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## SALEM MORALS ARE EASILY MADE WORSE.

Those who appeal to the public in the interest of improving the public morals are sometimes unintentionally trying to make matters worse instead of better.

Some harsh criticism has been indulged because a fight is being made to pass an ordinance to permit restaurants alongside of saloons to serve liquors with meals.

Which is better, drinking with meals or treating and bar drinking?

There are but two such places in the city and the amount sold will not pay for a license because the quantity of liquor served with meals is very small.

There is a saloon where meals are served in the saloon. But at present no hotel or restaurant is permitted to serve any beer or wine with meals. Yet what is the difference?

The bottle habit is being built up instead of public drinking with meals. This is a harsh and prescriptive regulation that will do more harm than good.

It will result in the establishment of some large concern that can afford to run a dining room and bar under one business, and serve hundreds where now but a few are served.

A few impracticable and visionary prohibitionists think they can make everybody come to their way of thinking.

The same class are trying to drive the women in the red light district out into the suburbs.

The red light district is now segregated and congested, and all who seek its denizens are forced to do so more or less publicly. These same mistaken moralists would drive these women into the residence parts of the city.

There they would demoralize society, carry on vice in rooms now considered decent, and injure property, and make the moral lines of demarcation uncertain.

Mayor Lane tried that in Portland and has not helped morals in that city a particle.

Salem morals may easily be made worse by those who are unwilling to trust to education and the development of the individual members of society along right lines.

Those who condemn persons who drink wine or beer with their meals want the right to use all the patent medicines or alcoholic liquors as medicines or tonics they see fit.

Yet it can be laid down as a hard cold fact, that drinking a glass of beer or wine with a meal is a highly moral act compared with the patent medicine habits and drug habits of some of the straight-laced sisterhood.

The whole race suicide proposition is bound up in the drug habits that are glossed over by the very people who fight decent, open and reasonable use of mild beverages.

Let us all come out in the open and practice our customs and vices and not drive decent people to practice what they believe is perfectly honest and moral in secret.

## SALEM SOAKED PORTLAND

Playing on a diamond damp with rain, and in occasional showers, which made the horse hide ball slippery and hard to handle, the Fairmount club ball team avenged themselves yesterday afternoon, on the Asylum avenue ball grounds, against the Third Regiment team of Portland, O. N. G., defeating them by a score of 4 to 2.

Elmer Daue, Salem's twirler, certainly had the wild soldiers on his merciless hit yesterday. The young pitcher simply put the skidoo sign on every one of them, and the way he took care of the Portland gents was as easy as a cub bear handling a roasting ear, and the outfielders had nothing to do but make the regular trips in and out of the field and wall-p the ball around the lot at their leisure. Daue did the rest, with the assistance of Catcher West, who held the bean shooter to the mark in fine shape. On a few occasions the ball was met with by Portland, but they either had a slick bat or Daue's curves were too twisty, as nothing was knocked out worthy of mention. Fairmount's infield gave Daue excellent backing, however, and several snappy plays were made, which kept the fairly large crowd in good humor.

After the first inning Portland's aggression were strictly on the bad. Any team in the Twilight League could have whipped them to a frazzle. It would be interesting to learn what sort of an accident ever introduced some of their players to baseball, especially their second baseman. This player (checker player, to be more correct) was amusing to look at. Of all the booting of easy little pop flies and grounders, none like it was ever before seen in Salem, and it would be a great help to the Portland team's second baseman to hang around the Vaughn street grounds for a while and see how the professionals take care of the batted balls. Portland's pitcher and catcher were good, however, and the team is deserving of

some credit for the hard playing of some of their team, but their off-players handled themselves so slow that the Third Regiment could not have won the game at any time.

In the eighth inning the Portland pitcher grew somewhat nervous, when Manager Miller found a fielder's mitt and took a hand in the game. When Miller came to bat, the pitcher began laying them out of reach as much as possible, but he evidently overlooked the fact that the big manager had a long reach, as a ball thrown a trifle near the plate was landed upon by Manager Miller, which bounded merrily through the infield for one of the prettiest hits of the game, bringing in one man and allowing Miller to squat on first.

Lee Abby officiated at the game, with the best of satisfaction, as usual.

## SUPERIOR OFFICERS COMING TO SALEM

The supreme officers of the Degree of Honor are coming to Salem, and will be entertained by the local order, Silver Bell Circle, on Friday, the second day of the Cherry Fair. They are about ten in number, and from the large cities of the United States, and with state officials from Portland, and Grand Chief Mrs. Harriet C. Looney, will be given a picnic dinner at Marion square and shown the attractions of the city. The members are requested to bring full baskets and come to Marion square prepared to have a good time. Mrs. Frances B. Olson, of St. Paul, Minn.; Elizabeth E. Allburn, Sioux City, Ia.; Nellie Averill, of Townsend, Mont.; Mary Dalley, of St. Paul, Minn.; Maggie Baker, Albany, Or.; Mayme Briggs, of Portland, Ore., the executive board of the Degree of Honor, in Portland, will entertain them.

