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SOME "DRY" SIDE ISSUES

It is announced that with the swearing off drinking by the three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho tonight, 2,100 saloons will close their doors at midnight.

That is a good many saloons, and just what it means is not easily grasped. The Capital Journal is always pleased to make these things easily understood by its readers, and hence offers a few facts and figures.

The average saloon has double doors and these will measure about five feet. The aggregate would make one door five times 2,100 feet wide or almost exactly two miles. This it will be seen is some saloon door.

The average counter in a saloon is probably about 20 feet. This would make one counter twenty times 2,100 feet long, or about eight miles. This would provide room for a string of eight miles of men at a time to quench their thirst, and should in the course of a whole day far toward accomplishing that object.

At midnight tonight some ten thousand card tables will be out of a job, and there will be probably 100,000 or more chairs that will wait in vain for occupants.

Then there is the vast array of glasses and bar fixtures, what will become of them? There will be 2,100 mirrors, some of them very fine ones, that will reflect nothing more lively than the wall on the other side of the room. These mirrors placed side by side would perhaps reach more than three miles.

Where will all this stuff and a great quantity of other things not mentioned go? However it does not belong to us, so why worry?

The owners can, and no doubt will do that themselves. At the same time it calls attention to the fact that there is something doing when three states go dry.

The latest concerning the Austrian tangle is that Austria will accede to the demands of the United States, with the exception that she will not. She will agree to pay damages for the loss of American lives but refuses to assent to the American position, or to give up a cent. She will agree to stop sinking ships carrying passengers without first giving warning, and will allow the passengers to get clear of the ship before sending it to the bottom; providing the commanders of her submarines feel disposed to act that way. She will, Monday; she won't Tuesday; she is in doubt Wednesday; situation clears Thursday; clouds up again Friday; flurries of both hot and cold air Saturday, and Sunday she lays off and rests up for another strenuous week of "the same thing over again." Today she is reported to have agreed to all Uncle Sam's demands. What tomorrow will bring forth remains to be seen.

Snowballing is something Los Angeles never before experienced, and her little try at it yesterday will be long remembered. It will be a land, or weather mark, by which future weather freaks will be measured, occupying the same place in this line that "the winter of '62" does in the Willamette valley calendars. It was a great addition to the holiday amusements of our Southern California neighbors, and we congratulate them on for once seeing something round that wasn't at the same time yellow. We congratulate them heartily too, on the fact that the white blanket did not hurt their fruit crop or give them a bad jolt in, or below, the citrus belt, that would have knocked them out. The dry spell just starting in the northwest will cause a falling off in the demand for lemons, but there will be plenty left to hand the contingent from the effete east in the shape of land bargains and such.

Yuan Shi Kai may have made a mistake in trying to get into the royal class, but at the same time he must be given credit with being a shrewd politician. Thursday's dispatches tell of his abolishing all taxes throughout the various provinces for the period of three years. It may be different in China, but here that would entitle him not only to a crown, but to pick out his harp.

The first industrial event of the coming year will be the Marion County Poultry Show, to be held here January 11-14, and it is a very important one. The meeting promises to far excel all previous ones, as already the entries are pouring in and applications for entry cards are more numerous than ever. Many of the prize winners at the exposition have written for cards and promise to show their pens of the "very best birds in America." Prominent breeders from all parts of the state will attend and some of the O. A. C. prize winners will be shown. To poultry lovers it will prove of intense interest, and the attendance will probably break all records. Salemites should make it an especial duty to visit the exhibit.

"He jests at scars who never felt a wound." So says an old poem, but even those who have been badly wounded can laugh at some wounds as well as some scars. Many at some time have felt the teeth of old John Barley corn, and bear the scars of his attack. At the same time they can smile as they think of the array of "bottle-scarred veterans" of his army, who will suffer for the next few weeks as they undergo the process of being weaned. The whole northwest has gone dry, and the weather clerk has even put the skies in the dry column. The old boys will get used to it, and in a short time can truthfully say: to the balance of the states: "Come on in, the water is fine."

