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Repeal First; Beer After

In favoring a vote on repeal BEFORE a vote on beer, Speaker Garner is at least attacking the prohibition problem in the right way.

The 18th amendment was designed to prevent the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

Legalizing beer, would legalize alcoholic liquor, for unless it is sufficiently alcoholic to have a kick, no one wants it.

Passing the beer bill first, therefore, would amount to nullification of the constitution, and would also let down the bars to a flood of beers and light wines, before any procedure had been adopted to properly control it.

BAD BUSINESS ALL AROUND.

FAR better to go after the 18th amendment DIRECTLY AND HONESTLY at the outset. It is doubtful if a more favorable time for repeal, will ever be enjoyed, than the immediate present.

With Prohibition repealed, and some definite program of liquor regulation set up, BEFORE that repeal becomes effective, then all right thinking citizens could join behind a program which would prevent the return of the saloon on one hand, and destroy the illicit liquor and organized vice ring on the other.

This is the right way of going about it. Legalizing light wines and beers first and then trying to repeal the 18th amendment afterward is the wrong way.

We suggest those members of congress who believe otherwise, read over that unjustly abused, and too much neglected, Wickersham report. Unless we are greatly mistaken, every member of the committee, wet and dry, agreed that legalizing light wines and beers before repeal, would make conditions worse instead of better; and probably make repeal impossible for at least another generation.

How About Russia?

APPARENTLY there is one bogey man that has disappeared from the horizon of American business. That is the bogey man of Soviet Russia competition.

For several years, there has been a general impression that when the Five Year Plan really started to function, Russia would make Uncle Sam look like the proverbial 30 cents.

Russia was supposed to have "everything" in the way of undeveloped natural resources. All it needed to outshine the capitalistic world was the proper development of the resources, which the 5 year plan, assisted by American engineering and technical skill, was supposed to supply.

BUT now comes Isaac Don Levine, himself a Russian, and author of "Stalin," with a new book called "Red Smoke" which if true, knocks this grandiose Soviet claim into a cocked hat, and reveals all this Russian talk, as the flimsiest political propaganda; to keep Stalin in office, and when he gets out, the so-called 5 year plan will tumble like a house of cards.

The trouble with Russia, it seems, is it HASN'T everything. In fact compared with the United States it has nothing—at least nothing but land and man power.

It hasn't as much coal as the state of Wyoming. It has timber, but the tracts are so isolated, and transportation so poor that its timber can't be economically utilized. It has oil, but its oil lands are unfavorably located and even its potential supply does not equal the known oil resources of the United States. How about water power? Practically none, Russia is predominately a flat country; its annual water power capacity is only four-tenths of one percent of the world total compared to 7 percent for the United States.

Transportation? Russian railroads are woefully inadequate and in need of repair, while when the five year plan is completed Russia will have only 20,000 miles of surfaced roads, while the United States has 700,000 and built 50,000 miles in 1931 alone.

And so on and so forth, all to the same effect. Here is the author's conclusion:

"Fundamentally then Russia's poverty springs from the poverty of her soil and of her mineral wealth, her inland character, her segregation from the commercial highways of the world, the vast distances between her interior and the few harbors she possesses, and the huge uninhabitable areas she covers. Her outstanding source of energy is man power. Man power without mineral power condemns Russia to remain an agricultural country with a declining standard of living as long as her birth rate continues to rise. Any talk of a contest between America and Russia such as Moscow indulges in is bound to remain a farce."

MAIN ST. CROSSING PRIZELESS LIGHT FLAGMAN DEPOSED CONTEST PLANNED

At the Main street crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad, where there has been a flagman on duty for more than 20 years, according to former city officials, there will be no flagman today, George Zidera, who has held that position for the past two years, announced last night.

Mr. Zidera completed his work with the company last night, and as far as could be learned there, no one has been assigned to the job. While the belief seemed general about the city that the railroad had at some time entered an agreement with the city of Medford whereby a flagman would be maintained at the Main street crossing, no record of the agreement was reported by City Recorder M. L. Alfred.

The number of trains passing over the crossing has decreased during the past few years and the automobile traffic, which used to constitute an important problem, has also been greatly lessened during the past year. No information regarding the situation could be obtained from local Southern Pacific representatives last night.

Mr. Zidera stated that he knew nothing of the future plans of the company and that he was intending to leave for Portland soon. He has been an employee of the Southern Pacific for the past 34 years. Before he came flagman at the Main street crossing, Verne Cannon, now janitor at the city hall, held the position.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

FATE OF THE PULPLESS TOOTH.

In a recent issue of the Illinois Dental Journal, official organ of the Illinois Dental Society, Dr. J. F. Buckley, Holly wood dentist, points out that it is incorrect to consider a tooth from which the pulp has been removed "dead" or "nonvital" or "de-vitalized." A dead tooth in the jaw would not be extracted by nature and would soon be exfoliated.

