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REPEAL—NOW WHAT?

The elections held last week sounded the death knell of prohibition but they did not end the liquor control problem. Many thoughtful people have been pondering the question of what form of control shall be adopted.

It seems that most leaders believe the profit basis will have much to do with temperance and intemperance. Says the Knox committee of Oregon, "The state liquor commission should have the sole and exclusive power within the state of Oregon to purchase, import and keep for sale and sell any and all varieties of alcoholic beverages contain-

ing more than 14 per cent of alcohol by volume." Thus we see the committee has fully recognized the danger in high private profit.

But under any plan of state or private control, if the profit sharing basis fixes extremely high prices for legally sold liquor, stills by the thousands will continue to operate. This makes the measures for control more difficult.

Yes, the Oregon legislature will have a real problem on its hands when it attempts to devise a system which will eliminate the old evils against which prohibition was invoked. The objective is the abolition of lawlessness, the development of self-control and temperance regarding the use of alcoholic beverages, stated by the Rockefeller report.

SYMBOLIC OF GOOD DEEDS

With the annual roll call of Red Cross just getting under way, the story of this great organization is of interest. Seventy-two or more years ago, Jean Henri Dumon, a wealthy man, was traveling in Italy and there saw one of the bloodiest battles in history. At the end of 15 hours of fighting 40,000 men lay wounded and dying. Moved to compassion he recruited women and girls from nearby villages, at his own expense bought supplies and fixed up hospitals, where he cared for as many as possible.

Following this Dumon traveled over Europe trying to interest the nations in some sort of society which would go into the field and render such service. Eventually in his own country, Switzerland, the Red Cross was founded. It was 10 years before the United States adopted a Red Cross organization, but now this country can proudly boast of "52 years of service to Humanity."

The Red Cross is symbolic of good deeds. It carries on in every corner of the globe, here in Malheur county as in some distant field. It does not retreat or turn aside but serves all who are in distress. Its work is carried on through relief-minded people in every city and hamlet in the land, by those people who find great happiness in helping others.

You and I can do our part by investing in a Red Cross membership—50 cents goes to national headquarters—50 cents remains at home.

REBATE AND PENALTY

Along the line of tax collections and delinquency, a major problem for the special session of the legislature to unravel, we believe that a higher rebate for prompt payment and a greater penalty for delinquency would result in improved tax collections. Undoubtedly, a good many property owners who could pay have made other investments and have let their taxes run owing to the low penalty.

We are confronted by a situation which only payment of a large proportion of taxes can remedy. Tax delinquency has made it difficult and in some counties almost impossible to properly maintain school and local government.

Living comes before taxes but we believe more people would pay their taxes if there was more reason for avoiding delinquency.

OUR NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers admittedly play an important part in our individual and national lives. But did you ever sit down and try to establish the exact importance they bear for us? Have you ever attempted to visualize what a nation without newspapers would be like.

Stop the publication of every daily and weekly newspaper in this country for just one short week—can you picture the result? You yourself would be one of a wild-eyed, panic-stricken nation, completely out of hand, victims of storeis you and others like you have started, stories gathering impetus with every repetition, simply because there were no newspapers to deny them.

Newspapers are accused of being sensational. Perhaps they are, to some extent. But they are not one-tenth as sensational as the people who read them. One of the greatest services a newspaper gives is to reduce rumors to their truths.

Familiarity breeds contempt, we are told. The Newspapers serve us so faithfully and in so many ways that we take this contribution as a matter of course. If we were to be denied this service for a week or two we might appreciate it more when it was restored.

EDITORIAL TABLOIDS BY CLARK WOOD

And now we'll see whether we can control liquor or liquor controls us.

One would be loath to call it a goose were it presently laying golden eggs.

Even after he takes the rap the stubborn nudist has no use for it.

The 22,000,000th visitor at the Chicago fair received as a prize a 40-acre farm. His gratitude was touching, we hear, because it wasn't a section.

President Roosevelt smiles at all objection and proceeds with his program. It seems he is smiles ahead of his critics.

Can't the NRA do something about the drop in airplanes?

Old Man Oregon is confusing ire with higher education.

Voice of the Press

A TIMELY WARNING

Deaths from the carbon monoxide gas from the exhaust of automobiles and other motors are swiftly growing. The increase says the National Safety Council, is "out of all proportion to other forms of accidental fatalities."

Odorless, tasteless and invisible, carbon monoxide gas is an especially insidious lethal agent. And with the advent of cold weather, when the dread killer takes its greatest toll, a warning against the silent, unrelenting enemy of human life is issued by the National Safety Council.

From a total of 124 deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning in 1924, the figures went to 487 in 1931. In 1932 the total jumped nearly 25 per cent in a single year, to 608, and represented an eight-year increase of nearly 400 per cent. The figures are the more ominous because of the circumstance that accidental deaths from all causes dropped nearly 10 per cent last year from the 1931 figure.

The council's survey shows that carbon monoxide, a product of the automobile engine, takes its heaviest toll in residence garages. The motorist goes to his garage on a cold morning and proceeds, in the closed building, to run the engine of his car until it warms up, thoughtless of the fact that danger lurks in every breath he takes.—Ex.

Around the Country

There are 29 debtless towns in Oregon, says the Oregon Voter. Two of these towns are Juntura and Jordan Valley in Malheur county, where no tax is assessed for city government. Are they lucky or unlucky?

In one of the worst airplane disasters in the history of Oregon, Dr. Robert C. Coffey famous surgeon of Portland, and three other men were killed in Portland last Thursday night. The plane struck a tree in a heavy fog five minutes after it left the airport.

Last Tuesday was the day of good government in four cities where the voters crashed boss systems to the ground. In New York, the fearless anti-Tammany offensive of F. H. LaGuardia drove the Tiger from the city hall for the first time in 20 years. Pittsburgh saw a Democrat wrest control from the Mellon organization. The Vane machine fell in Philadelphia. In Boston an independent was elected.

Home Corner

QUILTS vs. BRIDGE

Revival of the fashioning of hand-made bedquilts has spread throughout the country during the last few months. Whether or not this was stimulated by a Century of Progress Quilt Contest, the fact remains that today in city, village and countryside numerous bridge tables are giving way to quilting frames and score cards to sewing kits. If the old "quilting bee" has not returned, there is much of the sociability and competition in evidence wherever women are plying the needle and shaping bits of gingham and calico.

In the contest at Chicago, 25,000 women from all parts of the United States submitted quilts of practically every conceivable design. One quilt contained nine pieces to the square inch, 67,000 pieces in all. Prizes totaling \$7500 were awarded, the first prize of \$1000 going to Margaret Rogers Caden of Lexington, Ky. At the close of this Century of Progress exposition this first prize coverlet is to be sent to the White House as gift to Mrs. Roosevelt. Is it just a fad, an outward sign of an inward restlessness, just another indication of seeking a change? There is

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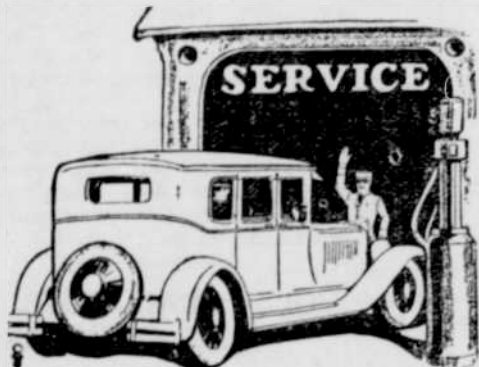
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