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Race prejudice knows no North, no South. From Springfield Illinois, the home of the great emancipator, is reflected a picture of the horrible atrocities of mob violence, that vies with the thoroughness of execution and rampant vengeance the negro riots of the Southern states, with few exceptions. It takes but the perpetration of the devilish act on the part of a negro rape fiend to set boiling the blood in the veins of the Northern man who fought to free the black man from the shackles of slavery. The same blood which 45 years ago wet the sands of Shiloh field in defense of the negro in civil war conflict with the Southern brother, last week trickled in Springfield gutters hot and clamorous for the lives of the black race. Thus, with the coming of the black man to the North, is shifted scenes that for years the Southern states have repeatedly enacted in loyalty to mothers and daughters. The color line is pushing Northward, and in defense of woman, mob violence will be found to act as quickly and be as hard to control as it is in the South. Wherever the two races meet, and a black, treacherous wretch despoils a white woman, vengeance will be found too swift for law and court to intercept, save to protect innocent blacks from annihilation.

Down in Yoakum, Texas, a new paper was launched upon the public a short time ago. The publisher was an original fellow and in the first issue directed the following bit of humor to his readers: "I have no earthly excuse to offer for foisting this paper upon an unsuspecting and outraged public but a flonshid delight in witnessing human suffering. It is malice premeditated. In fact I've been hoping, trusting, waiting, praying and laying for an opportunity to vent my spleen. Whether you do or do not like the paper doesn't concern me in the least. That's your business, not mine. All I want you to do is to subscribe for it. The price one dollar per annum, payable at the front end of the per annum, which is about ten times more than the thing is worth—but if after reading it you decide you do not want it, mail it back to me postpaid, and I'll keep the dollar and sell the paper to someone else. This may not look like business to you, but it is to me—and about the best I have to offer.

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Dan Herren, who died a few days ago at his home in Washington, was one of the party that found the Blue Bucket mine. It was during the journey from Missouri to Oregon in 1845, when the emigrant train had lost its way and was wandering among the headwaters of the Malheur river that Dan Herren picked up the pieces of yellow metal that gave rise to all of the golden stories of the Blue Bucket mines. He himself later searched for the spot, and hundreds of others have devoted much time to the quest, but the location has never again been discovered.

In Pennsylvania the food commissioner says foods are becoming much purer. He says that eight years ago 80 per cent of the foods purchased by the department on the market were adulterated. Today but 3 to 5 per cent are adulterated. Pennsylvania has a strict food inspection law and it is enforced probably as rigidly as in any state in the union.

Even the "unspeakable Turk" has determined at last on a constitutional government. The world certainly does move towards democracy.

You may be sure the independent party is not expecting to cut much ice, or Mr. Hearst would have had himself nominated for president.

PROHIBITION ON TRIAL.

Hundreds of men in Umatilla county voted prohibition last June for the first time. They did not do so with the expectation that "prohibition would prohibit." It doesn't. Liquor will be consumed just the same, but not in such large quantities and not with the open countenance and encouragement of the law.

Hugo Munstreing, student and writer along psychological lines, admits the evils resulting from legalized liquor traffic, but fears the increase of "solitary drinking" under prohibition. He regards the solitary drinker as more dangerous to society and less amenable to reform than the gregarious and sociable individual who wants to drink with the crowd and "set 'em up" when his turn comes.

This is only true in part. The solitary drinker is an enemy only to himself and to his immediate domestic circle. If he chooses to drink himself to death, his passing will not be regarded by the general public as an unmitigated calamity. Moreover, he is apt to be frowned upon by society, and also walked upon, figuratively, with spikes in its shoes. His vice is not a popular one. When he appears on the street in an inebriated condition, the tendency will be to regard him as a public nuisance.

Not so with the "good fellow" under the saloon regime. Intending no harm, he in fact does a great deal by influencing others through his convivial instinct for treating. He wants everybody to drink with him and have a good time. Deprived of the licensed saloon as an incentive to good fellowship; compelled if he wants a drink to gum-shoe his silent way into a "speakeasy" or slyly remove the blinkers from a "blind pig," drinking loses its attraction for him and he becomes a useful member of society.

In this county prohibition is entitled to a fair trial and a square deal. Then, if it proves a failure in lessening the drink evil to an appreciable degree, many men who voted for it the first time will again give their support to the licensed saloon system. The sale of "near beer" so near to real beer that the need of the distinctive adjective is not apparent, should be discouraged by the strong arm of the law. So-called "clubs" where liquor is dispensed—one of which is said to flourish at Pendleton—should be raided and put out of business. This work is the plain duty of the law's representatives. If they are unable or unwilling to perform it, others should be elected who will. Also, for the sake of their cause, it is manifestly the part

of wisdom for sincere prohibitionist leaders to aid the officers in securing evidence of law evasion.

So far in Umatilla county there has been much less drunkenness and fewer arrests than under the saloon system. Municipal taxation will be higher for a time, of course. This must be expected. Meanwhile public welfare demands that boys should not be permitted to frequent "near beer" resorts and that no "near beer" should be tolerated which tests more than one per cent alcohol. As a beverage, it is permissible; as an intoxicant, unlawful. Those who sell intoxicants under the guise of "near beer" are malefactors, pure and simple, and are entitled to no countenance from the community. No law prevents crime, but fear of the law is a great deterrent. It now remains to be demonstrated whether the prohibition law is a genuine club or a stuffed stocking, whether it is to be feared or ridiculed and despised.—Weston Leader.

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