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vicious element in American life. It has protected criminals, it has fostered the social evil and it has bribed politicians, jurists and legislators."

Even in the liquor trade itself, there were those whose eyes were not closed to the inevitable consequences. The National Liquor Dealer's Journal of September 10, 1913, said, "To us there is the handwriting on the wall and its interpretation spells doom. The liquor business is to blame. It seems incapable of leaving any lesson of advancement or motive but profit. To perpetuate itself it has formed alliances with the slums, deliberately aids the most corrupt political powers, there are billions of property involved but when the people decide that the truth is being told about the alcoholic liquor traffic the money value will not count."

Wherever there is liquor, there will be liquor-bred law defiance. England and Canada, with rigid government control of liquor selling, are having problems of their own today. In former days, our state liquor laws and our local option laws were not respected by the liquor interests. Bribery, smuggling, under cover law defiance were the usual order. Irving Fisher in his book "The Noble Experiment," says of the conditions in Ontario, which has a governmental controlled liquor traffic, "The increase in the number of arrests for the violation of liquor laws, the steady increase in bootlegging and illicit distilling are much in evidence, and the commissioners frankly state that they are unable to eradicate it."

There is only one answer to the liquor problem, and that answer was given when we adopted the eighteenth amendment, calling for complete prohibition. Half-way measures have been tried elsewhere and have proved a failure. Sir George Paish, the head of the commission of economic experts who recently came to the United States, said, "No custom is more injurious to the British people than that of consuming alcohol either to excess or in moderation." America has led the way in clear thinking and progressive action on the liquor problem. The ratification of the eighteenth amendment by 46 of our 48 states proves that beyond all question."

Article 5 next week.

UMATILLA NEWS ITEMS

Robert Barrett of Portland visited here Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Lingo and son Joseph have gone to visit in Seattle after visiting with Mrs. Lingo's sisters, Mrs. A. B. Stephens and Mrs. Bill Switzer here. They intend to return for the Pendleton Round-up.

The Junior Endeavor held their annual picnic Friday evening at the ferry landing.

The well-drillers for the airport have completed their job and returned to their homes in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Strong and children have gone to the mountains where it is hoped that Mr. Strong will again be restored to health. Several weeks ago, Mr. Strong was suddenly taken ill while employed on the Wallula cut-off as a truck driver. He was taken to the Pendleton hospital for several weeks where the doctor ordered complete rest for several months.

John Powell has returned from a short visit with his daughters in Portland.

Burl Thomas, formerly employed on the Wallula cut-off is now in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Logan and baby daughter have returned from the mountains where they have been for several weeks.

Lucille Hower and Bill Hanson motored to Cold Springs camp near Weston Sunday where Bill's mother is camping for the summer.

Margaret Hower and Burl Gurlane motored to Lamson Springs Sunday.

Daphne Fisher and Bill Harvey were united in Holy marriage Friday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. Dr. Lash at his home. Lorine Lash of Umatilla and Wait Nation of Hermiston were the only witnesses. The bride was very becoming in a pastel blue afternoon gown and hat to match. The bride and groom will be at home in Portland where Mr. Harvey has accepted a position as clerk in a Pay An' Take store. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harvey left Friday evening for Portland. Mr. Harvey has formerly been employed on the Wallula cut-off.

Mr. and Mrs. Levon Hyatt and children have moved into the Harvey Jones home.

Mrs. Buheanne and daughter Ruth of LaGrande are visiting with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Levon Hyatt.

Woodworth Horsesley of Montpelier, Idaho, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Pete McNabb.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McNabb and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Wurrater and family motored to Meacham Lake Sunday.

Rev. W. O. Miller is taking his vacation now.

Mrs. Jim Marshall went to Portland Monday to visit for a few days. Mrs. Beaulieu has gone to Pendleton to work.

Mrs. John Logan and daughter Glenna Mac have returned from Spray.

Emil Erickson of Lewiston, Idaho, visited here Saturday. Mr. Erickson and Dorothy Caldwell returned to Lewiston Sunday. Miss Caldwell has visited here for several weeks.

Mrs. Nora Berurch and sons Arthur and Jimmy have gone on a vacation to Portland and Ocean Lake. Miss Roslin Lennox has returned to her home in Seattle after visiting

with her aunts, Mrs. A. B. Stephens and Mrs. Bill Switzer for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rosen and children of LaGrande are visiting with Mrs. Rosen's sister, Mrs. Pete McNabb.

Andrew Montin has gone to Puget Sound on a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hortic were called to Mt. Angel last week because of the illness of Mrs. Hortic's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowen and son Elwood of Hermiston had dinner at the home of their nephew, Paul Walsh Friday.

Mrs. Frank Yokum has returned from a short visit with relatives in Mt. Vernon, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson are the parents of a baby boy born recently.

