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The Federal Court has sustained the Oregon Sunday closing law as being constitutional. This law has been on the statute books of the State for years, and is often referred to as the "blue law." The law is one that has been enforced but little, and then only spasmodically in localities where sentiment favored it to the extent of pressure being brought to bear on official observance. Judge Wolcott's decision comes at this time as a result of a denial to the Brunswick-Balke-Whitely Co., manufacturers of Billiard and pool hall equipment, for an injunction against the district attorneys of the State of Oregon for enforcing the law, which it enforced, would close the billiard halls on Sunday, and thereby curtail the earnings of the company. Points of the decision are that the law does not violate the fourteenth amendment of the Federal constitution or the twentieth amendment of the State constitution.

The County Court has placed the tax levy for the county at 7 1/2 mills. The court's order calls for a seven and a half mill tax upon all property in the county, the total assessed valuation of which is \$18,927,399.38. This levy will produce approximately \$365,000. In addition there is about \$38,000 balance in the general fund and it is estimated that about \$15,000 will be collected from other sources. The tax is apportioned as follows: 3 3/8 mills for state and county purposes, 1 3/8 mills for school purposes, 1.60 of a mill for school library purposes, 2 3/8 mills for roads and bridges. For Umatilla county's portion of the state tax there is due \$109,959.10 and other estimates are as follows: For general expenses including library \$102,100; for county school tax at \$10 per capita for school children \$72,000; for school library \$800; for roads, highways and bridges, \$120,000.

Urban P. Strain, assessor of Umatilla county, may enter the campaign as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Strain is a recognized authority on tax equalization and through his efforts full and equitable taxation has been imposed upon railroads and other corporations, and the fruition of these efforts is shown in the statutes of Oregon and several other Western states. He is the strongest man yet to appear for the office, and it is elected would meet all requirements to capably fill the important public service position.

Th Heppner Herald observes that there is one thing that even the Kaiser cannot accomplish—he cannot wear the German women from the French modes. The superiority of French dress is confessed even if the superiority of French cuisine is still doubted.

Candidates are beginning to come out for the various offices to be filled at the next election. Only a few weeks and we shall be in the midst of the primary campaign.

The Washington Valley Gazette, published by Gillis & Davis, is at hand. It is a new sheet, well patronized and deserves to live.

Diamond School of Healing and Instruction.

Prof. J. C. Diamond, the well known Healer and lecturer, treats all manner of ailments, no matter how long standing. Kidney trouble and Rheumatism a specialty. Female trouble successfully treated; no medicine, no knife. When you are through with your doctor, come to us. Provision made for country patients.

Prof. J. C. Diamond, Dr. Lora Diamond, 260, Broadway, and Madison, Portland, Oregon. —Adv.

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A Mulligan Stew

Roscoe Pawcett, Oregonian sporting editor, in his introduction of our own "Rusty" Shlek, (Bob Crowin's find and donation to McCreddie's staff of twirlers) to Portland sportdom, says in cold type, that Shlek was plucked from the "brambles up at Athena." Now, I am in an edifying mood, right NOW. There's not a blamed bramble within 3 miles of the town. The only thicket we have around Athena, Mr. Pawcett, is a little tangle of elder bushes and willows below town, where the habes roost. But "Rusty" never in his whole life congregated there—so you're another! True, there's a bramble that's the reason Wood is trying to kopewollow the honors of "Rusty's" diamond Debut for his tug. How, however, it all depends on how the sidewheeler's wing flutters in the training period, whether I give a whoopee or not.

Sanford Stone was there all right with the water wagon—the wagon, the mules, the flag, and Sanford, Himself.

Being a fat man, if I could have my way about it, I'd have this sort of weather continue indefinitely—even unto and thru the summer thereof. Now squeak, you lean kind.

If ever I find out who the feller is who sent my name to the outside distillerymen, Reetierfiers and foreleg brewers, b'le me, I'll make something out of him besides a snowman. Since prohibition went into effect, I have received 42 application blanks with prize list enclosures from outside booze vendors. When the fall cargo accumulates, I intend to bundle 'em up and mail them to Vic Harris. He can use them for winter reading, for they're no blamed wet that they won't burn.

