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PROHIBITION IN THE COURTS

Thirsty citizens looking for the return of the legalized sale of alcoholic liquor would do well not to rely too heavily on the decision of a federal judge in New Jersey that the prohibition amendment is invalid.

On the surface, this is an epoch - making decision. However, one imagines that the supreme court may not look at the question eye to eye with this Jersey justice. A decade ago the status of the amendment was pretty thoroughly argued before the supreme court, and that body upheld it in every detail.

Whether or not any change in the prohibition law is coming is something that only the seventh son of a seventh son could say. However, if a change does come it will, and should, come by legislative action. There is very small likelihood that the courts will turn us from a dry nation into a wet one.

A NOTABLE EXPERIMENT

It is interesting to note that a parliamentary committee has urged the British government to abolish capital punishment for a five-year period as an experiment in penology.

The committee frankly favors the complete abolition of the death penalty; however, it suggests the five-year experiment as a measure that may win support from more conservative statesmen, and there is a good possibility that the British Parliament will adopt the scheme.

Here would be an excellent chance to get some irrefutable data on the effects of capital punishment. For a country like England, which has always punished its murderers with the gallows, to do away with hanging for five years would provide an extremely valuable commentary on the theory that only the threat of death will hold a potential murderer in check.

DRIVING AND CITIZENSHIP

Is it necessary to be a passable automobile driver in order to be an American citizen?

This question pops into one's mind on reading of the experience of a German applicant for citizenship papers in Detroit, who was turned down by Federal Judge A. J. Tuttle because he had a record as an habitual traffic law violator. The judge took this action after officers who had delved into the applicant's past found that he had been arrested at least once a year for the past five years for serious violations of the traffic code.

Are we reaching that point in national evolution where an American will be described as a biped who drives an automobile? Is our civilization so thoroughly motorized that one who cannot drive properly does not deserve citizenship? If so, the streets are filled with native-born Americans who really ought to be turned into landless aliens.

Gunmen were in attendance at the wedding of Al Capone's sister in Chicago. It isn't reported whether or not they serenaded the couple with "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here."

Miniature golf courses are being installed in restaurants in England. Maybe to stimulate the demand for 5 o'clock tee.

Today

By ARTHUR BRISBANE
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His Birthday in Heaven. Trouble in Europe. Fighting in Asia. New Car Psychology.

MARSHAL JOFFRE, dead Saturday, is 79 years old today. It must be pleasant to spend your seventy-ninth birthday in heaven, knowing that your troubles are ended, for ever.

When they ask Joffre "who are you?" he will answer "I won the battle of the Marne." That battle prevented what might have been a quick defeat for the allies.

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MARSHAL JOFFRE will be welcome among those that have served their country well.

His death reminds you that the greatest of all wars was a war of old men, Joffre, Foch, Clemenceau, Lloyd George, the great Hindenburg. The young men fought and died, the old men won the victories with their brains.

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FOREIGN countries send news of trouble. Welsh miners ask the labor government to solve their problem, a difficult one. At former wages, the mine owners can make no money, and therefore do not care whether mines are open or shut.

All that the worker can get is part of the profit on his work, sad, perhaps, but true. It is his business to see that there is a profit left after he is paid.

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FIGHTING as always, in Asia. This time, Burmese are fighting Chinese in Rangoon, known to most of us through Kipling's poem. The fighters are using stones and iron bars. It would be a different story if they had modern killing machinery.

It takes the highest civilization to show how to kill scientifically, at wholesale.

If another big "white" war comes, you will see real killing, with civilians murdered in hundreds of thousands, by poison gas and bombs from airplanes, striking at economic centers.

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GOOD news comes with the start of the automobile show season, in New York. Ford reopens, full blast, tomorrow.

The industry, as a whole, plans an output of 4,500,000 cars in 1931, compared with 3,500,000 in 1930.

Chevrolet will contribute 1,000,000 units to the output, compared with 900,000 in 1930.

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OUR depression is accurately described as "largely a matter of psychology."

The best way to improve your own psychology and that of your family is to get a new car. You know how a peacock mopes, when its tail feathers are gone, in moulting time, and how it becomes ruler of the universe, in its own esteem, when the new tail grows in.

A new car is worth 1,000 peacock tails, possesses greater beauty, and has the additional advantage of being useful.

Life does not last long, happiness is the most important thing, next to ambition. GET A NEW CAR.

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MORE pleasant news tells you that New York state, this year will pay old age pensions to 35,000, and later to 40,000. Tax payers, including many devout Christians, will whine, but a civilization that forbids turning an old horse out on the road to die should feed its own worn out workers.

