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Editorial

DRUNKEN DRIVERS

We have just read where a Columbus, O., judge fined a man \$500 and ordered him to the workhouse for six months for driving an auto on the street when he was so drunk he could scarcely remember his name. It occurred to us that here is a judge entitled to a little praise, so we are taking this mans of extending it to him.

Personally, we never like to see anybody in trouble, but this thing of driving an auto while intoxicated, or even while drinking, is too serious a matter to overlook. The motoring season is opening up around Vernonia and more cars are appearing on our highways daily. No matter how careful or how skilled a driver may be, he is powerless to protect himself against a drunken driver. He cannot leave the road and avoid the oncoming machine that is wobbling from one side of the highway to the other; and even if he stops and pulls as far to the side of the road as possible, he still is in danger of being run into.

The public streets and public roads of this country must be made safe for the public, even if our jails and workhouses have to be filled to capacity with those who disregard their own welfare and place no value on the lives of others. We repeat that we dislike to hear of anyone being in trouble, but that if an officer of the law in this community wants to sentence every drunken driver who comes before him as severely as the Columbus judge sentences them, then we are for him, and so will be every decent, self-respecting citizen in his jurisdiction.

"A MAN WITHOUT HONOR"

A "Man without honor" displayed his callousness before a listening court room this week when he raised his right hand and said "yes" when asked to swear on his honor "to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

His evidence that he then submitted in his own behalf was as far from the truth as the north pole is from the south pole. His own confession when he found that his falsehoods were of no avail proved that there was no honor in the man.

This action raises the question regarding the laws pertaining to perjury. Have they become obsolete? Have the many laws that clutter our statutes crowded out the enforcement of the one law that should be enforced to maintain the dignity of our court system?

Or has the administration of the oath become a mere matter of form that can be ridiculed and scoffed by every scoundrel in his efforts to outwit justice?

Possibly the laws regarding perjury have been so clouded with technicalities that the "intent of the law" is no longer effective as a main-say of the seriousness of our court procedure.

A man who is not as good as his "oath" is a man without honor and the "truth is not in him" regardless of his position in life.—Southern Oregon Spokesman.

GOOD AS A TEXT BOOK

W. F. Bond, state superintendent of schools of Mississippi, recently sent a letter to every school teacher in the state, and for the benefit of our teacher friends around Vernonia we are reprinting it. They will find it embodies a sensible suggestion. Mr. Bond says:

"The country newspaper is in reality a country educational institution that does more to reform public sentiment than perhaps any other agency in the country. The children of every school should read the paper regularly and discuss with the teacher issues of vital importance to the people of the county. Once a week, therefore, the paper should be a sort of textbook on good citizenship. There should be in every school a regular correspondent for the paper so that worth-while things accomplished by the school may be gotten before the people of the county generally."

Some Slick "Perfume Bootlegger" with exquisite smelling samples sold the "elite" society dames, fast women and movie actresses common, every-day tea representing it to be exclusive, imported perfume. They paid as high as \$200 for a small bottle. Any woman so foolish should lose—she should go broke. That's more simple and ridiculous than paying \$2.00 per pint for poison "Moone."

Clatskanie and St. Helens are each planning on a large new public hall or auditorium, for lodge purposes, public speaking, etc. The K. P. lodge in St. Helens will build there, and rent their new hall to various lodges. In Clatskanie a stock company is being talked of. In both cities they realize it a good investment.

THE COST OF A HOME

Quite a few Vernonia people have doubtless gone through the winter contemplating plans for building homes, and weighing the respective advantages of renting and of home-owning. They will be interested in the testimony of a local man after four years of owning his own home. He had been a rent payer most of his life, when circumstances influenced him to buy a home of his own. The house needed a good deal of repairing, which was done, and at the end of four years the man figured all of his expenses, including loss of interest on the money invested, taxes, insurance, coal, etc., and the total was just about the same he would have paid in rent for four years.

But he declares that the advantage is in favor of owning your own home, because at the end of four years he has a house that he can sell, whereas he had no title to the property he lived in during the years he rented—the rent money was gone forever. Not only that, but he reaped benefits by living in his own home he could not have had in a rented house; he had the comforting knowledge, too, that no one could walk in at any minute and boost the price of his rent, or refuse, when repairs badly needed, to make those repairs.

The fact that it may be as cheap to rent a house as it is to own a home should not discourage the man who is planning to build. For there is more than actual dollars and cents to be considered—there is happiness and contentment. And people are always happier and more contented when they know the house they live in is their house.

We like to see our neighboring town of Banks in joyful mood, and reports are encouraging for that community's future. Talk to any Banks man and he will tell you they are going to be the center of a big oil boom—and they believe they have the oil. They have interested a Mr. Miller, Los Angeles capitalist who is drilling for oil now between Banks and Buxton with prospects declared "excellent." Then another advancement for Banks is a new newspaper plant. The "Banks Tribune" has been printed in Foerst Grove, but we hear that a newcomer has purchased the Tribune and is putting in a good plant. Good for Banks, may she be the "Oil Metropolis of Washington county."

While new oil excitement is arousing interest at Banks, Buxton and Scappoose, Vernonia is right in line, situated between oil prospects. Vernonia will be the "main entrance."

"WEARING DIAMONDS"

One Kansas editor, remarked a few weeks ago that "another big wheat crop in Kansas with prices ranging over a dollar will put diamond pants buttons on Kansas farmers." That remark came in February, when wheat topped all records since 1868, and equalled the war prices obtained from 1916 to 1921. Huge fortunes were made by speculators last month, but the average Vernonia citizen is wise enough to know that the men who actually grew the wheat didn't profit to any great extent. And on top of that, there are a good many who realize that this price was for last year's wheat—and three-fourth of the farmers in Kansas marketed their grain last November when the price was right around a dollar, instead of \$2, as it was in February. Just how much of the latter profit went to Kansas farmers is unknown, but they probably know, along with farmers of other sections of the country, that when there are any "diamond pants buttons" worn it will be the speculators in the Chicago wheat pit that wear them.

RADIO TALKS AND MOTION PICTURES

Radio talks, now being arranged, will reach an audience of millions from important broadcasting stations of the country.

Oregon motion pictures will be shown will be shown before many civic clubs and other organizations in various eastern and middle-western cities, Northern Pacific representatives now being engaged in "booking" the films.

Mac Says

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