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## RAINMAKING BY PRAYER GIVES THIS CITY PUBLICITY

So unusual was the proposition made by this paper that prayers be offered for rain last week that the papers of the state have given the matter columns. The Portland papers are full of it, and while the Oregonian and Statesman as usual knocked our efforts to do good, the Portland evening papers helped the matter, and like a doubting Thomas, Deacon Hendricks gave the cause two columns Sunday morning when it looked as if it were going to rain. So far as The Capital Journal can learn, Rev. John Comer of the First Baptist church was the only divine in this city who lifted his voice in prayer for rain at the suggestion of this newspaper, and he evidently was heard, for Friday night not a little rain fell. The roads in the hills east of the city, and south, were muddy, and the spring grain looked refreshed and fairly lifted its heads in rejoicing. The rain cut down the attendance at the Waldo Hills pioneer picnic, and came very nearly wetting the crowds several times.

The editor of The Journal received a number of telegrams and phone calls from various parts of the country inquiring for rain, and several reported rains falling, and the timely downpours were all credited to Salem methods of praying for rain. The following telegram was received from the biggest merchant, and popular mayor of Astoria late Saturday afternoon, when it was evidently pouring on that ungodly city:

"Astoria, Or., June 26, 1909.

"Col. E. Hofer, Salem, Or.

"Want to go on picnic tomorrow. Please stop this rain. 6:40 P. M. HERMAN WISE."

The Telegram in a two-column, double-leaded editorial, starting with poetry, says:

"Within 24 hours from the time prayers for rain were asked for at Salem through the suggestion of Colonel E. Hofer, in The Capital Journal, a sprinkle came.

"This is the quickest response by rain to prayers that is on record on the coast. And Colonel Hofer is not taking the credit to himself, saying that he is perfectly willing that anyone whose business it is to hold prayer meetings shall have the credit for bringing the showers."

The Oregonian, which turns everything into politics, said Sunday:

"Colonel Hofer of Salem reports the quickest answer to prayer for rain ever recorded in history. Will this make him governor of Oregon?"

The Oregonian is sorely afraid the lightning will not strike the tall tower of the Portland political weather bureau.

A lady called at The Journal and protested against any further efforts on our part. She said her Royal Ann cherries were ripe and she wanted to do her canning this week, and didn't want her fruit all cracked. The editor promised to consider the matter, but said the whole country was still suffering for rain, and it was a matter he could not interfere with. The people have a right to pray for rain, and if enough righteous men pray believing, they shall be heard, and the rains will descend. This is not a personal matter, for the editor has gone to a development congress in Eastern Oregon, and will not be back until time for the Cherry Fair, and is not responsible for what the churches may do. They may overdo it and crack all the cherries. But the fact remains a little judicious praying helped the situation a whole lot and everybody recognizes now that even one small newspaper and one Baptist preacher can break a drouth if they are sincere.

## SESSION WILL BE LONG DRAWN OUT

[United Press Leased Wire.] Olympia, Wash., June 28.—Indications today are that little will be accomplished by the legislature this afternoon. Neither house will meet until 2:30 o'clock, and when they do assemble, judging by present conditions, each will be prone to play a waiting game.

Hope is not dead among the administration force that the two needed votes to pass the Palmer bill in the senate, abolishing the office of insurance commissioner, can be secured, but it seems certain that they will not be had at this afternoon's session.

Speaker Meigs announced today that he had not yet made up the committee to prepare articles of impeachment, under the resolution of Friday. It hardly seems possible that, even if the committee is named at the beginning of the session, it will be able to proceed far with the articles by night, because of the extreme care necessary in constructing the document. Few of the members of the legislature had returned to this city this morning, and a slim attendance at today's session is predicted.

Time, tide and automobiles wait for no man or woman, either, likewise, children, chickens or dogs.

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## THIRTY YEARS IN PEN, HE ASKS FOR PAROLE

Nevada City, Cal., June 28.—Chas. B. Thorne, one of the most notorious criminals in the early history of California, today made application for parole. The application was published in a local paper and caused surprise as it was not thought that Thorne would have the temerity to ask for parole.

Thorne was sent to San Quentin nearly thirty years ago after conviction of one of the most celebrated robberies and murders in the history of the state. He was one of three robbers who held up the Eureka stage September 1, 1879, killing William Cummings, a banker of Moore's Flat, California, which he fought to keep the robbers from getting away with. In the melee he was killed. The robbers escaped but were afterwards captured in various parts of the country.

Thorne was tried and sent to San Quentin for life. He is believed to be the one who fired the fatal shot. After being in San Quentin a few years he was one of four men who managed to smuggle in a number of firearms for the purpose of making a jail break. The plan was frustrated at the time but later he did make his escape and worked his way east, where he remained for some time until he was recaptured by detectives. It is not likely that Thorne will be paroled.

## RAPID GROWTH OF ARMY OF PEACE

New York, June 28.—Figures illustrative of the increased activity and growth of the society for the study and prevention of tuberculosis, were made public today. According to the report, eight million persons are enrolled in the fight against the dread white plague, an increase of three hundred per cent in the last four years. A significant fact is that forty-five per cent of those enrolled are laymen.



## BANG! BANG! BANG!

Get ready for it—it's coming! The day we celebrate. The day we do honor to the patriots who dared to sign their names to that document of liberty, the Declaration of Independence. It was old Ben Franklin who said, when signing it, "Gentlemen, if we don't hang together, we'll hang separately."

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LEE WILLIAMS  
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