You may not believe it, but long ago my penetrating perceptive power detected a latent spark of Thespian talent in the versatile mind of Kernel Wood. I had mentioned my discovery to others, but the very idea was always hooted at with a float. However, the recent production of "Blundering Billy" over at Weston, with the Kernel in a prominent role, has attached a can to all the hoots that were ever hooted. His splendid delineation, superb setting, or something, in his realistic imitation of a Man about to be Kissed, held the audience voraciously spellbound at the Climax (thin, play out, if you please) for a period of 5 minutes. Thus, my prognostic, horoscope, seerations have been proven correct, without a chance for further conveling.

The only difference I can see in re-pairing a tire blowout now and in the good old summer time, is that there is no dust to conglutinate the cuss channels of your throat.

The Chinook, gentle Annie, is letting Jackson Frost have his own way just now. The only melting process noticeable is in the Coal Bins.

It'd only let that beautiful little most-a-sh grow!

My friend Steele is peeved because Marion Hancell persists in shooing said Steele's whang leather exporior. Not being perfectly familiar with the exact reason as to the why, I merely opine that Mr. Hancell's position as private secretary to Sol, the gyp bar-trader, may be exancting his on-Devided attention.

I am "hep" to prohibition conditions in Oregon, and already had it's easy to drink over a bar. Anyone having a bar of soup and a glass of water can do it.

Luck. Luck is the main difference between failure and success. It rises like some mysterious fairy from the chaos of events and crowns its victors with an apparently hopeless ignorance of justice.

Luck must be a woman; no man could be so fickle, so fantastic in a choice of favorites.

Luck, however, has one great virtue. Although she will desert the gambler as suddenly as she came to him, she is likely to be faithful to those of her proteges who are the steadiest workers. She appears to be on the side of the biggest battalions—Life.

A Disturbing Sound.

"There is no excuse for a man being run down by a motorcar. All he has to do is to keep his wits about him." "Of course," replied the recent victim in sarcastic tones. "There is nothing more conducive to rational thinking than a loud 'honk' heard unexpected by in one's ear." Birmingham Age-Herald.

Opened Her Eyes.

Clara—Can it be, Dolly, that you are to marry Mr. Smith after saying to me repeatedly that you could not endure him? Dolly—The truth is, Clara, dear, that until I heard that his aunt had died, leaving him a fortune, I was deceived in my own feelings toward him. —London Telegraph.

The Orang Outang.

To protect itself from the rain the orang outang crouks its arms over its head. The hair on the orang's upper arm points downward, while on the lower arm it points upward, the apparent purpose being to shed the rain like a hatch.

Sounded Like a Knock.

Mrs. Bacon—How many biscuits would it take to make ten pounds, John? Mr. Bacon. Well, it all depends on whose biscuits they were, dear.—Yonkers Statesman.

Corrected.

Suitor I cannot live without your daughter. Old P. Shlek—Oh yes you can. A'wee, we've killed anybody yet. —Boston Transcript.

Half of seven is in spring the significance of little rhymes. Henry P. Cope.

MEMORIES OF THE PAST.

Congress Gaiters and Herdies and Carpet Bags and the Like.

A London Journalist asks, "Where are those elastic side boots, beloved by the men and women of the sixties?" He probably refers to the boots known in this country as "congress gaiters." Why "congress"? Countrymen visiting Washington thought that members of congress always drank congress water. Perhaps they did, undoubtedly they needed it. But did they necessarily wear congress gaiters? The true western statesman was proud of his leg boots. The popularity of the congress gaiter in this country was due to the ease with which it was put on. It was the shoe for fat men, for indolent persons, for those that were mentally down at the heel, discouraged and depressed.

Where are those shoes now? But what has become of all the herdies and where is Peter Herdie? Where are all the old fashioned carpet bags, the moss agate rings and sleeve buttons, the hair jewelry, the mustache cups and napkin bands? Where are the revolving casters that were once the center ornament of the dining room table? "What will you have from the cater?" Where are the clinking silver plated ice water pitchers, with gold lined goblets, that stood on the sideboard or on the table in the directors' room of a bank or office of some corporation? What an amazing amount of junk there must be in this world, including novels that were for a time prodigiously popular, serious books that were once called definite, final, epoch making—Philip Hale in Boston Herald.

