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One of Two Things.

Evidently some of the sheriffs who were elected last June in Oregon realize that if they fail to enforce the law they are liable to lose their jobs. The opinion that was handed down last week by the supreme court has put sheriffs and all peace officers in a position where they can be made to perform their duty—as well as draw their pay. The opinion, speaking of peace officers, such as sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police and city marshals, "May be compelled by mandamus to prosecute all persons whom he shall have reasonable cause to believe guilty of a violation of the act prohibiting gambling, and if he refuses or wilfully neglects to perform his duty he may be tried in a criminal action, and if convicted his office may be declared vacant for the remainder of his term." Sheriffs cannot afford to neglect their duty in the future as they have in the past, and if they use good common judgment they will enforce gambling and state licensing laws without further ado. Sheriff Word, of Multnomah, knows that his head will come off suddenly if he does not get a move on, for what with the politicians watching for a chance to "turn the rascal out," with the anti-gambling and anti-saloon sentiment and other organizations bent on having law and order, he will have to act or be knocked out of a job. The sheriff of Baker County took a tumble to himself and issued orders that all gambling was to cease, saloons and business houses must close on Sundays, and opium and dance houses must go out of business in that county. What is Sheriff Wolfe going to do in Tillamook county? It is up to him to decide for himself which he will do: Follow the example of the sheriff of Baker county or take the chances of a criminal action to deprive him of his position. Since the opinion of the supreme court quite a few persons have expressed it as their opinion that this would be a good way to blot out gambling in this county, and to accomplish that purpose not a few citizens are ready to help out a movement to compel peace officers to enforce the law. They receive good pay for doing so, and it is only right that they should be called upon to do their duty, for all that the public demand of them is to enforce the law, with no special privileges granted to this or that person.

Immigration Declining.

Fewer people are coming into the United States from abroad and the emigration is increasing. There has been a gradual decline in immigration since the early summer, when the cutting of the steamship rates was at its height. Less than half as many steerage passengers arrived in New York during the last week of July as came in the last week of May. On the other hand there has been a particularly marked increase in the emigration from this side. During July, according to the official reports, the arrivals on this side exceeded the outbound movement by only about 5,000 steerage passengers. For the last seven months the emigration amounted to over 178,000.

While great interest is manifested in the figures of immigration, little attention is given to those showing the number of people who from year to year return to their foreign homes, yet these as a rule are about one-fourth the number of immigrants and in some years a larger proportion. It is a commonly mistaken impression that all the immigrants who come here remain, yet in the past ten years full 2,000,000 went back to Europe, nearly a quarter of a million returning in the single year 1903. The last fiscal year, which ended with June, was the high record year for immigration, the arrivals numbering 857,000. At least one-fifth of this number have gone back and as shown above the arrivals at present are not very greatly in excess of the emigration. An active demand for labor here stimulates immigration and when the demand diminishes many go out of the country. Those who give attention to both sides of the movement will see that the alien addition to the population is not growing as rapidly as the immigration statistics taken alone indicate.

Competitors of the West.

It is not all unreasonable to imagine that in the near future the settlers of western Canada will prove lively competitors of the western farmers and ranchmen on this side of the border. The men who have gone into Alberta and neighboring provinces are wide awake and energetic—a large proportion of them being citizens of the United States. They have gone there for the purpose of bettering themselves and with the intention of devoting their whole energy to that end. By so doing they are developing a country rich in resources and as the population increases the output of live stock and other farm products will far exceed the local consumption for the reason that there will in all probability be no large cities—the big

bulk of the people being engaged in agricultural pursuits. The excess of production must find its way to eastern markets and from there to England.

The increasing friendship between England and Canada cannot help but give the experts of Canada an advantage over those from this country and as a result the farmers and ranchmen of western Canada will be a factor to be reckoned with.

Another Germ Theory.

With the advancement of science in recent years one scarcely knows what to eat in order to keep soul and body together. That is particularly true during the summer. Water must be boiled, milk sterilized, meat eaten sparingly, overripe melons discarded as producing fermentation in the stomach which fits the system for receiving typhoid germs and, in fact, all foods must be carefully guarded if disease is to be ward off.

The latest development along this line is the discovery that celery is a great distributor of typhoid fever. In this connection the Chicago health department claims that the danger from celery comes from the fact that people are not content to eat celery in its green or natural state, but insist it shall be bleached.

Truck gardens use an immense amount of fertilizer in order to produce the greatest possible amount of vegetables on a given plot of ground. When they come to bleach the celery they simply cover the stalks with soil up to the tips and in that way the celery comes in contact with the fertilizer. Many fertilizers are simply refuse matter from the cities bacteria and as the celery is eaten raw one is very apt to take the bacteria into the system with disastrous results.

Autos and Rural Mails.

Antagonism to good country roads is largely based on the premise that such highways are designed mainly in the interest of Choo-choo wagon owners and that macadamized highways will merely enlarge the traveling radius of the "red devil" and the "yellow terror." A more erroneous idea could not have gained a foothold. Where the auto can go with facility, so can the heavily laden wagon and the bicycle, both of which are used by the farmer. Good roads facilitate the delivery of mail and eliminate that isolation which is the principal handicap to the enjoyment of rural life.