Along with the fact that eight states go into the dry column tomorrow comes the statement from Mexico that the state of Sonora, Mexico, is now absolutely dry, and that the governors of the other states are considering the plan of making them all dry. In Sonora "one taking a drink is liable to suffer death," says the dispatch. Whether this means that he might be shot for taking the drink, or whether the man who sent the dispatch had some experience with "mescal" and simply mentioned the natural results of such hardihood, is not explained.

It is said Ford's peace experiment will cost a million dollars. As the statement was made yesterday that the delegation was thinking of distributing \$10,000 among the poor, it is possible the cost may be more than that sum. If the delegation gets the habit of giving, and turns itself into an eleemosynary institution, it could soon make Henry's fortune backfire disastrously.

Holding their quadrennial love feast at Indianapolis Thursday the republicans of Indiana placed "their onliest one" in the race for the presidential nomination. It cannot be definitely asserted that the gathering of the clans Wednesday night for this purpose was the cause of snow falling in southern California that night, but it looks suspicious.

Someone must have killed a press reporter or two on the Mexican border, for they have not killed Villa for several days. Only death, and that their own, could have stopped their continual assassination of the rebel chief.



WINTRY WINDS

The wintry wind blows down the village street, and chills men's whiskers as it fiercely spins. How happy they who have the goods to eat, and bright, warm fires by which to toast their shins! I see the homes where comfort reigns supreme, the windows glow, the chimneys cough up smoke; indoors the kids with merry laughter scream, when Dad turns loose a prehistoric joke. The men who work in summer, spring and fall, may view the winter with unworried brows, rest in their chairs, their feet against the wall, and hear the singing of their cheerful fraus. There's store of onions by the cellar stair, there's bacon hanging by the kitchen door; the kids have shoes and other things to wear, there's lots of kindling on the woodshed floor. And as I look, some delegates go past, the hungry men, who always are on deck; they hunt a hole in which to dodge the blast, all down and out, each one a sorry wreck. They would not work when summer smiled and glowed, and there was work for every willing hand; they loafed and lounged along the open road, they played and dreamed throughout a busy land.

***** lights and room for two street car tracks. *****
* Such a bridge would be a great asset. *
* It would draw tourist travel and stimulate the growth of a fine city where West Salem now stands. It would add ten times its cost to the assessed rolls of the two counties in a few years. I attended the dedication of a new bridge in California across the Yuba river, recently, and it is a beautiful structure. It is full width of the state highway, of low concrete arches, with a lift to let boats through. The concrete is finished in white so it never need be painted. There is no wooden floor to rot. It has beautiful electric cluster lights and is named the White Way—a thing of beauty by day and by night. Why can't we do something like that? A word from our concrete industry. Oregon is developing Portland cement plants at Gold Hill and Oswego. Is not *****

OPEN FORUM

Proposed Bridge Plans.

Editor Journal: The procedure for adopting plans for a new bridge across the Willamette makes it possible to get a fine permanent structure, that will be a credit to the Capital City. The greatest asset of our city is its beautiful location on the river and its magnificent streets and public buildings and grounds.

The new bridge can and should be made a beautiful structure, adding to the charms of our city. We should not, for the sake of cheapness, duplicate the present unsightly bridge. The new bridge should be the full width of our streets, have wide walks, with cluster

SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEYS HURT

Drink Lots of Water and Stop Eating Meat for a While if Your Bladder Troubles You

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks kidneys in their effort to filter it from blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatism twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water seals and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

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This material entitled to consideration in erecting such a bridge at the state capital? Washington and California have large cement plants and are building permanent bridges on a large scale. Why not encourage this Pacific coast industry?

At Dallas 50 men are at work building a railroad to the limestone beds for the Oswego cement plant. Mr. Burch and his associates have invested a quarter of a million in this industry in Jackson county. Why not make friends of these counties and use Oregon material on our new bridge at Salem? If we want capital in Oregon to invest in industries, is anyone to blame but ourselves if we do not encourage use of the Oregon product when we have the opportunity? Are we not in honor bound to give recognition to Pacific coast industries if our own state cannot supply us? If public money, the taxpayers' money, cannot be used to encourage home industries we would like to hear a good reason why not. —E. HOFER.

