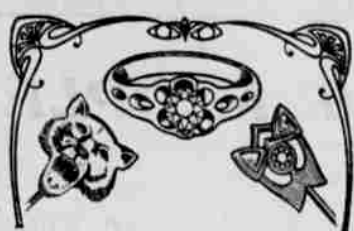


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The Grants Pass Jeweller

THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE LIQUOR QUESTION

Judge Jewell Enters Quite Fully Into This Topic in an Interesting Manner.

Editor Courier: While so much is being said on the saloon question, pro and con, and some of our people fail to understand why the signature of the county judge is found on every saloon license in the county outside of the county seat, permit me to offer a few words of information through the columns of your paper.

It matters not what I or any other person may think about the saloon, we must recognize it as a legal institution, and entitled to the same protection that is accorded to other creatures of law. The people of Oregon in their sovereign capacity have made the saloon and have given it a legal standing. The county judge is bound to sign the saloon license of every applicant who complies with the law. He has no option in the matter.

Now if the saloon is a bad thing, there is just one way to get rid of it. The same power that made the law can repeal it. But just as long as the law remains in force, it is the duty of every loyal citizen to respect it. Not only should we respect the law in a general way, but every detail of its requirements should be strictly carried out. Obedience to law is one of the evidences of good citizenship. Saloons should close on Sunday, not that Sunday is any better than any other day, but simply because the law requires it. There is just as much harm in getting drunk on the Jewish Sabbath as there is in getting drunk on the Roman Sabbath.

I take issue with those learned gentlemen who claim that the saloons have no legal rights. In discussing the subject of rights, we should distinguish between natural rights and legal rights. A thing may be legally right and naturally wrong, or as some would say, morally wrong. We democrats hold that a man has a right to do as he pleases, provided he does not please to interfere with the rights of some other man. Nature has given every human being the right to enjoy the fullness of manhood and womanhood, and has denied the right of any human being to in any way prevent it. We should discuss the saloon question just as we would discuss the tariff, money, or any other political question. Our American government is founded on the doctrine that all legal rights should harmonize with natural rights. And if the legal rights of the tariff lords, the banking syndicates, and the whiskey dealers are out of harmony with our natural rights, then the way is clear to every citizen who loves his country better than he loves party or some self-interest. To determine this, however, brings into requisition our best thought and most unselfish patriotism. The true American is always ready to settle any question at the tribunal of justice.

If the saloon is a public necessity, it should remain and be protected; but if it is a public evil, the sooner we get rid of it the better it will be for all. But whatever we do, let us be honorable and manly about it. I believe that a majority of whiskey dealers are willing to do what is right, and to retain or abolish the saloon as the interest of the entire people may require. This is the way the question is being settled in the southern states.

Southern democrats with that patriotism, intelligence, and moral refinement for which they have always been noted, have reached the conclusion that saloons are more of an evil than a blessing. And acting on this conclusion, they have practically made the saloon a thing of the past. The temperance people of the South have gained this great victory with out making enemies. In a dignified gentlemanly way, they invited the saloon men to a friendly discussion of the questions involved, with the usual results that reason prevailed.

The southern people have solved this great question, and they are going to solve all other great national questions. The time is coming when the high sense of honor and justice with which every true southern soul is imbued will be appreciated the world over. STEPHEN JEWELL.

Badly Mixed Up

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me, so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed for blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by all druggists, etc.

TAILINGS FOR ROADS

Value of Refuse From Mines In Missouri.

GOOD SURFACING MATERIAL.

When Rolled Solid as Possible the Roads Are Compact and Smooth. Little Dust—Dry Quickly Immediately After Rain.

Jasper county, Mo., has over 300 miles of improved roads, representing an expenditure of \$200,000 during the past ten years, says Doss Brittain in the Good Roads Magazine. Of this road eleven miles were built in 1906 at a cost of \$33,500. During the same year \$7,900 was spent in repairing the highways already graded and graveled, thus making the original cost of the road \$2,000 and the cost of maintenance about \$70 per mile.

The system under which the roads of Jasper county are constructed and repaired is operated under the supervision of three road commissioners appointed by the county court for each district under provisions of a law passed in 1895. Under these provisions Jasper county was divided into six road districts, each working independently of the others. In August of each year each district makes its annual report to the county court.

For the construction and maintenance of roads the commissioners are provided with funds from three sources—viz, road tax (poll tax outside of the cities), dramshop license in city and in country and donations. Since 1896, when active work began under the law passed the previous year, up to the present the income from various sources in the Joplin district amounts to the following:

City dramshop license.....	\$3,628.09
County dramshop license.....	196,116.00
Poll tax.....	45,066.69
Donations, etc.....	7,822.08
Sales of machinery.....	3,710.47
Total.....	\$271,990.33

The term "donations" refers to moneys received for work done outside of the county and "sales of machinery" to machinery sold after new had taken its place.

