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SOME PHASES OF THE
LIQUOR QUESTION

Whether or not a man in this day and age can continue long, under any circumstances, to engage in the sale of intoxicants and maintain a spirit of uprightness and honesty of purpose is an open question, but when it comes to the matter of the traffic in liquor in violation of law, it is a downhill road, both to the seller and buyer, and few there are who will not perjure themselves in court if need be in order to save themselves from the terrors of the law.

One of the surprising things too in connection with the prosecution of liquor sellers is the fact that in almost every instance where a case of this kind is being tried out, a lot of people who pass as pretty good citizens will show a disposition to stand by the accused, even though there may be no question of his guilt. And especially is this true in instances where those who are attempting to enforce the law have used means to entrap the seller, which is often necessary if conviction is to be had.

Men and boys who will ask vendors of intoxicants to sell to them in violation of law, will, in almost every instance, when brought up as witnesses, perjure themselves in order to protect the seller. This statement will hardly be contradicted as it is a fact that is well known to all who have watched the trial of such cases in court. It don't stop here either for it has been found that in very many instances in the drawing of juries in trials of this kind, that the attorneys for the defense manage to get one or more on the jury who will stand by the accused in direct violation of their oaths, and vote "not guilty" and hang out to the end for acquittal.

It is related on what seems to be unquestioned authority that not very long ago some Newberg boys, considerably under age, were engaged by a resident of the town to make a trip to a neighboring village and bring back a supply of bottled drinks. It is stated further that they carried out their part of the contract, but that on their return they imbibed so freely from the bottles that they became intoxicated and caused a scene that aroused the mother of one of them, who made an investigation. Securing from the boys the name of the fellow who sent them for the liquor, she paid him a visit and drew from him an acknowledgment of his guilt in the transaction.

Later when this fellow feared that he was going to get into trouble over the affair, it is said that he was overheard holding a conversation with the boys, in which he gave them a thorough drill in telling the exact opposite to the truth, in order that he might be saved from prosecution. And it is related further that the boys proved in this instance to be very apt pupils.

Those who have had experience in trying to prosecute violators of the laws against liquor selling have found that the accused are so often given the benefit of the doubt, that stronger evidence must be produced in order to convict, than would be re-

quired to convict a man of murder. For instance many men have been convicted of murder on circumstantial evidence, while in a whisky selling prosecution there must be two good witnesses produced who will testify that they saw the sale made, in order to convict.

It is an easy matter to rail at Governor West for the arbitrary course he has pursued in making a clean-up of undesirable resorts in different sections of the state, and to say we have civil officers of the law and courts for the protection of society against violators of the laws, but those who have taken a hand at different times and have tried to uphold the law, only to run up against some of the difficulties mentioned above, have been slow to censure the governor in the course he has taken. In fact there has been quite a general rejoicing at the hammer-and-tongs methods he has used in many instances, on the part of those, who, as private citizens, have made an honest endeavor to see that violators of the criminal laws were brought to justice, only to see a coat of whitewash given when the cases came up for trial.

In some sections of the state there have been vigorous and successful prosecutions made, since the local option law went into effect, while in other parts the courts have been exceedingly lax in upholding the law. In our own county some convictions have been made in justices' courts, but we believe there has never been a successful prosecution of a whisky case in the circuit court, at McMinnville since the county was voted dry.

Under these conditions those who know the law is being violated and who have little hope of securing a conviction when a case is brought, have no stones to throw at the governor when he comes down with an iron hand and compels a decent respect for the law in some of these extreme cases.

Law abiding people who believe in decency and good order have almost lost hope in the efficiency of the courts in liquor cases, since the booze men know no law, and it is evident that our governor shares much the same feeling.

The booze dispensers have met with such success in controlling the courts and thus being able to snap their fingers with derision in the faces of honest, law-abiding citizens who have insisted on their showing some decent respect for the law and for society, that a wave of indignation is sweeping over the country, and it is remarkable how fast the "vote dry" sentiment has grown of late, even among those who drink.

The liquor men, who always have an ear to the ground, are becoming alarmed at the rumbling, and barrels of money will be spent in an effort to stem the tide of protest that is arising. There is an enormous profit in the business and they are not going to throw up their hands and quit as long as there is hope. Every means that men and devils can hatch up will be used in the battle that is to be made against the "dry" sentiment that is being built up, and the help of every good citizen will be needed in order to insure victory.

It is interesting to note the discussion that is being made through the columns of the Journal, daily, by interested correspondents who take sides on this question. It shows that the people of Oregon are aroused as never before, and that they are doing some hard thinking. This is a hopeful indication. These letters from the people are getting a wide circulation and they are causing many more people to sit up and take notice.

