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MONEY WILL BE BETTER
USED.

The apologists for the business and the opponents of prohibition are beginning to ask what is to become of the millions of money now invested and the tens of thousands of people now engaged in the liquor business, if we vote national prohibition and wipe out the distilleries, the breweries and the saloons, says the Coquille Sentinel.

Having seen that sort of thing done in Kansas with the result of growing prosperity and wealth, we have no anxiety on that score; but of those who have we would like to ask what is to become of the money now spent for booze, if there is no more booze made to spend money for. It ought to be evident to everybody that the money now going for something that harms and weakens and destroys those who use it will then be spent for other things that may be a benefit and a blessing, and that those who are shut out of the liquor business will then find employment in supplying the things that the money now spent for liquor will then go for.

To ask what will fill the vacuum made by removing the saloons and the breweries and distilleries in the national economy is like asking who will do the work of the world when we are gone. Or asking what will fill up the hole you make in a basin of water by thrusting your finger into it, if you withdraw that finger. When the logger who now spends his wages in the saloons no longer finds that sink into which to throw his money, other business houses are going to get more of it. Along that line it has always been a wonder to us that men who sell groceries and clothing cannot see that it means more money for their tills when those whose families now lack for the necessities of life, because they spend their money for that which is naught, are given no further opportunity to debauch themselves, and have to lose no time in getting over their spree.

In response to many inquiries made as to the reason why no single coaches are run between Newberg and Portland, since electric service has been installed, the answer given is that the railroad people are not willing to take any chances on the heavy grades with the brakes. They figure that the brakes might fail to work on a single car, and thus entail serious disaster, but that with two or more coaches there will always be enough brakes working to hold the train with safety.

Walter McCredie, the Beaver boss, was suspended the other day for acting naughty toward Umpire Finney on account of a decision made that did not meet with his approval. A loss of temper unfits the ball player for his best work, the same as it hampers a man in any kind of business, but it takes some of them a long time to learn this well known fact.

A. E. Seott has sold a half-interest in the News-Times, of Forest Grove, to Joseph P. Hur-

ley, an experienced newspaper man who recently came out from Albert Lea, Minnesota.

The call for warmer underwear and roaring fires has been quite general during the past week.

Wanted—The railroad people to furnish a special car for the female passenger who insists on sitting by an open window, regardless of the comfort of the other passengers.

George H. Baxter, the new owner and publisher of the Junction City Times, is making many improvements in the paper and his efforts are being rewarded by a much better patronage on the part of advertisers than the paper has formerly received.

John Parrett, of Dundee, with his record of thirty years as school clerk, is clearly entitled to the medal, as will be seen by reference to an item from our worthy Dundee correspondent, and he will please take his place at the head of the class. Honor to whom honor is due.

The "chain letter" fraud is again showing up in Oregon and it appears that it is likely to go on forever, since there are enough simple minded people in the world, who, it seems, will lend a hand to keep it going, rather than take chances on the awful calamity that is predicted for those who "break the chain."

The Single Tax-er, W. S. U'Ren, independent, Prohibition party nominee for governor, is telling the voters that he will be good, and not talk Single Tax, if they will elect him. Rather a funny proposition, since the slogan of the tried and true party prohibitionist, all these lean years has been, "never sacrifice principle for votes."

Long continued lack of harmony among the faculty members of Willamette University has finally resulted in an eruption, and the opening of next year is likely to present many new faces at the institution. President Homan has been granted a leave of absence for a year and it is understood that his successor is to be chosen

PUBLIC RIDICULE.

At One Time It Was the Common Punishment For Criminals.

It is the problem of all ages to make the punishment fit the crime, but they seem to have come nearer its solution in Plantagenet times than they ever were after the introduction of flogging.

When burglary meant the total ruin of the man who kept his whole fortune in the house the burglar was hanged. But in the same period public ridicule served as a punishment for most crimes, and the man who sold bad meat was placed in the pillory and his bad meat burned to windward of him; the vintner who sold bad wine was forced to drink some of it, and the rest was poured over his head. For more serious offenses the criminal had to walk along Cheapside bareheaded, dressed only in a shirt and carrying a wax taper, escorted by the mayor's sergeants.

The result was that law and order were maintained far better than when men became brutalized by the horrible floggings of Georgian times.

Punishments became worse with religious persecutions, and after the reformation the pillory, with its terrible accompaniment of slit ears, whippings, etc., became popular, to say nothing of torturing, burning at

the stake, and so on. At St. Thomas' hospital one of the female nurses "for a grave offense, contrary to the laws of God and according to the profane of three witnesses," was ordered to "be punished and have stripes well laid on."

But all this, bad as it was, was less demoralizing than the terrible criminal code of George II.'s reign, when there were forty-eight crimes punishable by death and forty punishable by whipping, transportation or pillory. Flogging for mere vagrancy began with Henry VIII., and as late as 1804 six women were publicly whipped at Gloucester for this unavoidable offense. And never did public morality sink so low.

In those good old days we flogged our sailors "to encourage the others," and there were many trussed at the triangles who would now be simply admonished. A pleasant form of punishment was "flogging through the fleet." It was given to the ignorant sailorman who struck a superior officer. And when he had been carried from one ship to another and flogged in each he survived—if he was unfortunate—for six months. The lucky man died accidentally.—London Chronicle.

Sounds Fish Make.

The horse mackerel, or scad, is said to grunt. Purring noises are heard from the cuckoo gurnard when it is being removed from the water. The herring, again, is said to emit a faint squeak when the net has been drawn over it, and there are other fishes which are credited with vocal powers.

Most certain of all is the case of the little creature known to many a shrimper and fisherboy as the hummer, or hardhead (Cottus scorpius), the sea bullhead, which, when held in the hand near to the ear, produces so distinct a buzzing noise that it cannot only be heard, but felt, since the vibration caused by the sound is perceptible by the hand. It seems to be the result of fear and comes apparently from the inside of the huge head.—London Globe.

Skating.

Skating is believed to have been invented in northern Europe in prehistoric times. William Fitz-Stephen speaks of it in London toward the end of the twelfth century, but it did not really catch hold until the cavaliers who had been in exile with Charles II. brought it with them from Holland. On Dec. 1, 1662, Mr. Pepys, having occasion to cross the park, "first in my life, it being a great frost, did see people sliding with their skates, which is a very pretty art." On the 8th he went purposely to see the sight and again found it "very pretty."—London Chronicle.

He Ought to Know.

It is said that the late Professor Cohn of Breslau, the famous botanist, thus opened his course of lectures on botany: "The four chief constituents of plants are: Carbon, C; oxygen, O; hydrogen, H, and nitrogen, N." Then, writing down these four letters, with apparent carelessness, on the blackboard—COHN—he smiled, observing, "It is clear that I ought to know something about botany."



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