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### Virginia Harned Here Soon



#### "The Laugh Play."

A comedy of unusual hilarious report is the Hardscrabble Fools, or Denman Thompson's "Our New Minister," to use its more familiar title, written by the author of "The Old Homestead."

"Our New Minister" is said to be a much funnier play. Like the first big success by the same author, its scenes are located in New Hampshire. Hardscrabble is the name we are told by one of the characters. It is called by its queer handle because every one there has got to scratch pretty hard to make a living. It is a New England hillside, where the stones come out of the ground faster than the farmers can pick them up, according to a statement by one of the natives in the village. While a serious interest underlies the play, the situations that evolve this condition are mostly absurdly comic. The central figure of the laugh is the town constable of Hardscrabble, Darius Starke. When the country store and postoffice are robbed Darius at once takes the center of the stage. That he goes off on one false clue after another in his effort to locate the thief doesn't dim his ardor or diminish his close application. Eventually, by the drollness of droll flukes, Darius in his search for the inconsequential pilferer, stumbles upon a real big discovery of importance to the town, the detection of the perpetrator of a crime that has long been a puzzle to the natives. The town constable is one of many excruciatingly comic characterizations offered by the comedy. The good characters and the bad of Hardscrabble are presented. The boy from New York who works in the postoffice; the Hardscrabbler just out of prison trying to reform; the men who go to church and the men that don't; the meanest man in Hardscrabble and the most philanthropic citizens of the settlement; the new minister and the old minister. There is a sweet story maintained throughout the action. Besides being a laugh play, it

is a designedly amusing satire against hypocrisy. It is admirably acted by a company of uniform excellence, and with its massive scenic production identically the same as during its New York engagement. "Our New Minister" will come to the Medford theater Friday, November 3. Seat sale begins Wednesday, November 2.

#### EXPERIENCED SALESMAN TO DISPOSE OF FRUIT

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 29.—To sell 70 cars of apples for the Walla Walla Fruit & Vegetable union, G. H. Florence of Portland, an experienced apple salesman, will leave Walla Walla today for the middle west and the east.

According to H. E. Browning, manager of the union, there are some of the finest apples in the valley in this lot, and it is expected a fancy price will be obtained.

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If you are a user of the flour that we handle it won't take you long to answer this question. If you don't use the flour we sell you haven't tried the best flour sold in this city. Most bakers use a cheaper flour in their bakery products—they can make more on their bread. We are sure that PURE WHITE is the finest flour, for we have tried and found it to be better than anything we ever tried. Have you tried it?

#### WHAT IS THE Brand ON THE BEST Coffee

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To make a long story short—it would be next to impossible to get a piece of meat from our market that was not first-class in every way. We don't let it come in, in the first place, and if it should get in we don't let it go out to our customers.

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### Prohibition in Josephine County

(From the Grants Pass Observer.)

Let us review the prohibition of intoxicants in Josephine county since that system was inaugurated by popular vote in 1908. The law was put in force on the 1st of July of that year, and the licensed saloons were thence out of business. But there were a great many people, nearly half the population, who indulged more or less in alcoholic beverages, and these people were not willing to accept the prohibition order of their fellow-citizens. The near-beer saloons immediately following the licensed saloons, were well patronized, but many persons preferred to obtain their supplies reputable. For some of these Portland and San Francisco were the main sources of supply. Numerous others preferred the social glass over the saloon bar, and found the conditions favorable at Woodville, in "wet" Jackson county, just across the county line from "dry" Josephine, eight miles from Grants Pass.

Woodville did not count much on the map two years ago. It was little known, and yet there was a fine fruit and agricultural district surrounding it waiting to be discovered. Grants Pass visitors did the business. They inaugurated a steady flow of money from Grants Pass to Woodville, and a steady flow of empty bottles back to Grants Pass. Incidentally, the valuable resources of Woodville became known. Grants Pass money, however, had prompt influence. The little Woodville hamlet of two years ago is now an incorporated city. The little burg needed only a start, and the "dry" conditions of Josephine county supplied it.

There was a well-intentioned "dry" administration, but nothing could balance the collapse of trade. There was 100 per cent increase in city taxes and at the end of that "dry" year an increased debt of \$7000, with absolutely nothing to show for the large expenditure. The taxpayers, revolted at the end of 1909 and elected a progressive administration. The retiring city council left to the new council an additional 50 per cent of city taxation. Two years of prohibition increased the direct city taxes of Grants Pass exactly 150 per cent, and other taxes were pushed. The 1910 city council constitutes a business administration, backed by the leading business men of Grants Pass—not passively, but actively. Much has been done. Grants Pass has assumed city airs with pavement and generous lights. There have been large payrolls, but dull business. Too much money goes to Woodville and Medford. There is no prohibition that can prevent a class of working people in a "dry" town from spending their savings in a "wet" town. Not all for "wet" goods, but with the freedom to purchase "wet" goods a first consideration. So, it was with a bunch of Josephine miners who came to Grants Pass a while ago for supplies. They didn't buy them here. Medford got the trade. Medford has grown big and fat by reason of the mistaken policies of Grants Pass and Ashland.

What about the moral effect of prohibition on the youth of the community? There is no need to philosophize on this question, but facts are always valuable. Under the city ordinance of Grants Pass a heavy penalty was imposed for the selling of liquor to minors. It was a righteous law, and a few convictions under it speedily ended that abuse up to the passing of county option, which overruled the city ordinances.

Under the county option law, any boy or girl or woman or man has a legal right to purchase intoxicants. Otherwise the informers who were here last year dare not report. It is the sellers who are liable to penalty. The youth of Grants Pass perfectly understand this. There was a little company of them about a year ago who indulged in spirituous liquors on Saturday nights, all minors. The same thing is reported from all the dry counties of the state. The liquor of Grants Pass boys was obtained assumably from Portland dealers and required only a signed order and \$3 inclosed for a gallon of whisky. Under the saloon system this traffic in gallon was not previously known here, probably because of wholesale and retail restraints. Anyhow, boys of Grants Pass, as in other dry towns, obtained liquor supplies, and there was a little Saturday night jollification inaugurated. It developed and presently the night policeman took a hand in. He sought to capture one of the boys, but failed, probably willingly. There were in this bunch of boys the sons of some of the best families in Grants Pass. The city ordinance enforced by the police put a bar on this wrong. County option lifted the ban and the boys continue to pass under. But, after all, when a Grants Pass youth hits the train for the Oregon university or any other higher training school, and is piled up on his own resources, is it better that he should know something about the evils that threaten him, or be perfectly ignorant of his danger?

Regarding the rural districts of Josephine county, the gallon parcel has been in open evidence these past two years. People who formerly drank 2 or 4 per cent beers, are now drinking 40 to 50 per cent whiskies, and it isn't good for them. (Paid Advertisement by Home Rule Association.)