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THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS as a party are in national convention. They see the world as through a glass darkly. To them there is only one great evil and it looms before their narrow vision greater than all else, yet like most other political doctors, they try to remedy the result rather than eradicate the cause—and they have only one cure—all for humanity's ills.

Anyone who has given the subject study realizes that the misery of the world apparently caused by alcohol is due primarily to poverty. It is the hopelessness and bitterness of life, and the weaknesses and malformation of character developed and inherited through this strenuous futile strife for existence that produces alcoholism.

The millennium can never be secured and the demon run relegated to a useful place until poverty is abolished and a more equitable distribution of wealth secured. It is the failure of civilization that want and hunger and misery should exist in a world that produces abundance for all.

With undiminished ardor, however, the Prohibitionists are entering another national campaign. The keynote speech of the chairman, C. N. Howard of Rochester, at the Atlantic City convention bristles with denunciation of both old parties as "boss ridden liquor controlled." He declared that nothing was to be gained from either of them or from a third party dominated by Theodore Roosevelt.

"No other president since the foundation of this government," declared Howard, "has surrendered more abjectly to the liquor interest of this nation than has William Howard Taft. His record is too recent for familiar and too odoriferous to require a review of this intelligent presence."

"We have already two whisky parties and do not need another," said the chairman, speaking of Roosevelt and his third party. "From the point of view of the Prohibitionists by his Roosevelt, record, and by his public utterances and confessed personal habits he is the least desirable of them all."

"Posing as the 'thou shalt not steal' candidate because his partisans were not preferred over Taft's in the recent convention at Chicago he brazenly boasts that he stole the Isthmus of Panama from Colombia, and let congress debate about it afterward. If the Chicago convention played the same trick they got the cue from him. His title to the Panama strip was as good as the stolen Taft credentials in the hands of the boss made delegates and no better. 'Stealing is stealing,' Mr. Roosevelt. When you taught that the end justified the means you gave every thief a passport to heaven."

Roosevelt is just now the object of attack by the Prohibitionists. The Anti-Saloon league recently issued a special edition of its organ devoted to proving Teddy an habitual boozier and an occasional drunkard. It neglected to name what brand of whisky he took, however, which would have interested many, just as Lincoln was interested in the brand that General Grant was said to be addicted to.

The Prohibitionist is hard to please. Not even Bryan, who is a teetotaler, suited him. You must bear the prohibition, the only genuine extra dry, or your real prohi will have none of you.

Both Mutt and Jeff Oregon Men

(Roseburg Review.)

Roseburg people who have enjoyed many a laugh over the funny and clever cartoons of Mutt and Jeff will be surprised to learn that the original of Mutt is a native of Douglas county and that of a Jeff a former liveryman of Burns, Ore. W. W. Cardwell, the well known Roseburg attorney, imparts this interesting information. The prototype of Mutt is Tom Stevens, who was born at Looking Glass, and the creation of Jeff was inspired by the appearance of "Scotty" Ferguson, the companion of Stevens.

Stevens, who now lives at Burns, is about 6 feet 4 inches tall and very lanky. Ferguson died at Emeryville, Cal., about a year ago. He was a Scotchman, not over five feet high, with a bulldog face, as Cardwell describes him, and with whiskers just as they are pictured in the Jeff cartoons. Stevens is a professional gambler, and many of the old timers around here pronounce him the smoothest poker player that ever sat at a card table in these parts. About 20 years ago he was sent to the state penitentiary for a short term for larceny. The rest of the story is told by Attorney Cardwell thus:

"After Stevens was released from the penitentiary he drifted out to Burns and fell in with Ferguson, who was conducting a livery stable which he established with savings of \$8000 or \$10,000 from wages earned in the employ of old Pete French, a heavy land owner in that locality in those days. Stevens and Ferguson became fast friends and ultimately business partners—that is, Steven furnished the ideas and Ferguson the money. Their chief hobby was race horses. One day they decided to go to Emeryville, Cal., where the race horse game was then in the heyday of its existence. They invested in several good nags and for a time fortune smiled on them. But the inevitable happened. Their horses began to come under the wire too late and their money gradually left them. It was during this period of reverses that the idea of the characters of Mutt and Jeff was born in the mind of 'Bud' Fisher, the Examiner cartoonist. When a Stevens-Ferguson horse lost a race, the two men would immediately turn on each other with volleys of curse laden words of blame within plain earshot of the amused spectators. The sight

of this ill assorted pair so frequently engaged in exchange of invective became the subject of humorous comment among the sporting fraternity and Cartoonist Fisher hit upon the plan to put them in picturedom on the sporting supplement of the Examiner. It made a big hit from the start and it ultimately put Fisher in the front rank of America's laugh makers.

