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CLOSE THE PORTS TO BARROOMS

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Law breaking has always been looked upon by the brewers and distillers as their particular privilege in this country. Bootlegging is not an invention of prohibition days. It is an old practice.

When national prohibition seemed remote or improbable, the booze people bitterly opposed county option. If a county went dry, they saw to it that the law was violated and the bootlegger booted the booze in.

When states began to go dry, the booze people then said they favored county option, but not state action. Still they saw to it that booze was smuggled in over the state line.

The nation went dry. That took in a lot of territory. Now the booze people say they are for state prohibition but not national. They are always somewhere behind the procession.

The liquor people have always broken the law. Now they have found that the government itself has broken its own law. That delights them.

Always tireless in their efforts to sustain their nefarious business, the liquor people herald the fact that they have the government itself in a hopelessly illogical situation because barrooms are being conducted and booze sold on United States ships at sea.

They are right about this. The government has broken its own law. But the announcement of this fact is not going to bring the booze business back.

On the other hand, the booze people are beginning to wish they hadn't mentioned it. It promises to widen the dry territory rather than widen the wet.

The American Shipping Board has attempted to justify its toleration of infringement of the Federal law on American ships at sea by declaring that we cannot compete with foreign ships if we do not have barroom accommodations while the foreign ships do.

That brings the suggestion that disturbs the liquor people. The United States shall not admit to any ports any vessel under any flag that is equipped with a barroom or that retails spirituous liquors and beers.

Could that be done? There is not a nation in all the world today that can afford to suspend commerce with America. European and Asiatic countries alike are economically dependent upon commerce with America.

Already many European countries are observing the better banking and trade conditions and the lessening jail records in the United States since prohibition went into effect. Foreign countries are seriously considering following in our footsteps. To force their ships to go dry, as we can, will only emphasize the issue in foreign lands.

It is by no means improbable that this will be the next telling step toward making the whole world dry.

THE NEW TARIFF

Every farmer, market gardener, fruit grower and live stock man knows the unwarranted and extortionate prices often charged consumers for dairy, farm, garden and orchard products. They know they are not in any way responsible for this profiteering, although it is represented to the consumer that they are. They know because of this misrepresentation the farming classes are unjustly regarded by many people to be a class of "robbers," who are getting rich at the expense of the buying public.

Exactly the same "game" is being worked in connection with the tariff as has been worked these many years in connection with prices charged consumers for farm products. These interests which are the real profiteers, which thrive and fatten by charging the consumer all the traffic will bear and seek to escape responsibility by shifting the blame to someone else, are the ones who are now claiming the tariff will necessitate a tremendous increase in retail prices.

They are going to charge the consumer all they think he will stand and attribute the increased charges to the tariff rather than to their own inordinate greed and their ability, in many cases, to "get away with it." If "robber" prices are now charged the American consumer they can no more be attributed justly to the protective tariff than the extortionate prices charged the consumer for farm products and the blame attributed to the farmer.

The consumer is aware that there are certain interests which never let an opportunity go by to boost prices. If there is a report of a late cold snap, there is an immediate boost in prices of food and fruit and canned goods upon the ground that all the season's prospective crop is killed and there is bound to be a scarcity. If there is a threatened railroad strike, prices are boosted upon the plea that there may be such a suspension of transportation that it will be impossible to keep up the normal supply of goods. If there is a coal strike, prices are boosted, notwithstanding the fact that there may be an immense quantity of coal in storage. Illustrations could be multiplied indefinitely. The American consumer is perfectly aware of these gross abuses. He is perfectly aware that he is the helpless victim of this indefensible practice.

In a great many cases these interests which have always seized every opportunity and excuse to increase prices in order to enrich themselves, are now launching a price boosting campaign upon the plea that the protective tariff makes it necessary for them to do so. In this campaign to mulct the buying public they are being assisted at every point by the Democratic party by its literature and in its speakers. The purpose of the interests in promoting this campaign is to enrich themselves. The purpose of the Democratic party in promoting this campaign is to make political capital which they hope will reap them reasonable returns in the way of an increase in representation in Congress. The profiteering interests and the Democratic party are working hand in glove, the first to hilk the public and the second to claim that such bilking is necessary under a protective tariff, and the people's hope of relief is through the election of a Democratic Congress that will repeal the protective tariff and re-enact free trade.

The proof that the new tariff duties will not necessitate an increase in retail prices is furnished by the enemies of the tariff bill themselves. They claim on one hand that the new duties will not amount to more than \$400,000,000 a year, a statement which is approximately correct. Then they claim that the new duties will add \$3,000,000,000 or more to the living costs of the country. This makes the increase in living costs, which they at-

tribute to the tariff, 700 per cent more than all the tariff duties combined. Obviously, an increase in retail prices of \$3,000,000,000 cannot be charged up against tariff duties which amount to only \$400,000,000. It is the same story with which the farmer and consumer are already familiar, an arbitrary boosting of prices between the time goods leave the producer and the time they reach the consumer, so that the consumer is charged several hundred per cent more for the goods than the producer was paid for them.

While political questions have not been the receiving end of attention in Morrow county, the candidates are beginning to move about, and soon the pot will be boiling. All candidates seem to be pledged to tax reduction; promise to use their good business sense in combating all bills and measures that might possibly lead to an increase in the tax burden, so whoever may succeed in winning out at the polls we are assured at this stage of the game that we shall have no further increase in tax burdens.

Milk contests conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture have been highly beneficial in a number of western states, sufficiently so to give the cue to local authorities where communities are interested in the character of their milk supply.

The movement is so simple it can be put into operation by the local health boards or the authorized health doctor of any village.

