

PROHIBITIONISTS AGAIN.

In another column appears a communication from R. C. Lee, in which he criticizes the Mail's utterances on the Prohibition movement. It is not the intention of the MAIL to open its columns to an interminable controversy on this question, so its readers need not be alarmed on that score. At the same time, it seems only proper to print a limited amount of criticism of its own course. To pronounce the "Waste of Energy" editorial "dogmatic denunciation" and "twaddle," doesn't hurt anybody and is doubtless a good deal of satisfaction to the other party.

It is not contended that every anti-Republican vote is thrown away. The Democratic party is sometimes in the ascendancy, and the fear that it may again win acts as a check on the leaders of the Republican party, making it necessary for them to carry out the wishes of the people in order to retain their advantage.

Let us examine Mr. Lee's exposition of the principles of the Prohibition party, which the MAIL has taken the liberty of numbering in his article for convenience of reference. There are ten planks. On those numbered 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10 there is no contest. As well put the Ten Commandments in the platform, and claim credit for it. No 5 is woman suffrage, and that is not so an issue in Oregon. If it were, there is little evidence that Prohibition voters are any nearer unanimous than are those of any other party.

On No 9 there is a difference of opinion; but does Mr. Lee himself believe in the principle he enunciates—as applied in the

South? And would he apply No 7 to the South African situation?

No 2 opens a wide field. Taken in connection with No 1 it means the abolition of all taxes, which would be very nice, but hardly practicable.

The assumption that Prohibitionists are now the only people who desire to see the national life pure and good, and that all who fail to vote the Prohibition ticket are interfering with the purpose of the Almighty is not warranted by the facts, so far as known.

There are lots of good people who do not believe that the best way to forward the cause of temperance, was to put a Prohibition ticket in the field at this time. At least one of the Prohibition nominees did not himself believe it a week or so ago.

Census figures show that the

increase in manufactures in the past decade has caused the factories to grow by half. More specifically, there has been a 44 per cent increase in the number of establishments, and 51 per cent increase in the amount of capital invested.

One of the pension department officials says that within ten years the expenditure for pensions will decrease fifty per cent. The pension appropriation this year is \$135,000,000, or \$3,000,000 less than it was last year, and he believes this is the beginning of the decline.

The Scientific American gives this recipe which the whole world should know: At the first indication of diphtheria in the throat make the room close, then take a teacup and pour into it an equal quantity of turpentine and

tar then hold the cup over the fire so as to fill the room with the fumes. The patient inhaling the fumes will cough out the membranous matter and diphtheria will pass off. The fumes of tar and turpentine loosen the throat and thus afford the relief that has baffled the skill of the physicians.

In 1898, the fire losses of the United States were \$19,650,000, in 1899 they were \$136,775,000, in 1900 they were \$163,362,000 and in 1901 they were \$165,000,000, while this year started out with \$15,000,000 loss for the first month. Running an insurance company is not such a leafy pipe-cinch as some people seem to think.

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United States Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, March 1, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1894.

BALTHASAR MERZ, of Cleveland, county of Douglas, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2116, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of Sec. No. 12 in Township No. 33 S., Range No. 10 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or more than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Roseburg, Oregon, on Monday, the 26th day of May, 1902.

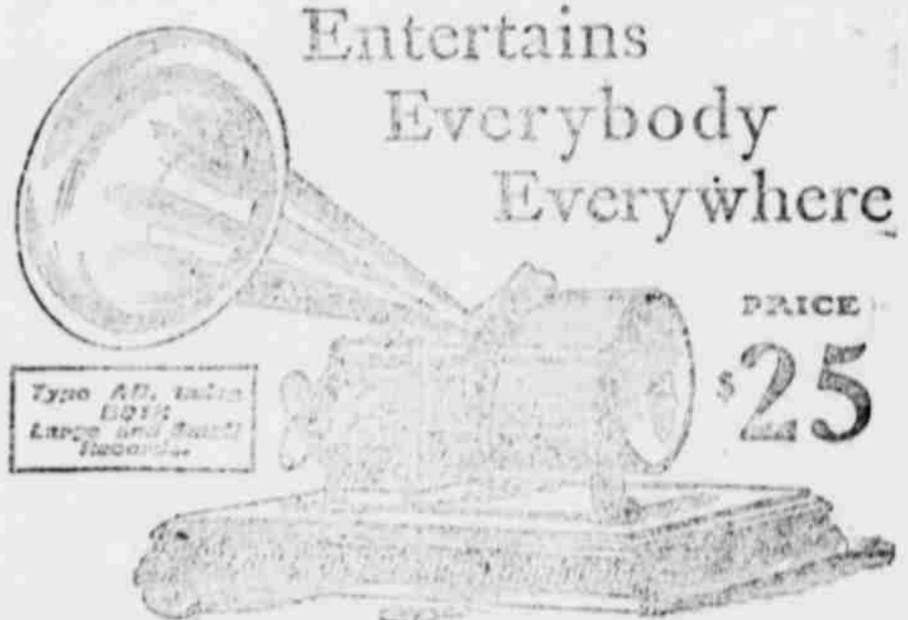
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