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THERE is progress in old age pensions, now existing in several countries. Once the old and worn out were disposed of differently. The Esquimau tenderly put his father, too old to fish, in an ice house, with a little food, wished him well, and closed up the entrance with a block of wet ice. In remote regions that is still done. Other peoples, more barbarous, killed and ate the old, to avoid waste.

See Reclus' l'Homme et la Terre unfortunately not obtainable in English.

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THERE is such a thing as a good war, in fact good wars are more numerous than the other kind. The war against superstition and ignorance, carried on by our public schools, is our best war.

The wars against the boll weevil and similar pests, against tuberculosis and cancer, are never-ceasing good wars.

Chicago has a new, good BREAD WAR. Union bakers, fighting employers, establish a bakery of their own and are selling bread at three cents a pound.

This may explain why wheat, selling at 60 cents, costs six dollars when changed to bread.

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WHAT follows is important, for it refers to your property, which is the earth. We each own our part of it, as we own part of the capital at Washington. The earth belongs to the race, and Dr. Heyl, physicist of the United States Bureau of Standards, announces that it weighs 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons. Those figures mean six thousand million, million, million tons. And such figures, of course mean nothing to our feeble brains.

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THE instrument used for weighing the earth weighs only a few ounces, is suspended by tungsten wires, one one-thousandth of an inch thick, and the scale works in a vacuum, in a room underground, protected from changing temperature by triple walls.

The earth's weight is learned by measuring its gravitational pull. The exact weight will enable military engineers to calculate more accurately the range of projectiles and astronomers to calculate more closely the movement of planets.

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IF ALL the animals and men on earth moved away to the moon, our earth would weigh only one millionth part of one millionth less than it does now. That is all we amount to, in mere weight.

But in the brain of man there is something without weight or form and yet can weigh the earth and measure the distance to the sun. So we do amount to something.

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THE sun's distance is not known with absolute certainty, and the calculator may be out a trifle of 100,000 miles, not much in 93,000,000, but important to astronomers.

Miss Margaret Harwood, only woman director of an astronomical research laboratory, has made important photographs of the light curve of Eros, and that little planet, only 15 miles in diameter, is expected to make a useful yardstick for more accurate measurement.

It will soon come within 16,000,000 miles of our earth, nearer than any other body of importance ever comes, except the moon, and, being so small, will be very useful to astronomers.

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THESE figures and facts, purposely put at the end, to be easily skipped, will fail to interest many. Similarly, the most perfect radio set would fail to interest a rock python, that serpent being deaf. Those with imagination WILL be interested to know that they fly around the sun nearly six hundred million miles every year, lightly balanced in the ether, or "continuum" as Einstein calls it, on a vehicle weighing 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

If that is not interesting, what is interesting?

Eighteen Years Ago In Klamath

A tentative levy of 11 cents per acre was assessed this afternoon by the board of directors of the Klamath Water Users association. This will be fixed definitely on January 20, after the water users have been given an opportunity to protest against the levy.

The assessment is for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Water Users association. Last year the levy was 10 cents per acre.

Although there has been an absence of snow for several days, Old Boreas has been approaching Klamath county. His presence was noticed last night by a drop in the mercury to two degrees above the zero mark.

On the preceding night the thermometer at the reclamation service recorded five degrees above.

The bright clear days and nights, together with the cold weather, have combined to make ice skating a popular pastime. All day yesterday the canals, Lake Ewauna and the Upper lake were peopled with skaters, and many skated Saturday evening and last night with the aid of bonfires.

Five men, elected to office last November, assumed the burdens imposed upon them and commenced drawing pay from the county today. They are: John Irwin, county attorney; C. C. Low, sheriff; F. W. Peterson, county school superintendent; John Hagelstein, county commissioner, and William Knox, constable.

B. E. Hayden, engineer in charge of operation and maintenance on the local reclamation project, returned yesterday from Fort Worth, Texas, where he spent a month visiting relatives.

"For every dollar the county has spent in road building the tax-payers of the county have benefitted at least $10."

This was the declaration of E. M. McLemore, after a twenty-day trip through the county on a mule buying expedition.

Slants of Wisdom

By CLARK WOOD
Editor of Weston, Oregon, Leader

Nowadays the chief agricultural interest is what the agriculturist is trying to raise.

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Dining in the air is now an accomplished fact. So also, for that matter, is dining on it.

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Because he was "ridiculed" Mayor Thompson of Chicago has sued the ridiculer for a thousand grand. We've about decided to lay off him, as that much would even put a crimp in our bankroll.

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Some philologists number living languages at 3,000. Glancing over an English dictionary will indicate to most of us Americans that we are only slightly familiar with one.