"Stevens finally drifted back to Burns when the California legislature put a stop to the racing game. The shock was too much for Scotty, however, and three months later he 'cashed in' for the last time."

FIRST SALE OF PEARS BRING \$2 F. O. B. MEDFORD

The first sale of Rogue river pears for the season of 1912 was made yesterday by the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, through its selling agent, the Northwestern Fruit Exchange. The order is for a car of "Red Triangle brand" of Bartlett pears to be delivered in August and the price \$2 per box f. o. b. Rogue River valley.

The pre-harvest campaign is a special feature of the work of the Northwestern Fruit Exchange. With a hundred and fifty branches in America and Europe the exchange is in a position to put northwest fruit before practically every buyer on the two continents.

This sale starts the season well. It speaks well for the "Red Triangle brand" of fruit packed and guaranteed by the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, as this sale was made solely on the reputation of the "Red Triangle brand," which is beginning to be widely known.

The association is building up a business behind the "Red Triangle brand" which will be permanent and afford a market for Rogue river fruit year after year.

Rogue River Bartletts are not a heavy crop this season, but the quality promises to be very fine and the fruit large in size. The apple crop never looked better, and growers are expecting a good season.

FAST TROTTER ENTERED FOR GRAND CIRCUIT RACES.



Bergen, the five-year-old stallion, recently worked in 2:09 1/2, and has been entered through the Grand Circuit races.

BIG 3-LINE NOZZLE TO SCREEN MEAT BUILT FOR CITY PUBLIC MARKET

The city has had the old fire wagon converted into a three line nozzle for use should a fire break out in one of the large buildings in the city. A huge nozzle is mounted on the rear end of the wagon to which three lines of hose can be connected. This nozzle will hurl a large stream of water with the normal pressure of the city mains more than 400 feet and will tear down a brick wall at close range. It will throw water to the top of any building in the city.

The wagon will be kept in readiness for use at a big building fire and will be manned by the volunteer members of the fire department. It has been needed for some time.

ROOSEVELT VICTOR IOWA CONVENTION

DES MOINES, Ia., July 11.—Colonel Roosevelt won a decisive victory in the republican state convention last night and the Taft administration and managers of the recent national convention at Chicago were severely rebuked. The republicans of Iowa were left free to vote for either Taft or Roosevelt by the action of the delegates.

The matter was left entirely to the "individual conscience of the voter," and a platform containing a direct attack upon the legality of the Chicago convention was adopted by an overwhelming vote.

The progressives dominated the convention from beginning to end. Despite a hard struggle, led by Governor Carroll, a Taft adherent, to secure an endorsement of the national platform, an amendment offered by Iowa's executive containing this endorsement was laid on the table, 773 to 342.

WOMAN TELLS OF JUDGE HANFORD'S WAYS

SEATTLE, July 11.—Judge Hanford's habits were again the subject of the house judiciary sub-committee's attention this afternoon. Miss Adella Parker, a school teacher, member of the bar and editor of a woman suffrage paper, swore she had seen the judge intoxicated on a street car on two occasions. L. H. McMahon of Salem, Or., testified to having appeared in Hanford's court at Tacoma ten or twelve days on one occasion. The witness said Hanford treated the attorneys in an intolerant manner and told of one occasion when the judge fell asleep while an attorney was arguing a motion. After the judge had slept five minutes, the attorney stopped, waited about ten minutes until Hanford awoke, when, according to McMahon, the attorney began all over again. McMahon said the judge awakened with a snore audible all over the courtroom.

McMahon testified to having seen Hanford drinking in a saloon at the lunch hour and that he seen him on the bench when his mind was not in a normal condition and caused, he declared, evidently by alcoholic stimulants.

