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Exit King Booze; Bandon Water Now in Demand; Dry Wave Causes No Disturbance

"Here's how, Old Scout," with nothing stronger than Bandon's municipal water, may be quite a strain on the nervous system, but it will probably be an accepted custom—after we get that elusive drinking fountain.

The eve of prohibition was ushered into Bandon with a slight snow fall—possibly a benevolent preparation on the part of Higher Powers for the heralded dry spell. Early in the holiday season, Christmas Eve in particular, local and up river and down the coast celebrants foregathered in the only oasis between Coos Bay and the California line for a farewell homage to John Barleycorn. On Christmas Eve the homage was first in evidence and when the cold gray dawn of the morning after appeared the local battle was crowded to capacity with all who could not remember where they were supposed to sleep.

From then on until the final day John's disciples were in abeyance. The saloons were doing an enormous business—in fact about three months in less than a week—but the bulk of the sales were in packages for future consumption and but few tarried for more than a brief, "Here's how!"

But as the hours drew to a close all thoughts of future consumption were forgotten—it was "S-long way t' California, sinz Or'gon gone dry"—and the instincts of about half of the crowds appeared to be follow the example of the camel. The crowds were large and during the latter two hours many of the revelers were consumed with an ambition to visit each of their old standbys in turn, which idea finally crystallized into an ambition to deplete the final supply in one last big drink.

At midnight, the whistles blew, everyone gave a warwhoop and the light plant blinked the lights, while the orchestra at Dreamland broke in to the strains of "Goodbye rock and rye."

On the whole, prohibition was ushered in with but little roughness, although many were exuberant and a considerable number of the younger male population of the city and countryside took advantage of the occasion to sow a few wild oats.

Portland Scene of Wild Revelry

The following from the Portland Telegram will give a vivid conception of what the closing hours of the liquor regime in Oregon's largest city must have been like:

There was a wild and wild, but joyous ushering in of the New Year in the grills of the city. Each was crowded to the doors, not one foot of space being vacant. There was barely sufficient room left for ushers to move through the aisles. Wine and other liquor flowed freely. Everybody started out early to go the limit. The revelers realized that it was the last celebration of the sort in which they ever would participate in this city and many of them went

beyond even the limit.

Modesty at a Premium

In some of the grills women forgot their modesty as their minds and bodies became benumbed with the wine. This was first indicated when many embraced their companions. The next step was a kiss and finally the two would lock in a long embrace, unmindful of the jeers of those around them. Some of the women did not stop at administering their affection upon their companions but, emboldened by the wine, staggered around the grills drinking with others they never before had met, and permitting themselves to be embraced. In one of the largest grills one beautiful young woman with face flushed with wine and emboldened to the limit, embraced one of the detectives in the place, and the detective did not appear to object.

Crowds Jeered Grill Guests

Morbid crowds of people gathered around the entrances to the grills during the closing hour. As the men and women, under the influence of liquor, left the grills to take taxis, the crowds jeered and made all sorts of light remarks. In front of a number of the grills there were veritable blockades, and officers had to blaze a trail through the seething crowds to provide an exit for the celebrants.

Routs Salvation Army

Watching two patrolmen until their backs were turned, a celebrator gathered three bricks at Third and Burnside streets and almost put the Salvation Army out of commission. The members of the army were singing when the invader put them in the ten-pin class.

Frisco Does the Acroplane Stunt

San Francisco Chronicle: And it was some celebration! Sparkle, and lights, and confetti and noise and merry people! And such a lot of us all! Walking along Market street yesterday afternoon the stranger who did not know his San Francisco would never have expected what was coming last night. Even the decorations and the greens in the cafes and the cleared spaces for the dancing would only have given him an intimation of what was to come when the lights were turned on and the confetti was turned loose, and the corks began to pop, and the bubbles began to bubble. For it's a spontaneous celebration, this San Francisco party to welcome the New Year. It needs no rehearsing. It's one of the times when San Francisco knows how. And if there was anything unusual, or different, or a little more so, about last night, perhaps it was because this celebration marked the beginning of a new period—if you will. For the years that came before 1915 have been years of getting ready and looking forward, and an expectation that was fulfilled in the twelve months that have just passed. (San Francisco is still "wet" and expects to stay so as long as possible.)

