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Is Prohibition a Failure Here?

An editorial in this week's Observer would be interesting reading were it not that it bears so unmistakably the brand of the stock arguments sent out by the National Liquor Dealers' Association for the consumption of those whose motto is "No, lie, lie; some of it may be believed."

It has been a long time, however, since we have read anything that was so thinly veiled an insult to the intelligence of the people as the aforesaid editorial.

Let us notice some of the statements:

"Prohibition does not prohibit. Prohibition in Josephine county has failed miserably."

We can believe that two or three men in Grants Pass have reason to concede that prohibition has done something toward stopping their business. So completely has it stopped them that they are ready to go out of business for good. Facing a possible prison sentence is not conducive to boldness in defying the law, hence these men have shut up, and what they were getting will now go to their families through the merchant and grocer. That they will go to Jackson county to spend their money is all nonsense, and the Observer knows it. Were it true, then the man is so far gone that the best thing he can do for family and state would be to keep going, when he starts for Jackson county, and never return.

The truth is that the stronghold of the liquor traffic is in the treating system, and that is largely shut out by making the business illegal. The traps are not open to tempt the young and the weak, and the normal man rarely hunts for the deadfall. One thing is certain here in Grants Pass, that is, the ladies can now go along the streets and can pass the corner of Sixth and F streets without having their eyes offended and their ears defiled by the crowd of drunken rakes and loafers that was always found there.

One man who has always had whiskey to his hurt says that he "cannot get it here now." Only men with plenty of money can get it. That is something of a gain.

"Prohibition does not prohibit." So says the association whose object is to fight prohibition and whose money flows like beer to defeat prohibition. And this is where the insult comes in. Can we find one liquor manufacturer who is in favor of prohibition? They are not scrupulous as to methods when it comes to increasing the consumption of liquor, yet not one has come forward to help the prohibition cause. What fools they are, if the contention is true, to spend millions to defeat that which will increase their business! Uncle Sam is a pretty good book-keeper, and here are some of the facts in the case: Deputy Commissioner Wheeler, of the Internal Revenue Department, states that there has been, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, a falling off in the production and sale of fermented and spirituous liquors to the amount of \$79,059,473.60. This amount did not go to Jackson county or to any other wet county, but it went into food, clothing and better homes.

During the same period, owing to prohibition, the national receipts from the whiskey tax fell off \$5,290,778, and from the beer tax \$2,351,205. And Medford did not get what that represents in the American home life; it went into better homes and a higher American manhood and womanhood.

And now comes the most damnable thing in this remarkable editorial. I will quote it verbatim: "The sawmills are closing down and the workmen are scattering with full purses. Many of them will go to Medford for a good time. Grants Pass loses revenue, loses trade and gains nothing but low evils."

Let the reader take a good look at that; look at it from all sides.

All know that there are many families depending on that full purse, and the only fear has been the open saloon, the one thing in this world that will make a man so far forget his manhood as to rob his family of their right, to gratify his inflamed appetite. And yet we have one in his sober senses who will deliberately advocate keeping traps to rob the family! It is the old argument that was advanced against establishing lighthouses and outlawing wrecking, it hurt trade.

The writer says that minors get liquor under prohibition. Does he know that? Where are they? Show them to us and we will see that those who furnish the stuff will find that prohibition does a little prohibiting. If he knows and will not tell then the said writer is an undesirable citizen, for it is every man's duty to see that the laws are obeyed. Any man who connives at the breaking of the law is equally guilty with the chief criminal. And if men will deliberately connive, sneaking into toilets, old warehouses and barns to get their liquor they are undesirable citizens; and where the safety, nay the very life of the nation, depends upon respect for law and a clear-headed and intelligent manhood, the sooner these persistent lawbreakers finish their course the sooner the national character will take the upgrade.

Every city of any size that has tried prohibition for one year has shown great gains in every line, financially as well as in decency and self respect. The facts and figures are at hand to prove this, and in a later article we will give them. All we can say to the writer is, give us something that has a semblance of reason at least. ROBERT McLEAN.

M. E. Church, South.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Topic, "The Permanence of Religion." Bible school 10 a. m. Union services in the evening at Bethany Presbyterian church.

First Christian Science Society.

Christian Science services will be held Sunday, August 29, 1909, at 11 a. m., in the W. O. W. hall. Subject, "Christ Jesus." Wednesday evening meeting at 8 p. m. in the same hall. You are cordially invited to attend.

Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school meets at 10 a. m., morning preaching service at 11 o'clock. Union service will be held in Bethany church at 8 o'clock. Union Young People's service at 7 p. m. under the direction of the young people of the Methodist church, South.

First Baptist Church, San., Aug. 29.

At the hour of morning service, 10:30, the pastor's message will be "Jesus on His Own Generation." The session of the Bible school follows at 11:45 under the direction of R. K. Hackett. The evening service will be held in the Presbyterian church. The Young People's meeting will be led by a member of the Epworth League and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Robt. McLean.

Christian Church.

