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Holy City Liquor Capital

SOME years ago a Salem editor turned loose a biting discourse about Eugene, the holy city. If memory serves aright, the university town at the time was trying to decide whether it would permit Sunday movies. At the same time, citizens of the community were counting their losses in a stock-selling oil venture that had among its promoters a doctor of divinity and possessed other churchly connections.

Little did the Salem scribe dream in that day that the time would come when Eugene would be the liquor capital of Southern Oregon. How well he could have embellished his piece had he known that somewhere in the university precincts was to be the distribution center for whiskey, gin and rum for all the drunks, drinkers and occasional drinkers of Southern Oregon, and that Eugene was to be the home of the leading state liquor commissioner, the district liquor administrator, and other important liquor commission employees.

The holy city at the end of the valley, it seems, is willing to tolerate and to stoop to worldly vices, but it must unbend carefully and with dignity. Its oil schemes can squeeze the public like nobody's business, but they must have an ecclesiastical touch. Now the city and its citizens are taking all they can get out of the return of Old John Barleycorn to Oregon, it being understood, of course, that Eugene is just doing its bit for the high-purposed, de-saloonized Knox state liquor control plan (with "control" the important word in that title, of course).

Well, with liquor flowing into Southern Oregon through the pious and cultured Lane county seat, the cave men, spud farmers and lumberjacks down this way ought to take their grog with easy consciences.

Weed Road Travel

THE current number of Klamath Keynotes, weekly news letter of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, gives interesting figures on Weed-Klamath highway travel.

They show that there was a 12 per cent gain in 1932 over 1931 and a ten per cent gain in 1933 over 1932, and a total gain of 24 per cent in 1933 over 1931, in automobile travel through the California department of agriculture's quarantine station at Dorris.

These figures are particularly significant because of a general falling off of tourist travel throughout the west, and decreases in similar statistics taken from other roads leading into California.

What the Weed road is doing now in the way of carrying traffic is just a hint of its prospects. Important construction work on this side of the state line is now underway, and more is in early prospect. California has helped generously in developing the route south of the line.

It has been a long, hard pull to get the Weed road recognized and improved—a work in which the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has played no small part. What the road brings in the future will make the effort remembered as something vastly worth while.

Winning It Back

WESTERN railways are engaged in a concerted effort to win back lost passenger traffic through the medium of improved service, which should be more effective than legislation and appeals for sympathy.

The latest announcement is that the western lines have decided to air-condition club cars, dining cars, lounge and observation cars. It is expected 300 air-conditioned cars will be available for service in the late spring, in addition to those already in use. All principal through passenger trains will be equipped with air-conditioned cars, according to present plans.

The railroads have been doing some smart thinking on this matter of regaining passenger traffic. Late last fall they abolished the Pullman surcharge and reduced the basic passenger fare from 3.6 cents per mile to 2 cents for day-coach travel, and to 2 cents for short limit round trip, 2½ cents for longer limit round-trips and 3 cents per mile for one-way travel in Pullman equipment. On Jan. 2, day-coach passenger fares were still further reduced to 1.8 cents per mile for round-trip journeys on a ten-day limit.

If anything will win passengers back to the railroads, it will be improvements in service and in traveling comfort, and reduction in fares, all of which are apparently part of the western lines' new program. Already, there are evidences of improvements in passenger traffic. August, September and October, 1933, showed gains of 6, 7 and 21 per cent respectively, over the same months of 1932. After a ten-year downward trend, that record of gains gives the western railroads something tangible on which to base further efforts to attract the traveling public.

Editorials on News

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Steel Corporation and the Northern Pacific Railway, to be sure, are big concerns. But, because they are big, they provide a lot of jobs. They can't GO ON providing jobs unless they make a profit.

If jobs are to be plentiful and wages good, big concerns must show a profit. Otherwise, they will have nothing to PAY WAGES with.

YOU have just read that in 1933 General Motors Corporation made \$3 million dollars. That looks like a lot of money, and it is a lot of money. If you or I could make that much, we'd certainly be sitting pretty. Un-

less we stop to think, it looks like TOO MUCH money for anybody to be allowed to make. But you must remember that hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars are invested in the business of General Motors Corporation. This money has been invested by thousands of people all over the country. When these \$3 millions of earnings are divided up among all the owners of General Motors common stock, they amount to \$1.72 a share. General Motors stock, on Saturday, sold on the New York exchange for a trifle over \$39 a share. So, you see, at the current price of the stock, these \$3 millions of earnings amount to a little less than five per cent return. That certainly isn't exhor-

WASHINGTON

News Behind the News

The Inside Story From The Capital
 By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—A rather neat inside job was done by our diplomats in getting Cuba straightened out.