Some one said recently that the only fear was that the "dry" forces were liable to become over confident. If anybody imagines that it is going to be an easy

victory at the polls in November they are very much mistaken. Every vote that can be mustered up will be needed. A dry victory by a meager majority would be almost as bad as a failure to carry the state against the liquor forces.

It is evident that there needs to be some good, hard effective work done right here in Newberg. Not necessarily a work that should be done with a brass hand at the head of the procession, but the registration books should be gone over and if there are any lukewarm voters who have failed to register, they should be sought out and induced to get their names on the roll. This will add to the interest of this class of voters, and it will be much easier to get them out to vote when election day comes.

It is a big fight that is on in Oregon, and if any one imagines that the liquor forces are already licked they are very much mistaken.

What are you going to do about it?

The high school annual is out, being a very neat illustrated book of about ninety pages, and reflects credit on the students who are responsible for its production.

It looks like a "give-away" on the part of the candidate who lays his defeat at the primary election to the "women vote."

Behold the big stick!

ACTIVE VOLCANOES.

They Are Not Burning Mountains as We Understand That Term.

"What are volcanoes?" Nine out of every ten persons would immediately have an answer of some sort to the question above, for have they not a lively remembrance of having learned in their school books that "a volcano is a burning mountain, from the summit of which are sent out smoke and flames?" This popular fancy has been exploded by scientists, whose work is to explode popular fancies.

In the first place, volcanoes are not necessarily mountains. In reality they are just the reverse—that is, holes in the earth's crust. Out of these are thrown the materials which, accumulating, form the heaps which we popularly call mountains.

These are, then, the result and not the cause of the action. Neither are they "burning," as we understand the term. There is no combustion nor any action we might reasonably call "burning."

The action need not necessarily take place at the summit, for eruptions are just as frequent at the sides or even at the base. The so called "smoke" is nothing more or less than the clouds of condensing steam which are formed on every occasion when an eruption occurs.

Lastly, the "flames," so called, are merely the reflection of the mass of molten rock and material inside the crater on the clouds of steam above, thus appearing as a glowing light. The friction, too, set up by the motion of the materials causes electricity, and hence the lightning discharges which add to the illuminating effect.—Pearson's Weekly.

Hunting the Ram.

Eton college had an ancient celebration which was gradually discontinued. The college had a time honored right to demand that its butcher should provide a healthy ram on election Sunday, in August, to be hunted by the pupils. On one occasion the ram actually jumped into the Thames and swam across, then galloped into Windsor market place before it was caught, to be killed and eaten at the feast. More through pity for the boys than the ram, the hunt was discontinued, and instead the poor beast was crippled to keep him still while the speech was being delivered, after which the boys were free to whack the ram's head with cudgels till it was dead or they were tired.—New York Tribune.

"Bummer."

When people are trying to be very polite in their language they avoid the use of the word "bummer," yet it is a most respectable word and is not slang by any means. It is not even an "Americanism," but has come to us from our English relatives and is found in the English market bylaws of two centuries ago. In the form "bumma-

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Study of Life.

Life has been to me simply an opportunity to learn and enjoy and, through my books, to share my enjoyment with others. I have had no other ambition. I have thirsted to know things and to make the most of them. The universe is to me a grand spectacle that fills me with awe and wonder and joy and with intense curiosity.—From "Our Friend, John Burroughs," by Clara Barrus.

A Legal Thrust.

"The learned counsel for the defense," said the plaintiff's attorney, "appears to be afraid of losing his case. Otherwise why isn't he ready to go on?"

"I've got a good excuse," replied counsel for the defense. "Nonsense! Ignorance of the law excuses no one."—Philadelphia Press.

Here and Hereafter.

The London Tatler tells the story of an old Scotchman whose wit was edged with pessimism. One morning he met at her gate a neighbor whose husband was seriously ill.

"And hoo's yer husband this morning, Mrs. Tamson?" he asked solicitously. "Oh, he's awful bad! The doctor said his temperature has gone to 150."

"Nae, nae, you've made a mistake! Sandy's temperature could never be as muckle as 150—at least, no in this world," he added, as an afterthought.

One Point Gained.

"Has that girl next door to you still got her parlor melodeon?" "No; she exchanged it for a cornet, I'm glad to say." "But, gracious, if she plays the cornet, that's worse, isn't it?" "Not at all. It's only half as bad. She can't sing while she's playing the cornet."—Philadelphia Press.

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