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THE DIFFERENCE

Prohibition is blamed for every crime under the canopy, every misdemeanor in the decalogue as well as for all the sins of mission enumerated and not enumerated in the lexicon of life.

A trifle over forty years ago, the writer lived in a midwestern city of some ten thousand inhabitants. A city of church going, law-abiding people. A city that boasted having a university, two daily newspapers, three railroads, one hundred saloons, two high schools and a Y.M.C.A. In addition, there was a boys' club limited to those between the ages of twelve and eighteen. The Y.M.C.A. occupied an entire floor over a grocery store. The boys' club occupied rooms directly over the Y.M.C.A. daily newspapers, based on personal observations of "ye editors" of the number of boys seen mounting the stairs toward the Y.M.C.A., devoted columns to lauding this institution. The boys' club was purely social. Gambling for pennies to dimes or even to ascertain who should pay for the next pair of beer, was one of the chief means of becoming sociable. Occasionally a pint flask of whiskey or brandy would be passed around. No saloon ever refused to fill the bucket for the club's mem-

bers. Today, should such a club be discovered the advocates of liquor interests would lay it to the baneful influence of prohibition. Liquor was as easy to procure, and was procured by many boys under the old system, as under prohibition. As many booze parties were held.

One of Portland's leading hotel grills was the scene of many disgustingly disgraceful orgies, especially New Year's eve, under the liquor era, when women stood on the tables and kicked the chandeliers. When a high school girl drinks liquor under prohibition, the old saloon element attempt to make capital out of it to aid them in restoring their nefarious traffic.

When a high school girl drank liquor under the old regime, the old saloon element were not telling it to the world, nor giving credit to the liquor interests for her disgrace; neither did they say it was due to prohibition. That is the difference.

THE TIN-CAN TOURIST

Country people are subjected each season to many indignities by what are termed and known as "tin-can tourists." These are those who, while able to own an automobile and traipse about the country, are not financially able or do not choose to make use of hotel accommodations, but build their camps by the roadside, or any convenient place, gypsy fashion, and then pull out in the morning, leaving their wreck behind them. In very many of these cases nothing better can be expected of them, as they are people of shiftless manners in their own homes, wherever they come from, and probably were never inclined to be cleanly or neat and tidy with regard to their surroundings and so when they are away from home they carry their bad manners with them. Let us pad them by as not worthy of further thought.

But there are many others not of this class but who are guilty of the same conditions for complaint.

With these the matter of leaving a dirty camp may be attributable to carelessness and a thoughtlessness for others. The free and easy life of the road for some reason causes these people to so conduct themselves away from home as they never would think of doing about their individual premises. Building a camp adjoining some private country property and then leaving the necessary refuse of that visit to clutter up the roadside for others to see and thus making a sort of garbage dump of a beautiful country side, exhibits very bad taste and would be tolerated in no other place only in such as are without the bounds of police regulation. The farmer does not have time to make a garbage collector of himself even were he so inclined, but unless he does to some extent during the season he will have all along the highway a collection of tin cans, old newspapers and a varied assortment of bric-a-brac that would put to shame an Indian encampment. These things naturally make the country residents "sore" and rightfully, as they feel that city folk look upon them as not worthy of consideration and take unwarranted license to do about as they please when passing through the country. In fact it is a species of lawlessness that many good people might correct themselves of.

Now, country people are a peaceable and respectable lot, easy to get along with if treated right, and are minded to treat others with the same consideration due them, especially strangers and tourists, and it is not saying too much that they expect the same treatment be accorded them. In this matter of musing up the countryside, in small acts of trespass, in the habit of helping themselves to whatever they see that their taste desires or what they think they can make use of, and in many ways which in plain English makes of their passing visits an occasion to be dreaded by country people, those guilty of the acts complained of should make mental note of when they start out on a trip and avoid them. It will create a better feeling all around, tend to make a friend of every country dweller, and without any question add much to the beauty of the scenery to those who heed and to all who follow after.

FOREST FIRE DEVASTATION

With the approach of the summer season the Pacific Northwest is again threatened with the loss of a large share of its natural production, the great timber areas, by forest fires. Indeed up to the present time the unusual early dry spring has caused these fires to appear and in both this state and Washington much damage has been done, and it should serve as a warning of what is possible later on as the season advances and the woods become more thoroughly dry. These fires once started are difficult of control, as owing to the dense undergrowth of the forests of this region and the resinous nature of the timber fire once started gets beyond control and usually continues the devastation until the drenching rains of fall and winter extinguish them. In this manner thousands of acres are burned over and the standing timber destroyed, leaving a blackened waste where before was one of nature's masterpieces. It is a ruin that cannot be repaired in the lifetime of any man, and therefore the more reason why the utmost care should be observed to prevent it.

