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"Forest Grove is a 'dry' town, i. e. it has no licensed saloons. Instead of having two or three saloons, with the license money going into the city treasury to be used for public improvements, the business is carried on by one man who manages what is called a club, of which any man of good(?) character may become a member upon the payment of a nominal fee, a stockholder and part owner in the stock on hand. It is only an evasion of the law, but it seems to satisfy that hankering of a thirsty populace, as nothing else can do, and is some cheaper than the regularly licensed way, where everything is open and above board and where men do not have to become sneaks, cowards and liars to get a glass of beer or a drink of whiskey when they want it."—Tillamook Independent.

Brother Watson seems to have ideas of his own relative to the saloon business in Forest Grove. Ideas are not bad things to have, but at certain times and under certain conditions it is decidedly poor policy to impart them to others. However, we assume from the article, that Brother Watson is not always responsible for what he says and does, so we will excuse him this time. Again Brother Watson is shut up in Tillamook and doubtless rarely gets a glimpse of the outside world and its ethical advancement, so, like the woman in the isolated neighborhood in the story, he must attend to his neighbor's business for a change. The article might still be explained on another basis, that the home missionary work is completed in Tillamook county, and the era of foreign missions has begun for Brother Watson. Whatever view may be taken by the reader, the article challenges attention to the liquor conditions in Forest Grove. No attempt will be made by the editor to place his own views of the question before the people until such time as the laws and local conditions will allow scope to his theory of the liquor business. People generally differ mater-

ially on this great question, and we believe that they differ honestly. One class believes in absolute prohibition, a total destruction of every form of the liquor traffic. They believe it possible and practical—the only true solution. They deem that every dollar which touches the traffic at any stage of its course is cursed, that the government which controls it and the voters who fail to vote it down, are alike guilty of a damnable partnership in the eyes of the Almighty for every crime due to liquor. That when a man cannot do for his own best interests that the government should step in and act for him. A second class deem that it is each man's constitutional right to enjoy a glass of liquor and that it is nobody's business but his own if he drinks it, so long as he does not interfere with the liberty of others. If injudicious and he becomes disorderly, he admits the right of the state to punish him for his interference of the rights of others, but not to deprive him of liquor absolutely. This class believes in the free and unrestricted saloon. A third class believe in their right to buy liquor when they desire it, yet would prefer a high licensed saloon, believing that it not only furnishes a good revenue for improvements, but also that the traffic is best regulated by that method as well as allows a man to do the thing he believes is right in an open and honest manner rather than being required to obtain it unlawfully. Also they believe it contains less allurements for the young to transgress the law. A fourth class believe that men who are prone to imbibe will obtain liquor in some way and would prefer the Commercial Clubs or even the "blind pig" to the licensed saloon, since that form renders it possible for fewer to obtain drink and less easy for youths and irresponsible persons to gain entrance therein. Also that less publicity and drunkenness result. Still a fifth class, recognizing the weakness of humanity, believe that the absolute control of liquor manufacture and distribution should rest in the state. That each city should have a public dispensary presided over by a saleried officer. They believe that taking away the element of private gain and doing away with the pernicious system of treating, will do more to lesson the liquor evil than any other method and that by this method the traffic will die out with the passing away of the present drinker and his tainted offspring. That this method will more rapidly educate the masses. There are still other views which might be mentioned but enough has been said to indicate that there may be an honest difference of opinion. Brother Watson puts it rather strongly when he attacks the integrity of purpose of the members of the Commercial Club as a body, as many doubtless are above that charge and feel that they have been unjustly accused with a base motive. The News

is not in sympathy with all Brother Watson says, yet we are charitably inclined to the extent that we believe that many believe the present form the best and we also believe that the question will be rightly settled by the American people and locally that the city will carve out its future by its own effort, aided by kindly suggestions, better than by receiving dictatorial criticism in the form of sarcastic editorial, which declare a large class to be sneaks, cowards, and liars. People may be led by suggestion but cannot be driven by a sharp tongue. This is not a defense of the Commercial Club, or a criticism of it, only to the extent that the members believe or disbelieve in the uprightness of their course.

Teachers' Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Washington county, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at the public school building at Hillsboro, as follows: For State Papers. Commencing Wednesday, August 10, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, August 13, at four o'clock p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law. Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government. Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography. Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, psychology. For County Papers. Commencing Wednesday, August 10, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, August 12, at four o'clock p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading. Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology. Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government. Primary certificates. Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic. Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology.

Dated at Hillsboro, Oregon, July 25, 1904.

H. A. BALL.

County Superintendent.

Glenwood

William Kane and wife are enjoying an outing with us. They will stay a few days yet.

A yoke of oxen strayed from the residence of Eli Smith, both being red in color and having long horns.

The mailcarrier was called to the burnt woods to settle a dispute relative to some boy.

J. M. Hamblin & Sons are about ready to begin manufacturing lath.

Brick for Sale

I have at my yard 1 mile northwest of Forest Grove, a fine lot of brick for sale at reasonable prices. Call and see them.

Fancy tea and coffee at Nicholson & Son's.

Take a vacation and buy your sporting goods, camp stove and amunition at Goff Bros.

Keep the flies off your cows. So Bos So and spray pumps. Martin's Feed Store.

J. A. Fleming was called to Oregon City Tuesday evening to attend the bedside of a sick grandchild.

Shingles—none better anywhere at Ritchey's at right prices. Tile and posts at Ritchey's.

Dr. Hines and family left Tuesday for Newport where they will spend a few weeks in vacation.

Farmers—When in town have a good square meal at the Michigan House. Only 25 cents.

Do you know—That the Colonial serves an elegant Sunday dinner? Take your friend there to dine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Pricket near Banks, a son. Dr. Rentz reports mother and child doing nicely.

Dr. Rentz was called Monday to the home of John Horsteman, South Cornelius, where a 10 pound son was born.

Mademoiselle La Course. The expert chiropodist and hair dresser at residence, corner 4th and Pacific Ave.

Send your friend to the St. Louis Fair. Coupons given with cash purchases at the firms mentioned on another page.

Mrs. Amie Dobson Upton, of Hoquian, Washington, arrived here Saturday for a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Downs.

The Misses Willey, of Portland, are visiting at the home of Alderman C. N. Johnson guests of Miss Anna Johnson. They will remain about three weeks of their vacation.

All doctors agree that its very healthful to use lemons in drinking water during the hot summer months. M. Turner keeps fresh stock of the best lemons at all times.

Oregon may have a few varieties with its desirable features but it has no cyclones, blizzards, hail storms, hail insurance companies, hot winds, rain-makers, cyclone cellars, chinch bugs, drouths, or thunder and lightning.

Harvey Anderson, who is one of the owners in the Gasoline Wood Saw has rented his interest in the concern and has taken a position as engineer for the Ornsdorf Saw Mill Co., of Buxton. Mr. Anderson will remove his family there soon.

Another grand social dance at Greenville July 30th, at Dr. Parker's hall. Music by Wm. Green and Roughlie Walker orchestra. Two floor managers, two prompters. A good time assured. Best hall in Washington county. Come all and bring your lady love.

Committee.