NATIONAL PROHIBITION AT HAND, SAYS BRYAN---FAMOUS FOE OF DRINK WRITES HIS FIRST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE ON LIQUOR

(EDITOR'S NOTE—More than half the population of the United States will be living under prohibition before the end of next year, and more than three-fourths of the areaof the United States will be dry territory! State-wide prohibition will be in effect in eighteen states July 1. Alabama, the first of the new dry states, joins the growing area of aridity. Correspondent Payne in Washington asked the most distinguished antagonist of alcohol in this country to comment on this amazing sweep of prohibition over the United States. The following article written by Williams Jennings Bryan especially for the Mail Tribune is the first exclusive statement the secretary of state has made to any newspaper explaining his attitude on the subject of actual PROHIBITION.)

BY WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.
Secretary of State.
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1915.

I may be assumed that all who advocate legislation for the restriction of the sale of intoxicating liquor regard its use as an evil. The unanimity of the sentiment against liquor traffic is shown by the fact that in every state in the union there are laws prescribing conditions under which it can be sold—sale to drunkards and minors being everywhere prohibited.

Where liquor is sold at all the tendency of public opinion is everywhere toward greater strictness in the regulations. Sale is now generally prohibited on Sundays, and the hours are gradually lessened. In Nebraska the saloon opens at 7 in the morning and closes at 8 o'clock in the evening. In some states the hour of closing is even earlier.

If the liquor interests had left the people free to decide these questions for themselves the sentiment in favor of prohibition would not have grown as rapidly as it has, but during recent years the liquor interests have organized their forces in nation and in state and wherever an issue has been made they have supported the local saloon element with money and with speakers.

Complete Prohibition of Manufacture and Sale Seen as Only Solution

The liquor question is, therefore, no longer an abstract question; in taking a position on any legislative phase of it one has to decide not merely what course he would, if able, to direct legislation, regard as most practicable, but whether in taking sides he will become the political associate of those who have a personal interest in the welfare of the community.

For many years I have felt disposed to decide the question according to the circumstances of each particular case, but I found that everywhere, and at all times, the liquor interests not only preferred the smallest legislative unit, but obstructed every effort made for the protection of he public.

I have, therefore, reached the conclusion that complete prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor furnishes the best legislative solution of the problem.

If we allow liquor to be sold we are kept buy trying to enforce restrictions—it is like inviting a burglar into the house and then staying awake all night to watch him.

Vote in Congress Called Terrific Indictment of Liquor Traffic

I am not in a position to decide when, as a matter of policy, prohibition ought to be made an issue in any particular state, but wherever it is made an issue by legitimate authority my sympathies are wholly on the side of those who advocate prohibition, and wholly against the liquor interests.

When the amendment was voted upon in the house of representatives at the last session of congress I expressed the opinion that the time was not ripe for an attempt to secure national prohibition, but I announced, at the same time, that I would favor national prohibition if a consitutional amendment was submitted.

The resolution received a larger vote than I expected, having a clear majority—a fact which, in itself, contains a terrific indictment of the liquor traffic.

At the rate at which the sentiment is now growing it will not be many years before a national prohibition amendment is submitted, and when the sentiment in favor of prohibition is so strong that two-thirds of the members of both houses favor its submission it will probably be ratified by three-fourths of the states.

