



NEAR BEER PROBLEM.

What is Newberg Going to Do With It? Some Suggestions for Consideration.

Nearly every town in Oregon is having experience with the "near beer" proposition. Eugene passed an ordinance forbidding the sale of the stuff and the circuit court sustained the ordinance. The case has passed to the supreme court for final decision which is being watched for with interest.

It is claimed that the brewers in manufacturing the drink have endeavored to keep the percentage of alcohol down to a point so it cannot be reached by the local option law, yet it is shipped in beer kegs and it is said to have all the appearance of beer and to taste like the real thing. It is noticeable, too, that the same class of hangers-on are to be seen around the places where it is sold that patronize the beer saloons.

Newberg has one of these resorts on Main street which is giving the people a good deal of concern. The editor of the Graphic in company with a member of the city council called at the place on Tuesday morning and had a talk with one of the proprietors, who said at once that he was selling "near beer," but maintained that it was no worse than soda water or any other so-called soft drink. He was told that he was engaging in a business that was displeasing to a very large majority of the people of Newberg and was asked what position he would assume if it was shown to him plainly that such was the case. He did not answer definitely, but we assume that he and his partner are men who can be reasoned with, and here is an opportunity for work on the part of all who want to sustain the good name of Newberg.

It is wonderful what concerted action will do when it is made in overwhelming numbers. In fact few men are able to stand up against it, no difference what their position may be, when the people assert themselves in no uncertain terms and with strength of numbers that carries weight.

We all know that conditions have been gradually growing worse in Newberg for several months and unless we arouse and assert ourselves the element that stands for an open town will gain courage on account of the lax hand we are showing, and soon we will have little grounds for calling attention to our advantages from the standpoint of a good home town, free from all the baser influences that are so common in other places.

The Graphic is willing to be classed as radical along these lines. We have fought for the good name of Newberg too long to be ready to submit at this day and witness the introduction of such things as will be the entering wedge for others that will be worse still, without a protest or without calling on the people to get together and make themselves felt while the opportunity is afforded for curtailing these evil influences. We have never stood for mob law or for taking any other unlawful measures in dealing with men who undertake to defame the good name of our town as built up, but rather have encouraged the better element to arise and make themselves felt where occasion has demanded it. A crisis is at hand and a turning point may be looked for. Conditions in Newberg must be improved at an early day or we will soon see the time when they will be worse. Which shall it be?

The better element of society is

so largely in the majority in Newberg that there can be no valid excuse for letting things go at loose ends, and the object of this article is to arouse this class from seeming lethargy with the hope that they may get together and make themselves felt in a way that may be effective. It has been done in the past with good results and it can be done again.

We believe that a public meeting ought to be called and that every citizen of the whole community who is opposed to the sale of "near beer" should be invited to attend and participate in the meeting. The sentiment of the people could thus find expression and we believe it would be so overwhelming that no self-respecting man, when confronted with it, would dare to stand out against it. This is the faith we have in the good people of Newberg and what it is possible for us to accomplish by concerted action.

If any who may read this appeal believe our ground is well taken and are willing to get in and drill, the meeting can easily be arranged for. A Sunday afternoon spent in this way would certainly be time well spent.

Portland Notes.

Spokane's National Apple Show is attracting attention from fruit growers all over the United States this week. Eighty boxes of the choicest fruit shown at the Portland exhibit of the Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association and Oregon State Horticultural Society are being displayed, while twenty other boxes of premium takers are rushing across the continent to New York City to be shown in Macy's windows and then forwarded to the rulers of England, Germany, France and Russia, in specially sealed boxes to insure their safe arrival in London, Berlin, Paris and St. Petersburg.

The women of the Pacific Northwest are taking an increasingly active part in its development and advertisement, and the Portland Women's Club will go out on a unique excursion next week, when they will gather the beautifully tinted branches of "Oregon Grape" in quantity sufficient to decorate the famous Plymouth Church of Brooklyn, New York, of which Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis is pastor. The Portland Commercial Club will send this East by express in ample time to reach Brooklyn by Christmas.

President E. J. Ross of the Washington State Dairymen's Association, and numerous other members of that organization will participate in the convention of the Oregon State Dairy Association in Salem Thursday and Friday of this week. Electric power has been installed in the exhibit hall for working exhibits, and handsome cups are to be given as prizes, appropriately engraved, and assurance of dairy and creamery exhibits are coming in to the secretary daily. Salem people have arranged a splendid reception for their guests. Oregon dairymen will be well represented at the Washington meeting in Chehalis next week.

Oregon and Washington were each given a hearing before President Roosevelt's Commission on Country Life, and expressed themselves as more than pleased with the co-operation they met in these two states. They were particularly fortunate in being enabled to meet the leading horticulturists on account of numerous fruit meetings at this season. The whole country is awaiting the Commission's report with genuine interest.

Dundee Items.

J. L. Richards who has been visiting his daughters, Miss May Richards and Mrs. Frank Keys, returned to his home this week after a two weeks' visit.

Mrs. Roe Robinson visited last week with her mother in Newberg.

Mrs. Roberts and children visited her parents in Dayton during the past week.

Mrs. Cyrene Palmer, who has been nursing Mrs. Hunter during her illness, has returned to her home in Chehalis Center.

The two weeks' evangelistic service closed last week after a very successful revival. The meetings were conducted by Revs. Knotts and Alford.

J. W. B. Edwards and Elmer Imus returned from the coast reporting a very pleasant trip and lots of hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Powell spent Sunday at the home of their son, H. B. Powell.

A. D. McEwan was a visitor in Portland at the Gilmore home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Powell had for their guests at Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Powell, Pauline Powell and W. F. Myers.

The friends of Mrs. Annie Gagleman and Elsie Alves will be glad to learn that they arrived home safely after a very pleasant trip.

E. A. McCornack returned from Eugene Friday after a visit there with his parents Dr. and Mrs. H. F. McCornack.

James Morrison of this neighborhood was the successful competitor at the recent Walnut Fair at McMinnville receiving the cup offered by the Oregon Nursery Co. for the best display of English walnuts. The cup won by Mr. Morrison is very handsome in design and finish and makes a most desirable trophy. It may be seen in the showcase at W. J. Gordon's store. This is the second time that Mr. Morrison's walnuts have won first place.

Mrs. E. A. McCornack has returned home after spending Thanksgiving with relatives in Portland.

Mr. Ernest G. Bean, son of Supreme Judge R. S. Bean, of Slatcoy, California, is spending a few weeks with his cousins Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McCornack.

Mrs. D. H. Turner of McMinnville recently entertained the ladies of Dundee Hill at her delightful home. All report a very enjoyable time.

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Now, therefore, all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to appear at the County Court room at McMinnville, said Yamhill County, State of Oregon, at said time, to then and there show cause, if any there be, why said account and report should not be settled, allowed and approved and the said executor discharged and said estate forever and finally settled.

Dated Nov. 12, 1908. A. P. JOHNSON, Executor of the will and testament of Marie Jensen, deceased. CLARENCE BUTT, Att'y for estate.

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