John C. Higgins testified he never had seen Hanford when he showed the slightest sign of intoxication. Three Seattle policemen testified to having seen Hanford in a condition that indicated exhaustion from illness or possibly drink. Samuel C. Langley, a lawyer; George M. Jacobs, a real estate dealer, and C. Marjoram, a timber cruiser, testified to having seen Hanford intoxicated.

Market Master E. J. Ruyard has issued orders to Bob Crowder at the public market to screen in stalls 11 and 12 before offering any more meat for sale at the market. Crowder will comply with these orders at once and will be in readiness to offer meat for sale Saturday.

Mr. Ruyard states that he issued the order simply from a sanitary standpoint now that warm weather is at hand. Flies will be kept at bay by this means and the meat kept more sanitary.

A light offering was in evidence at the market today, the farmers wishing to wait for Saturday before coming in. Saturday promises to be a big day.

WILL ARRANGE A GENERAL ALARM

Fire Chief Amann is making arrangements for the notification of the residents in case of fire in order that they will turn off water being used for irrigation purposes and bring up the pressure in the city mains. During the present weather much water is being used in garden, the pressure being lowered considerably.

HARRIMAN'S POLITICAL FOES SOUGHT TO INDICT HIM

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—During the examination of Job Harriman in the Darrow trial it has developed that an effort had been made by his political enemies to indict him for complicity in the Times dynamiting case months after the McNamara confessed and since the Darrow trial began.

It was a day of startling incidents beginning with the retirement under fire of Deputy Sheriff Aguirre, former warden of San Quentin who had been in charge of the jury since the beginning of the trial. The complaint was made that he was too friendly with the defense. Although he was exonerated by the court from any suspicion of wrong doing, the incident provoked a long period of oratory in which even the jurors participated in the defense of Aguirre.

No one in the courtroom was more startled than Harriman, when he was questioned regarding his knowledge of the dynamiting of the Times plant. The district attorney declared he was seeking to show Harriman's relations with the dynamiters was more "damaging than those of an attorney," and that his connections with the jury bribing was "more akin to that of the defendant."

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GREAT SLAUGHTER OF CHINESE ROBBERS

WU CHOW, China, July 11.—A

tremendous slaughter of robbers is in progress today all over Kwangsi province. Strong forces of troops have been dispatched from Kweilin, the provincial capital, into the bandit-infested districts. The soldiers are hunting the outlaws down like wild animals, though often meeting desperate resistance, and occasionally being beaten off temporarily with many soldiers killed. The number of outlaws exterminated undoubtedly will run well into the thousands.

Outlawry has been rampant throughout Kwangsi since the earliest days of the revolution. First the confusion encouraged the professional bandits to extreme boldness. Later they were joined by hordes of normally honest farmers who, suffering from a serious crop shortage and the commercial stagnation incidental to the revolution, turned robbers.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: I would like to ask of your readers how many will help me put up a creamery with the understanding that the butter is to be given away and any deficit existing is to be made up by assessments on the stockholders?

Did any of your readers ever hear of such a way to run a creamery? How many creameries in Medford could run a month on that sort of a deal?

Well, we have such a creamery running now, and every last one of the farmers who works his farm for a living, and it not a 90 per cent land speculator, is one of the stockholders. For many years this creamery has been giving away nearly all its butter and the farmers in and around Medford have been giving of their hard-earned money to make up the deficit.

The product of the labor and sacrifices of the people of Oregon community made values of land. This they have been giving away to forestallers and speculators. Much of it has been stolen outright through perjury, bribery and subornation of them. Then they have assessed the workers and producers and home builders on their labor products to make up the annual deficit, all the time being in the position of a stockholder in a creamery who would sit calmly by and watch the butter given away and as calmly produce the wherewith to pay the salary of the manager and assistants from the proceeds of his toil and economy.

In Portland 31 blocks of land have increased more in 15 years than all the expenses of the city government in that time. In Oregon the value of the privately owned timber will be increased more than two billion dollars by the completion of the Panama canal. That is more than would support the state of Oregon government for seven hundred years! Then they come around and tell you—these hired agents of the butter grafters of this great creamery of Oregon—that to take some of that enormous unearned value for public purposes, just a little of it, would rob the farmer of his farm! Would reducing your tax bill, Mr. Working Farmer, three-fourths cause you to leave your farm?

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