

Locals-Personals-
Merely Many Minor Matters
Briefs and Fillers

Omar Willey of McCloud, California visited Ashland Monday.

Agriculture is the foundation of manufacturing and commerce. — George Washington.

Mrs. McCormick, a nurse from Medford is sick with flu at the home of Wm. Patrick on Almond street.

Eugene Thomas, prominent member of the Medford Realty board, was an Ashland visitor last Saturday.

Among Dunsuir visitors in Ashland last Saturday were Waldo Stevens and J. T. Ferguson.

Frank Eller was another Hornbrook citizen to visit Ashland Saturday.

T. Campbell and family have moved from 153 Granitestreet to 96 Laurel street.

Charles Quigley was transacting business here Saturday from Hornbrook.

Mrs. Isabelle Smith, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. Moon of Ashland, left Friday for her home in Boise, Idaho.

Dave Strickmaster of Corvallis refereed the basketball game here Saturday night between Ashland and Roseburg.

National and foreign advertising representative for The Ashland American is the "American Press association," 225 West Thirty-ninth street, New York.

Mrs. E.L. Atkinson of 111 North Main street has been confined to her bed for several days. Mrs. Nettie Green, nurse of 737 Boulevard is attending her.

George Nickols was picked up on the Green Springs mountains by Deputy State Game Warden Roy Parr Saturday for killing deer out of season. He was tried in Judge Taylor's court at Medford and fined \$50 and

J. H. Fuller, secretary of the Ashland chamber of commerce, returned from Salem Sunday. Mr. Fuller attended the entire session of the legislature, and has a complete mental record of the doing of both houses.

Senator George W. Dunn and Representative Wm. M. Briggs are again mingling with home friends and business associates, having returned last week from their duties at the state capital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bussard of Klamath Falls, who have been visiting in Albany for some time, stopped in Ashland Monday to visit S. D. Doremus.

The Ladies aid of the First Presbyterian church will meet Friday morning, having dinner at noon in honor of Mrs. F. J. Gow, who, with Mr. Gow will leave soon for Petaluma California to make their home with their daughter, Mrs. Moffitt. The change is being made on account of Mr. Gow's health.

Just a small ad would let people know you were here and in business. The American wants every business in Ashland to carry space, if only an inch or a line, each week. It shows we have such business represented here. Outside readers would realize we had a city. We dislike to do all the talking alone.

Many people, especially our farmer readers, are at this time building something. A house, a fence, a walk or chicken house. On this subject this week, the box factory at Ashland has something interesting to say. By the advertisement of the Cal.-Ore., Box and Lumber company in another column you will find they are making a \$20 price on just the lumber you are probably wanting. Look up the ads, it pays to read them.

Mrs. Vina Decker, who has been visiting at the home of her brother, Harris Dean, in Ashland, left Sat-

urday for her home in Castle Rock, Washington. She was accompanied as far as Portland by Mrs. Dean, who will attend a meeting of the State Health association before returning.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN

BY M. Benedict
The Ashland W. C. T. U. recently secured a number of the booklets "Ninety-nine facts about habit forming drugs," and this pamphlet is being used for distribution in Sunday and day schools for the use of teachers and instructors of adult classes.

Some very startling facts are brought out in this publication, among them being the statement that it only takes four days of using some drugs to cause one to become addicted to the habit and with other habit forming drugs it only took seven days use to fasten the habit upon one and it says further more that addicts are seldom if ever really cured.

Another startling fact revealed is that a child born of an addicted mother is born with the appetite for drugs and with the additional poison received from the mothers milk begins life with the drug habit fastened upon it in this way

The result of drug addiction is said to be the loss of self respect, honor, obedience, ambition, truthfulness, virtue, morality and every other good quality.

The desire for the drug becomes the one and only desire of the addicted one and they will lie, steal, rob and if necessary commit murder in order to obtain the "dope" that only brings them into a deeper and more pitiful bondage everydose they swallow.

THE CURSE OF PROHIBITION

By Arch Bristow in the Warren (Pa.) "Evening Times."
"Holiday Liquor Hard to Get" says a headline. "Poison Whisky Floods Market," says another headline in the same paper. What a terrible thing this prohibition is, how ruthlessly it endangers the lives of many of our best citizens! How it has crushed many an industry! No pure, reliable holiday bootleg that honest people may rely upon. It's a sad situation.

