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For ways that are dark, and tricks that are sly, liquor men generally hold over the prohibitionists. A case in eastern Washington is in evidence. Medical lake precinct in Spokane county went dry at the late local option election. Cheney, the adjoining precinct, voted against local option. This was so far on the square, but the saloonists in the first named precinct were not satisfied. Medical lake being a summer resort, the saloon interest was held to be worth making an effort for. The anti-prohibitionists first charged that voters had been bribed with ice cream, lemonade and other dainties to vote for prohibition. The charge was not sustained by the evidence adduced, and the court overruled it. But the opposition was not daunted. The leaders determined to compass by a trick the objects upon which they had set their hearts. On pursuance of this determination, the county commissioner was asked that a new precinct be formed, to be known as Silver lake precinct, to include a part of Cheney and a part of Medical lake precincts. About two hundred citizens of both precincts, some innocently, others with a full knowledge of the proceedings, signed the petition, and the prayer was granted. Prohibition and anti-prohibition territory was drawn upon to form this new precinct, and the records showing no vote in "Silver lake precinct." Medical lake may now have all the saloons that men care to open there. The validity of the law is being questioned in numerous other localities, and in due time the courts will be called upon to decide the matter, but for cheapness, originality and effectiveness the Medical lake men carry off the palm.

The late anarchists trials in Chicago cost \$50,000, an average of a thousand dollars a day during its continuance. If the United States could rid itself of all the anarchists in its borders at the same rate, about \$7,000 apiece, it could well afford to pay the enormous bill and be content with the bargain. So much for making America the asylum for the oppressed of all nations.

The San Francisco Post has started in to turn the tide of business away from Yaquina. Might as well try to stop the rushing tides of the ocean. Prevarication in regard to the harbor and bar at Yaquina has been of such long duration and varied character, that the Post will find it utterly impossible to accomplish any good to themselves or anybody else by its attempt at pulling down Yaquina. Then there is a slight difference between the harbor of New York and that of Portland which is not situated on the sea coast, or even on the Columbia.

James G. Blaine opened the political campaign in Maine in a manner which indicated that he had lost none of his old vim on the political issues, and retained his full degree of acute statesmanship. He handled the labor, fisheries, Mexican and prohibition questions, and evinced that he was still the main political leader in these United States.

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