

Says Enforcement Needs Strengthening, Not The State Prohibition Laws

Houlton, Oregon, April 17, 1928.
To the Editor: I notice by the public press that a new candidate has just discovered that, in his judgement, the prohibition laws needs strengthening; and since he has been but recently successfully recalled as mayor of his town he is ambitious to be just as successfully defeated for the office of representative. I wonder if any man has a monopoly on prohibition? Every now and then, it seems, some opportunist must rise up and make enemies for every righteous cause.

In what way he proposes to strengthen these already drastic laws we are left so far to conjecture and it would seem reasonable to assume that his proposal is the child of expediency and deserves to be catalogued with other fake personal platforms that have passed ignominiously into history such, for instance, as "state aid for logged-off lands."

To digress for a moment, and lest we forget, it will be remembered that eight years ago a Democratic candidate for the legislature successfully fooled the people of this county on the slogan, or platform, whatever we may term it, last mentioned; and that he did this with the active aid of a defeated republican candidate for nomination for the same office. This last mentioned individual vouched for such a platform and, by his active aid and help, hold out the assurance to the people of this county that such a foolish proposal could be lawfully accomplished. The net result was success for a bogey and the defeat of his own party's choice for the office. Now, after an elapse of eight years, he imagines that we of the electorate, who believe in personal honor and integrity even in politics, will forget and he asks us a second time for the nomination of this office.

Not for me.
I remember that during that campaign Mr. Metsker told me that state aid for logged-off lands was a will of the wisp; that it could not be accomplished; that any law having such an object in view would be unconstitutional; that state funds could be employed for public projects only; that the state could not appropriate public funds for the development of privately owned land. Never having made a study of law and being a farmer and somewhat of a "fisherman," myself, I had my doubts and like many others in the same boat with myself (including the candidate and the defeated candidate in question, it would seem that they knew no better) I believed that it might be tried.

Mr. Metsker publicly offered a reward of one thousand dollars for the first stump to be removed by the state aid. He still has his one thousand dollars. We still have our stumps, together with the experience. We have lived to realize that he told us the truth.

But to return to prohibition and its newly asserted champion. What does he propose to accomplish on this subject in the legislature? By constitutional amendment the people of the United States have put prohibition into effect. A repeal of this amendment would require the ratification of three-fourths of the legislatures of the several states. Were this accomplished, Oregon would still be bone-dry for we have our own prohibition law.

And what are they? Under existing laws (that it would appear need strengthening) every justice of the peace in this state has the power to fine one of our citizens, for the slightest offense against these laws, the sum of three thousand dollars, in addition confine the offender in jail for one year, and confiscate his property. These

laws were given to us by our legislature. What more from that source could one ask?
I believe in prohibition but I do not believe in bunk, and I am not alone. Let us remember that Mr. Metsker was the first district attorney of this county under prohibition and at a time when prejudice and hostility to the enforcement of this law were widespread. During his four year term of office there were no favorites and there were no acquittals.

But possibly the recalled mayor has in mind the enforcement of these laws, for surely they need no strengthening. That job belongs to the executive branch of our government, the governor, the sheriffs of the respective counties and the federal officers. It is the business of the legislature to make laws, not to enforce them. With their enforcement the legislature is powerless.

It looks like the ex-mayor picked out the wrong office. He should have filed for Governor.
Prohibition, so far as it concerns the office of representative, is a dead issue.

Mr. ex-mayor, how do you stand on Free Silver? What are your views respecting the abolition of slavery? How about the tariff? What will be your attitude in regarding to Magna Charta?

Let us keep both feet upon the ground. Lincoln said that a man's legs ought to be long enough to reach from his body to the ground. Let us profit by experience, lest we again be barnstormed by fake slogans, catch-phrases, bogey platforms, prejudice, gossip, the poisoned tongue of scandal, falsehood and deceit.

Let us see to it that ability and qualifications for office control our better judgement. Let us send a man to the legislature equipped with experience, preparation and life-training to fill the job.

The exponent of a new judgement for Columbia county and the late discoverer of prohibition ought to run neck and neck, two votes apiece.

Faithfully Yours
J. H. Urie.

Says Ballagh Favors Road

May 1 (To the Editor)—Would you permit a little communication in your paper from one who has been an "Inland Loop" booster for seven years? I believe I know something about what has been done regarding it and fathered the move eight years ago in Washington county, following it up for four years in Vernonia.

I read in your paper last week an item stating that "Glen Metsker is favored by many from Vernonia since he is the only one who has stated thus far that if elected he would actively support a short road being built as a state highway from Portland to the Clatsop beaches, via Vernonia. Now I happen to know that Edison I. Ballagh is a candidate for representative from this county and has as many votes coming from Vernonia as has our friend Metsker. I know also that Ballagh favors this road program and has favored it since 1919.