The moneys received were expended as follows:

Labor.....	\$191,633.70
Repaving.....	45,000.75
General.....	6,770.13
Trilling, culverts, etc.....	14,108.27
Tools.....	12,280.48
Total.....	\$271,990.33

This leaves available a balance of \$4,672. With these disbursements were built 100 miles of improved road.

The material used consists of stones, gravel and tailings from the various lead and zinc mines located throughout almost the entire county. The tailings consist of finely crushed very hard flint ejected from the concentrating mills while milling the ores. After entering these mills the ores are crushed finely with crushers and a number of sets of cornish rolls, screened and the gangue, or rock, separated from the ore by water. The process, called jigging, thus cleans the ore, which is saved and marketed, while the tailings go to form big dumps.

These tailing piles accumulate so rapidly at the mines that even the mills in some cases are almost buried, and more than ordinary methods are sometimes necessary for their removal, hence the fact that tailings are supplied free to all who want them, the only expense being for hauling. Fortunately there is no better material than these tailings for surfacing roads and for ballast, and such use is serving very materially to reduce the dumps, which would otherwise become a great burden.

In the construction of the roads of Jasper county the surface is brought to grade laid out by engineers, and excavation is done in the usual way with plows, scrapers and road graders. The surface is then leveled with harrows and rolled. Heavy stones are placed at the bottom of the road and this layer covered with from eight to ten inches of gravel or of tailings. This is rolled as solid as possible, and the road, twenty feet wide, is complete. Constructed under these specifications, the road requires about 2,000 yards of tailings to the mile.

Roads constructed in this way form serviceable highways for either heavy teaming or for light vehicles, like automobiles and bicycles. There is but little dust, and, with the exception of brief periods when the tailings are very wet, as during a heavy rain, the roads are compact and smooth. When very wet the gravel is somewhat loose compared with its normal condition, but not to such an extent as materially to interfere with its utility nor nearly so much as materials commonly used for ordinary country roads. Immediately after the rain the roads dry quickly and are packed almost as hard as pavement, forming a smooth, hard road.

Consequently some of the best and most picturesque stretches of highway to be found in Missouri are in Jasper county, which fact is due largely to this abundant and near supply of road material found in no other part of the state, perhaps not in many parts of the United States; also to the demand on the part of mine operators for automobiles for business and for pleasure.

"Why do you call your boat the Hen? How is she anything like a hen?" "Because she lays to."—Baltimore American.

A Healthy Clay Eater.
"The old clay eating negro of the south is seldom found now," said a Montgomery man. "I remember my old black mammy as she would hunt for rich brown clay and eat many pieces of it. She said it helped her stomach and kept her from illness. She would eat the clay every day and would wind up by eating a large piece of charcoal just before going to bed. She was never sick a minute in her whole life. She lived to be ninety-two years old and died from an injury received in a runaway. She told me many times that good clay would keep the system in fine shape and that charcoal was most healthy. It acted like a charm in her case."—Nashville Tennessean.

You May Not Need It Now
Here is a simple homemade mixture as given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases, who makes the statement in a New York daily newspaper, that it will relieve almost any case of Kidney trouble, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; painful and discolored urination, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe, try it:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

A well known druggist here in town is authority that these ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure, and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to remove all blood disorders and cure the Rheumatism by forcing the kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and foul, decomposed waste matter, which cause these afflictions. Try it if you aren't well. Save the prescription.

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There is no way of making lasting friends like "Making Good;" and Doctor Pierce's medicines well exemplify this, and their friends, after more than two decades of popularity, are numbered by the hundreds of thousands. They have "made good" and they have not made drunkards.

A good, honest, square-deal medicine of known composition is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It still enjoys an immense sale, while most of the preparations that have come into prominence in the earlier period of its popularity have "gone by the board" and are never more heard of. There must be some reason for this long-time popularity and that is to be found in its superior merits. When once given a fair trial for weak stomach, or for liver and blood affections, its superior curative qualities are soon manifest; hence it has survived and grown in popular favor, while scores of less meritorious articles have suddenly flashed into favor for a brief period and then been as soon forgotten.

For a torpid liver with its attendant indigestion, dyspepsia, headache, perhaps dizziness, foul breath, nasty coated tongue, with bitter taste, loss of appetite, with distress after eating, nervousness and debility, nothing is so good as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is an honest, square-deal medicine with all its ingredients printed on bottle-wrapper—no secret, no hocus-pocus humbug, therefore don't accept a substitute that the dealer may possibly make a little bigger profit. Insist on your right to have what you call for.

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