There are many causes for the prevalence of these forest fires. Undoubtedly some are from natural causes, such as lightning, but there can be no question that the principal cause is human carelessness. The automobile has put so many people on wheels to move about and seek the woods and shady places for recreation, where fires are built at improvised camps, and then the moving on and failing to extinguish the sparks, may be said to be the greatest cause for these forest fires. Others with the smoke habit carelessly throw their burning stubs from the car where they smoulder for a time in the dry debris and eventually develop into a fiendish demon of fire destroying everything in its path. Much of this is pure carelessness, and some of it we are inclined to believe is simple cussedness by persons who have little regard for others or the damage they may entail. These are simply vandals and should be severely dealt with when caught.

The unspoiled forest is one of our greatest and most beautiful assets. There is nothing more beautiful or more inspiring in nature than the evergreen forests of the Pacific Northwest. We have them traversed by smooth roads thru which one may ride and enjoy the cooling shades, the balsamic incense, the verdant and entangled undergrowth, gaze with awe and admiration at their towering heights, and listen to the

winds sigh and sough thru their branches. To contribute to the destruction of this by carelessness or thoughtlessness in the matter of starting fires is not only sheer criminality and wanton vandalism, it is sacrilegious, and we should as soon think of putting a match to our own homes.

As the season returns when these fires are likely to occur the warning goes out to the public to help prevent it. The government takes a hand in it and provides a forest patrol and the use of outlooks, and more recently the airplane has been brought into requisition to help combat the destruction. And still they prevail and we have each year the same fires with the accompanying pall of smoke to hide the sun and all the natural attractions of the land we invite the tourist world to come and view. To the careless camper these conditions should appeal to his good sense and love of the beautiful and make him careful to the extent of a virtue. It is just as easy to extinguish a camp fire as it is to kindle one, and so much easier to stop it when it has assumed the proportions of a raging conflagration. One look at a wooded area thru which fire has swept leaving its charred and blackened remains of what was once a joy to behold, ought to jar the conscience of the most careless camper and cause him never to forget.—Sutherland Sun.

BERT E. HANEY

Bert E. Haney, Democratic candidate for the nomination of U. S. Senator is a man with a national reputation as one who has the courage of his convictions.

For the past three or more weeks he has been making a canvass of the state, making a serious argument on what he determines the paramount plank in his platform "The Merchant Marine." He has shown how the Pacific Northwest will be materially benefited by its creation. Mr. Haney is an honest, respected citizen, and a native son of the state he is asking to represent, is an able lawyer and stands well with the Bar association, with possibly one individual exception.

Any man can call another a traitor, but that does not prove that the accuser is any more loyal than the accused. We have known Mr. Haney for a number of years and it is the first time we know of anything being said against his integrity. If a man or woman has forgotten any of their history let them enter the political arena and they will hear something that was never heard before. Notwithstanding all that has been said we believe every Democrat in Oregon should support Mr. Haney for the Nomination of United States Senator.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

The man who insists on his personal right to spend his earnings for drink takes away the personal right of his wife and children to food and clothing and other necessities and pleasures due them.

Activities in the criminal world in Philadelphia and Chicago, and no doubt in all the large cities, indicate a close connection between politicians and criminals. There must be a time not very far distant when an aroused public sentiment will demand a vigorous change in this state of affairs. Self protection and safety will demand it.

A prosecuting attorney of Chicago was shot and killed by gangsters while out joyriding with a man whom he had just prosecuted for murder and had been cleared of the charge. Citizens are wondering why the intimate association.

The summer White House will be established on Rainbow Lake in the Adirondack mountains, New York, where the president and family will enjoy what seclusion is possible at one of the most beautiful estates in the Empire State.

J. Ham Lewis has again distinguished himself by an act of chivalry. In the Paris riots on Joan of Arc Day he rushed in and saved three American ladies from damage. Those flaming red whiskers must have terrified the French Monarchists.

In the case of a minor girl who left and refused to return home, the father sought in the courts to compel her to yield to his authority. But upon her showing that the parent was cruel to her and objected to her ambition to attend college, the court held that the father was no fit guardian, and thereupon ruled the girl be not compelled to return to the parental roof. This taking from the parent the right to direct and control his offspring is something

new, but in view of the evidence in this case perhaps it was justifiable.

