

W. C. T. U. COLUMN

By May Benedict

In the many and varied departments of W. C. T. U. work there is something that each and every person can do for the benefit of humanity. It is the little things in our lives that bring to use many times shadow or sunshine, sorrow or joy. All of us know what it means at sometime to be a stranger in a strange land or a stranger in a city, church, home or hospital and how much the little kindness of those we come in contact with mean to us. And now as the Easter time approaches and the spring blossoms begin to come, the flower mission work of W. C. T. U. will take on additional interest among our women. Just last year one of Ashland's W. C. T. U. women sent out about fifty easter lilies to the sick and shut in ones at Easter time and dozens of bouquets were sent to the local hospital during the summer of last year bearing the W. C. T. U. message card tied with a tiny white ribbon. "Just a tiny bouquet of pousies and roses, arranged with care by a stranger hand, and a dainty card with a text of scripture that told of a better, brighter land; but they reached a homesick youth who languished on a hospital cot in weakness and pain; and they draw his thoughts from himself to Jesus, so the beautiful message was not in vain." Always at Easter many flowers are used to beautify homes and churches and this is as it should be but let us not forget the sick ones who cannot get to church and share with them our easter blossoms and like-wise our easter joys, or it may be some of us would prefer to carry out the flower mission idea by a call, glass of jelly, fruit or letter of kindly greeting. These are such small things and yet it costs so little to do them. Just one kindly thought often cheer up the sick one for a day and ceases the gray walls to take on the rainbow tints of a spring morning.

While in Washington recently Mr. Henry Ford was asked for an opinion regarding the prohibition question and replied: "Prohibition is a good thing for the country and it should be continued. I am in a position to know that it has been of untold benefit to the working man. Surveys made in

my own plant show this. The conditions among working men now compared with the period before prohibition are as different as is day and night.

"The country is better off with prohibition. Alcohol is no good for any one."

Miss Evangeline Booth, of the Salvation Army says:

"Probably many billions of dollars are at stake in the present fight to bring back light wines and beer. If the liquor were to be given away, instead of sold for a profit, the backers of the movement to modify or repeal the Volstead Act would disappear over night. That shows clearly why this fight is on now. Prohibition is a success and because of that fact the fight is on to upset it. Enforcement hurts somebody's financial interests. It always does. This government can enforce prohibition if it will and the way it can do so is to let the present boulevard and drawing room fad die out, then calmly and without any fuss deal with the lawbreakers just as those who murder or indulge in any other such forms of 'human liberty are dealt with."

"The person who fails to see that the young people of America are turning against the flood of filth in our literature is singularly unobservant. From nearly every educational institution in the country it is reported that young men in particular seem to be nauseated with the so-called 'liberal' tendencies of recent years and that they are turning toward an almost undue austerity of opinion and conduct."

"It is the opinion of the Dearborn Independent that the real wet majority in the state of New York is not in excess of 165,000. Not much of a majority in a state of such tremendous population. The probability is that if the foreign born vote were eliminated, New York would vote dry by several hundred thousand.—Taken from "Clip Sheet."

TAX LAW WITH TEETH

The people of Oregon will be greatly interested in the application of the principles underlying a new tax law, known as house bill No. 72, enacted at the recent session of the legislature. This bill gives to the state tax

commission supervisory control over the assessment and tax laws of the state, county assessors and county boards of equalization, and was recommended by the tax investigation committee appointed under authority of the legislature of 1925. Under the terms of the act the state tax commission has authority to fix the valuations of all property in the state. The avowed purpose of the measure is to secure uniformity of assessments.

That there is teeth in the law is evidenced by an examination of its provisions. It is made the duty of every county assessor to require individuals, partnerships, companies, associations and corporations to produce books and records or to furnish under oath information concerning their capital, funded or other debt, current assets and liabilities, value of property, earnings, operating or other expenses. Information obtained by public officials must not be divulged.

Any aggrieved taxpayer has the right of appeal to the state tax commission, as well as to the circuit court. Public officers whose duties relate to the assessment or equalization of assessments of property for taxation who fail to comply with the provisions of the act or with any order of the tax commission may be haled into the circuit court, which may compel them to conform to the detailed provisions of the law.

The new law is revolutionary to the extent that all acts of local assessors and county boards of equalization are subject to review by the tax commission, upon the initiative of the commission. The law carries the emergency clause and will be effective as to the assessment of property for the current year.

PUBLIC UTILITY SECURITIES POPULAR IN UNITED STATES

During the World War, the American people became heavy investors in Liberty bonds. They learned the merits of moderate-yield securities and since the war have invested in public utility securities, preferring this form of investment with its good return and high factor of safety rather than stocks of a speculative nature.

As a permanent investment, electric light and power company preferred stocks are everywhere known as desirable for the careful investor of small or large means. These

stocks combine safety with good dividends, and the dividends are paid regularly four times a year. Preferred stocks of electric light and power companies are the favorite investment of the careful and well-informed investor of southern Oregon, northern California and the entire country.

Strong favorites in the investment market, the preferred stocks of public utilities continue to lead the field in financial circles. They are conceded to be the most popular securities upon the market today.

SPEEDING

The speed of the motor May seem quite the thing, But the slightest mistake And the angels all sing. So, go on, you demon,

You're digging your grave And act like a fool, With a car for a tool. Death is behind you, He'll stick to your rear, But you're a good driver, So why should you fear? You'll take your last ride At sixty miles or more— They'll pick up your pieces, Like others before. Nothing will stop you But death in your path, So sit a bit closer; Step on the gas.

Ice cream cones were invented in Oregon. Oregon blankets are nationally advertised and sold all over the world. Oregon dairy cattle and poultry are holders of world's records.

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by the

University of Oregon String Quartette

REX UNDERWOOD, First Violin
DELBERT MOORE, Second Violin

BUFORD ROACH, Viola
MIRIAM LITTLE, Violoncello

Dr. J. J. LANDSBURY, Pianist

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