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All members are requested to be present

## THE IMP IN THE BOTTLE

A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE.

A Famous Speech by "Bob" Ingersoll on the Evils and Curse of Intemperance.

I am aware that there is a prejudice against any man who manufactures alcohol. I believe that from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous worm in the distillery until it empties into the jaws of death, dishonor and crime, it demoralizes everybody that touches it from its source to where it ends. I do not believe anybody can contemplate the object without being prejudiced against the liquor crime. All we have to do, gentlemen, is to think of the wrecks on either bank of the stream of death, of the suicides, of the insanity, of the ignorance, of the destitution, of the little children tugging at the faded and withered breast of weeping and despairing mothers, of wives asking for bread, of the men of genius it has wrecked, the men struggling with imaginary serpents, produced by the devilish thing; and when you think of the jails, of the almshouses, of the asylums, of the prisons, of the scaffolds upon either bank, I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against this damned stuff called "alcohol."

Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, old age in its weakness. It breaks the father's heart, bereaves the dotting mother, extinguishes natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, blights parental hopes, brings down mourning age in sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It makes wives widows, children orphans, fathers fiends; and all of them paupers and beggars. It feeds rheumatism, invites cholera, imports pestilence and embraces consumption. It covers the land with idleness, misery and crime. It fills your jails, supplies your almshouses and demands your asylums. It engenders controversies, fosters quarrels and cherishes riots. It crowds your penitentiaries and furnishes victims for your scaffolds. It is the life-blood of the gambler, the element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman and support of the midnight incendiary. It countenances the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemer. It violates obligation, reverences fraud and honors infamy. It defames benevolence, hates love, scorns virtue and slanders innocence.

It incites the father to butcher his helpless offspring, helps the husband to massacre his wife and the child to grind the parental ax. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life, curses God, despises heaven. It suborns witnesses, nurses perjury, defiles the jury box and stains the judicial ermine. It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman and disarms the patriot. It brings shame, not honor; misery, not safety; despair, not hope; sorrow not happiness, and with the malvolence of a fiend it calmly surveys its frightful desolation and unsatiated havoc. It poisons felicity, kills peace, ruins morals, blights confidence, slays reputation and wipes out national honor, then curses the world and laughs at its ruin. It does all that and more. It murders the soul. It is the sum of all villainies, the father of all crimes, the mother of all abominations, the devil's best friend and God's worst enemy.

## Gathering of the Governors.

When President Roosevelt calls to order the opening session of the great White House Conference, on May 13, there will be gathered together in the East Room of the Executive Mansion the most notable assemblage of men in the public eye that has ever met in the history of the United States. The governors of all the states have signified their intention of being present at this conference, and each will bring with him three men carefully chosen from among the learned of the respective states, to act as advisors in the convention. Besides these governors and their advisors, representatives of all the important national organizations, the welfare of which depends in greater or less degree upon natural resources, will be in attendance; and, further, the president has invited six special guests, for their superlative fitness to act as "advisors-at-large" to the conference. The reading public is more or less familiar with the preliminary steps that have been taken for the coming conference, and newspaper readers are aware of the incidents that led up to the calling of the meeting; but few have considered the magnitude of the topics to be discussed or the crying necessities that made the conference imperative.

The range of subjects to be discussed will cover the entire program of national conversation. Preservation of existing forests, and reforestation of lands at present producing nothing; storage of surplus waters, inland waterways, irrigation, conservation of minerals—coal, iron, etc.—and the prevention of waste in mining, relations of waterways to transportation and the relation of railways to water lines of carriage, prevention of floods and their consequent destruction of life and property, care of the range lands of the West—their regrassing and proper utilization, these are a few of the grand divisions of the questions to be threshed out at the conference.

And looking at the meeting purely from its historical side, how many of those who have read what the newspapers have been saying about this conference have realized that never before in the country's history have the governors of all the states assembled in convention, for any purpose whatsoever? Considered simply as an epoch marking event, the conference will easily take rank with any assembly of public men ever held in the civilized world, for at this meeting the entire government of the United States, in the persons of that government's heads, will be assembled together at one time. If for no other reason, the public would be interested in the conference because of this fact.