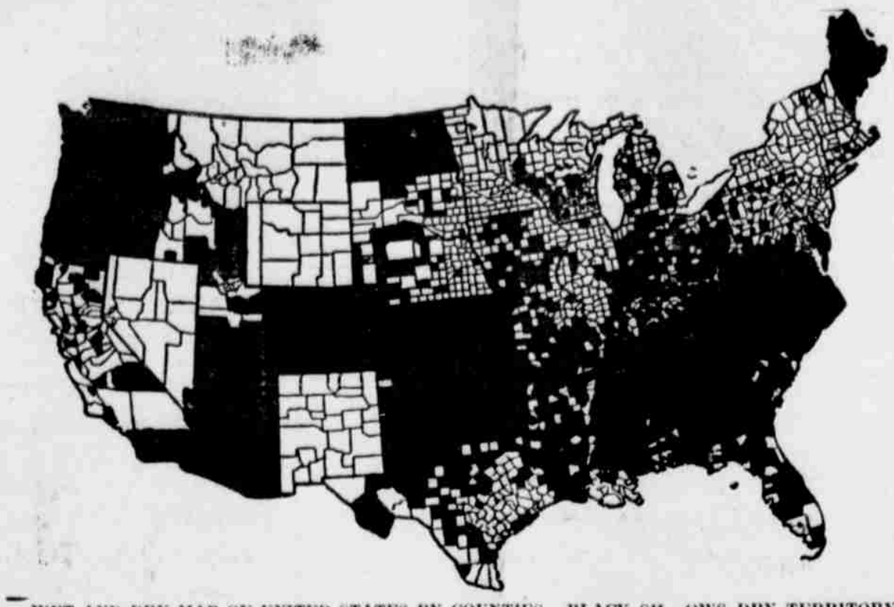
Does Not Want Prohibition to Be Issue of Campaign of 1916

I hope that national prohibition will not be an issue in the campaign of 1916. I prefer to see that campaign fought out upon the economic issues which divide the two leading parties. The democratic party has made a splendid record in matters of legislation and administration, and its defeat might result in the undoing of some of the things that have been accompalished.

I believe that, for the present, at least until 1916, it is better to make the prohibition fight in he sates ha are ready for I rather than in the nation.

But, wherever it is an issue in the states I hope to see the democratic party take the prohibition side. It is not only the moral side but the economic side as well, and no party can hope to gain any permanent advantage by allying itself with the distillers, the brewers and the saloonkeepers who, for pecuniary reasons, seek to perpetuate an evil which surpasses any other evil in our land.

W. J. Bryan



WET AND DRY MAP OF UNITED STATES BY COUNTIES. BLACK SH OWS DRY TERRITORY.

"GOUGING" MIDDIES FACE DISMISSAL FROM ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 7.—The naval court of inquiry appointed by Secretary Daniels to investigate charges of irregularities in connection with examinations at the naval academy, met today. The inquiry will be wide in its scope and delve into the whole question of "gouging."

Already three midshipmen have been dismissed and the recommendations of the academy authorities call for like treatment of seven others.

The court is composed of Captain R. L. Russell, president; Commander A. T. Long, Commander R. L. de Seigner and Lieutenant Commander W. D. Watt, judge advocate.

Meantime the practice squadron with the members of the new first, second and third classes on board, lies at anchor in the bay opposite the academy. This is in accordance with orders from Washington that sailing be postponed in order that officers and midshipmen whose testimony may be desired, may be within convenient call of the court.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Secretary Daniels said he was unable to indicate today when the naval academy squadron would leave Annapolis for the summer cruise, but he made it clear that midshipmen would not depart until the conclusion of the investigation begun into irregularities in examinations.

"We intend to sift the whole matter to the bottom," said Mr. Daniels.

Portland Livestock Market

PORTLAND, Or., June 7.—Cattle, lower. Receipts 163. Steers, choice pulp fed, $7.50@7.50; good, $7.00@7.25; medium, $6.75@7.00; cows, choice, $6.00@6.50; good, $5.75@5.50; heifers, choice, $6.50@7.00; good, $6.00@6.25; bulls, choice, $4.75@5.00; stags, choice, $6.00@6.50; good, $5.50@6.00.

Hogs—Higher; receipts 2855. Prime light, $7.85@8.05; choice medium, $7.60@7.85; pigs, $7.25@7.60; rough, $6.50@7.05.

Sheep—Receipts 365. Wethers, choice yearlings, $6.00@6.25; old, $5.75@6.00; ewes, choice light, $5.00@5.25; good, $4.50@5.00; common, $4.00@4.25; lambs, choice spring, $7.75@8.00; choice yearlings, $6.00@6.25; good yearlings, $5.00@5.50; common spring lambs, $6.00@6.50.