Sunday: 10:00 a. m., Bible school; 11:00 a. m., morning worship and communion; 7:00 p. m., young people's societies in union meeting at the Presbyterian church. No evening worship at the Christian church. Thursday: 8:00 p. m., mid-week devotional and training class. Friday: 8:00 p. m., Bible school teachers' meeting. You are invited to these meetings.

Chicken Thieves Busy.

There are some complaints along the river front of the depredations of chicken thieves, several residents having had their poultry houses visited within the past week and the result is that the owners of chickens generally have armed themselves and will take a shot at the thieves the first opportunity. The police have been notified of these depredations and it is to be hoped that they will be able to capture the thieves. They will keep a close watch on suspects and be ready to take them in on short notice. The owners of chickens in the meantime will use every means of protection and will shoot to kill if opportunity offers. Public sentiment will approve of the killing of the chicken thief as he is the lowest down thief on the list of depredators.

The office of the Rogue River Electrical company has been headquarters this week for delicacies in the culinary line, for at that place has been conducted a demonstration in electric cooking by Mrs. A. M. Colby. The electric range is one of the modern conveniences which all housewives would be happy to possess.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

G. H. Carner left Wednesday for St. Paul on a business trip.

Miss Alice Spalding returned Thursday from a two weeks' trip to the Seattle fair.

Dr. W. H. Flanagan made a business trip to Woodville Thursday, returning the same day.

Mrs. Emma Dewey and little daughter, Ruth, left for Medford Thursday, where Ruth will enter the Catholic school. Mrs. Dewey will return to this city.

Charles Williams, of Hilt, arrived here Thursday evening to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Williams, of this city.

Dana Ament and Albert Paddock returned Tuesday from their hunting trip at Oak Flat, Dana having killed a deer and Albert secured a big bear.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Session left for their home at Lakeview Wednesday after visiting for several days with Mrs. Session's mother, Mrs. Margaret Tufts and other relatives in this city.

C. G. Gillette, the feed merchant, and his friends, Mr. Hustleman and wife, have been on a deer hunt at the head of Illinois valley since Monday. They returned on Thursday night.

G. W. Swinney and wife returned Thursday from Corvallis where he has been Southern Pacific freight agent for the past three months, to take the position of day baggageman at Grants Pass.

Ben Gadsby, of the firm of Gadsby & Son, of Portland, S. F. Freeman, wife and child, of San Francisco, stopped at Grants Pass Wednesday en route to Portland, via Crescent City, by auto.

Ralph G. Tabor, formerly manager of the Hints Publishing Co. and city editor of the Daily Republican, Red Wing, Minn., has been in the city for some days on business. He says he has given up the newspaper business and will engage in other lines in the west.

Phillip Gilbert, of St. Paul, was a visitor in Grants Pass Thursday looking over the country. Mr. Gilbert is an attorney. He says that the western people have been making so much noise about this country that he decided to look it over and is much pleased.

Grants Pass is soon to have a new meat market, which will be first-class and up-to-date in every particular. This new market will be put in by William Stapf, recently from Santa Cruz, Cal., and he will occupy the new Claus Schmidt building, now nearing completion on Sixth street. Mr. Stapf is thoroughly versed in this line of business and intends to give to the citizens of Grants Pass the best service that it is possible to secure anywhere. He expects to open up his shop the first of the month and should be given a good patronage by the public.

N. E. McGrew has sold his dray business to W. C. Fry, formerly of Merlin, who has taken charge and will conduct the business on an up-to-date scale. Mr. McGrew has been in the dray business for the past 20 years in this city, being the pioneer drayman of Grants Pass, and has been very successful in this line. He will probably go to California to reside as soon as he has disposed of the remainder of his property here. Besides the dray business, Mr. Fry purchased some property of Mr. McGrew including barns and other buildings. Mr. Fry is an honest, upright man, well deserving of the liberal patronage of his townsmen in his new undertaking.

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It is now generally conceded by all that there is nothing on the market showing more merit for quality and price than the article here referred to—Cleveland Superior Baking Powder.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Ralph and Chester Moore returned Wednesday from a trip to Roseburg.

E. E. Dunbar went to Portland Wednesday on a business trip for a few days.

T. W. Pack attended the fair at Seattle last week, returning to this city Thursday.

Mrs. J. H. McDow returned Wednesday from Merlin, where she has spent the past few weeks.

Trout Flies specially tied for Rogue River are the "Rainbow" quality. Sold by Cramer Bros.

J. A. McDaniel, of Redding, Cal., visited a few days with his cousin, J. A. Turner, of this city, leaving Tuesday for his return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strong arrived here Thursday from Portland to visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Burns.

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Clarence France, of Syracuse, Neb., stopped off for a few days visit with his old friends, W. M. and J. E. Hair, of this city, leaving for his home Thursday.

Steve Cass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cass, formerly of this city, has been visiting old friends for the past few days in this city, leaving Thursday for his home at Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. John Trimble arrived here Thursday from Hilt, Cal., where they have spent the summer, and are now on their way to their home at Oregon City, visiting relatives and friends en route.