This curse of prohibition, look what it's done to the country. In the first place, it has entirely broken up and scattered that beneficent organization, the Bartenders Union. Men of spirits they were, all of them; jolly fat gentlemen in their white aprons; wonderful mixers, too. Gone, all gone is the grand old Bartenders Union.

Prohibition has indeed crushed our industries. Thousands of mint growers had to go out of business when prohibition killed the mint julep. Nobody uses mint now except Mr. Wrigley, and a few cooks who serve it with spring lamb. Prohibition has almost ruined our policemen. Once they got some healthful exercise hauling drunks to the lockup. Now they have nothing to do.

Prohibition is hard on the poor justice of the peace, also. Once many prisoners appeared before him for drunkenness. That suited him fine. It encouraged his generosity, it enabled him to make many a man a present of thirty days.

This prohibition has just about wrecked us. It has left us with little to do in hours of leisure except maybe fall in love, or get married, send the children to school, join the church, go to the theatre three times a week, race up and down the roads in expensive automobiles and store our money away in dusty bank vaults instead of depositing it with cheerful plump gentlemen, who used to stand behind long mahogany bars and inquire solicitously "What'll you have?"

"Prohibition." Can one pronounce the word without trembling to think of the wrongs it has heaped upon us? Ah, how it has wrecked life, generally! Once you saw long lines of men on Saturday night going joyfully into crowded rooms where the doors swung both ways, where there was saw dust on the floor and a merry throng standing around the bar, where men were treating, standing with arms around each other's neck, slobbering on each other's shoulders and assuring each other they were "Th' besh dum frensh in th' world!"

How quickly and willingly a man could get his pay check cashed in those places and the accommodating man in the white apron would even help him to spend it right there so he wouldn't have the bother of taking any of it home. Yes, indeed, he could easily spend the whole thing right there on his "dum pood frensh" and then bring joy to his household by going home and smashing the furniture.

Prohibition—think how its curse has blighted the lives of even the dear little ones. It's taken away from them the funny, amusing spectacle of their father coming wabbling up the steps with a nearly empty quart bottle in his hand, all ready to bat them over the head with it. No more can they have hope to feel the soft caress of father's drunken kicks on the seats of their poor little pants.

her or chased her around the kitchen with the butcher knife, she now no longer has this pleasant little entertainment to look forward to at the end of the week. Now her husband comes straight home from work and she has all the bother of taking his pay envelope and deciding just how it shall be spent.—Taken from Union Signal.

AFTERMATH OF VICTORY DAY "THE FIELD IS THE WORLD"

From Our World President
Dear Friends: Temperance workers in 50 nations will follow with enthusiasm the Victory Day celebrations in the United States. They will cheer us on! In their own brave struggle against the alcohol peril they will welcome the tremendous aid given to them through our success. Letter flying in to the office World's W. C. T. U. from many lands expressed profound satisfaction over the marked advance of our prohibition policy, evidenced in our recent elections and encouraging statements by leading government officials.

Seven years ago the constitution of the United States of America flashed in the faces of liquor makers and liquor sellers a "stop" signal which a vast majority of them have heeded. If a steady stream of law observance and law enforcement patriots constantly obey the "go" signal and keep going forward the number of those who fail to obey the prohibition stop signal will continue to lessen. The violation of this law can and will be reduced to the level of other laws for the suppression of evils that injure the individual and are a menace to society. Yours for world victory. Anna A. Gordon.

London

We British women felicitate you on achievements in the United States. In England, John Barlecorn is rightly disturbed over the success of our local option campaign vigorously being carried on by the United Kingdom Alliance. In London an area of 18,000 square feet between Tottenham Court road and New Oxford street, formerly occupied by a brewery, is to disappear for the building of a big Y. W. C. A. central club for city girls in business occupations. The old Brew house adjoining Lambeth Palace is to be demolished and a parish institute erected in its place. Miss Agnes E. Slack, president British Women's Temperance Union.

Egypt.

Fine educational work is being carried on in Egypt among the English Arabic and Coptic races. All missionary colleges have temperance teachings. Temperance literature is widely circulated and read, leaflets being sometimes posted in postoffices and on church doors, so that the people may read them. Anna Y. Thompson, president, W. C. T. U., Cairo.

Copco Strides

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company. There are now 2,608 domestic electric ranges in service, a saturation over the entire system of approximately 19 per cent, or a range for every 5.5 domestic customers. The increase in the number of domestic ranges in service during the 1926 period amounted to 27 per cent.

