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LEGAL LOOPHOLES

In a recent San Francisco case the United States circuit court of appeals decided that "privately owned liquors, unless sold or held in violation of law, cannot be seized by federal prohibition agents."

The decision, while only one of many since Prohibition became in force, only adds to the growing confusion of what the Volstead law really means to accomplish. For a long time after its enactment it was a moot question whether or not the wording of the act as to liquors possessed in one's own home came within the provisions of enforcement, or whether the clause referred only to stocks of liquor on hand at the time the Volstead act became effective. There is still a variance of construction between the lower and higher courts and between the federal and state courts, notwithstanding recent developments in decisions and amendments.

The point turns on whether possession of liquor on prescription of a reputable physician for medical purposes, and for scientific, mechanical and sacramental purposes are the only kinds of possessions allowed by the law. In common understanding liquor possessed any other way or with any other intent constitutes a violation. But why doesn't the law come right out and say so, and why do not the courts have a more unanimous opinion as to its construction,

The Volstead law is not any clearer on some of its points than are the decisions of the courts that have had to wrestle with it and administer it. There is a growing need for clarification of legal phraseology—common ordinary language that the common ordinary people can understand. Our legislative bodies should say what they have to say in unambiguous terms.

Many lawyers, judges and even laymen believe that the Prohibition law is fairly well construed and settled as to what it means. There are others who believe that a more definite set of phrases would eliminate doubt. If the law is not certain in its context, and if the American people are determined to have Prohibition in fact as well as in name; if America expects to stop the drinking of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and its alleged improvidence and drunkenness, why leave any part of the law designed to correct these evils in vagueness and doubt? With the wealth of words, the richness of the English language and its power of expressing thought, there should be left little uncertainty in putting into phrases and sentences the exact thing that is meant.

WHEN A TOWN DIES

When a town dies, there isn't any funeral, there are no flowers, not even pall bearers—it just dies.

When a town dies, somebody or many somebodies have failed to administer the dosages of civic pep and pride.

When a town dies the mapmakers save a speck of printers' ink.

When a town dies the trains run on past it, the sidewalks revert back to their native element, the birds build nests in the town hall, the cattle graze in the public park.

It's a sad and sorry thing when a town dies for it hasn't even the satisfaction of knowing who killed it.

But when a town dies, it just dies, and dies and dies, and believe us, it's a DEAD ONE.

RELATIVE PRECAUTIONS

Lindbergh didn't even carry a parachute on his recent air tour of Central and South America. Many a fellow, other than Lindbergh, wouldn't even have started on the ground without an umbrella.

SOME GOOD AFTER ALL

The Teapot Dome investigation and its resultant ramifications has accomplished some good purposes, among them being proof that the more shady "business" transactions become the longer the "business" men can keep out of jail.

The U. S. Government changed from drilling the oil to grilling the oil operators.

Politics would be a happier game if so many things didn't happen between the hats in the ring and the ballots in the box.

TIGARD

The Young People's Missionary Circle of the Evangelical church gave a birthday party for Miss Lois Maurer at the church Saturday night.

Fred Shrier, of Kelso, Wash., is visiting his father John Shrier. At one time he owned a livery barn here.

Prof. E. B. Nedry has had a severe cold for the past week.

Mr. Ralston, formerly of Multnomah, but now of Portland, purchased the large Hoffarber house and it is understood that chicken dinners will be served there.

Dr. Leitch gave a lecture Thursday at the First Congregational church in Portland, on "the influence of Confucius on the Religious life in China."

The supplies in the Kinney Confectionery store were sold for \$21 at a public sale Saturday. Mr. Kinney reopened his store Saturday evening.

Mrs. C. Sturm was quite ill this week.

Dr. G. Leitch vaccinated the children at the Metzger school for small pox last week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Evangelical church are planning on an entertainment to be given at the Grange hall Thursday, March 1.

The Tigard Grange voted on three new members and received applications from six at their last meeting. A septic tank was installed this week by Mr. Cole.

O. H. Butler put in the basement for the new 5-room cottage on the Organ place.

A. E. Johnson is having the old Stage house remodeled into an up-to-date 5-room house.

Mrs. Geo. Rankin received the sad news Saturday of the death of her father in Southern California. He was instantly killed in an accident there.

Mrs. Geo. Arnold, of Seattle, was visiting Mrs. O. H. Butler last week. Saturday Mr. Butler came down for a couple of days visit. Mrs. Butler will visit here for some time before returning home.

Mrs. R. M. Sanford, of Chicago, is visiting her twin sister, Mrs. V. Low, this week.

Mrs. G. E. Glenn and son, of Kansas City, are visiting Mrs. V. Low. Mrs. Glenn is a niece of Mrs. Low.

Don't forget—"Busher's Girl" is coming to Tigard soon. Date later.

The girl's basketball team of the Tigard union high school played Banks Friday and won by a score of 35 to 8. The boys also won. Their score was 24 to 10.

Mrs. Davies is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. Finley's mother, who resides at Newberg, fell and injured herself severely last Saturday.

Mrs. Burlingame is rapidly recovering from injuries sustained at the Y. M. C. A. at Salem. She is at the Carter home. One wrist was fractured and the other sprained.

Miss Irene Early, recently from Idaho, is staying with her grandfather, E. Early, and attending Union high school.

Use some vegetable oil for greasing pans when baking, it saves time, and it is better than using a brush and grease, because the bristles are apt to come out and the pans have to be heated on the stove to dissolve the grease.

MULTNOMAH

Painters from the Standard Oil Co. were busy at Ghormley's filling station Monday painting the woodwork.

The Pacific Telephone Co. had a crew of men at work near the viaduct putting their wires in a cable which was strung along the side of the viaduct.

W. Larson has moved back into his home on Logan street.

Mrs. A. G. Abbott has moved to the old Hall place.

Mrs. Peoples is having cement walks and a floor to her garage put in by A. Bergeron.

The fender on Jacob Hertz car was badly twisted Saturday morning in Portland when another car took the right-of-way.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eppe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Eppe in Portland.

Little two-year-old Robert Moody is rapidly recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

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