A MOVING PICTURE TALE.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Theodore Roberts, wife of the actor, today filed a \$25,000 alleged allegation of affection's suit here against Lacey Smythe, Hollywood motion picture actress. Mrs. Roberts alleges Miss Smythe met her husband at the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco in 1904, and that afterward they met in Portland and many cities of the United States and Canada. She also claims they were together on Roberts' yacht, the "Toby Wanna."

Six States Going Dry At Stroke of Midnight

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of business. With these closings, several thousand men will be out of work. Persons, many of whom were never known to drink, feverishly laid in their last supplies today. Whiskey sold at 85 cents; wines were one half to one (300 off); Burgandy was unobtainable; beer was at about the normal price for most places but figured well in tapering off their supplies.

Hotels can serve on liquor after midnight; hence there was a damper on the usual gaiety of these places for New Year's eve.

Dispensaries Busy.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 31.—Dispensaries did a land office business here today in preparation for the dry law, going into effect tonight. Hereafter a South Carolinian will be entitled to receive one gallon of whiskey or beer a month.

Only 150 Saloons Close.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 31.—Statutory prohibition takes effect in Idaho at midnight tonight, and it isn't causing a great deal of excitement today. Most of the state has been dry under local option and only about 150 saloons remain to be knocked out by the law.

Some celebration is expected tonight and the police in Boise are prepared to stop too great a degree of hilarity. The few remaining cases of liquor must be consumed or destroyed tonight, for the Idaho law is said to be the most drastic in the United States and doesn't permit the possession of liquor. Even alcohol is procurable only in small quantities and on order from probate court.

Idaho's prohibition law is now before the United States supreme court on appeal. Constitutional prohibition will be voted on next November.

Will Test Law.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 31.—In order to make a test case of the wet law at least two saloons here will open their doors January 1. State officers have declared their intention of taking no *****

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tion at once to hold this law, closing Iowa saloons, to be valid.

"Whatever may be the results of this war, there may be afterwards little or no love for the United States and other American nations. They must stand together for eventualities."

FRUITLAND NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Fruitland, Ore., Dec. 30.—D. S. Yoder of Fernando, Cal., former resident of Salem, recently visited his mother, Mrs. Hostetter, a widowed lady living on the Pratum road. Dan being personally known to your representative is vouchered a good fellow, having a small body and a big soul. He returned to his California home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bressler had a stall fed two chicken family Christmas dinner. Mrs. B. being one of Fruitland's most famous cooks, to say the dinner was a little above par is not saying too much.

Everybody here in Fruitland is going now very soon to turn a new leaf in life's great book. At least we are going to change almanacs and begin a new calendar.

There is a vacant house in this part of our school district—the Doney house. Will not some home seeker take a look at this property—10 acres—and settle down among us? That is, some good

first rate family and not too many dogs.

And now that Dr. Heiseldon has been further exonerated by the civil authorities for letting a deformed baby live, what will those hysterical people who nearly stampeded themselves because the doctor would not use a knife on it, do? Also, what will Abe Martin say?

Carl Steinbock, living on the Pratum road, received a message yesterday that his aged mother living in Colorado, is at the point of death.

Wm. McNair and Mrs. McNaie have returned from the state of Washington, where they went to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law who was drowned while working on a log boom.

That was a fair tribute to "Velvet Joe" by J. H. C., even though inspired by the spirit of smoke. I have heard it stated that suction applied to a lighted pipe or cigar is a burnt offering to Diabolus. If that be true what a lot of grim and grimy poets in Tophet where "the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever."

A late Capital Journal leader informed us that Christmas commemorates the resurrection of Christ. About all of us here at Fruitland also believe it has something to do with his birth. Quite a lot of other people believe it, too. We also hold that Easter, too, suggests the Anastasis.

A Happy New Year 1916

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