Today In Klamath's Theatres

AT THE PELICAN

A scene from Whoopee' starring Eddie Cantor

One of the great events of the picture years comes to the Pelican theatre today when "Whoopee," the Samuel Goldwyn-Florenz Ziegfeld musical riot, starring Eddie Cantor, makes its appearance in Klamath Falls.

This famous pair of producers, kings of the screen and the stage respectively, have exhausted every angle of their art to make "Whoopee" memorable. Already known to the entire United States as one of the most successful Ziegfeld musical shows ever produced in its stage form, the greater freedom of the talking color screen has developed it into a history-making picture.

The entire Goldwyn and Ziegfeld staffs were combined to make "Whoopee" technically perfect, with Thornton Freeland, young and brilliant Hollywood director, in charge of the filming. In "Whoopee" a great stage success becomes one of the pictures that makes history.

Sally Morgan (Eleanor Hunt) has long been in love with Wanenis (Paul Gregory), an Indian boy who lives near her father's ranch, but her father is forcing her to marry the sheriff (John Rutherford), while Wanenis is away being educated to white man's ways. Wanenis returns just before the wedding, learns of the plans and goes back to his people on the reservation, broken hearted. Sally, desperately unwilling to go through with the marriage, prevails on Henry Williams (Eddie Cantor), an imaginary invalid living on the ranch, to take her away in his ramshackle Ford. As soon as her escape is discovered, her father and the sheriff set out in pursuit.

Sally and Henry are despairing when they run out of gas in a few miles, but they hold up a car to steal gasoline and get to the near ranch for food, ignorant that this very ranch is owned by the people they have held up. The foreman of the ranch is expecting the owner and family, and is desperate because he has neither cook nor maid to take care of them. Sally and Henry volunteer for the jobs, only to discover, on their arrival, that the people they are to wait on will surely recognize them. Henry blacks his face with soot as a disguise and proceeds to cook in his own sweet way.

All is going well until Sally's father and the sheriff arrive, looking for the fugitives. Sally and Henry escape just in time and dash off in the Ford, after Henry has gone he-man, knocked out the ranch-owner's son and wrecked his garage. They seek refuge in the Indian reservation, and learn that Wanenis has determined to go back to savagery in his despair, believing that his race makes his love for Sally impossible.

Sally's father and the sheriff trace the pair to the reservation and are about to carry Sally off, when the Indian chief reveals that Wanenis was a white baby abandoned in a deserted hut and reared by the chief as his own son. Immediately Sally's father consents to Sally's marriage to Wanenis, and everyone is happy except Henry, whose domineering nurse takes charge of him again.

AT THE PINE TREE

The Marx Brothers—Harpo, Groucho, Chico, Zeppo in the Paramount Picture "Animal Crackers"

"Hitch your cart to a star," is a well-worn slogan for success. The Four Marx Brothers, however, soared to the heavenly sector of the theatrical horizon in the wake and dust of a runaway mule team.

That is one of incidents in their record climb to success as comedians, and a particular chapter written in Marshall, Texas, at a time when the young Marxes and their mother had a musical act, playing classical numbers from Beethoven, Schubert and Mozart.

In the midst of one of their performances in Marshall a great commotion arose outside the theatre as a span of mules decided to go elsewhere in a great hurry.

The audience, which apparently had been somewhat bored, immediately deserted their seats to watch the excitement. When the runaway had been stopped, they returned to see the rest of the show.

But the music-loving Marxes were so peeved because the audience had deserted Mozart for mules that they began making wise cracks at its expense.

Instead of resenting such remarks, the Texans laughed, and the act, which had been rather tame until that time, became a hit. The Marxes took the hint and revamped their act forthwith, deserting Schubert for slapstick forever after.

The irresistible Marx Brothers' laugh formulas will be passed out in a second Paramount all-talking feature for them, "Animal Crackers," from their recent stage success, and the screen headliner at the Pine Tree theatre three days beginning today.

AT THE RAINBOW

Mary Brian heads the experienced and versatile supporting cast in Richard Arlen's first starring picture, Burning Up," at the Rainbow theatre now. This picture reunites the popular Arlen-Brian combination of "The Man I Love."

The menacing role of Arlen's love rival is played by Francis McDonald, who played a like role opposite Arlen in "Dangerous Paradise." Tully Marshall, character comedian, provides many of the laughs.

DISMISS FIVE FROM SERVICE

Allege Irregularities In Obtaining Positions By Paying Money

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (UP)—Four postmasters and one rural mail carrier in Indiana were dismissed from service today by the postoffice department for alleged irregularities in obtaining their appointments.

Reports of their cases were turned over to the department of justice.

