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IS AMERICA DRY?

SAN FRANCISCO police, accord-
ing to the Examiner discovered
an immense factory in that city for
the making of liquor from denatur-
ed alcohol.

Think a minute. Denatured al-
cohol is the stuff that kills or
blinds, depending upon the constitu-
tion of the drinker and the
amount taken.

Can you conceive of the cold-
blooded cruelty of men who would
peddle death in such agonizing
form to their fellows for the sake
of dollars?

"God pity those who drink it,"
said the hardened police officer,
when his squad had finally run the
trail down, and found an elaborate
equipment, not only for turning the
poisonous alcohol into liquids re-
sembling in appearance whiskey,
gin and other potable liquor, but
apparatus for manufacturing seals
and labels.

Cases were found branded with
counterfeits of the old time, once
reputable distillers.

What a trap! And it is thought
that before the law seized the stock
in trade, that hundreds of quarts
of the poison were distributed
throughout central and northern
California.

The criminal distributors pre-
pared for "the Christmas trade."
What a travesty, what a crime!
Would even the gentle spirit of
Mia in whose name the Christmas
festival is celebrated, plead at the
judgment seat for beasts so de-
graded?

No wonder the President of the
United States declares that the fail-
ure to enforce the eighteenth
amendment approaches the point
of "a nation-wide scandal." He is
conservative. It has passed the
point of a nation-wide scandal.

The boot-legger is constantly
growing shrewder. The slow-moving
law, and we credit most public of-
ficials with honest effort to enforce
the law, is out-distanced.

Here for instance is a story from
Bend, authorized by Sheriff Roberts.
The moonshiners are prepared for a
big winter output. Enormous
quantities of corn and sugar have
been hauled into the hills this sum-
mer. Now comes the snow, blotting
out trails and rendering the hidden
stills well-nigh impossible of dis-
covery. In the words of the Bend
Bulletin's reporter:

The coming of the snow found
the booze makers snugly quar-
tered for the winter, with all sup-
plies on hand, and no necessity
for leaving until the snow goes off
in the spring. Then the plants
will be broken up and scattered,
and thousands of gallons of whis-
key caked in various places
throughout Deschutes and Crook
counties to insure a busy season
for the bootlegger.

In past winters, tracks made by
moonshiners going to and from
their plants have in many in-
stances enabled the sheriff's of-
fice to run down the law violators,
but this year the snow will be a
help rather than hindrance to the
distillers, Roberts believes. From
the quantity of raw material pur-
chased, he predicts that the out-
put of booze this winter will be
the largest since prohibition went
into effect. Moonshiners are ap-
parently undeterred by the num-
ber of arrests and convictions
made in the last two years, the
sheriff says.

This stuff will only be partially
poison. Experience has taught the
moonshiner many of the secrets of
the legitimate distiller. He is mak-
ing contraband liquor in larger
quantities, eliminating the fusel oil
by care in distillation, by filtering
and by aging. The Bend law-
breakers will find a ready market
for their product.

So will the law-breakers of the
Klamath country. We are not un-
convinced that the mote in our
own eyes is as large as the beam in
our neighbor's.

According to one humble opinion, the
traffic has gained a momentum that
makes it impossible to stop it with
the police powers at the command
of the government, or any such
police power as is economically pos-
sible and politically safe.

We cannot agree with those who
would make the punishment for il-
licit liquor manufacture or sale
more severe. The shrewder viola-
tors will still elude the law. The
only result will be a higher price
for the illicit product, to compen-
sate the criminal for the increased
risk.

The proof of this argument is in
the Bend sheriff's statement, which
is but the echo of the official pro-
nouncements the land over—the
convictions of the last two years
have not deterred violators, and in
the Bend country, as elsewhere they
are preparing for bigger operations
than ever.

No, the proposal to make viola-
tion of the liquor law a felony looks
like a simple remedy, but it will
not work.

The real remedy lies in the public
conscience, and unfortunately many
people will not express their real
views. Outwardly they are "dry,"
but at heart they have no sympathy
with the dry law, even if they do
not themselves break it.

An opponent of federalization
of government, The Herald believes
that the initial mistake was the at-
tempt to eliminate the liquor traf-
fic through federal control.

Local option was working well,
and bringing about prohibition by
the only logical method that can effect
any sumptuary reform, education of
the public to the evils of intemper-
ance. It was leaving the loaf.

At a time of great emotional stress,
the federal amendment was passed.
It was the product of emotion, far
more than of logical reasoning, and
now that the emotional hysteria is
passed or passing, we will not stand
back of our emotional action.

We are for returning to the old
system of control by the states, the
disbanding of the army of federal
agents, the wiping out entirely of all
federal regulatory acts and amend-
ments passed by political pressure
during the emotional war period.

The loss in ground would not be
nearly what the national prohibition
advocates might estimate, for pro-
hibition has worked well where it
has had the backing of a population
that was educated up to it by the
slow process of local option. And
the gain would be this—We would
be on the firm ground of truth and
fairness and honesty, the only foun-
dation on which it is possible to
solve any problem of life.

For such gully wretches as the
San Francisco wood alcohol distribu-
tors there is sufficient law, should
their operations result in the death
of any person. If the officers have
the evidence, the law against homi-
cide can reach them, and the state
of California should never rest until
the murderous gang that has dis-
graced her peace and dignity.

AND WE NEED THEM

HERE'S the first instance coming
to our attention of the practi-
cal working out of the compulsory
educational bill. The La Grande Ob-
server is authority for the incident,
on which comment seems unneces-
sary:

"Picking flaws with the major-
ity is never very pleasant, but try
as best one can it is hard to agree
with the majority who voted in
Oregon for the compulsory school
bill at the late election.

