committee; Mrs. Emily Newall Blair, vice-chair-

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