Alleged payment of money to a member of congress in connection with the appointments led to the action by the postoffice department after the situation had been brought to the department's attention by Senators Watson and Robinson, republicans, Indiana.

NAMES GIVEN

Assistant Postmaster General Arch Coleman made public the action of the department late today. He named those dismissed as:

Otto A. Wellbrenner, postmaster, Mt. Vernon, Ind.

William E. Davisson, postmaster, Petersburg, Ind.

McKinley Ayers, postmaster at Chrisney, Ind.

Mrs. Helen Hoetzel, postmaster at Boonsville.

Ross Wibbler, rural mail carrier at Dale, Ind.

"About 10 days ago," the announcement of the postoffice department said, "Senators Watson and Robinson of Indiana brought to the attention of the postoffice department gossip that was prevalent in Indiana to the effect that certain postmasters and others who were applicants for places in the postoffice department had been paying and causing to be paid various sums of money to a congressman to obtain their desires. A searching investigation was at once inaugurated by the inspection division, resulting in the development of evidence so conclusive in character that the dismissals were ordered."

DENIES KNOWLEDGE

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 5. (UP)—Congressman Harry E. Rowbottom, First Indiana district, denied to the United Press late today that he had any knowledge of alleged irregularities in postoffice appointments.

He expressed surprise at the action of the postoffice department in dismissing four postmasters and a mail carrier in his district.

"I know nothing whatsoever about the alleged irregularities," Rowbottom said.

Justice Campbell, Patton Take Over State Positions

SALEM, Jan. 5. (UP)—Justice J. U. Campbell, of Oregon City, took his place on the supreme court bench here today, succeeding Justice O. P. Coshow, of Roseburg, and Hal D. Patton, Salem, became a member of the public service commission, replacing Frank C. Miller, of Albany.

Both of the two new officials were sworn in for their respective office last Saturday afternoon.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"God" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Jan. 4.

The Golden Text was, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid" (Isa. 12:2).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe" (Prov. 18:10).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent Mind, who gives faith and understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering." "Step by step will those who trust Him find that 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble'" (pp 387 and 444).

MEDFORD (UP)—A fruit packer placed his name in a pear box. From Edinburgh, Scotland came a letter from a "bonnie one." She offered marriage, good Scotch thriftiness in exchange for transportation.

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Channel Swimmer

Patrolman Owen S. Behel, Los Angeles police force, added to the handful of hardy swimmers who have negotiated the difficult stretch of 27 miles between the mainland and Catalina Island. Behel made the difficult swim in 17 hours 35 minutes.

Storm Causes Motorists to Stop on Mountain

A terrific storm roared over the mountains Sunday night uprooting trees, and drifting the snow which fell in sheets. Motorists were stalled, and their lives were endangered by falling trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bushong, of this city, were caught in the storm on their return from Medford. They were forced to stop their car and would have been stalled all night had it not been for a state highway crew who escorted them to Pinehurst, where they stayed until Monday.

Crews worked all night clearing fallen trees and snow from the Green Springs highway.

Convict Cloud In Justice Court

L. L. Cloud, of Merrill, was convicted yesterday in justice court on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

A fine of $100 and 60 days in jail was the penalty imposed upon Cloud by Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes. D. E. Van Vactor, newly apointed deputy district attorney, handled the prosecution of the case, and U. S. Balentine represented the defendant.

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Students Will Attend meet At University

Problems of financing school activities, complications that arise over athletic, social and other activities, publication of newspapers and year books, and many more phases of student life that interest young student leaders will be brought up and discussed at the 11th annual high school conference to be held at the University of Oregon, January 9 and 10. William Pitman, Eugene and Earl H. Pallett, executive secretary, are in charge of arrangements. The delegation from the Klamath Union high school will include Bob Gallagher, first vice president of the student body, who will represent Hubert Maguire, president; Arthur Bramer, editor of the Krater; Tom Briody, editor of the El Rodeo, and Blanche O'Neill, president of the Girl's League. A delegate to take the place of Lillian Wahlander, secretary-treasurer of the student body, is being selected.

Miss Virginia West will represent the faculty, according to Principal Paul Jackson.

R. H. Kuehner Recommended For Lane County Job

R. H. Kuehner, assistant county club leader of Klamath county, has been recommended to state college authorities for appointment as club leader of Lane county to take the place of Arnold D. Collier, whose resignation has just been accepted. Collier was arrested in Portland a few days ago on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Kuehner has been here for the past year working under Frank Seaton in the club work.

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But the music-loving public has failed to bless these nuptials as expected. The Music Defense League is voicing a voluminous protest against the substitution of Canned Music for Living Music in the Theatre. You may add your influence to this great movement by signing and mailing the coupon.

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