A Good Home Open to a Four Year Old Child

Did the joyous possibilities of having a merry faced, chubby little boy or girl in your home ever occur to you—to you who are members of an exclusively grown up family? Have you, who have never had a child of your own, even an inkling of the love and cheer that a little child can bring into a home?

Perhaps there are those who love the little one and long for a child's company and trust unknowingly, but go through life feeling an unexplained loss, all because they do not awaken to realization of what a home without children means. How few are the instances of childless couples that go out of their way to make a home for homeless children, is evidenced by the scarcity of notices like the following:

"WANTED—A child four years old, or younger, to raise. Apply to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Briggs, Bandon, Oregon."

In those brief 20 words, how many people will read more than the bare fact that Mr. and Mrs. Briggs desire to clothe, feed, house and educate some unfortunate little one? The bare words, it is true, express nothing more, but between the lines is a beautiful story of deep loneliness and sincere love for children. It is a story of a middle aged couple who have a comfortable share of worldly goods, a pleasant home and good health, yet feel there is a fundamental something missing out of their lives and have had the wisdom to discover the means of fulfilling their happiness.

Here is the kind of a home that it was meant children should have. Where tender care, love and sympathy are combined with an opportunity for health, happiness and wisdom. It is hoped their quest will meet with success.

Sustains Broken Leg

H. Dooley, who has been conducting a blacksmith shop in the Reynolds building on Second street, accidentally fell while on duty last Thursday afternoon and sustained a broken leg. His condition is improving rapidly.

COUNCIL DISCUSSES OREGON AVE. CASE

City council meeting last evening might have been likened unto one of the last-day congressional filibusters—chuck full of oratory and but a small amount of accomplishment.

Technicalities in the proceedings governing funding and water bond sales were straightened out and it also decided to accept both sales on the six per cent interest basis instead of one at five per cent as first proposed. The proceedings will be closed the latter part of the month and the council expect the fund by the first of February.

Questions raised as to the legal meaning of sections of the occupation tax schedule were referred to City Attorney G. T. Treadgold and Recorder E. B. Kausrud.

Probably Appeal Case

Authorization as to whether the Oregon avenue case should be appealed to the Supreme court was asked in writing by City Attorney G. T. Treadgold. After considerable discussion the matter was placed on the table until next meeting. Johnson, Dippel, Chatburn, Rasmussen and Mast, (members present) feeling the full council should be present at the decision.

Speaking of a compromise, Mayor Topping stated that he had attempted to bring about such several times. Once before the injunction suit was tried, when the Catholic church offered to dedicate the strip on a basis of \$700, and had gone to Mr. Webb, the contractor, in an effort to meet the Church on that basis. Later after the Church won it withdrew the offer and he then interviewed a number of the property owners interested in an effort to have them sign the necessary papers which would make it possible to change the route, but found supporters of the present project firm in their determination against changing the route down the old county road; which eliminates all chances of a compromise along that basis. The Mayor also stated the city could not pay \$700 or any other such sum out

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LOCALS LOSE IN A FAST BALL GAME

With Bandon one foul to the good and but five minutes left to play, the Oerding brothers gave an exhibition of team work never before equalled on a local floor and won Saturday's basket ball game by a margin of seven points. Final score: Oerdings 22, Bandon High School 15.

It is doubtful whether there has ever been a more closely contested game played in Bandon, nor a cleaner one, although speed was lacking and the defense of both teams was not up to what it should have been. The High School scored first, a basket from the foul line, and their opponents followed closely with a successful shot from the field. Another field shot put the locals on the long end of a 3 to 2 score and in this manner the balance on the tally sheet swung back and forth during the entire first half and most of the second half. Bandon led 11 to 10 at the end of the first period and managed to keep ahead during the second until Gallier gave out and Myers took his place at center. The appearance of a fresh man against Geo. Oerding at center, put new life into the locals but not for long, the substitute did not seem able to get out of his own tracks and his opponent hit the loop three times from the field.

The fact that the Oerdings outweighed Coach Quigley's cohorts does not lessen the credit they deserve, for the visitors were handicapped by the strange floor. In George, Harry and Charles the up-river family have a trio that is more than a match for the entire team of any high school in the county and many times during the game the speed and team work of these three completely routed the locals. Lack of practice however, showed in their basket shooting and they missed many open shots.