## Excursion to Honolulu.

Honolulu, T. H., May 2.—Word has reached here that steps are being taken by a syndicate on the coast to run a great excursion to Honolulu from San Francisco early in July, coincident with the sailing of the American fleet.

The project is said to contemplate the chartering of the two big passenger liners, Sierra and Sonoma, of the Oceanic Line, now out of commission, each of which will accommodate several hundred passengers, and accompanying the fleet throughout the entire eight or ten days of the voyage between the two ports.

The Tillamook Headlight says that "a lot of fine weather suitable for railroad building, going to waste," and adds that "the electric road to Tillamook cannot be built any too soon to suit Tillamook people." The Oregon Electric people are "doing things" right along, and if the present gait is kept up Tillamook will very soon have the much coveted line.

The New 1908 Model bicycles are hummers. R. Lee Sears has them on display at his store.

## SCHOOL LANDS

RAILROAD'S CLAIM SATISFIED.

Supt. Ackerman Says the O. & C. Land Grant Should Be Forfeited to the State.

The Independent is in receipt of a communication from Supt. of Instruction J. H. Ackerman in which he calls attention to the disposition of the lands of Oregon included in the grant to the railroads. Mr. Ackerman believes this land should be donated to the state as an addition to the irreducible school fund, in case the government again secures possession of the land.

"No better disposition of the land could be made," said Superintendent Ackerman. "The land was granted by the government to aid the development of the state of Oregon through the building of a railroad. The government fixed a maximum price and established other restrictions as to sale of the land.

"As I am informed, the railroad company sold part of the land for practically enough money to make up the total to which it would be entitled at the maximum rate on the whole grant. The company has therefore no further claim to the land, especially in view of the fact that it has refused to carry out the terms of the grant and aid in the development of the state. Having once granted the land, there is no reason why the government should now desire to retain it. It could not use the land for the development of the state to better advantage than by turning it over to the public schools of the state.

"If the land were so donated to the state, proper restrictions could be made to prevent its sale to speculators. So much of it as is located on the headwaters of streams could be withheld from sale by the state and made a forest reserve for the conservation of water. The state would adopt the plan of selling the mature timber, and not the land, thereby protecting the young growth of timber and preserving the forests for future generations.

"At the same time, the irreducible school fund, which is now only about \$4,000,000, would be practically doubled. All the children of the state would get the benefit of the grant, and the improved condition of the public schools would very appreciably aid in the development of the state. The original purpose of the grant has been accomplished through the building of the railroad. The progress of the state has been retarded because the land was not placed on sale under the terms of the grant. The government should make such disposition of the land as will most nearly remedy the wrong that has been done."

It should not be taken for granted by any republican that because H. M. Cake was nominated for senator at the primaries that there is nothing to do to secure his election as senator. Every republican, regardless of how they voted at the primaries should now begin an active support of his candidacy until the June election that will mean for him at that time a vote, equal, at least, to the combined vote for Fulton and Cake at the primaries. And more. After the June election support of him should continue and increase until a senator is elected by the Oregon legislature. If this method is followed H. M. Cake will be followed from Oregon; if not, a democrat may slip in and take the place that rightfully belongs to the representative party of Oregon. Mr. Republican, what are you going to do about it?—Rainier Review.

## More Troops for Hawaii.

(By Special Correspondent.)

Honolulu, T. H., April 17.—Major William G. Haan, Coast Artillery, U. S. A., who is in Honolulu on a special mission for the war department in connection with the matter of fortification of the territory, expects to recommend that several regiments of infantry and light artillery be stationed here permanently. This will be in addition to the 1,500 or 2,000 men which will be required to man the heavy coast defense batteries now being built, and will be intended to protect the fortifications from rear attacks by possible landing parties of an enemy.

In case of hostilities with Japan, this number of troops would be very necessary since the Japanese element of the population of the territory largely outnumber the other inhabitants. Major Haan is a member of the National War College and is an authority on coast defenses. He expects to be engaged in preparing data on the islands for several weeks.

At the present time aside from about 500 men of the National Guard, there is but one battalion of infantry stationed in the territory, numbering less than 300 men, with only a partial complement of officers for these.

WILL J. COOPER.

