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### Home Brew

Once upon a time a man made a bet on Seattle. And the Seattle team got a run in the first inning, while Los Angeles couldn't score a darn. That is, until the eighth inning. In the eighth inning, Los Angeles scored two runs, and the score was tied. Seattle then came to bat, and got another run, while Los Angeles couldn't do a thing in the ninth.

And Seattle won the game.

It's curious how a little thing like an ankle contest will excite some folks into hysterical protests. Once upon a time the editor of Home Brew joined a dress reform protest. And to provide funds for the crusade, the good women and long-haired boys gave a big ball. It was a full-dress affair, and the dear matrons came in style, with the regulation omissions, front and back. We were too modest to notice the state of ankles that night.

But when we got home, our wife put some clothes on and went to bed.

After all, we should remember that the ankle, low down as it may be, is not to blame if dresses refuse, fail and neglect to cover them.

A girl I hate  
Is Mabel Cupp;  
She always says:  
"I'm dated up."

A man I hate  
Is Johnny Hopp;  
He always says:  
"Ain't got a drop."

This being safety week, we will hold off grapo and wool alcohol till next week.

Beneath the soil  
Lies Hiram Keeps;  
His wife saw him  
Take ankle peeps.

And his wife doesn't smoke, drink, chew tobacco, or have her beard trimmed. So she thought he shouldn't either.

If this sort of thing keeps up, we'll have compulsory breakfast foods next.

We notice our contemporary, The Star, is looking for the prettiest girl to play in the movies. Not to be outdone, Home Brew hereby announces a contest for the prettiest man in Seattle. Who is he? The winner will get a brand new recipe or the telephone number of a bootlegger.

ONE NEVER CAN TELL, CAN ONE?  
Life is filled with grief and sorrow,  
Life is filled with joys of woe;  
The 'tis warm today, tomorrow  
It may be 13 below.

A stenographer recently made a new shorthand record of 324 words a minute. Soon she should be fast enough to report the conversation of two ladies at a matinee.

A single man has to make up his mind what he is going to do. But it is different with a married man.

AHA!  
She has a smile like sunset's glow,  
A churning maid is Ruth;  
The reason is, if you must know,  
She has a new gold tooth.

A WORD FROM JOSH WISE  
A railroad train is stopped by air but it takes steam 't start it.

The "Human Fly" was injured in Minneapolis last week. He fell off a step-ladder while trying to hang a parlor picture for his wife.

PRESENTLY, WHY NOT IMMEDIATELY?  
The blue sky, and bright the sun,  
You'd better buy another ton.

Thomas A. Edison is quoted as saying he never cares what time it is. So Edison is also the inventor of the railroad time table?

### PARABLES

## Safed the Sage

There were in a certain city two boys. And they both loved to fish. And there came a day when the Spring was abating, and they listened unto the Call of the Wild. And they went, both of them, out of the city, and sat them down by a certain Stream. And they essayed to fish.

But one of these boys, before he went, took a Tomato Can and an Hoe, and went into the Back Yard, and there dugged until he had a Dozen Worms and a Blister. But the other boy liked to fish and did not like to Dig Worms.

And it came to pass at the end of the day, that they returned home, both of them. But one of them had a string of fish and a Sunburnt Nose, and the other had only a Sunburnt Nose.

And it came to pass that those two boys grew unto Manhood. And one of them before he began any New Enterprise, went into the Back Yard of the enterprise, and did a lot of hard digging. And the

## "The National Crime"

Public Opinion Blamed. But What IS the Public's Opinion?

YOU READ YESTERDAY, we assume, The Star's detailed account of what one Star headwriter has dubbed "The National Crime"—bootlegging. Some interesting questions are raised. These questions cannot be answered or decided in an editorial sanctum. We pass them on to our readers.

We would like to hear from the people of the Northwest just what they think of the bootlegging question—of the success or failure of prohibition, of the widespread and open defiance of the dry laws and the dry agents, of the recent judicial decisions that, protecting the sanctity and inviolability of the Great American Home, also make the tasks of the prohibition officers more difficult.

The generally accepted excuse for non-enforcement of the prohibition laws is: "Public opinion isn't behind it."

Are we to accept that as a true and valid excuse? Or is it merely that the public opinion with which law enforcement officers come in contact is not behind prohibition, but that there is another public opinion, a greater altho silent public opinion, that DOES want the dry laws enforced and that would like to see violators of the Eighteenth amendment placed in cells, no matter what their station in life, wealth or provocation?

Was the Eighteenth amendment a mistake? Not long ago a learned minister of the gospel, whose heart had been in the prohibition movement, declared in Seattle that prohibition had come too suddenly; that had it come more gradually, it would not have made a nation of criminals.