From Saturday's game it is hard to prophesy what will be the strength of the High school, as they will appear in the county league. Hadsell, a second string man, appeared in the place of Ivan Pullen, who was kept out of the game by an injured hand.

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If Foreign Born, Be Prepared To Prove Your Naturalization When Going to Register

Will you be able to vote in the primary election this spring? Nine out of ten say yes, but will they get by when the time comes?

Under the new registration law, passed by the last legislature, every voter in the state of Oregon must register before the next election or vote not. No matter how many times you have faced the registrar in the past you must do so again, this time "for keeps," 'tis said.

Nor is that all. Whereas, in the past you have simply told the registration clerk that you were a citizen of the United States either born or naturalized, this time you must prove it. If you are a naturalized citizen you must demonstrate the fact by showing your final papers to the clerk when you register. If you are foreign born, but came to this country when a child and therefore claim citizenship under your father's papers take your father's final naturalization papers with you when you go to register, otherwise you will be deprived of the pleasure of inscribing your name on the big book. In short, you have got to prove beyond doubt that you are a duly qualified citizen and voter before you may register.

The registration books are now open and will remain so for about three months. For precincts No. 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, which take in all of Bandon and all of the country south as far as Two Mile, as well as the Prosper, Parkersburg, Lampa and Riverton precincts, C. B. Zeek has been appointed official registrar. In registering you must give the number or name of the precinct in which you live. Following are descriptions of the four Bandon precincts.

No. 44—Bandon Southwest

Beginning at the southwest corner of Section 30, Twp. 28 S. R. 14 W. and running thence north along the center line of Oregon avenue to Second street; thence east along the center line of Oregon avenue to Fourth street, west; thence westerly along center line of said Fourth street, west, to Ocean Drive; thence along the center line of Ocean Drive to the west line of the city limits of

Bandon; thence southerly along said city limits to the southwest corner of the city limits of Bandon; thence easterly along said city limits to 13th street west; thence east along said 13th street west to the place of beginning.

No. 45—Bandon Northwest

Beginning at the northeast corner of precinct No. 44 at the corner of Fourth street west and Oregon avenue and running thence westerly along the center of Fourth street west to Ocean Drive; thence southerly along the center line of said Ocean Drive to the west line of the city limits of Bandon; thence northerly along the west line of the city limits of Bandon; thence northerly along the west line of said city limits to the northwest corner of said city limits; thence east along the north line of said city limits to the township line between Twps. 28 S. R. 14 and 28 S. R. 15 W.; thence south along said township line to Second street and Oregon avenue; thence southerly along Oregon avenue to the place of beginning.

No. 46—Bandon Northeast

Beginning at a point on the township line between Twps. 28 S. R. 14 and Twp. 28 S. R. 15 W. on Second street; thence east along the center line of Second street east to the east boundary of the city limits of the City of Bandon; thence north along said east line to the northeast corner of the city limits of Bandon; thence westerly along said city limits to the northeast corner of Precinct No. 45; thence south along the Twp. line to the place of beginning.

No. 47—Bandon Southeast

Beginning at the southwest corner of Section 30 Twp. 28 S. R. 14 W. and running thence northerly along the center line of Oregon avenue to Second street; thence east along the center line of Second street east to the east boundary line of the city limits of Bandon; thence south along the east boundary line of said city limits to the southeast corner of said city limits; thence west along the south boundary line of said city limits to the place of beginning.

Bandon Cow Tests Highest Out of 2330 in Coos County

Pacific Laura Lee, a registered Jersey, owned by J. F. Van Leuven of Bandon, made the best record out of a total of 2330 cows included in the four cow testing associations in Coos county. This was determined by Geo. R. Johnson, tester in charge of the Bandon & Lower Coquille River Cow Testing association, in comparing annual summary reports of all the associations.