It was so neat that not a fingerprint was left. Historians will not be able to detect that we ever had a hand in it. The fact is that Messrs. Roosevelt, Caffery and Welles used silk gloves and a little headwork on Cuba for the first time. They also used guns but in a very delicate, unobtrusive way. They merely filled Havana harbor with warships, nonchalantly pointing the guns in the direction they wanted things to go, and things suddenly went that way, without firing a shot.

STATECRAFT

The inexplicable sudden shift from Grau to Hevia to Mendieta was a put-up job.

Mendieta was the man we wanted in the presidency in the first place, not because Mr. Roosevelt likes Mendieta but because he is about the only available candidate with the ability necessary to maintain a stable government. Months ago former Ambassador Welles tried to put Mendieta in office, but failed by direct methods. So strategy was tried.

First, Grau was squeezed out of office. Quietly word was passed to him through Marquis Sureda, his agent here, that the United States would never recognize him. He could not exist without recognition.

Hevia was the next logical choice. No man could be president of Cuba for any length of time until Hevia had a shot at it. The insiders say there can be no question but that Hevia was put in merely to get him out. He was selected only to prove that he could not be president.

As soon as he found that out, the invisible hand of Messrs. Caffery, Welles and Roosevelt brought forth Mendieta. He will last a while.

CHICAGO TECHNIQUE

The big shot of Cuba, former Sergeant Batista, was certainly in on the deal, probably from the beginning.

Nothing can happen in Cuba unless Batista okes it. He has the army tied up with him. He can say who can and who cannot be president. He showed his hand when Dr. Guterres demanded his resignation. Dr. Guterres, former minister of war, thought he controlled the navy and resented Batista's efforts to muscle in. He told Batista that if he did not get out of Cuba, the navy would put him out. Batista called a meeting of his army followers and told Guterres to come and get him.

That was when the state department rushed three more warships to Cuba. Next day Guterres was hiding on a gunboat and Batista had control of the army and navy.

WITDRAWAL?

The insiders say Batista is not ambitious to be president himself. He can be expected to go on indefinitely behind Mendieta. Washington is helping him out by talking about abandoning the Platt amendment and thus ending our indirect rule over the island.

The Platt amendment may be dropped, but not as soon as they say. It is true that Cuba has primarily become an annoyance rather than a help against the invasion of the United States by a foreign foe. We are in a state of exasperation now and would be willing to let Cuba go. But it will mean a revision of the 1903 treaty of peace with Cuba and approval by the United States senate as well as a Cuban constitutional convention. That will take more than six months and by that time our exasperation may be quieted and

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SIDE GLANCES—by George Clark—



"Just the same, my imitation of Schnozle Durante has got us invited to lots of parties."

We may be thinking more about American investments in Cuba. Meanwhile, the talk has a wholesome effect in Latin America, where we are trying to negotiate trade treaties.

SUGAR

A sugar pawnbroker in the farm administration had his grips packed a few days ago for a trip into the beet belt. He was going to try to arouse the farmers in favor of a revival of the sugar plan.

Word came to him from above to call off the trip. The inside explanation is that Mr. Roosevelt does not want such a campaign now.

Nevertheless the sugar plan is going to be revived. Arrangements are already being made. The heavy sugar daddies of the large refineries and importers started assembling here about a week ago.

PLAN

The next move probably will come softly from Chairman Jones of the house agriculture committee. He will try to get legislation making cattle a basic commodity so a processing tax can be put on it. The sugar boys will chime in with their product so it also will become eligible for the processing tax. That will afford the basis for the new plan.

Installation of Mendieta in Cuba means he will go along readily with the idea this time.

WINDOW DRESSING
 There was an excess of ballyhoo about the success of the treasury financing, but it really did not mean much.

It showed the government can finance comparatively short term paper as long as banks are flooded with excess reserves. It also showed there are a few other places where people want to put their money. It is, however, not conclusive, as to what may be expected in the future.

The advance window-dressing was splendid. The federal reserve board was called into session and issued one of its few public statements promising to cooperate. Meetings were held at the White House. However, it is obvious that the administration had no idea the issue would go over as well as it did.

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Not Devil's Emissary, Says Free Beer Idea Originator

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—(To the Editor)—As a business manager of the Little Theatre guild, I am taking this method of abolishing the guilt of any responsibility of free beer in connection with the play, "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room," an offer that has now been withdrawn.

The idea was entirely mine. Furthermore, I solicited the cooperation of the Lost River Dairy and Molitors, which they generously gave, but I think it should be fully understood that they were asked for this help and in no way sponsored the plan. Also, the local theatre management knew nothing whatever of the plan until I announced it in the paper.

