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INTOXICATED DRIVERS

When is a man, or woman, driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, intoxicated so as to be amenable to the law governing such cases? Tell us the name, prominence or calling of the accused, and we'll tell you whether he was intoxicated or merely a reckless driver. What may have been the odor of liquor yesterday, becomes the scent of violets new-mown hay or heliotrope today. As the scent of rye, bourbon or garbage-can moonshine evanesces, so also passes the memory of the injured party or the officer making the arrest. His mind becomes befuddled as that of the driver whom he has accused or arrested. If the driver be the representative of the United States Chamber of Commerce sent to Portland to "put over" a resolution opposing the establishment of a Department of Education in the President's cabinet, an officer may arrest him today for driving an auto while intoxicated, and find a jug of wine in his car but tomorrow the officer's mind becomes befuddled and he isn't sure

that so prominent a man there on so important a mission was intoxicated or that the jug contained wine. True the man was arrested for trying to knock down the Broadway bridge with an automobile, but the officer making the arrest was finally convinced that he did not know the smell of liquor, an intoxicated driver, or the looks, smell or taste of the contents of the jug found in the auto.

If the man arrested be a Catholic priest wig-wagging or zig-zagging his auto on the Canyon road until he runs into another auto, the driver of the latter today accuses the priest of being intoxicated, but tomorrow is another day. When tomorrow arrives he is convinced that he smelled liquor on everybody near the scene of the collision, except the priest.

Should the man arrested be a poor, lowly laboring man who toils for a living, the arresting officer retains his acute sense of smell, perhaps even his sense of taste, and sniffs, as well as a perfectly trained mind that memorizes, and does not forget, though it be six months hence.

Thus do we ascertain whether a man is driving while intoxicated or merely a careless individual having sport with other autoists by merely running into them.

Placards in street cars warning criminals that crime does not pay, will not generate respect for the law, nor for its enforcing agencies so long as the latter make a travesty of it.

Better abolish the Legislature and save the tax-payer's money, and begin enforcing the laws we now have.

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEWPOINT

It speaks ill of the advancement of the human race to assert, as many do, that the world is growing worse, and that we are degenerating rather

than progressing in civilization and drifting into lawlessness, vice-following people plunging headlong to destruction. True, much of this belief is brought about by the tendency of the modern press to feature all of a criminal nature to the exclusion of many things of a constructive character on the plea that the public demand such and it is their province to supply that demand. But that the public reader desires to see all sides of life need not be ground for presuming it to be evil-minded, any more than that the person who witnesses a prize-fight is impelled to go forth and become a champion of the squared ring himself. It may be said, indeed, that the brutality of the exhibition has the effect of making it abhorrent to him, and thus leading him away from a desire to uphold it. So it may be with the stories of the printed page dealing in vice and crime. Merciless publicity, exposing evil-doing and the consequences following are more apt to act as a warning beacon to the unwary than a false one which would lead him on to the rocks. One of stamina and will and character may read and profit thereby, if he have an intelligent mind.

Evil has existed ever since the days of Eden, where the belief was first formed. Sacred history upon which all of our civilization is founded and containing our only hope of a hereafter, recites nothing of the creation of evil, but only that everything created was pronounced good. If then we are to accept that history as being true and adopt it as our standard, we must also accept as fact that evil is only a human belief, is unreal, but will exist so long as the belief exists and no longer, in the human conscience. That is just the position of the human family today, and so we have crimes and vices and see no other way to combat them than by enacting laws and punishing offenders.

But to say we are not progressing and getting better is to assert something without proper observation and care. We may see it on all sides in better educated men and women, in works of philanthropy, in millions of happy homes, in the arts and industries, in methods of lightening our labor, in the building of beautiful cities, in the comforts of our daily lives over those of the old days, in the multitudes of schools and churches and institutions for higher learning, and in a people so enlightened, especially in these United States, that no period in the world's history can compare, in discoveries and delving into the mysteries of the past that we may profit thereby, and an increase and growing faith in the teachings of the Nazarene among all classes.

In fact it needs only that we look upon the good things, pass up the bad and seeming evil ones or try to correct them, each to do his duty honestly, fearlessly, and to so tutor his mind that no semblance of evil can find place within its sacred precincts. Then we may all realize that instead of growing worse the world is steadily moving forward toward its ordained destiny.

CANNERY WANTED

On Monday of this week there was shipped by the fruit growers of Estacada and vicinity more than ten tons of loganberries, one and one-half tons of Royal Anne cherries, and more than a ton of black cap raspberries and strawberries, making about thirteen tons sent out of this locality on that day. Is it not time that the Community Club was getting busy in the interest of the community and spend some of its surplus energy looking to the establishment of a cannery for the local interests?

