

"HOW DRY I AM"

CALIFORNIA TAKES IT EASY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—California, with the rest of the nation began easily to adapt itself to prohibition conditions. As far as the outward and visible signs were concerned, no change could be noted. Everything went as usual. In some sections of the city the bibulously inclined sat up into the early morning hours speeding the parting guest until the last moment. For these, the morning bracer no longer existed unless private provision had been made for the emergency.

All of the clubs in this city were strictly on a soft drink basis today. Practically all the familiar surroundings and appurtenances had been retained. Men still made use of the brass foot rail as they stood at the bar and quaffed their grape juice or root beer.

There were few men in the clubs who were used to having their little tippie who were not provided with a store of their favorite beverages of old. Clubs had sold their stocks to their members and in many of the larger organizations the wine cellars were turned into storage deposits where each member was provided with a small locker where he could keep his stock.

Large clubs such as the Olympic and Bohemian disposed of from \$25,000 to \$50,000 worth of liquors to their members. It still lies in the wine cellars, but it has been sorted, redistributed and segregated so that it now has many owners, each his own private store. Similar conditions obtained in the Press Club, the Pacific Union, the Family and other well known organizations.

What applies to San Francisco practically applies to all sections of the far west, where prohibition was not already in force.

WASHINGTON WAS "BONE DRY"

SEATTLE, Wash., June 30.—Washington state was only a spectator in the sidelines when the state went dry.

Washington, by popular vote, became dry January 1, 1915. The saloon went out of business but "importations" were allowed. June 9, 1917, the state became "bone dry" by legislative act. Last November the voters approved the "bone dry" measure. Now, according to local interpretation of federal and state laws, only liquor for sacramental purposes is allowed.

DRY LAW EASY ON LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 2.—National prohibition had a less pronounced effect in Los Angeles than in most large cities of the United States, for all liquors containing more than 14 percent of alcohol have been prohibited in Los Angeles since April 1, 1918, under the terms of an ordinance approved by popular vote. The same legislation closed saloons and allowed the sale only of light wines and beer in cafes and restaurants between 11 in the morning and 9 at night.

When the nation went dry, yesterday, all these cafes and restaurants, including several known all along the Pacific coast, and several nationally known hotels went out of the business of serving liquor to guests.

The national prohibition law, although affecting Los Angeles directly in only a limited way, indirectly will have a decided effect upon the city's life. At several nearby points, notably Venice and Vernon, saloons have been operating without restric-

tion more stringent than provided by the state law.

Both are famous resorts. Vernon is virtually a part to Los Angeles, although a separate municipality. It is much closer the business section of Los Angeles than are many communities which are legally part of the city.

Vernon became well known to all followers of the prize ring because of the number of championship and other famous bouts staged there. Jeffries, Johnson, Willard, Chynski, Fitzsimmons, Kid McCoy, Britt, Ritchie, Young Corbett, McGovern and many of her men famed in the history of the ring appeared there to settle their differences. With the growth of the town as a prize-fighting center, the liquor trade flourished. After Los Angeles became dry, the smaller city was even more tensively patronized.

One of the largest saloons there is that of Jack Oyle, boxing promoter. Nearly 100 bartenders serve the crowds.

Venice, a little farther away, is a noted sea resort. The passage of the no-saloon law in Los Angeles, also made trade flourish at Venice.

Although Los Angeles never had a large number of saloons, in proportion to the population, there were many of these with picturesque settings and novel and exciting history.

TEXAS BEAT 'EM TO "BONE" DRY

EL PASO, Tex., July 2.—Texas having been officially 'dry' for more than a year, El Paso was not affected by the enforcement of national prohibition today other than to recall to the minds of the older residents many of the most famous places on the Mexican border which were conducted here in the days when El Paso was known nationally as a 'wide-open town' and the saloon keepers bragged that they owned no locks or keys since they kept open the year around.

At one time there were more than two hundred saloons operating here in the Mexican and American quarter. The most noted of these were in the business district along both sides of San Antonio street, El Paso street and the plazas. These included the Cactus, the Parlor, Wigwam, Gem, The Ranch, The Ruby, Astor House, Palace, Coney Island and Lobby. Outside of the downtown district the "Bucket of Blood," near Fort Bliss, received its gruesome name from the fact so many men had been killed there. In the Mexican quarter the "Copa de Oro" (Cup of Gold "El Buen Tiempo"—(The Good Time) and the "Amigo de los Pobres" (Friend of the Poor) were noted drinking and gambling places for the Mexican population. These "cantinas" have been here since the city was a goat ranch.

Gambling was conducted openly in a majority of these saloons. The wigwam was one of the most popular. There prospectors from the hills of the southwest and Mexico gambled away their earnings of a year on the desert, many killings occurred there. The Coney Island was along the rendezvous of the cowboys and catered to them by having stuffed steer heads mounted horns and a display of ancient and modern fire arms in cases along the dingy walls. Several killings occurred in this saloon.

Phil Young's Cafe was one of the most popular places on lower El Paso street as Phil's clam chowder and free lunch was known from coast to coast. He retired and is living in California.

COLORADO LITTLE HURT

DENVER, Colorado, June 30.—The coming of July 1 with national prohibition had little effect upon Colorado beyond making the business of the illicit dealer more hazardous and removing the source of supply, for Colorado has been dry since midnight of December 31, 1915.

DR. BLEYTHING OPENS OFFICES.

Dr. W. M. Bleything of Portland, lately assistant to the superintendent of the medical service at the Base Hospital at the Vancouver barracks, arrived in the city Sunday evening and has decided to open offices in this city. The Doctor was formerly physician in charge of the North Pacific Sanitarium association and consulting physician and instructor in medical and physical diagnosis at the Pacific Chiropractic college in Portland. He has specialized on diseases of the heart and nervous system, to which lines he has devoted the past three years.

UNANSWERED.

Oh, Crater Lake, so calm, so grand,
I sit and gaze and wonder and amaze
While my boat drifts idly and lazily
By

The shadows that seem to fall from
The sky:

And in your heart so deep and blue
Your depths are pierced by a bright
Sunbeam.

Oh, why do the snows of winter
Come?

Seem always to linger at your cold
Blue brink

When the sun in his splendor and
glory above,

Would warm your heart with his pas-
sionate love.

He knows your secret—he watched
your birth—

He sends his rays to your fountains
for drink.

Oh, tell me true—do the fairies ride
On your phantom ships that shimmer
and fade—

Are there any witches on Wizard's
Isle—

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And leave us to wonder how you were
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