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The Tillamook Headlight

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The Legal Fight Is Now On.

The anti-saloon law is now under fire in the circuit court in Portland, which is being attacked by the liquor interests, who will endeavor to prove that the law is unconstitutional. Whether they can do this remains to be seen, and upon the numerous objections raised to the law. If we are rightly informed, the prevailing impression amongst the legal profession is that the law will be held constitutional by the courts. It is a little surprising to us to see Judge M. L. Pipes fighting the law after being employed by the liquor interests to give an opinion whether the law was constitutional or not. We understand he told the liquor men it would stand. Associated with Mr. Pipes, is ex-United State Senator Joseph Simon, who will do their level best to have the law knocked out, whereas, E. C. Bronaugh, author of the bill, assisted by Deputy District Attorney Mosher, are the legal lights who are defending the bill. It is well, therefore, to wait, until the courts decide, but which way that will be hard to say. One thing can be looked for, the vote at the last election proves this, that popular opinion in quite a number of counties is in favor of giving the anti-saloon law a fair trial, and if the present law is declared unconstitutional it will only delay it and only arouse a stronger anti-saloon sentiment because it was defeated by the liquor interests. A large number of people in Oregon are desirous of seeing the anti-saloon law given a fair trial, and no matter how hard the liquor men may strive to delay the experiment, they are going to try it anyway, and as we see it is no use hucking popular opinion, we say as long as the majority demand it, they have a right to try it as they use good arguments that it will benefit social conditions.

Roosevelt And The Irish.

The Boston Pilot says: Because Mr. Roosevelt has always been just in his treatment of every class and creed and race The Pilot commends him to the favor of its large constituency. A good Catholic must be a good American, and every good American must admire the Executive who treats all Americans alike, according to their deserts. No man is fit to enjoy American freedom if he would ostracize another because of that other's creed or race or color. Especially the last, because at this moment it is the most important, if not the most prominent, test of our true principals. The test, he it remembered, is laid down by the advocates of injustice and not by its opponents. The President is held up to obloquy by a large section of the country simply because he will not sanction the attempted nullification of those amendments to the Constitution which were intended to make emancipation truly effective. The opposition to him is bitter and varied, ranging from the comparatively mild denunciation of the St. Louis platform to the brutal insults levelled by the Governor of Mississippi at the President's mother, and the more practical burning of negroes alive in the State of Georgia a week ago.

In the name of equal justice to all, of common humanity to the oppressed, of the laws of the country, and of the higher laws of God, we wish success to the brave champion of the right. We wish to see Theodore Roosevelt elected, so that our country may be respected all the world over, not alone because of its military strength or commercial success, but because an American need not blush to avow his nationality in any barbarous land where men are not burnt at the stake.

The young men of America have in the present campaign an opportunity of showing their appreciation of true Americanism by voting for the man whom James Bryce calls "the greatest President since Washington." When they are old men they will be proud of having cast that vote.

Set the Tramps to Work.

In Germany tramps are set to work, unless they can make satisfactory explanation for their idleness; and the work they are made to do is not so easy but that they will try to find something more to their liking when they are released. Our lawmakers will be obliged to take some measures to keep this class from troubling honest, industrious people, especially the farmers. The number who are willing to work is surprisingly small, and the stories they tell to excite sympathy are mostly untrue, so that but few feed them willingly. The fear if they are turned away empty they may return and damage property, perhaps burn the barn or house, often has more to do with the apparent generosity of the housekeeper than sympathy for the mendicant. It is not right that people should be thus frightened into giving aid to these worthless creatures. To help them is to increase their numbers, and to deny them is perhaps to endanger your property. The authorities ought to have the right to arrest them for ex-

amination, and, if found to be frauds, to put them at some kind of work, where they can be made to earn their living and something more. Will not some reader draft a bill to this effect and get his representative to introduce and advocate it in the next legislature?

What Political Stumpers Say.

Paid political stumpers are now going about telling what their respective parties have done for the laboring man—how they established an eight-hour day, how they invented Labor day, how they stopped manufacturing in the penitentiaries, how they have shut out the products of foreign laborers and at the same time opened markets for the productions of our laborers, and what other great things they have done and propose to do for him; how they have helped the agriculturist by establishing free rural delivery (which he compelled them to do); but I notice that none of them are mentioning the parcels post, check and postal savings banks. These might cut out some of the profits of the express companies and banks, and thereby prevent the inflow of political contributions from that source. The thing for every sensible man to do now is to go on about his business, and not allow himself to be swayed hither and thither by paid political ranters who are talking for money and office, and to vote for the men whom he is satisfied are best fitted for the offices—the men who will subordinate their own interests to those of the people they are elected to serve.—Farm and Fireside.

Carrie Nation has issued a long appeal to the mothers, wives and daughters of Kansas to join her in a crusade. In part she says: "I have frequent appeals from poor heartbroken mothers all over the country to come and help them save their sons, but from no place have I had as many as from Wichita, Kan. Last week, two agonizing appeals came to me that I cannot turn a deaf ear to, and I am now resolved to cancel my dates, and by the help of Almighty God go to that awful city of death and murder. I now ask all women over the state and elsewhere to meet me there on the 28th of September. Bring your hatchets with you. I will pay the railroad fare of those not able and see that there is a place provided for their stay while there."