A man charged with and convicted with the murder of his wife is allotted \$300 from her estate to allow him to appeal to the higher courts. The theory of our laws that a man is supposed to be innocent until he is proven guilty affords criminals a wide range of latitude.

Municipalities maintaining auto camps for the accommodation of tourists are finding their hospitality in many cases abused. There are those who find these camps not so comfortable and so much about them free that they come and spend most of the summer. As a means of escaping rent for a time and enjoying something for nothing, these camps afford also a chance for a lot of people to demonstrate bad manners.

For that "tired feeling" a gentleman who has tried it says a trip around the world every ten years is the thing. Maybe so, but in the

case of the busy country editor, if he gets a trip around his own county once a year, he has to cut his meals to two a day.

Some very interesting figures are given out by the census bureau at Washington. The most significant are those concerning the cost of maintaining prisons and penitentiaries in the 48 states of the union for the period 1919-1924, five years. This cost, the bureau shows, was 20 per cent less in 1924 than in 1919. In view of all the talk about prohibition and the increase of crime, it appears to have been of a wild nature when compared with the actual facts.

Wicked Chicago, don't let them all escape. A man who fell off the elevator platform onto the tracks where two cars passed over him, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

"The bets shaker for a girl in her teens is her mother's skirts." But with modern day fashions that raises another thought in the mind.



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A Dozen Reasons for Re-Electing U. S. Senator Stanfield

1 Oregon is in great need of rapid development and must seek federal aid, which the state can obtain only through such men in Congress as Senator Stanfield, with his commanding position in the senate as Chairman of the Public Lands Committee and high rank on the powerful Finance Committee.

2 By reason of his important Senate Committee positions, which a new man could not obtain in 10 or 12 years, Senator Stanfield has been an outstanding factor in obtaining Government appropriations for Oregon during the past five years amounting to \$32,695,978.

3 Senator Stanfield is leading the fight in the Senate to establish Oregon's right to use the revenues from her natural resources to develop the state and thereby reduce materially the taxes now burdening our people. His Grazing bill, now before the Senate for passage, is the entering wedge to restore this right.

4 For the former Senator Stanfield was successful in urging the enactment of the Emergency Tariff law of May 27, 1921. Thru the Norris bill he obtained \$6,895,000 for Oregon from the War Finance Corporation for the relief of agricultural banks and personally supervised this aid for the Treasury department.

5 McNary in obtaining \$9,631,000 for Oregon reclamation projects. During the past five years Senator Stanfield has aided Senator McNary in the hearing on the attempted sale of the Oriental Line to the Dollar interests, Senator Stanfield is assisting me in every way he can," wired Senator McNary on May 4.

6 Senator Stanfield, as member of the Senate Finance Committee was largely instrumental in procuring \$7,386,000 for the improvement of rivers and harbors in Oregon, and is in position to assist materially in securing a 35-ft. channel from Portland to the sea.

7 The lumbering business, Oregon's chief industry, has been relieved of an annoying handicap through the repeal of the Capital Refund bill, restoring the taxes lost to 15 Oregon counties and lowering thereby the taxes of every taxpayer in Oregon.

8 One of Senator Stanfield's leading achievements is his success in obtaining and laying before the Senate, a favorable report from his committee, on public lands of his \$5,000,000 O. & C. Tax Refund Bill, restoring the taxes lost to 18 Oregon counties and lowering thereby the taxes of every taxpayer in Oregon.

9 The Stanfield Home Loan bill will benefit thousands of city dwellers desirous of building and owning a home. It provides for government supervised loans on residence property in amounts of \$500 to \$10,000 at a rate of interest estimated not to exceed 6 per cent and payable in monthly installments over 5 to 15 years.

10 Senator Stanfield is a consistent supporter of the Coolidge administration and is standing with the president in the latter's enforcement of the prohibition law and reduction of federal taxes.

11 As a staunch friend of the Direct Primary law, Senator Stanfield has publicly stated his attitude in unmistakable language. He says, "Conventions called without authority of law will be open to the same objections as the old convention system."

12 Because he has proven himself during his entire term in the Senate to be a friend of labor, Senator Stanfield has been officially endorsed by representative labor organizations, including the Central Labor Council of Portland on May 10 and Sunset lodge No. 130 of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen on May 14. Also by the Bayonet Club, the political organization of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, for his steadfast support of legislation for veterans of all wars. Keep Oregon to the Front in the Senate by Re-electing Stanfield. It would take a New Man 10 or 12 years to Match his Committees. (Stanfield-for-Senator Campaign, E. D. Cusick, Mgr.)



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