Samples of milk supplied by different dealers are taken occasionally without warning, bacterial counts are taken, and the milk scores are then made public in the columns of the home town newspaper.

It is found milk dealers do not like to be surprised and dirty milk found on their wagons, particularly when they know the results are to be published.

We learn that in Long Beach, Calif., the average bacterial count in the first contest was 118,238. In the last contest it was down to 11,823. The milk sold figured 71.56 and after the last contest the scale was raised to 90.67. It was the same in Los Angeles and Riverside.

It is quite evident that as soon as the surprise milk contests become a recognized factor milk dealers invariably improve their milk supply.

This means much to the child life of the nation. The country generally would be better off if more government money were spent in work of this character and less in political log rolling.

This newspaper has persistently stood for the expeditious of government monies both locally and in the state and nation aimed at lowering the death rate.

The people's monies should be spent for their good. Advertising is the answer.

The trouble with Mr. Pierce as a legislator was that his ideas were impractical. He introduced more bills than any other senator in every legislature of which he was a member. Some had merit and were enacted into law, but most of his measures were of that impractical type which if passed would have authorized wasteful expense aggregating huge sums.—OREGON VOTER.

We shall have lower taxes when we have state, county and school governments which find ways and means to get along on less income—not before. We shall have such economizing governments when we have a public determined to enforce economy upon its disbursers of taxes—not before. We shall have a public determined to enforce economy only when it refuses to heed the appeal of this or that or the other group for this, or that, or the other improvement or innovation or service or whatever it is that the public is persuaded it must have.

We need political leaders pledged to economy and business efficiency in government, not political "persuaders" seeking to put something new over on the people, thus swelling the tax bill and creating more offices.—The Manufacturer.

NEAR FAITH HEALING

Following the heels of near beer we are now to have near Christian Science. Evidently both medicine and the church have failed to withstand the inroads made by advocates of faith and mind healing.

It is only a handful of years since Mrs. Eddy's pronouncement caused the world to ridicule, but from the tree thus brought to blossom there soon sprang innumerable offshoots and gradually the theory of "mind over matter" began to force its way.

Charlatons there were aplenty, but bit by bit the barriers of medical conservatism were broken down and now there are signs of modification on the part of the churches.

The latest concession to the newer thought comes in the establishing in New York City of a psycho-medical hospital to be headed by Dr. Edward S. Cowles, expert on psycho-therapy and psychopathology just appointed to the Episcopal Church Commission on the Ministry of Healing.

The institution is to be backed by some of the most eminent ministers, physicians and sociologists in the United States. It will permit simultaneous treatment of physical and mental ailments.

Through medical experts and ministerial faith healers, Dr. Cowles says the hospital will be the means of breaking up the work of "half baked religious enthusiasts and faith healing pretenders." There will be wards for philosophers, clergymen, medical experts, psychoanalysts, metaphysicians, sociologists, Christian Scientists, Emanuelists and every denomination of healers.

When the doctors find patients who fail to respond to treatment for physical ailments, they will collaborate with healers who will be given a chance to practice their curative theories.

Perhaps out of the compromise or amalgamation may come a greater longevity for humanity which has been so battered from pillar to post by conflicting theories of religion and treatment of human ills.

The people of Alpine would like to have the Lexington-Jarmon market road completed, and there ought to be some way to provide the means of doing it. Sixteen miles to the county line to connect Willow creek highway with Butter creek and the Columbia highway, makes this an important piece of road.

News Notes

Mr. M. L. Weaver is a veteran of the World War, served with the 30th Engineers (forestry branch). He is described as 32 years of age, five ft. five inches in height, weight about one hundred and forty pounds, dark brown hair, dark blue eyes, rather full faced, and has one thumb disfigured by an accident. Any information furnished will be appreciated by the American Legion. Address communications to State Headquarters, American Legion, 269 Washington St., Portland, Oregon.

We met an old mess sergeant of ours the other day and he informed us that he was now the proud possessor of three kiddies. "And when do you expect the fourth?" we queried. "Nix, nix," he muttered. "I read the other day where every fourth child born in the United States was Chinese."—Pacific Legion.

Myrtle Wood bowls and candle sticks will combine with Oregon grapes in the decoration of "Oregon table" at the banquet of the states at the American Legion convention at New Orleans, October 16-20.

A fine display of Oregon products has been arranged by Mrs. Robert C. Dillard of Marshfield, including Coos county cheese, Hood River, apples, etc. Mrs. Dillard has been appointed by the President of the American Legion auxiliary of this state to present to the National Convention of the women's organization when it convenes in the "old port" city, a beautiful myrtle wood gavel and block made from myrtle from Oregon woods.

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for the use in future conventions.

"The Legion's mission." A glance through the resolutions, adopted by The American Legion convention in Oregon, discloses that a heavy percentage concern matters of vital interest to disabled veterans. The disabled service man has always been the first thought of The American Legion, despite the fact that those who fear the power of clean, virile, manhood expressed through this organization of veterans have labored long and hard to create the impression that the American Legion is composed of grafting self-seekers.

Don't forget! A smile, a handshake, a cheery word, flowers, candy, cigarettes—these little things mean so much to our buddies to whom a little white bed in a big white room is "home." "They only know the days are long—the war is ever near." Pacific Legion.

FOR SALE—Gasoline woodsaw in first class condition. Price \$75.00. Can be seen at store of Peoples Hardware Co., Heppner.

October Special—Weed tire chains, size 30x3 1/2, regular \$4; extra heavy, \$5, at Heppner Garage.

Judge Gilbert W. Phelps was over from Pendleton on Friday and held an adjourned term of court, clearing the docket of cases that were ready for settlement and dismissal. He was accompanied by Mrs. Phelps, who enjoyed a visit with friends here.



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