

GRESHAM OUTLOOK

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TRIFLING WITH PROHIBITION.

Because someone tried to be funny with prohibition and treat it as a joke a dinner that was to have been given on March 24 in Washington in honor of a justice of the supreme court by a national legal fraternity was not held as scheduled.

A majority of the legal lights, who received the invitation, including Justice Southerland, failed to view it as a joke, as it was probably intended, and a storm of indignation and protest arose.

The young lawyer who was responsible for the invitation is quoted as saying: "Never again will I attempt to get facetious with prohibition. My purpose was to put pep into the announcement. I don't see how the invitation could be taken seriously but now I realize I trifled with a serious subject."

This confession carries a warning all should heed. There is a tendency on the part of many to treat prohibition as a joke.

THE EARLY HISTORY OF OREGON.

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son Bay company controlled the fur trade of this territory.

The immigration of the pioneers became important in 1842 when one hundred and twenty persons came to Oregon with Elijah White, who was appointed by the government sub-agent for Indian affairs west of the Rocky mountains.

For many years the Hudson Bay company exercised the only form of civil government in Oregon; some of these men had the power of justice under the laws of Canada. In 1841, on the death of a settler, Ewing Young, a first attempt at a provisional government was made by the American settlers and two years later on May 24, 1843, a more complete government was organized by the American part of the settlers in the Willamette valley.

When in June, 1846, the treaty with Great Britain gave Oregon definitely to the United States, it was supposed that a territorial government would be at once formed by congress.

The provisional government, in short, remained in effect and "ans-

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