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PROFANITY TO BE PROHIBITED IN OREGON

Bill Introduced and Arguments Used to Discourage the Spread of Vulgar and Profane Language

A member of the legislature has prepared a bill to punish the use of vulgar and profane language, and provide more severe penalties for the offense, which is becoming altogether too common in this country. The law making it a statutory offense has for many years been a dead letter, and this bill proposes to distinguish between accidental use of such words and their vicious and habitual employment. It also distinguishes some things to which profane language may on certain occasions be employed. The author of the bill was introduced this forenoon as to the purpose of his measure and said:

"I am very glad to give you some of my ideas regarding the way profane and vulgar language has spread and which is most demoralizing and degrading. The youths of all ages seem to be falling into the habit, and to prevent this there should be a stronger law to discontinue its use on the streets and at their homes. The clean speech of the country is becoming jeopardized. You will hear profane words from all classes of people that you come in contact with. The press can do a great deal towards checking this evil, as it is like a guiding star towards the morals of the people, as when an evil is pointed out to them through the press it will have its weight. The law that exists in most places throughout the country should be vigorously enforced. It has been done years ago when profanity was in its infancy, the disgraceful state of affairs would not exist as it does at the present time. It is not only what it is today but what it will be in the future if allowed to continue. I take pleasure in giving you some press opinions in support of my bill."

From the Halifax Daily Recorder, January 4, 1907:

It would be well indeed if we could have a public crusade against the use of profane language. We do not know of anything much more disgusting and saddening than, as you pass along the street, to hear men, young and old, using profane words in the course of ordinary conversation. Swearing, whether on the street by young lads, or in public bodies—

we believe was heard on a recent occasion—by men who should realize the force of their bad example, is something that should not be tolerated. The English language is full of the choicest of expressive terms without the need to use profane and vulgar ones. In fact, the man who uses them only displays his own ignorance, and his paucity of beautiful expressive words that might be under his control.

Much can be done by educating the youth of our land in our schools, and instilling in them a taste for the use of pure language. But much of the good work of teachers is set at naught by those who in public places set a bad example, and the sorry part of it all is by men who should practice better things.

The Montreal Star, in a recent editorial calls attention to this by saying: "Every now and then a crusade is started against profanity in some of the American cities. The shocking things about this development is that it is needed at all. Why a city of ordinary decent people should feel under the necessity of 'crusading' against the use of language on the streets and in public places which is an offense to every lady and most gentlemen wherever heard—to say nothing of the religious side of the question—must remain one of the puzzling anomalies of modern life.

"Profanity is not clever. The most ignorant people swear with the greatest fluency. It is not witty. It is not strong. It is only vulgar. A man who does not indulge in profanity can put into his clean, crisp sentences much more power than the 'swearer' can force into his outbursts with a dozen oaths. Profanity may mark anger, and sound out as a signal of a loss of temper; but neither of these are things which one in his sober moments desires to advertise to the world. It is the restrained temper—the curbed anger—that are the signs of power.

"Public profanity is akin to smoking in a lady's drawing room. It thrusts into the ears of unoffending people the distasteful words which of-

ferend them as a bad odor does their nostrils. They are hurt and shocked by what they fear; and they suffer this hurt on the public streets, where they have every right to be protected. They are the victims of ungentlemanly conduct; and it is very seldom that they feel willing to take the trouble to punish the offenders. The common knowledge of this lends to the offense a color of cowardice.

"Surely a practice which is ungentlemanly, which is offensive to all ladies, which is vulgar, which has no redeeming virtue of cleverness, which is cowardly, should be outlawed from the streets and public places of a civilized city."

From Lewistown, Pa., Press: "No doubt the subject has been dealt with before but the abuse has not grown less. This town is and has been peopled by those who are refined in their lives and tastes, who have shown a desire that they and the town should compare favorably with other towns of this wonderful state of Pennsylvania morally, socially and commercially. Churches have been built, old ones enlarged, business affairs have advanced surprisingly. The cause of temperance has received the utmost efforts, but the subject of blasphemous and obscene language seems to have received but little attention."

From Evansville, Ind., News: "Unless something is done to check the evil Americans must soon become known as the most foul-mouthed persons on earth. It will first be necessary to determine the cause of the use of profane language before any real cure can be applied."

From Hamilton Times: "A profane swearer was fined \$5 and costs the other day. Here one can swear till the air is blue and no notice is taken of the vile act. No wonder children hardly able to walk are heard taking their Maker's name in vain."

From Hartford Times: "Every community, big or little, suffers from profanity. No town is immune. Some men swear as they breathe. There is no maliciousness in it.

"If there is one thing worse than profanity it is filthy speech. Neither should be permitted, and there are laws which might be invoked where one is important against verbal garbage. A few arrests would soon give a different tone to some men's language."

From Hazelton, Pa., Sentinel: "The use of profane words seems to grow, particularly so among the youths of the different towns. It is a vile habit that grows upon them, but the surprising thing is they use it more when in company with youths of their own age, evidently having it in mind that they cannot be manly without restoring to profanity. There is a strict law against profanity—one that is not generally known, which is as follows: "If a person shall wilfully, pre-meditately, and despitefully blaspheme or speak loosely and profanely of Almighty God, Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or the Scriptures of Truth—such person on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, and undergo an imprisonment not exceeding three months, or either at the discretion of the court.—Act of March 31, 1860.

"that would indicate that all vile oaths we must hear daily are as illegal as they are ugly."

From Brownsville Times: "By those who frequent the river in summer the annual complaint is made to the Times against the foul-mouthed persons who profane the air with their bad language. It is a disgrace to the town that the attractions should be spoiled by the foul language of a few blackguards."

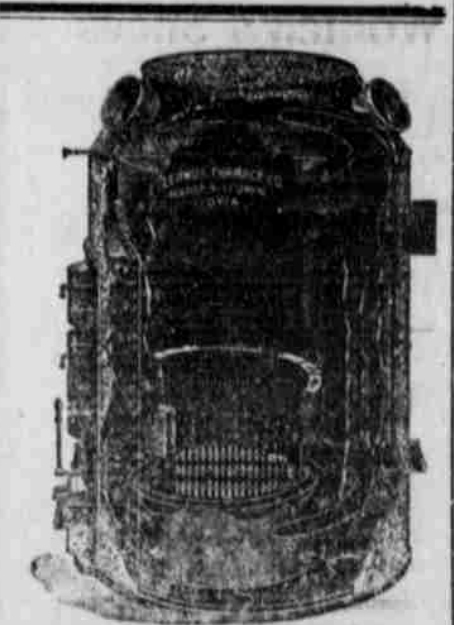
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