The first direct business re-
sult we have heard of comes from
the Ochoco irrigation project in
Crook county. Everyone knows
there is a fine project, irrigation
ditches in, bonds issued and in-
terest piling up, and the thing
that is lacking to make it a suc-
cess is people.

"Driven almost to exasperation
on account of lack of settlers,
leading men in Ochoco project,
together with Prineville business
men and railroad officials of the
O. W. jointly formed a plan to
send a colonizer into Wisconsin
and secure settlers for this fertile
area. This was progressing well
and a number of Lutheran fami-
lies had formulated a colony to
come to Oregon when the news of
the election reached Wisconsin.

"Bing! It was all off! No Lu-
theran families would think of en-
tering a state to make their homes
where the compulsory school bill
prevailed.

"As a result Prineville has lost
a lot of prospective citizens, the
Ochoco project will have to look
elsewhere for people and Oregon
as a state suffers a setback in
business and population which
cannot be denied."

ELKS ATTENTION!
Initiation and Smoker Thursday
evening, December 7th. Visitor/
Elks welcome.
By Order Exalted Ruler,
M. E. MOMYER, Sec'y. 12

Full line of Crater Lake pictures
for Christmas. Stinson Photo Shop.
12-15

Gertrude's Millinery
Blouses
Pellicoles
HOLIDAY SALE
Entire Stock of Pellicoles and Blouses
1/2 PRICE

Personal Mention

J. C. Wilson is registered at the
White Pelican hotel from Sacra-
mento.

Jim Redding was a business visi-
tor in the county seat this morn-
ing from By.

Tom Jackson, of Port Klamath,
is in town for a few days look-
ing after business affairs.

J. L. Albutt left this morning for
Medford after a brief business visit
here.

Mrs. Matt Egan spent the day in
town from Algoma shopping. She
returned home on the evening
train.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Packett are
in the city for a few days on a
combined business and pleasure
visit.

Congestion of the lungs last
night caused the death of the week
old son of Mr. and Mrs. George
Metz.

Mrs. D. H. Crump arrived in town
this morning from Modoc Point and
spent the day shopping with local
merchants.

Mrs. Curtis Hedrick is in the
city for a few days from her home
at Chiloquin attending to Christmas
shopping.

William Hagelstein, who is con-
nected with the bank at Dorris,
drove into town this morning and
will spend a couple of days here
attending to business affairs.

L. D. Heckner, of the Union Oil
company, arrived last night from

Sacramento and will spend several
days here attending to business af-
fairs.

Edward Geary, who operates a
ranch near the Caladonia marsh, left
this morning for Portland where
he will spend the next few months
with his parents and other friends
and relatives.

COMING EVENTS

- 13 days until Christmas.
December 12—Christmas
opening on Main street—Band
concert 7:30.
December 13—Meeting of
Child Study Club, woman's
library club rooms, 3 p. m.
December 14—Meeting of
new executive board of Red
Cross, chamber of commerce
rooms, 4 p. m.
December 14-16—Catholic
fair, Lyceum Hall.
December 15—Illustrated
lecture on Art Institute of Chi-
cago—Woman's Library club.
December 16—School man-
ual Training and Domestic
Scienceazaar.
December 20—Chamber of
Commerce Forum.
December 14-18—The High
school musical performance at
Pine Tree theatre.
December 19—American
Legion annual election.

NOTICE

Regular meeting Aloha chapter
No. 51, O. E. S., Tuesday Dec. 12,
8 p. m. Sharp Election, refresh-
ments. By order of Edith Dethlefs, W.
M. 12-12
Twelve Shogun portraits solve
twelve Christmas problems. 12-15



It is too late now to shop early.

The honeymoon was over when
the ex-husband's bridle struck the sur-
roundings.

Entirely too many little blue boys
are blowing their horns.

It is found most college classes are
led by girls. So are the students.

When the worm turns it doesn't
always turn into a butterfly.

An Irish lecturer says Erin is the
sun of Europe. "It is pretty warm."

Alcohol was distilled first in Arab-
ia so maybe that is why those Arab-
ian nights were so wonderful.

We can't decide if fat men get
rich or rich men get fat.

A secret is what you tell someone
not to tell because you promised not
to tell it yourself.

Watches are handy. Looking at
one may mean you either have to go
or can stay a few minutes more.

Difference between a bespeckled
man and one who isn't is one gives
excuses and the other gives reasons.

Every now and then a congress-
man remembers his duty to the peo-
ple but the others won't listen.

Just when things are looking
brighter Eddie Rickenbacker threat-
ens to make airplanes for \$110.

Our idea of a man who doesn't
know where to go is one who sits
through a six-day bicycle race.

Over in Paris sealskin coats are
being made of rabbit skins—much
to the disgust of the rabbits.

Black shirts are the style in Rome
now but when not in Rome you don't
have to do as the Romans do.

You don't see many pictures of
girls going hunting because girls
don't hunt in bathing suits.

In Wabash, Ind., things are be-
ing closed on Sunday the first time
so they have the Wabash Blues.

There never has been a case of an
American who remained in America
being jailed in Russia.

Minneapolis man was awarded
\$1000 for time lost getting wrong
phone numbers. Most of us seem to
get them right away.



Selecting the Gift
for
Christmas
For Your Own Home
and
For Your Friend's Home

- A Rocker
Couch
Leather Covered Chair
Library Table
Serving Table
Virgin Wool Blanket
Set of Dishes
Table Linen
Silverware
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Cedar Chest
Leather Hand Bag
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The Quality Is the Best
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For One Dollar---The Price of Sugar and
Labor, With a Small Profit Added.
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FRESH SUGAR CHOCOLATE CANDY
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