VOTERS OF ILLINOIS BALLOT ON JUDGES

CHICAGO, June 7.—Voters of Illinois balloted today for five of the seven judges of the state supreme court and seventy-two judges of the circuit court.

Women were not eligible to vote, the partial enfranchisement law, enacted by the 1913 session of the legislature, not giving the privilege of the ballot in judicial elections.

SCENE FROM "GRAY HORROR" A T PAGE MONDAY AND TUESDAY

RULES COVERING

$50.00 Prize Slogan

Gold Seal Butter Contest

1st—For the best slogan submitted	$20.00
2nd—For the next best slogan submitted	$10.00
3rd—For the next best slogan submitted	$7.50
4th—For the next best slogan submitted	$5.00
5th—For the next best slogan submitted	$2.50
6th—For the next best slogan submitted	$2.50
7th—For the next best slogan submitted	$2.50

Slogan must not consist of more than ten words, and must be written plainly with name and address of contestant thereunder.

Each contestant may submit not more than five slogans.

Each slogan or group of slogans submited shall have attached thereto a gold seal taken from the wrapper of a package of Gold Seal Butter.

Two prizes will not be awarded to the same contestant.

Contest closes 6 p. m. July 3rd, next.

All slogans must be addessed to Contest Department, Jackson County Creamery, Medford, Oregon.

JACKSON COUNTY CREAMERY
The Sanitary Plant.

MEDFORD EASILY DEFEATS HILT BY SCORE OF 20 TO 2

The Medford baseball team easily defeated Hilt yesterday afternoon at the latter place by a score of 20 to 2. It was another case of being hopelessly outclassed from the time the first ball was pitched until the last man was out in the ninth.

The Hilt boys are touted as one of the best amateur teams across the line, and the local team expected a hard game. To Castor, the rangy Medford slab artist, goes the bulk of credit for the victory. He was a complete mystery to the opposing team at all times, while his strikeouts were as common as the flowers in spring.

The heavy hitting of the local boys was another outstanding feature of the contest. The team, as a whole, waded right in and zinged the ball to the remote corners of the lot in almost every inning.

Next Sunday the fans of the city will be given their first opportunity to see the Medford boys in action, when they cross bats with the fast Yreka club at the local park for one game. The California team is coming this season with an exceptionally fast team, and judging from their recent performances with other California clubs they will play an article of ball that will be high class at every stage.

RUMANIA BOUND TO HELP GERMANY

LONDON, June 7.—The following wireless dispatch was received here today from Berlin:

"Political discussions in Bucharest, Rumania, brought to light the fact that there exists a formal treaty among Austria-Germany and Rumania. This treaty, which runs until 1920, regulates the relations among these countries and binds Rumania, in case of war, not to attack her allies."

Rheumatism? Here Are Some Real Facts

How to Overcome the Torture Without Harmful Drugs.

A legion of people have used S. S. S. and have overcome the worst forms of rheumatism.

This disease of the blood is little understood because of its strange symptoms, scarcely two people having it exactly alike. And yet, no matter what its form or how painful and distressing, S. S. S. seems to have almost a divine influence in driving it out, releasing the nerves from pain and clearing the joints and muscles as they work without restraint. The best explanation for this happy result is the fact that in S. S. S. are certain ingredients which act as an antidote. They are nature's providence to man.

Just as the meats, fats, salts and sugars of our daily food provide us with nourishment, so does S. S. S. give to the blood the exact medicinal requirement to clear the stream, drive out impurities and reconstruct the body if destructive germs have gained a foothold. Go to any drug store today and get a bottle of S. S. S. It will do you good. But be sure to refuse any and all substitutes. And if yours is a stubborn case, write to the Medical Adviser, The Swift Specific Co., 159 Swift Bldg., Atlanta, Ga. This department is presided over by a physician proud of his name by virtue of his distinguished family and a foremost doctor on his own merits.

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