Elmore McKenzie of Portland vi-

sited with his family Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom of Hermiston visited with their daughter, Mrs. Fay Gardner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Rogers and daughter Margie of Stanfield visited with Rhodes Monday. Maxine Rhodes returned with them for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bray are the parents of a ten pound baby boy born Saturday.

Contractors Wolfe and Superintendent Al Varne motored to Ukiah on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burley and granddaughter Earline and J. B. Brown motored over the tollgate road to Elgin Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Schojack and children Delbert and Deloris returned home Sunday after a three day trip to the mountains.

Philip Ryan of Portland visited at the McNabb home Thursday evening. Mr. Ryan was en route to New York.

Mrs. John Wurster and daughters Annie, May and Sarah, Mrs. Pete McNabb and daughter and son Maxine and Herbert motored to Pendleton Wednesday.

Mrs. Roder of Irrigon is visiting with Mrs. Floyd Miller.

Elmer Rice who has been working in Stanfield returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Elmer Rice who has been visiting at the Gus Touis home the past week returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carlyle motored to Prosser Wednesday.

Frank James, Harry Hull and Max Graybeal have been on the sick list the past week.

Wallace Spenser motored to the mountains Sunday.

W. A. Coulou and daughter Mildred visited in Portland Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. T. O. Waller and small

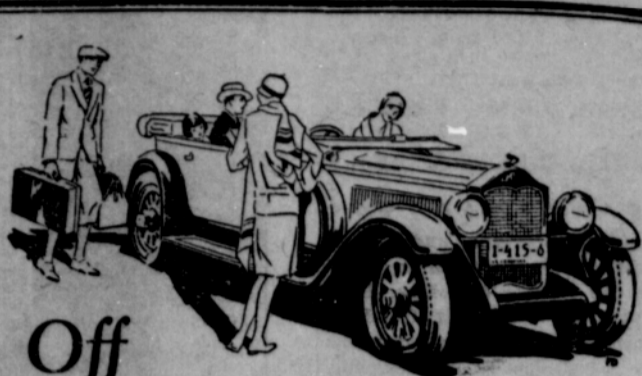
daughter Genevieve and Mrs. Jess Connell motored to Klamath Falls Monday night. The Tum-A-Lum lumber office was broken into Saturday night. Evidently the prowlers were frightened away as nothing was taken. D. C. Brownell and M. N. Jenkins were in Portland Thursday to attend the state highway meeting. The Umatilla Public school plans to open Monday, August 31.

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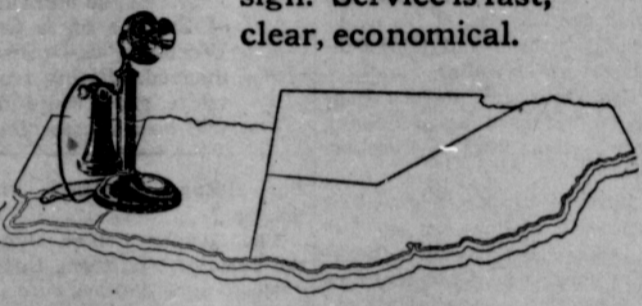


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Has National Prohibition Increased Lawlessness and put the Bootleggers in Power? "It is a common thing, in any discussion of prohibition, to hear prohibition condemned on the ground that it has brought about an increase of crime. There is a simple way to get at the root of that question. We have always had crime. But we have not always had prohibition. How, then, does the crime situation today compare with the situation before prohibition?
Dr. George W. Kirchway is recognized nationally as a leading authority on crime. He is president of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, a former Dean of Columbia School of Law and a former warden of Sing Sing prison. He has made searching studies of the subject. In the New York Times of May 26, 1929, he said: "The official record covering eighteen years, 1910 to 1927, inclusive, shows a marked decline of from 35 to 40 per cent in the general crime rate in the United States." That is significant. And it is especially significant in a period of post war reconstruction, when the normal expectancy would be increase, not a decrease in crime. True, there is bootlegging today—and its effects are undeniably evil. But contrary to the belief of many, bootlegging is not the step-child of prohibition. Long before the eighteenth amendment was ever thought of, we had thousands of moonshine stills—and tens of thousands of "blind-pigs"—and deplorable corrupt politics—and liquor-bred law violators of every kind. Liquor and crime have always been boon companions.
As a reminder of conditions existing before prohibition, it is interesting to review the following editorial from the Chicago Tribune of July 11, 1917: "The secret records of the brewing and distilling industries were ever brought to light, they would tell a story of social and political corruption unequalled in the annals of our history." If the veritable narrative of the American saloon were ever written it would make the decadence of Rome look like an age of pristine beauty in comparison. If these men have not made a practice of committing murder and arson, it is because these crimes did not seem immediately profitable. The liquor business has been the faithful ally of every