The United States Weather bureau is making an effort to destroy the faith which many people of all classes have in the predictions made by long-range weather forecasters. As is well known, there are a number of men who claim that they can tell what the weather will be next week, or next month, or next year. It is probably true that nearly everyone is more or less superstitious and that is the reason why these fakirs are able to attract the attention they do. Farmers in particular should overcome whatever superstitious tendencies they may have and pay no heed to these fake weather predictions for next month or next year and sow and reap their crops regardless of what any fakir may say. It keeps the weather bureau, which employs the most expert man in the country, busy to tell what the weather will be twenty-four hours in advance. Long-range weather forecasters and fortune tellers belong to the same category and neither one is worth the price.

The modern merchant who never advertises escapes a lot of trouble. He may keep out of some of it without intending to do any thing of the sort, but he escapes it just the same. He gets rid of the trouble of preparing advertisements, and of course has no worry about changing them and keeping them fresh and up-to-date. He is not bothered about the way his advertisements are printed, nor the position they occupy. He can say, with much truthfulness, that it is no trouble to show goods, for he seldom asked to show any. But his greatest saving of trouble is in not having to sell goods to people who stay away, but who would come to his store if he advertised. Then, as he sells few goods, he has few goods to buy and there is more trouble saved. He never has the trouble of selecting and paying a large staff of assistants. He gets rid of the trouble of having to pay for advertising. Finally he never has the trouble of enlarging his store, or removing to a larger one, and it is very little trouble to count his money.—X.

Traffic Manager Munroe, of the Union Pacific, stated under oath that "traffic men arrive at freight rates by a sort of instinct." He did not state whether the instinct was a generous or selfish one. From the experience of cattlemen and other shippers of live stock during the last few years the instinct seems to have been prompted chiefly by the desire to get the money.

There appears to be an impression that the direct primary law passed at the last session of the state legislature is unconstitutional. Probably it is, but it goes to prove that in discussing proposed laws state legislators fail to take time to inquire into these points, hence the necessity of the next state legislature devoting more to bills while under discussion.

President Roosevelt announced Saturday afternoon that at an early date he would ask the nations of the world to join in a second congress at The Hague

for the promotion of arbitration.

With cattle suffering from the effects of human tuberculosis and from appendicitis, we are forced to admit the fact that we are but animals.

Believers in a stable currency system can not honestly support a party that presents an ambiguous or shame faced money plank in its platform.

Reports of the campaign in the Middle West show that the Democratic party is chained as completely to the silver corpse as it was in 1896 or in 1900.

Fifty Lives Lost.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 24.—Running on a roadbed in a supposedly high condition of maintenance, and having about them every safeguard known to a modern railroad, two trains on the Southern Railway carrying heavy lists of passengers met head-on near Hodges, Tenn., today, sending 54 people to death and injuring 130, several of whom will probably die. Some of the bodies have not yet been recovered, and many remain unidentified.

This appalling loss of life and maiming of the living resulted apparently from the disregarding orders given to the two trains to meet at a station which has for a long time been their regular meeting-point. This action on the part of the engineer of the west-bound train is made more inexplicable by the fact that the accident happened in broad daylight, and according to the best information obtainable he had the order in a little frame in front of him as his engine rushed by the station, and a mile and a half further on came upon an eastbound passenger train. The possibility exists that the engineer may have been asleep.

The trains were on time, and not making over 35 miles an hour, yet the impact as they rounded a curve and came suddenly upon each other was frightful. Both engines and the major portions of both trains were demolished, and why the orders were disregarded or misinterpreted will probably never be known, as the engineers of the two trains were crushed, their bodies remaining for hours under the wreckage of their locomotives.

Blasts from Ram's Horn.

God's designs promise us more than our desires. Painting the pump doesn't purify the product.

Good cheer puts love's gifts into caskets of gold. Where faith goes out soul famine comes in.

A good nature is not always a good character. Gingerbread on the steeple cannot feed the people.

Toe the devil's line and you must march to his time.

God's presence makes a desert a garden of paradise. A tailor-made man will satisfy a trinket-hearted woman.

A swindle cannot be sanctified by calling it a church fair.

Bill Nye as a Dairyman.

"When I was young and used to roam about the country, gathering water-melons by the light of the moon, I used to think I could milk anybody's cow; but I don't think so now. I do not milk the cow unless the sign is right, and it hasn't been right for a good many years. The last cow I tried to milk was a common cow, born in obscurity, kind of a self-made cow. I remember how her brow was low, but she wore her tail high; and she was naughty, oh, so naughty. I made a commonplace remark to her, one that is used in the very best society, one that need not give offense. I said 'so'—and she 'soad.' Then I told her to 'Hist'—and she 'Histed.' But I thought she overdid it. Just then I heard something crash through the window of the barn and fall with a thug-sickening thug—on the outside.

"The neighbors came to see what it was that caused the noise. They found that I had done it in getting through the window. I asked the neighbors if the barn was still standing. They said it was. Then I asked them if the cow was injured much. They said she seemed quite robust. Then I requested them to go in and calm the cow a little and see if they could get my plug hat off her horns.

"I am buying all of the milk now of a milkman. I select a gentle milkman who will not kick, and feel as though I can trust him. Then if he feels as though he can trust me, it's all right."

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