The author goes on to explain, in technical language, that the dental pulp (which I believe the lay calls the "nerve") is the tissue from which the dentin or main bone-like part of the tooth is formed, and that the pulp disappears in old age and the space it formerly occupied becomes filled with secondary dentin. Yet the tooth still alive, being nourished from the tissues surrounding it and not from the pulp.

All as clear as mud, isn't it? Never mind. The essential idea is that the pulpless tooth, the tooth in which the "nerve" has been "killed" or destroyed by injury or by infection, the tooth with root canal filling, is not necessarily a foreign body, a dead thing, a menace to health. In many instances it is not only innocuous, but useful, perhaps for the support of some bridge or other denture or for the maintenance of good position or occlusion of the rest of the teeth, or for mastication.

Dr. Buckley asserts that root canal work, good work, requires no more skill than is required for almost every operation the dentist is called upon to perform. To that I say Amen—I mean, boo-oo to the idea that one must go to a specialist for root canal filling or treatment.

Dr. Buckley further asserts that the tooth with infection of the pulp (gangrene or abscess) seldom requires more than three treatments over a period of a week, for complete healing and finished filling. He goes further and says that prolonged treatments are absolutely contraindicated and rather increase irritation and do harm. If the case can't be finished in a week or so, it is better to extract the tooth and be done with it.

On the other hand, many leading dentists believe pulpless teeth are quite commonly a potential source of chronic ill health. They maintain that infection of such pulpless teeth is not definitely shown by X-ray pictures, but is indicated and may take years to become evident. They

Christmas? Sure, Toys Are Ready; And They Do New Tricks This Year



Boys and girls will have plenty of playthings with which to pretend they're grownups this Christmas, for that seems to be the idea of toy manufacturers. Such things as miniature sewing machines, kitchen cabinets, washing outfits, tiny baby grand pianos, and of course, a variety of dolls, took the eyes of grownups as well as children at a recent New York toy show.

NEW YORK (AP)—Christmas still is yet a month away, but Santa Claus has his pack of toys ready. And they're thicker than ever this year. Mechanical ingenuity has been stretched to such a point that the new playthings shown at a recent exhibit here not only amused the youngsters, but also made their elders marvel.

For instance, even such a scientific term as "remote control" has found a place in toy making. The very latest thing is a little truck which moves forward, reverses and dumps its load in response to a button 15 feet away. This electrical contraption may sound expensive. But the fact is, its price is relatively reasonable. More complex gimmicks cost less this year than the less imaginative toys of a few seasons back. There is a miniature firehouse with a spring winding attachment. The alarm sounds, the doors fly open and the truck speeds out. There is a tiny telephone which says "hello" in a squeaky voice when the earpiece is taken from the hook. For younger sisters there is an electric stove which really will bake mud pies (that is, if young ladies of 1932 play with mud pies), and there is a diminutive vacuum cleaner which actually cleans.

The toy trains are finer than ever and their systems of trackage so complicated that their fascination is irresistible to the adult. The auto cars are as elaborately equipped as the costly gasoline engines after which they are modeled. And the trains and auto likewise are cheaper. Aviation does not inspire so many toys this year, but the ones on display are far superior. Dolls are more versatile and an interesting experiment is being made with rubber bodies. This makes them more lifelike, the makers explain; also, it is claimed, they don't break. Doll wardrobes are as extensive as the 1932 debutante's.

ANOTHER APPEAL FOR CLOTHES FOR NEEDY WEDNESDAY

Undaunted by the failure of their first attempt to bring in clothing for the welfare clothing shop, members of the women's division of the Jackson county council for relief of the unemployed, announced yesterday that they will conduct another drive Wednesday, November 30, and that if three big strong men come in again with an empty truck, door bells are going to be rung. "And rung and rung," Miss Helen Carlton, chairman of the committee, chimed in as "north of Main from J street to the city line" was decided upon as the territory to be visited this week. All persons with clothing of any kind to be donated to the Welfare Exchange are asked to have the bundles on their front porches Wednesday, when the men will call. No long faces will be needed, but a lot of shoes and stockings and anything else that's wearable, is the announcement. There were plenty of the former last week when three volunteer members of the unemployed returned to headquarters in their truck with two packages, gathered in the south end of town. They expressed the wish that they had taken a toy wagon instead of the truck and the welfare workers, awaiting their return, had a fit of hysterics and decided that "try, try again" is still a good idea. The people had either forgotten the day or didn't remember to put things on the porch, the committee stated yesterday, so if things aren't on the porches when the workers call next Wednesday in the north end of the city, door bells will be rung for the workers feel sure that most everyone in town has something to give to the Welfare Exchange. Scraps to be made into quilts are also wanted at the Welfare Exchange as the demand for materials with which to work is constantly on the increase in the work room. The aim of the welfare shop is to give people materials which they need and a chance to work for the same. It does not encourage a dole system. Anyone in the south end of the city who has something to give and forgot to leave the package on the front door step last week is asked to telephone 1055 Saturday and someone will call for the contribution.