Advertising assisted materially in the sale of labor-saving electric appliances, most of it being used to assist local dealers in the sale of their stocks to the public. Late in 1926 the company established a new merchandising store in Dunsuir, California, and it is planned to extend this new service to Roseburg, Grants Pass and Chiloquin during the coming year. Motion pictures continue to be an important factor in advertising and publicity work, a large number of interesting programs having been presented before various civic organizations during the past year. Another new medium of publicity has been adopted by the company through participation in local radio activities of the new Medford radio station. Copco is "on the air" every other Tuesday night from 8 to 9 p. m., and some splendid programs have been arranged for future broadcasting.

Gross earnings of the company for the year 1926 increased \$323,241 over the previous year's figure—representing approximately a 15 per cent growth. Of this increase in revenue, \$62,292 came from wholesale business and \$260,945 from retail business within the company's own territory, the increase in wholesale business being 9.3 per cent, while retail business gained 17.3 per cent.

The report is prepared in very attractive form and in addition to complete information, of which the above account is a summary, contains a map of the territory served and a series of progress charts showing growth of the company over a period of the last five years.

Buy it in Ashland.

About Campaign

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The manner in which Governor Smith would handle the Volstead act would bring about the ending of the deplorable situations the uncompromising dries have forced on America. The whole nation would be treated to a business administration like New York has had under Governor Smith and, it is likely, if Al Smith were to win once as chief executive he would duplicate the record as an office repeater he now holds as governor of the empire state.

IS AL SMITH THE MAN.

"In another column of this issue of The American appears an editorial from the Republican-Press of Ukiah, California, entitled "If Smith Wins." The editorial is from the pen of Arthur O'Brein, former Coos county newspaper publisher. While the editor of this paper does not have a personal acquaintance with Mr. O'Brien, it is presumed that he is a Catholic, and for that reason, more than any other, we give his editorial space in these columns at this time to let the readers of this paper know what is in the minds of newspaper men who are going to line up in support of Governor Al Smith of New York for president in 1928.

"Al Smith has made an enviable record as governor of New York. That is acknowledged by all. If Al were elected president and carried on the business of the federal government as he has the business affairs of the state of New York, it would be a business administration, that we would admit. But when Al Smith and his followers start out to repeal the prohibition law of this country, which means the return of the saloon (don't let them get you thinking otherwise) they are asking a contract the people are not going to deliver into his hands.

"As for the religion of Mr. Smith, the American people in the past have not been greatly concerned over the

belief of those who were candidates for the highest office. But Mr. Smith is a follower of a faith whose head has its place of abode outside the United States. The question that comes to our mind is, would Mr. Smith as president be guided strictly by American thought and aspiration, or would he share the responsibility of his position with the head of his church, which teaches that the pope is earth's ambassador from God. Not a few will find the answer to this in conditions in Mexico and Spain today. In Mexico Catholicism is the official religion, as it is also in Spain. The trouble in Mexico at this time, is over the adoption of a constitution enacted many years ago which provides for religious freedom. At the time of the eucharistic congress in this country last summer non-Catholics in Spain took heart over the enthusiastic welcome accorded the high dignitaries dominantly Protestant population of American and petitioned the authorities of Spain for more liberal treatment. The constitution of Spain provides that while the Roman Catholic religion should be the official religion other sects should be allowed freedom of worship but the nature of tolerance has been strictly interpreted. For instance, it is impossible for other than Catholic churches to inscribe their names on their buildings or to use bells calling worshippers to church or to hold public processions.

"What the American people desire in their president above all else is that he enter upon the duties of his office a free man. When Al Smith runs for the office against a republican the people may choose between a man who has pledged himself to the carrying out of certain business programs by which certain individuals are going to profit, and a man whose religion makes it possible for him to be dictated to by one who is not an American and cannot understand American ideas and purposes"

NOTICE

The Eagles' Hall, 3rd Floor, Medford Building, Medford is under new management on Friday nights and is putting on a series of Friday Nite Jazz Dances.

Music by the Metropole Orchestra
Admission 10c; Dance Tickets 75c
"Everybody Welcome"

NOTICE!

The Box Factory lumber yard during the month of March will make big concessions to Farmers and others that wish to build. The price of all Common lumber will be reduced during March to \$20.00 per thousand feet. This includes Shiplap, Rustic, Boards, fencing, plank timbers and dimension lumber. We have a stock of half million feet to reduce before our mill starts sawing again. This lumber is all dry and freshly milled. Come and get it yourself or we will deliver it for small cartage charge. Make your order a thousand feet or more to get this \$20.00 price.

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