## Where the Mohair Comes From.

When riding in a Pullman car in any part of the United States or in a sleeper in Canada and enjoying the nice soft plush seats, or touring about the city or the country in an automobile covered with a great thick plush robe, did it ever occur to you that most of the material of which all this plush is manufactured comes from Oregon? Probably you never thought about it, but nevertheless, such are the facts. Oregon supplies more mohair from which plush robes and seat coverings are made than any other state in the Union.—Grants Pass Outlook.

This is the way William Allen White puts it: "There are three things which no man can do to the satisfaction of other men—make love, poke the fire and run a paper. No matter if a man has no more sense than an oyster and does not know how many toes he has, he always knows how to run the paper better than the editor. And, what is more, he tells all about it in the street car. But, despite all this valuable advice that is wasted, the editors still go on making blunders, and money. The old-fashioned editor who had to be all things to all men is passing away. The time has come when a man who runs a paper is his own master."

## THE ROUTE SELECTED

FOR THE ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

City Council Grants Right-of-Way to the Oregon Electric Railway

—Will Build at Once.

The question of the entrance into Hillsboro of the Oregon Electric Railway Co. was settled at a meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening. The line will enter the city limits on East Washington street and run along that street to First street, where a "Y" will be built between First and Main streets, which will be used as a turn-table for the electric cars on their run back to the city. Work on the line will begin at once and pushed as rapidly as possible.

At a special meeting of the council Monday evening the question of the road entering the city was thoroughly discussed and it was practically decided that the line would enter town on East Washington and run along that street to Range street on the west side of town, next to First. At Third on Washington street, a track was to be built north to Main street, along Main to Second, down Second and join the main track at Washington, thus making a loop around that block. But the Tuesday night meeting changed the route to run the full length of Washington street and make the turn on First.

As stated some time ago, the road will be completed to Hillsboro at once where operations will cease until the Albany extensions are completed. What will be done after that toward building out of Hillsboro is purely guess work. The company undoubtedly has the route all fixed, but none of its members are saying a word. The right-of-way is now cleared from Hillsboro to Garden Home.

Last week witnessed the most successful sale of horses ever held in Portland. Breeders and buyers from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, California and British Columbia were there, with a liberal sprinkling of Eastern owners. The average was \$240 each for every horse sold during one day of the sale.

Procure your field and garden seeds and onion sets from R. H. Greer for spring planting. Reliable brands.

## The Merry Widow.

Through information obtained by the society department and measurements taken by the mechanical department, we are enabled to give reliable information as to the "Merry Widow" sailor hat. In dimensions it is a compromise between a family umbrella and the top of a bass drum. In displacement, as expressed in tonnage, it rivals the ante-bellum hoop skirts.

If the wearer is out with her best beau or one of his alternates, the rim of the hat can be relied upon to mangle his ear or rake the skin off his neck even if the edge has to saw its way through a stiff linen collar. If he attempts any osculatory salutations it is unquestionable that he will get a gouged eye or have the bridge of his nose unroofed.

If the sidewalk is narrow the wearer of the hat and the escort must proceed single file, unless he is of sawed-off stature and she a statuesque creature of such altitude that he can walk under the protection of the obtrusive brim. If a stiff breeze strikes the hat suddenly the one safe plan is to loosen the guy ropes and let the sailor sail.

Do not attempt to enter the door of the average elevator or of the average closed cab. One is sure to get stuck or to wreck the headgear. Make a side dip when crowding into a street car and make an accommodating crook of your arm while depending on your individual strap. If others crowded into the aisle resent the wounds and bruises you distribute, say something sweet about the golden rule of a seat for every fare.

If you tilt the "Merry Widow" over one ear, beware of low signs and awnings. Never try to keep a hat in the closet. Hang it under the bed or on the billiard table.

Mr. Cake would act wisely if he were to absolve himself from any and all Bourne domination. The fact as to whether Oregon sends a delegation to the National Republican convention to be Mr. Bourne's pawns and puppets is of considerable moment and whether or not such a delegation is sent as outlined means either success or defeat for Mr. Cake. The Star sounds the warning cry and is not alone in the demand that Mr. Bourne refrain from further misrepresenting the state of Oregon, to the end that it may not reach the democratic column.—Gervais Star.

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