Clarence Presley spent a day or two in Portland the fore part of the week with his brother, Dave, who was injured at Ashland last week by a Southern Pacific engine. Dave has passed the critical stage and is now on the road to recovery.

Clarence Pummill arrived in this city Monday from Eureka, having made the trip of 197 miles on his wheel in five days. Clarence comes here to attend the Grants Pass high school this winter and will reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hair.

L. M. Neas, father of Mrs. Edith Rehkopt and Sam Neas, of this city, arrived here Tuesday to visit with his children. Mr. Neas is from Sigourney, Iowa, and left there with Mrs. Rehkopt in June after the death of his wife. He has been visiting on the way, coming here from Weed, Cal., where he had been visiting with another daughter, Mrs. B. F. Doerfus.

Roy and Edward McLean, Albert Coe and John McConner left Monday on a hunting trip, taking with them a burro to carry the game home. The boys are hunting in the Galice country at what is called Bear Camp, and if the place is true to name there is no doubt but that they will return with the burro well packed. They expect to be absent until the first of the month.

Misses Verl and Irene Trimble and cousin, Miss Edna Trimble, arrived here Tuesday evening from Hilt, Cal. Misses Verl and Irene left Wednesday evening for a few days' visit with relatives at Glendale after which they will be joined by their parents and proceed to their home at Oregon City. Miss Edna will remain with her cousin, Mrs. Ed Dixon until the opening of the St. Mary's academy at Jacksonville, when she will go there as a pupil.

Thomas, the fruit grower, has broken the record for large peaches this year. He is exhibiting to his friends a photograph of 12 peaches in a row which measures 26 inches or one yard of peaches. This will lead peach growing in size for some time to come. Another photograph which is attracting considerable attention is that of eight apples grown by S. W. Phillips, of this place. The eight apples weigh 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces, and laid side by side touching each other, they measure just 36 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wing were in town Thursday morning from Waldo accompanied by Mr. Wing's sister, Mrs. D. W. Northrop, of Brookline, Mass., who has been visiting her brother at Waldo for the past two weeks. Mrs. Northrop departed on the southbound train Thursday morning on her return trip, but will visit many western and eastern points before returning to her home.

Mrs. Cornelia T. Jewett, managing editor of the Union Signal of Chicago, was a caller at the Courier office this week. Mrs. Jewett's newspaper education started in a country weekly office and she has occupied all positions from office boy to editor and "devil" to foreman. Now she is at the head of the W. C. T. U. Ad-

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voate, which has an immense circulation. Mrs. Jewett accompanied Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp, sister of Mrs. J. E. Hair, of this city, at whose home the ladies were guests. Mrs. Kemp is also on the staff of the Union Signal, she being the business manager. The ladies have been on a western tour and, being delegates to the National Editorial Association meeting at Seattle, they went on the Alaska trip with the Association party.

Why is it that Thos. Horner seems so happy? The record of births in another column will tell.

J. F. Stanfield is preparing to open a cafe in the building at the corner of Front and Fifth streets. He has thoroughly renovated the place and is installing new furniture and will conduct a thoroughly up-to-date establishment to be known as the Merchants' Cafe. It will open all day for short orders and dinners and in the evening for short orders and oysters. He expects to open up about September 1.

OPENING OF SCHOOLS.

Notice to Parents and to High School Students of Grants Pass.

The city schools of Grants Pass will open Monday, September 13. The superintendent will be in his office at the Central building every afternoon of the week preceding this opening date to confer with parents and pupils.

All pupils who were not in attendance in the schools of Grants Pass last session will be required to report at the office for examination and assignment. Parents and prospective pupils are requested to take note of this and not wait until the opening day of school to secure entrance permits.

Beginning pupils in the first grade will not be received after October 4. Opportunity will be given again in January to enter first grade pupils.

All high school students, whether in attendance last session or not, are requested to call at the office on afternoons of Thursday, Friday or Saturday just preceding the opening date and confer with teachers and superintendent as to course of study to be pursued this coming session.

R. R. TURNER, Superintendent. J. C. SMITH, Chairman Board of Directors. 8-27-21

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Mr. and Mrs. James C. Cox stopped off here this week for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nipper, resuming their journey south this Friday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are from Palopinto county, Texas, but will spend several months in travel before going to their home. Mrs. Cox was Mrs. Nipper's first school teacher.

The best Split Bamboo Poles, direct from the factory, at Cramer Bros.

The D. W. Clarke family this week have the pleasure of entertaining Mr. Clarke's brother, Prof. W. P. Clarke, and wife, of Berkeley. Mr. Clarke is professor of horticulture at the California State University. He made a short visit to Grants Pass six years ago.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

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By order of School board, District No. 14. E. M. COCKERLINE, Chairman. E. LOUGHRIDGE, Clerk. 8-27-21

Mrs. Sam Neas and sister, Miss Marguerite Cleveland, returned this Friday morning from a two weeks' visit to Portland.