At times fruit ripens so fast it is impossible to get it gathered before it is too ripe an dsoft for shipment. All such fruit could be saved to a grower if a cannery could be erected to take care of too ripe fruit which would be a great saving to the grower.

Fewer luncheons and other functions could be dispensed with while something of value might be done for the community.

G. R. ELLIS FOR DIRECTOR

There is no man in the Estacada district who is better qualified from a moral and intellectual standpoint, for school director, than G. R. Ellis. For a number of years he was the agent for D. M. Osborn & Company of Auburn, N. Y., an extensive institution manufacturing and handling all kinds of agricultural machinery sold all over the world. He had full charge and control of collections and credit in three of the Middlewest states.

Mr. Ellis was a member of the school board in Lane County at one

time and is no novice in school affairs, and is certainly well qualified for the position. He is now in the merchandising business and has been doing that kind of work for the past six years.

Notes and Comment

By CHAD ALTON

The employment of bathing beauties as life-savers on the California beaches this season will probably result in a lot of "Johnnies" getting beyond their depth in the cruel waters of the Pacific.

A New York observer gives scientific reasons for forecasting a major earthquake in Southern California in 1931. That gives time for timid ones to dispose of their holdings and move up to Oregon where there are no such occurrences.

The fellow who tells a story no one laughs at suffers the same feelings the chap does who stumbles over the pail of milk he intended for the calf.

Along with whiskey and other of our personal liberties taken away from us Pennsylvania has recently passed a law that the roller towel must go. Our office towel went some time ago. It was split up for kindling wood.

Lorado Taft is working upon a new statue of Lincoln which will represent the great emancipator as smiling. What Honest Abe could see to smile at in these days of rotten politics mingling with crime and vice, a country gone mad with lawlessness, followers of the great man are at a loss to surmise.

The mayor of Tacoma is advocating lighting of the Pacific highway between his city and Seattle, a distance of about forty miles. This section of the highway carries the heaviest traffic of any similar distance in the Pacific Northwest, and its illumination at night would be an innovation.

Ardent drys are very anxious to learn the real sentiment of President Coolidge on the prohibition question, but thus far have not been able to get him to flatfootedly declare himself. That he is for strict enforcement of the liquor laws does not satisfy, and so they will have to wait until the "silent one" sees fit to speak.

Again the lost Charlie Ross bobs up, this time in the person of a man 56 years old. The child Charley Ross was kidnapped from Philadelphia 52 years ago, and at numerous times since claimants have appeared as the lost one. The parents have spent \$50,000 in the search, and have failed to recover their lost offspring. This last claimant will have a hard time to establish his identity.

Sufficient evidence has been obtained against the Lorenz hotel at Redding, Cal., to start abatement proceedings as a nuisance under the Volstead law. This is one of the largest hostilities in Northern California, and to be closed in the midst of the tourist season ought to teach a wholesome lesson.

Certain wet congressmen assert huge sums of money are used by the wet organizations to influence legislation. In old saloon days when they had a grip on the public nothing was said about it. The shoe is now pinching the other foot.

The first few days of June presented the most perfect weather in the Pacific Northwest ever known in any spot of this green earth. And yet we read that on the 7th instant schools were closed in Boston on account of the cold. All can not reside here to enjoy this climate, but many can an dthere is lots of room.

Some engineers claim that it is inconceivable that oil can exist in Western Oregon between salt water and volcanoes in the Cascades in active being eighty years ago. But in Mexico one of the greatest oil fields is within twenty miles of two volcanoes, the wells being between them and the sea. There is geological evidence also in Oregon to dispute the engineer's opinion.

Reported find of a petrified brain near Moscow suggests they need have gone that far away to find them. A visit to the congressional chambers at Washington where much is discussed of no interest to the general public, would disclose bucketfuls of petrified gray matter.

The published pictures of the ceremony attending the marriage of Al Smith's daughter in New York show a great display of sworks, uniforms, other claptrap and bunting, but not one American flag.

As showing how large a part the motorcar plays in the business life of the country, statistics show that in 1925 the wholesale value of the output reached the enormous sum of three billion, one hundred and sixty-three million dollars, leading all other industries. Is it any wonder times are so prosperous in this country?

The Ford industries teach young men a very wholesome lesson. It is that when in its employ they must work and demonstrate their ability. Without this there is no advancement and they are soon dropped out.

It was generally supposed that we sent men down to Washington to legislate in the interests of the

people, but from reports coming up from the capital the most they are doing is talking about booze.

Mrs. Russell Reed was shopping in Portland on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McGinnis are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a 7 1/2 lb baby daughter on Sunday. Dr. Adix of Gresham was in attendance.

Mrs. Henry Heiple was a Portland visitor last week.

Mrs. G. F. Midford and little daughter Yvonne, accompanied by her brother who has been visiting here for some time, left on Friday by motor for Spokane, Wash., where they intend making an extended visit.

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