TRAINING THE FLEA.

How the Tiny Insect is Weaned From His Jumping Habit.

"The teaching of the flea to do any sort of trick is, of course, a tedious, difficult matter," said a flea trainer. "The first thing to do is to break it of its natural habit of jumping."

"One can see how necessary this is when one considers the flea is less than one-eighth of an inch in length and has a jump of three feet—300 times its own length. If a six foot man had the same leaping power he could make leaps of 1,800 feet, so that when a flea has the advantage of one leap he is as good as gone forever. My apparatus for jump breaking is a round glass ball. I confine him in this for three weeks. I look through this ball, touch it, flash lights into it, talk, do everything to let the flea accustom himself to my presence. At first he will jump and jump. He strikes against the curved walls and gets bruised. After a time, and I find three weeks to be ample, the flea gets to know me, and he also gets to know that it is less painful to crawl than to jump and get bruised.

"The flea cannot differentiate between transparent glass and no glass, so that when I take him from the ball he still strikes this peculiar obstruction and so he don't jump. So, you see, a flea must have some reasoning power somewhere, but I am in no position to say where it is located. That is why I have to pick fleas up with tweezers and put them on my arm when I want to feed them. They don't dare to jump on me."—Kansas City Star.

How He Got Along.

An attorney living on the north side was arrested a few weeks ago charged with violating the motor speed law. When his case was called in city court the next day he asked that it be continued for a week. The arrest caused his wife considerable embarrassment, and she spent most of her morning conversations with the neighbors during the next few days in explaining just how it happened.

On the day of the trial one of the neighbors was sitting on the porch as the attorney returned home. "Hello, Jack," said the neighbor. "How did you get along in the police court?" "Fine!" yelled the attorney; then he whispered, "Twenty-five and costs."—Indianapolis News.

A Family Trait.

"Oh, mother!" exclaimed the tender hearted little Frances, coming in from school with tears in her eyes. "There was the pitifulest little orphan there today! He had holes in his stockings and all his clothes, and his shoes weren't alike, and he hadn't any hat. It made me cry to look at him. He was the orphaned little boy I ever saw. Oh, I just know that poor child's father and mother's both orphans too!" —Pittsburgh Press.

The Dignified Retort.

"Why," asked the domestic economy expert, "do you not use up all your state rolls in making a toothsome dessert?" "Because," replied the housekeeper with dignified reserve, "I did not raise my bread to be a pudding."—Baltimore American.

His Great Need.

A new pastor was met by one of his parishioners who was fat and of many years and who said to the pastor, "You must feed the sheep." Whereupon the pastor replied, "My dear old man, you do not need food; you need exercise."

Explaining the Delay.

She inquired newspapers—"Divorced 10:13 a. m. weeks again 5 p. m." What do you think of that? He—it would take that long to get the license.—Judge.

He who does not stretch himself according to the covert finds his feet unweaved.—Goethe.

For Sale—A team of good work horses. Inquire at this office.—Adv.

In Pound.

Notice is hereby given that the following described stock has been impounded in the City of Athena and unless redeemed by owner will be sold to the highest bidder for cash in hand on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1916 at 2 o'clock p. m.:

One bay mare 4 yr. old, no brand.
One gray mare 3 yr. old circle disnom on right shoulder.
One gray mare 3 yr. old brand half circle to on left shoulder.
Sanford Stone, City Marshal.

Only a Beginning.
"She can't be as progressive as you say if she's taken up embroidering handkerchiefs."
"Why not?"
"Because that very seldom gets beyond the initial stage." —Baltimore American.

The Connection.
Hylar—Why did you give up smoking? Pryer—in order to marry a rich widow. Hylar—I fail to see the connection. Pryer—She refused to give up her weeds unless I would give up mine. It is simple enough.—London Telegraph.

Genius Recognized.
"It's a pity that Shakespeare is dead," remarked the old playgoer.
"Yes," replied the modern manager.
"What a moving picture scenario he could have written!" —Washington Star.

Joined Right Off.
Lady (interviewing girl)—I may tell you that we are vegetarians. Girl (anxious to be hired)—That's my church, too, mum.—Boston Transcript.

If you are big league material the scouts are pretty apt to hear about you. —Arlington Globe.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon, Tuesday, January 11th, 1916, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m.