Mr. Johnson's report for the local association is as follows:

Yearly Summary Records

Bandon & Lower Coquille River Cow Testing association from July, 1914 to July, 1915:

Total number of cows in the association	550
Total number of cows in association completing the year's record	380
Average production per cow of the 380 cows for year in lbs. of butterfat	238.7
Average cost of feed per cow of the 380 for the year	\$24.85
Average net returns per cow of the 380 for the year	\$47.86
Highest average production per cow per year of any herd in the association (owner of herd, Hull Bros. Riverton), in lbs. of butterfat	314.8
Average cost of feed per cow per year for herd with highest average per cow	\$34.45
Average net returns per cow	\$69.45
Lowest average production per cow per year for any herd in the association, in lbs. butterfat	138.3
Average cost of feed	\$22.69
Average net returns	\$18.80

The best record of any cow in the association is 560 lbs. of butterfat from the time she freshened October 15, 1914, to the time she went dry in September, 1915; but from July, 1914 to July, 1915, the testing period for the first year's work of the association, she produced 594 pounds butterfat. This is the best

record of any cow made in any of the testing associations in the county for that year. The cow is Pacific Laura Lee, a registered Jersey, owned by J. F. Van Leuven, Bandon, Oregon.

The poorest record made by any cow in the association for the year is 66.2 pounds of butterfat. This cow probably would have done much better had she received proper care.

GEO. R. JOHNSON
Tester in Charge.

Coos Bay Association

(From March, 1914, to March, 1915)	
Total No. of cows	535
Total tested for full year	485
Average production per cow per year in lbs. butterfat	242.3
Av. cost of feed per cow	\$32.70
Av. net returns per cow	\$67.86
Record of best cow in association (owner, T. M. Collier, Catching Inlet), lbs. butterfat	487
Wm. Black, Tester.	

Myrtle Point Association

(From May, 1914 to May, 1915)	
Total No. cows	570
Total No. cows which completed 482	
Av. production per cow for the year in lbs. butterfat	230.4
Av. cost of feed	\$38.25
Av. net returns	\$40.41
Best cow for year (owned by Chas. Butler, Myrtle Point) in lbs. of butterfat	438.6
R. J. Dryden, Tester.	

Coquille Valley Association

(From April 1914 to April 1915)	
Total No. of cows	671
Total No. cows tested full yr.	523
Av. production per cow for year, in pounds butterfat	259.8
Av. cost of feed	\$33.51
Av. net returns	\$47.13
Record of best cow (owned by W. G. Mehl, Coquille) in pounds of butterfat	485
H. B. Warner, Tester	

Rabbit Farming New Industry in Bandon

Rabbit farming is one of the industries that have grown up in this section of the country during the past year and raising pet stock of this variety promises to become a source of income not to be disregarded.

The local demand for the animals for eating is small, as yet, but in the metropolitan markets the supply is always short and rabbits are considered a great delicacy, being served at all of the first class hotels and grills and bringing good prices. The meat is white, tender and juicy and is said to be the most easily digested of any flesh food. With some people there is a prejudice against eating rabbits on the ground that they are pets. This is hardly true, for rabbit culture has reached a commercial stage that puts it on the same footing with poultry raising and the same prejudice does not hold true in the case of chickens.

In speaking of raising rabbits for market, the Cotton-tail and Jack varieties are not meant, they not only being less palatable but also too small for profitable culture. Fred Colgrove, who has a large hutch on his place in South Bandon, has gone

of this they point out that a rabbit has a third more flesh on it than a chicken of the same weight.

The market price of rabbits is about the same as that of poultry, bringing around 15 cents a pound alive and from 20 to 25 cents when dressed. However, the cost of raising the animals is much less than chickens and they are ready for the market at an earlier age. For eating purposes rabbits are best when from three to five months old and at that age they weigh between two and six pounds, averaging about 50 cents each dressed. Eighty cents a year is the average cost of raising them, leaving a profit close to 100 per cent.

One big feature of rabbit farming is the small initial cost to the producer. A pair of blooded stock cost from 50 cents up, according to age and breed and begin to breed at the age of six months. Eight litters, averaging nine rabbits to the litter, is the usual fecundity of each doe per year, but it is not advisable to breed them more than six times. The outlay for hutches is small, as rabbits need but little room. At the present time Mr. Colgrove is housing his sixty animals in the loft of a small barn and claims to have room for as many more without crowding.

They demand little care, outside of being kept dry, and need only a small amount of barley and vegetables as food.

DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY COME NEXT WEEK

Geo. W. Moore has not yet returned from Toledo, Ore., where business called him during the forepart of last week, therefore no definite information as to when the mill here will open is to be had. There is a report however, from authentic sources, that a definite announcement concerning the opening will be made sometime next week.