Male Carrie Nation Of Canada Wars On Bank Windows

DUNCAN, B. C., Nov. 26.—(AP)—A one-man campaign against banks by Herbert St. George Gray resulted in the boarding up of smashed front windows in the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Bank of Montreal branches here today. Gray, well known in this district for his efforts to have the banks brought under government control, seized an axe, jumped into his car and drove to the Canadian Bank of Commerce. He ran into the building, smashed the windows and then hastened to the Bank of Montreal where he wrecked another window. He drove to the police station and surrendered, remarking to officers, "I have done this to bring the banks to time." Gray came here from England some years ago.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson Count.) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 24 and 19 Year Ago.—TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—November 25, 1922. (It was Saturday) Jackson county Klan nightriding cases to be tried in February. Charlie Chaplin reported engaged to Pola Negri. "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" signs appear. Legion post leases space in Nat for meetings. Charles Barrett, auto salesman, shot at by holdup man. Farm directory of Jackson county now ready. Georgia minstrels at Page packed to roof, and a song, "In Room 202," makes big hit. Medford high gradsters, if they defeat Ashland Thanksgiving, will seek post season game with upstate school. Cliff Dailey, star halfback, groomed for big role by Coach Durso. TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY—November 25, 1912. "Gyp the Blood," and three New York toughs sentenced to die for hired killing of Herman Rosenthal, gambler. Business slump not caused by Democratic victory. Opposition to road work on account of taxes, grows. Blanket of fog shrouds valley. Serbia girls to fight Austria, as seed for world war are sown. Grants Pass votes bonds to build railroad to coast. Crime In Jugo-Slavia. NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Angered by father's interference while he was chopping down the old man's favorite shade tree, Bada Stojin decapitated him with one blow of his broad axe. SCOTTISH RITE—Stated meeting Chapter, 730 P. M., Nov. 28th. L. E. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LAUNDRY 4c lb.—8c completely finished. Phone 829-3-3. ANNOUNCING—Grade A whole milk, 20 cents per gallon. Bring your own containers and be served at Farmers' Market, 106 North Ivy street, Postoffice block, or at Walden's Grocery, North Pacific Highway. These prices effective November 28. FOR RENT—Completely furnished modern home, 33 Quince, Phone 335-R-1. LOST—Wednesday, keys in brown leather container. Edward if returned to Tribune Office. WANTED—Automobile Salesman—if you can honestly qualify by experience and reputation, we have an opening for two in our organization to represent the fastest selling low-priced automobile on the market today. Salary and commission plan of compensation. Watch for the leader—A New Chevrolet in December. PIERCE-ALLEN MOTOR CO. LATEST Model Ford Truck, long W. B. overload springs, 4 new tires, overhauled complete and guaranteed every way, only \$299.00. 1931 Ford town sedan, very late model, had best of care, priced to sell quick, Dodge Coupe \$40.00. Dodge Sedan \$36.00. Many more bargains. Trade and easy terms. GRAYS AUTO CO., INC. OLD PEOPLE and Invalids receive accountants and a real home at modern rates. Maternity Department, \$3.00 per day. Convalescent home, 103 Granite St., Ashland.

NOTED JOURNALIST TO FINAL REWARD

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Edwin A. Van Valkenburg, former president and editor of the Philadelphia North American, and in his active days one of the most widely known newspaper executives, died tonight from a heart attack. A close friend of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, who had referred to him as a "great editor and a great patriot," Mr. Van Valkenburg retired from the North American in 1924. The paper the following year was taken over by the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

4 PER CENT BEER BLOW TO RACKETS

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 26.—(AP)—August A. Busch, prominent St. Louis brewer, in a letter today to members of congress, urged legalization of beer at least 4 per cent alcohol by volume. "Any product under four per cent will fail to be accorded that response necessary to again popularize legal beer," he said. "It would be barren of that appeal that constitutes it an inviting and palatable drink—would encourage the continuance of bootlegging, racketeering and smuggling—would foster the trade of the alley brewery." Death Rides—PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 26.—(AP)—G. M. Goodall, 65, of Portland was killed tonight when an automobile struck him while he was crossing a street intersection here. Police said Archer Bisset, 20, of Portland, was the driver of the car. He was arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. Utah Pioneer Called—SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Minerva Higbee Cunningham, one of the first remaining pioneers of the first Mormon immigration in 1847, died at the home of a daughter here today. She was 87 years of age.