As for the idea itself, I am of the opinion no harm could possibly have come of it. The free beer was to be available only on the presentation of ticket stubs, and that, of course, was to be entirely voluntary on the part of the ticket-holder. It was to be served at a considerable distance from the theatre. No minor could have taken advantage of the offer because the law would not permit.

However, the theatre guild deserves the support of all the substantial and reputable people of the community, and when it was discovered that my plan was seriously disapproved by a number of such people, we abandoned it. I think enough of the guild and its purposes that I certainly would not permit my own ideas to do any damage by diverting support from it.

I think it should be said that the methods used by certain critics were not the sort of thing to be expected from men in such positions. To speak plainly, members of our organization were threatened with the loss of their positions through which they earn their livelihood, if certain demands were not acceded to. This was vicious and vindictive.

In my own defense I wish to state that I do not represent the devil or any liquor interests whatsoever, as one individual absurdly charged. May I also say this idea was adopted innocently, and not with the intention of duping my friends in the guild, or its patrons and patronesses. The intent of the plan was purely promotional in an endeavor to keep the ledger out of the red.

The idea of connecting the temperance theme of "Ten Nights in the Bar-Room" with the serving of free beer had nothing to do with this plan. Had it been any other play the guild was presenting, the same thing would have happened.

May I assure you the theatre guild will always be found ready to co-operate, and welcomes friendly criticism. Its constitution states the aim of the organization shall be to foster the cultural advancement of Klamath Falls.

Sincerely,
 Ted McDONELL,
 Bus. Mgr. of The Little Guild.

PROFESSOR SEEKS STATE INFORMATION

EUGENE, Ore.—Compilation of an archaeological atlas of the state of Oregon, that some day will tell at a glance the history of races of men who lived in Oregon long before the coming of the white man, is the aim of Dr. L. S. Cressman, professor of sociology of the University of Oregon, he announced today.

Dr. Cressman has already done a great deal of research and exploration in the state, and has discovered some remarkable evidences of ancient life in the Willamette valley, in southern Oregon near Gold Hill, and at several points in eastern Oregon. This information will be transferred to the atlas, along with findings of other scientists and residents who are interested.

Persons who have found Indian relics, or who know where abouts of ancient habitations, camp sites, trails, rock writings, burial grounds or other evidence of older peoples are asked to communicate with Dr. Cressman. Collections of relics will be of special value, he says.

Compilation of the atlas will take many years, it is estimated, but such a work will have immense value for students of anthropology, history and other fields. Such atlases are now in use in Michigan and other states, Dr. Cressman says, and hundreds of people have helped to furnish information for them.

Correspondence should be sent directly to Dr. Cressman at the University of Oregon. Information on relics or other items of interest found anywhere in the state will be sent by Dr. Cressman upon request.

ALGOMA

ALGOMA, Ore.—Mr. and Mrs. Stonehouse left for San Francisco Wednesday morning on a business and pleasure trip. They went by motor, and plan to be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gaston arrived here from Klamath Falls, Idaho, Friday evening, where they visited at the home of Mr. Gaston's parents for some time. They are from Moore, Montana, and are visiting relatives here. Mrs. Gaston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Britton Barrett.

The Community club held its regular meeting last Friday evening. An enjoyable program was presented, and cake and coffee were served. The committees in charge were: Entertainment, Mrs. Glen Barrett and Mr. Ray Harpam; refreshments, Mrs. Anna Johnson and Mrs. Archie O'Brien.

Little Jimmie Conroy has been absent from school nearly a week on account of sickness. He is better, and will be able to resume school this week.

About 27 friends and relatives gathered at the England home Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. England's birthday. Supper of wieners, buns, pickles, coffee and a huge birthday cake was enjoyed. Dancing and games were enjoyed until a late hour.

A class in Bible study was started Wednesday evening. The first study held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hagelstein. The lesson was taken from Acts. The next meeting will be held next Wednesday at the Hoffman home.

E. J. Grant, stockholder at Algoma, was here last week on a business trip. He continued on to Portland, and is expected back here in a few days.

Minor injuries were suffered when the car driven by Raymond Arnhart turned over four times on a highway, landing at the foot of the hill near Pinola house, on Saturday evening. Raymond was the most seriously injured, receiving a badly cut hand. His companions escaped with scratches.

OIL BURNS
 Oil which escaped from an oil burning furnace at the Jacobs apartments at 143 Cedar street, ignited Saturday morning, and the fire department was summoned to quell the blaze. No damage was reported, however, as the oil burned on the concrete floor of the basement.

Society

HILLH TEMPLE TO HOLD ANNUAL BALL
 Another brilliant function is planned for the annual Potentate's ball of Hillh Temple scheduled for Thursday, February 16th, at the Oriental Gardens in Medford. Many Klamath Falls Shriners and their ladies will journey to Medford for this colorful Shrine ball, which promises to eclipse any similar affair in southern Oregon's Shrine history.