F. S. LeGrow, Cashier.
December 10th, 1915.

Notice of Sale.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Guardianship of Alexander Kinnear, Incompetent.

In pursuance of a license to sell granted by the above named court on the 28th day of December, 1915, I, Margaret Kinnear, guardian of the person and property of Alexander Kinnear, an incompetent, will proceed to sell to the highest bidder the following described realty, to-wit: The south one-half (1/2) of the southwest one-fourth (1/4) of section twenty-two (22) township four (4), north of range thirty-five (35), E. W. M., Umatilla county, Oregon.

That bids upon said land may be made and left with my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, from and after this 30th day of December, 1915, up to and inclusive of Saturday, the 29th day of January, 1916, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., on said date, at which time I will then sell to the highest bidder, all the right, title, interest and estate of said Alexander Kinnear, in and to said described realty.

Terms of payment \$8000.00 to \$10,000.00 in cash, the balance on time at a reasonable rate of interest upon first class security.

Dated this 30th day of December, 1915.

Margaret Kinnear,

Guardian of the person and property of Alexander Kinnear, Incompetent.

Notice of Sale.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of S. M. White, Deceased.

In pursuance of a license to sell, granted by the above named court, on the 16th day of December, 1915, I, Matilda R. White, administratrix of the estate of S. M. White, deceased, will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described realty: The W. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 and the S. 1/2 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 19, T. 5, N. R. 35, E. W. M., Umatilla county, Oregon, containing 160 acres more or less.

That bids upon said land may be made and left with my attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, from and after this 17th day of December, 1915, up to and in-

No. 4516. Report of the Condition of The First National Bank, at Athena, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, Dec. 31, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts (except those shown on b).....	\$377 355 42
Acceptances of other banks discounted.....	2 000 00
Total Loans.....	399 355 42
Overdrafts, secured,.....	unsecured,
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	12 500 00
Other bonds to secure postal savings.....	970 00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and pledged.....	6 426 32
Total bonds, securities, etc.....	7 396 32
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank.....	\$6 000.....
Value of amount unpaid.....	\$3 000.....\$3 000.....
Value of banking house (if unencumbered).....	9 000.....
Equity in banking house.....	9 000 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1 000 00
Due from Federal Reserve bank.....	15 500 00
Due from ap'd reserve ag'ts in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, & S. F.....	5 347 06
Due from ap'd reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	23 018 44
Checks on banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11).....	3 846 03
Outside checks and other cash items.....	
Fractional currency, nickles and cents.....	\$524 20
Notes of other national banks.....	104 15
Federal Reserve Notes.....	628 35
Legal-tender notes.....	900 00
Coin and certificates.....	24 280 60
Red'n fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation).....	25 00
Total.....	\$504 432 22

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$50 000 00
Surplus fund.....	50 000 00
Undivided profits.....	\$2 981 38
Reserved for.....	\$2 981 38
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	2 981 38
Circulating notes outstanding.....	12 500 00
Due to banks and bankers (other than included in 28 or 29).....	3 525 36
Dividends unpaid.....	3 150 00
Individual deposits subject to check.....	213 342 97
Cert's of deposit due in less than 30 days.....	138 158 81
Certified checks.....	517 55
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	
United States deposits.....	
Postal Savings deposits.....	256 15
Total demand deposits, items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39.....	\$354 275 48
Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed.....	20 000 00
Total.....	\$504 432 22

State of Oregon, County of Umatilla, ss:

I, F. S. LeGrow, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1916.

B. B. RICHARDS, Notary Public.

For Oregon. My commission expires Mar. 12, 1917.

Correct—Attest:

W. S. Ferguson

M. L. Watts,

H. Koepke, Directors.



Over-coats

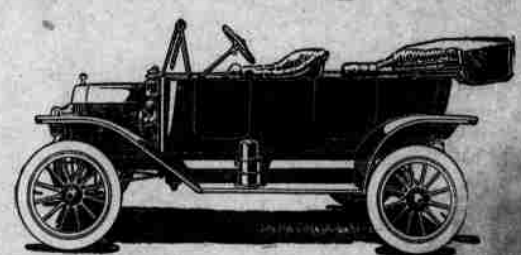
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