It is sometimes too easy to forget, but many Vernonia old timers will remember that Mr. Ballagh in 1919 was a representative. He passed the bill for post road from St. Helens to Vernonia that Governor Olcott vetoed and at that time Washington county was to meet the road with a like program at the county line. Then in 1921 when Mr. Ballagh was not a representative he lobbied in Salem most of the entire session. I was there then from Washington county in the interest of the Inland highway. In 1921 I found Mr. Ballagh, Senator Hare, and Senator Norblad all working hard for the Inland highway. Ask Senator Hare of Hillsboro how Mr. Ballagh advocated this route and how he worked. It is not my intention to start an argument or

enter any political controversy but believe Mr. Ballagh a real good roads advocate, as probably is Mr. Metsker.

Very Kindly,
PAUL ROBINSON.

Extension Courses at State University Prove Popular Over Oregon

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—The amount of extension work done by the University of Oregon, is shown in the annual report just made public by Alfred Powers, dean of the extension division. A total of 4,411 registrations are recorded in classes in the Portland center, 245 registrations in places outside of Portland, while 1,440 individuals enrolled in correspondence courses during the year. Course registrations in correspondence totaled 1,964.

Total attendance at lantern slide showings during the year reached the high figure of 131,014, while attendance at extension lectures was 94,199.

Communities in every county in the state are reached by some form of activity of the university. A total of 359 communities are represented in the number of students enrolled in correspondence, 122 communities held lantern slide showings, while extension lectures were held in 169. The high school debate league, which is under the extension direction, now has 75 members.

Reading circles, which use material supplied by the university, have grown rapidly in popularity and during the year 3,195 reading circle certificates were issued to people of the state.

Marked increases in many phases of extension work are shown. Correspondence study courses registration increased from 1,673 in 1926 to 1,964 the past year. Attendance at lectures grew from 76,171 to 94,199.

A significant fact pointed out in the report is that 43 per cent of students registering in correspondence courses complete them within one year. This is held to be an unusually high record, since many correspondence schools admit that completions do not amount to more than three per cent.

The wide range of ages and of interests of people taking correspondence work is shown in figures citing that ages vary from 13 to 83, and that 81 different occupations are represented in those enrolled.

Scholarship Higher At State University

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—Only 24 students of the University of Oregon "flunked out" or were declared ineligible to return to school on account of low scholarship, it was announced by Earl M. Pallett, registrar. This is a substantial decrease from last term, when 37 were not allowed to re-enter. In the corresponding term last year, a total of 49 flunked out.

This low number shows definitely that students are devoting more time to studies, since standards of scholarship have steadily raised at the university. The high quality of work being done is reflected in the fact that 99 students won places on the honor roll for earning grades of B or above in all subjects.

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Check for \$35,000 Gift to U. of O. from Eastern Foundation

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—A certified check for \$35,599.39, the second installment of the \$130,000 gift to the University of Oregon medical school from the General Education Board, has just been received by L. H. Johnson, comptroller of the university. A check for \$50,000 was sent shortly after the announcement of the award last April. A balance of \$44,400, making a total of \$130,000 will be sent to the University later, it is announced.

The entire sum is to be used for research purposes and for the advancement of medical science at the medical school. Granting of this substantial sum by the General Education Board is held to be high recognition for the school, it is stated by Dr. Arnold Bennett-Hall, president of the University.

The sum of \$130,000 is stipulated for definite purposes. It will enable the school to expand \$65,000 on equipment on the medical school, Doernbecher Memorial Hospital for Children, Multnomah County hospital and the Portland Free Dispensary; \$57,000 for payment of salaries, particularly for research; \$4,000 for library additions, and \$5,000 for travel of full-time professors.

In 1920 the board made an appropriation of \$163,000, making a total to date of \$293,000 from this source. Splendid cooperation and support accorded the medical school by the people of Oregon is given as the principal reason for the generous bequests of the board.

The last gift from the board came as a result of direct contacts made by Dr. Hall while in the East. He is now on an extended trip during which he will confer with officials of several other foundations. He will point out the needs of the university so that appropriations can be made available for this purpose.

"DAD'S" HELP U. O. LOAN FUND
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene.—The student loan fund at the University of Oregon has been increased by \$48,25, as a result of the "Dad's Day" held here in January, it is announced by Elmer L. Shirrell, dean of men. Many fathers, unable to be present for the banquet, sent in checks in payment of places, and these were turned over to the loan fund. Enthusiastic comments on the success of the gathering of parents is still heard, and extensive plans for observance of this day are already being made for next year.

is in prospect for early building. Hillsboro — Odd Fellows temple Oregon's nut crop will reach \$1,000,000 a year, by 1931, say experts.


NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Columbia.

In the matter of the estate of Isaac Isaacson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Isaac Isaacson, deceased, has filed his final account and report in the county court of the state of Oregon for Columbia county and that Monday, the 14th day of May, 1928, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. and the courtroom of said court have been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

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