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CHICAGO'S ONE DRY DAY

Now that the returns are in, there is some thought to be taken with respect to Chicago's one dry day.

It was one of those quirky situations in Chicago. Sunday liquor selling in that city was in violation of the law, and has been so for years. During those years the law itself has been accepted in Chicago as a dead letter. Just for appearance sake in the residential districts the front doors of the saloons were kept closed on Sundays, and the heaviest trade of the week was done through the rear and side entrances. Downtown it was different; there it has been an open business in defiance of the law which forbade it.

From time to time there has been agitation looking to the enforcement of the law. Recently when such movement brought the issue squarely before the sheriff of Cook county as a matter of duty, the sheriff intimated that in his opinion the law was unconstitutional, and in any event he would do nothing without consulting his attorney. Whether he consulted his attorney or not does not appear, but he did nothing. With Mayor Thompson it was a different story. He admitted readily that it was his sworn duty to enforce the laws in the city of Chicago, that this of Sunday closing of saloons was one of the laws to be enforced, and he gave orders to the chief of police to act as the law required. The city's first dry day in more than 40 years is a matter of history.

As we get the news report of it, that one day's experience commands the attention of thoughtful people. From a business standpoint it tells a striking story. At the packing plants, at the steel mills and at headquarters of other great industries in the city it was reported that the men came back Monday morning fited for work. The effect of the one sober Sunday for the city was most pronounced in industry, and the gain of it was divided between business and labor.

The manifest industrial and economic advantage from this one sober Sunday in Chicago was but an incident in the study. There were but 16 arrests for drunkenness, whereas the usual record has been in the hundreds. There were no casualties for drunken joy-riding, whereas the saloon Sunday has produced four or five of these on an average. The Monday business in the police court was negligible and the record of more serious crimes from Sunday drinking was one that showed an unquestionable connection between the Sunday saloon and Chicago's harvest of crime.

It was impossible to incorporate in the story of Chicago's one dry Sunday the new peace and happiness that it brought to thousands of Chicago homes; and the new sense of self-respect, be it manifested ever so slightly, experienced by other thousands who have been in the habit of spending their weekly wages over the Sunday bar. Yet these were not the least of the advantages. The one dry day in Chicago demonstrated most emphatically, as it has been demonstrated elsewhere hundreds of times, that the only time in which a saloon can serve the interests of the community is when it is closed.

THE "YELLOW PERIL"

A recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post contains an editorial indicating the "pindling" (to quote the Post) proportions of the Oriental problem in the United States. The Chinese, says the Post, are leaving faster than they are coming, and the Japanese are increasing very slowly. In California in 1910 there were 36,000 Chinese and 41,000 Japanese out of a total population of 2,400,000. "Contrasted with ten million negroes," this does not look like much of a race problem," says the Post.

Just along this line were the conclusions made by men of authority in talks made this week before a group of University and college men of the Round Table of Eugene. Warren D. Smith, secretary to President Campbell, and for eight years a resident of the Philippines, and an extensive traveler in China, Japan, the Philippines and the Malay states, declared he could see no "Yellow Peril." He declared that "American civilization had carried much to the orientals, and that in a large measure this is appreciated by the Orientals."

Hon. H. B. Miller, for ten years American consul at posts in China and Japan, declared there need be no fear of war with Japan if the United States would respect the plans of Japan for her growth in the Orient.

"Japan," declared Consul Miller "is ruled absolutely by a few far-seeing statesmen, who have formed a program for Japanese expansion, reaching far into the future. This program has nothing to do with the Pacific coast of America, but does look forward to the absolute domination of the Orient. If we interfere we may get hurt."

Mr. Smith likewise forecasted the extension of Japanese authority, especially over China. "But," he said, "if we may judge by the experience of Corea, China will not suffer by reason of Japanese influence."

These men are men of experience in the Orient, and are familiar with the manner of thought of the Oriental. What they say has the weight of experience, and is not based on the superficial. Mr. Smith characterized Sam Blythe's articles in the Saturday Evening Post, as excellent portrayals



RUTH ST. DENIS, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DANCER
At the Eugene Theatre, Saturday Night, October 16th.

of the true Oriental character. The Portland Oregonian editorials, he says, are eminently true to conditions, and former President Taft is declared to be a sure guide in the discussion of the Oriental question.

Mr. Smith's summing up of what America has done for the Oriental, and what the Oriental has done for America is interesting. The big things America has given to the Orient, he says, are sanitation, engineering, schools, justice, and missions, especially the undenominational work of the Y. M. C. A. The Orient can teach America a great deal about agriculture, art, literature, and particularly conduct.

A striking contrast between governmental inefficiency and the fore-handedness of private enterprise is illustrated by a couple of statements that have recently come to our notice. A picture in the latest Linotype Bulletin, shows a store room full of raw material—steel, brass, belts, and the other materials used in making linotypes—in sufficient quantity to supply the factory for six months. Production of linotypes could continue without interruption for half a year without the purchase of a single bit of more material. In contrast, take the statement of Chaplain Gilbert before the veterans here last week that there is enough ammunition at Fort Stevens to operate the big disappearing guns for eighteen minutes!

Springfield has been particularly fortunate of late years in the matter of fires, but this is all the more reason why a good fire department should be built up. A department well trained, together with some system of inspection that will remove dangerous fire conditions, will be of material aid in reducing the risk.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES

Campaign is being made for wagon road from Eugene to coast and half mill tax asked.

The Wheel Chair factory at Albany has changed from an eight to a ten hour day.

J. C. Butcher will establish large spray factory at Hood River and manufacture arsenate of lead.

The Creswell Cannery will manufacture spray in that city. Creswell—Reports are that apple market is looking better owing to short crop.

Marshfield—School board figuring on reducing school tax 2 mills, \$41,000.

Bandon—New cheese factory to be built at Four Mile.

Bend—Frank Pival expects to erect 50 houses here, work to begin at once.

Portland taxes for 1916 estimated at \$93,000 more than for 1915, an effort will be made to cut this amount, however.

Coos County has been experimenting with roads planked lengthwise and results are highly successful.

Classified Ads

For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

LOST—Elk scarf pin. Finder please return to News office.

LOST—Bring back by umbrella. Name on end of curved handle. H. C. Ethell.

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FOR SALE—A good motorcycle or will trade for a good horse also spring oats. Inquire at News Office.

LOST—Between Fifth and A streets and Booth-Kelly office a merchaum pipe, gold-mounted. Finder please return to News office or Booth-Kelly office. 73

FOR SALE—Wagon and harness cheap. Call at News office.

SPRINGFIELD PROPERTY for Sale or Trade. Address Box 5, route 1. 68-9*

HORSES FOR SALE—If you want a bargain, don't fail to see them. Must sell this week Also household goods for sale. J. F. Martin, 645 A street. 68*

FOR SALE—First class Jersey cow, giving a good flow milk. See E. M. Crawford, Springfield Junction.

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