Dancing, cards, refreshments, music and features, are promised for the evening. Ward Croff's orchestra is being assembled for the formal occasion which will honor the illustrious potentate, O. O. Alender.

An extensive list of committees has been named for the occasion and invitations are extended all nobles and their ladies. J. C. Thompson, general chairman, will be assisted by A. C. Cass, Grants Pass; W. H. McNair, Ashland; N. G. Wheeler, Klamath Falls; George H. Smith, Roseburg; Preston P. Gray, Marshfield and Paul D. Green, Eugene.

Bethel Circle Number 5 of the First Christian church is sponsoring a turkey dinner in the basement of the church on February 29th. Public cordially invited.

The Jinks Bridge club met with Mrs. G. W. Bell Wednesday afternoon. Three tables of auction bridge were in play and high score was awarded to Mrs. Irving Dixon. Consolation went to Mrs. Roy La Prairie.

Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon to the following guests: Mesdames H. Hopkins, Roy LaPrairie, Lawrence Birk, Jens Smith, E. J. Verne, Campbell, Ira Orem, A. H. Campbell, and the hostess, Mrs. Bell.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Birk.

Bethel Harmony circle of the First Christian church met last Thursday at the home of Mrs. M. L. Miller of Wandland avenue with 24 members and two guests present. After the business session an interesting program was given.

STUDENTS WORK EXTRA PROBLEMS

Eighteen thousand extra problems in Algebra I have been worked at the thousand mark. Led Delaney having completed 1217 extra problems won the semester high mark; Veda Hon-drick came second with 1173; and Yee Shock made third with 1061. Next came Edith Abbot with 956, Frances Morrison with 923 and Mary Thomas with a 902. An average of 600 problems worked by each student was the class placement.

The idea of an extra work problem contest was suggested by one of the students. Since its beginning the contest has gained greater support each six weeks period passed. The same plan will be carried out through the present semester.

"Believe me, they know their Algebra. At least I think they do," would be a shame to work that many problems and not know what it was all about," Schlusser concluded in making a resume of the past work.

"What this country needs," says a Maryland congressman, "is more beer and less beer. But if we have neither glasses, what kind of beer can we expect?"

AMUSEMENTS

Pelican—Now playing, "Lady Killer," with James Cagney.

Pine tree — Now playing, "Frontier Marshal," with George O'Brien.

Rainbow — Now playing, "Shadows of Sing Sing," with Mary Brian and Bruce Cabot.

Vox—Now playing, "Counselor at Law," with John Barrymore and Bebe Daniels.

AT THE PELICAN



Charles Laughton in "The Private Life of Henry VIII"

History, frequently a scandal-monger, has busied itself to such an extent with the unfortunate armours in the life of King Henry VIII that the really intriguing and vital side of his character as an intensely human, fan-floving, swash-buckling king of the realm has been almost entirely overlooked.

It is this element of sheer humanness that provides the keynote for the outstanding characterization of bluff King Hal which is presented by Charles Laughton in "The Private Life of Henry VIII," The United Art-

ists release showing tomorrow at the Pelican theatre.

AT THE PINE TREE

The sensational inside story of a torch singer's hasty midnight marriage to a young multi-millionaire, his suicide and its dramatic effect on her life is told in the new picture, "Sing, Sinner, Sing," which opens at the Pine Tree Theatre tomorrow. Lella Hyams is cast in the role of the torch singer. Donald Dil-laway is the millionaire playboy, and Paul Lukas completes the eternal triangle. Ruth Donnelly, George E. Stone, Joyce Compton, F. O. Mumford, Bill Dennett and Gladys Black have prominent supporting roles.

AT THE RAINBOW
 All newspaper readers should be interested in "Graft," starring Regis Toomey, Sue Carol and Boris Karloff, Universal's fast-moving drama which opens an engagement tomorrow at the Rainbow theatre.

The service play, which deals with the trickery of crooked politicians and the romance of a boy and a girl, is told against the background of a seething newspaper office in a great city, and is said to be one of the season's most intensely interesting stories of its type.

AT THE VOX
 Without question Bebe Daniels, who plays the leading role opposite John Barrymore in Universal's stirring screen play, "Counselor at Law," has the right to be called one of the first ladies of the screen because she has been so attractive and so popular for so many years.

Mrs. Daniels will be seen with John Barrymore, Doris Kenyon, Onslow Stevens, Isabel Jewell, Melvin Douglas, Mayo Methot and many other stars of the stage and screen at the Vox theatre until Thursday.

The Cellars of France