But what good reason exists that the farmer should not have an auto? It is a distance annihilating machine. Recently a buckboard propelled by gasoline has been invented. It has a maximum speed of thirty miles an hour and costs about as much as a good buggy. With such a vehicle in his possession and a good road to town the farm located ten or fifteen miles from a railroad station would be as valuable as one within a stone-throw of that point.

True, horses shy at autos until they are broken to them. City horses view these self-propelled machines with equanimity and the farmers' horse will grow accustomed to meeting and passing them with a little trouble.

Baker City Sheriff Will Enforce State Law.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 13.—The announcement of Sheriff Brown's intention to enforce the state laws in regard to gambling, Sunday saloons, opium dens and dance houses came like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky.

That the Sheriff should take such a sudden move, prompted the inquiry as to the motive of so doing. At first it was presumed that District Attorney Lomax had given the Sheriff instructions to enforce the law. Mr. Lomax, when seen, said he did not know anything about the movement until he read Sheriff Brown's announcement in the newspapers.

Sheriff Brown said that he acted on his own responsibility, and further, that the intention was to see that the law was complied with, both in letter and in spirit. The new order of things will go into effect Monday, August 15. From and after that date all gambling must cease in this country, saloons and business houses must close on Sunday, and opium joints and dancehalls must go out of business.

The saloon and sporting men are naturally indignant at the action of the Sheriff. They say that Baker City is an orderly town; that there has been nothing out of the ordinary to prompt the Sheriff to take the stand he has. They say that if there had been an increase of lawlessness they could understand why such a course might be suggested to the Sheriff. On the contrary, they say that there has been less lawlessness during

the past few months than ever before. The city officials do not approve of the Sheriff's course. They claim that he will fail in everything save the lopping off of some \$12,000 or \$15,000 in revenue derived from this source by the city.

A Peep at Tillamook.

TO THE EDITOR OF TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT
DEAR EDITOR,—I will now introduce myself to you, stating that I have just returned from a round trip to the Atlantic coast. On my way back I stopped on some business at Merrill, Wis., and had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Oddfellows. When they found out I was a western man they were very glad to see me. Many of these people are talking of selling their homes and coming West, and asked me a great number of questions about this Western country. The most of the people have got Washington fever, but few asked me about Oregon, and I told them that if they would see Oregon they would get a higher fever. They also asked me which was the best part of the state for climate and settlement. Some asked me about Tillamook. I told them I had not been to Tillamook, but would come over as soon as I get home. I had planned a trip to Tillamook in 1902, but my health did not permit. However, I have been corresponding with my worthy friend, Otto Hiens. I at last made up my mind to come to Tillamook and just arrived last Wednesday on the steamer Elmore. I was glad to meet C. Mills. He has taken an interest in me and has been showing me around the country. I thought when we started on our trip in the country that he would only show me a little of the country around town, but he took the liberty of taking me by way of Beaver and Cloverdale and on to the southern part of the county, I was surprised to see Tillamook's most fertile valleys, and the wonderful water power. There is enough to light up the whole county with electric lights and run electric cars all over this county; also enough water to irrigate the whole county, but irrigation is not needed here. Besides every quarter mile there is a fine creek. I took the liberty to walk down to the coal mines on Nestucca Bay to investigate the mining prospects of H. H. Brooten, and I think he has a bright prospect for coal and oil and some specimens of ore. Mr. Brooten is going to put in a drill and several men to work this fall. He expects to find the main body of coal by going down 20 ft. I was surprised to find his fine mineral water. It is as good as any mineral water in the U.S. It is as good as medicine for rheumatism and kidney trouble.

We also stopped at several beautiful ranches, Mr. Hodgdon's, Geo. Potete's, D. J. Dunn's, and I being a stranger must say the people treated me with the greatest courtesy. I visited the cheese factory of Dunn, Cronen & Co., Dolph, Or. Your county looks to me like the paradise of the U.S. I was also proud to meet my old comrade, V. Jacobs, who fought in the Russian and Turkey war of 1876-78, of which I was in the service at the same time. It looks to me you have got everything you need in the way of produce.

It looks to me like this county could keep two railroads busy. One coming from Seaside and one from Portland.

There are money men in the East who are looking for a snap like this to build a railroad to Tillamook. If your people take a trip on the outside you should keep in mind what this country is and send news to the East to let people know about it. No doubt if you do this there will in the near future be a big immigration to Tillamook and you will get a railroad. I am taking the liberty of helping you by taking out several samples of coal and ore. I will also send copies of the above East, and corresponding with Eastern people that expect to come to the coast next March and April. I am doing this for the good of the people and to keep my name in the minds of the people, in the time to come. I have been doing this kind of work for the past ten years on this coast country. I shall do all I can for this western country in corresponding with my eastern friends and try to interest them in this coast country.

SERG. M. MARKENSON.

The Republican party is the party that does things. In or out of office, it has consistent policies, and when in office acts as a unit in fulfillment of its campaign pledges. The Democracy very seldom is able to get together sufficiently to obtain office, and when in power cannot control its own membership sufficiently to secure a fulfillment of the promises on which it obtained office. It is the party of the permanent opposition, composed of opportunists, who trim their sails to every breeze. The Republican party is the party of the nation. The Democracy is controlled now by one section and again by another. It has been on every side of every question. Its "principles" are borrowed from every other party. Some of them are so old as to have been outgrown by other parties. Others are so new as not yet to have passed the stage of theory.

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