If an extreme prohibitionist feels that way, what do the millions of other citizens in this country feel? Another minister, almost as prominent as the first, recently said to the writer of these lines: "I'm with The Star when it fights narcotic drugs, but when your efforts react against the liquor traffic, I'm not with you. I have home-brew in my own garret."

IT HAS LONG BEEN OUR THEORY that the opponents of prohibition were not as numerous as the volume of their protest would indicate.

There are, we believed, millions of quiet, industrious, home-staying people, who believed in the prohibition, and wanted it enforced—who may have used beer or wine in the "old days," but preferred to forego their beverages in the hope that some one might be benefited.

The public opinion of the downtown streets, the cafes, the hotels, the railroad trains, plainly did not support prohibition—but how about the public opinion of the HOMES? That was what the police, prosecutors and prohibition agents seldom heard. That was the quantity that seemed likely to support law enforcement, no matter how unpopular the law might become in other quarters.

The remark of the minister—"I have home-brew in my own garret"—came, therefore, as something of a shock.

After all, prohibition is like any other law; it needs public sentiment behind it. If it hasn't got that, it is premature.

Thousands are in the bootlegging business in this country. Add to these millions who deal with the bootleggers.

It is nearly three years since the national prohibition law went into effect. It is more than five years since state prohibition became law.

Who can say that it has been a complete success? Might it not have been more practical to have reached for the prohibition goal by graduated steps than by one sudden jump?

And, what is more to the point: WHAT SHALL BE DONE ABOUT IT?

AN UNENFORCED LAW is dangerous. There is no question about that. It breeds contempt for law and laws. It makes lawbreakers out of millions who are not criminals. It brings strange alliances.

The prohibition law is not enforced, and the official excuse is that "public opinion isn't behind it."

The Star challenges that statement. It seems true enough that the most audible public opinion isn't behind the prohibition law—but what about the unconsulted millions?

Is their lack of interest to be taken as permission for flagrant law violation?

Does "silence give consent"? Do the people want prohibition? They have the law. Do they want the fact? Do they want the statutes flouted and mocked? WHAT DO THEY WANT? The Star would like to know.

The peace conference surgeons are beginning to see that they sewed up a few sponges inside the patient.

It is hard to explain stagnation in the copper industry, in view of the great demand for copper coils.

Dreadnought Colorado puts us one super-fighter nearer the dreadnought navy.

April showers bring May flowers—and next winter's flour.

To acquire a truth-telling reputation, never criticize.

WILLIAM E. BARTON.

### Uncle Sam M.D.

Questions of health, sanitation, hygiene, will be answered if sent to Information Department, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Business Under Eyes  
What makes my baby girl, 18 months old, blue under her eyes? She has had kidney trouble. Could that cause it?

The business under the eyes is probably due to a generally poor condition, to which her kidney trouble has doubtless been a contributing factor. Perhaps her heart became affected also. Attend carefully to her diet and general hygiene. Watch her weight carefully, and if she does not gain as she should, consult your physician.

Keloid  
I am a young woman, 24. I have a large skin tumor, or keloid, on my chest. I have had two operations in three years, but each time the scar has grown again. What will cure it? Is there any place such growths are treated? F. A. H.

The treatment of "keloid" is often unsatisfactory. In some instances the use of X-rays is said to have proved of value. Excision is often followed by a recurrence which may be worse than the original condition. Have your physician refer you to a first-class dermatologist for examination and advice.

### Letters to the Editor

AND THEY SAY "A WOMAN CAN'T KEEP A SECRET"

Editor The Star: I have heard it said that a woman cannot keep a secret. But—on a few days ago I read a news item in one of the Seattle papers concerning the identity of John Schmitt, who was given the death penalty at Walla Walla Friday. The sheriff, so it stated, knew who was the mother of John Schmitt, but maintained an air of secrecy, and she should have been; however, he did not go far enough in his secrecy. Why did he allow the reporters to get as much information from him as they did? Why was it necessary for him to say anything at all?

"No one else shall know," he said, and then deliberately told of the conditions surrounding the death of this woman's husband; told that a certain number of years ago she left for Montana with her two children; that she had not seen her boy since that time; that she is now engaged as a cook; that her daughter is about to marry a prominent business man, etc. He might better have told them the poor heart-broken mother's name than all of this. Didn't he realize that the daughter, reading the article, would immediately know that it was her brother who was about to be hung for murder? How could any of her friends or acquaintances help but know that she was the woman to whom the article referred? Or all the gossip!

Poor, grieving mother! I'm glad it was not her son. But think—if it had been and she wanted to keep it a secret for his memory's sake, or for the sake of her daughter's happiness. Think how she must have felt after having read that article. It would make the thing which she was trying to prevent a hundred times worse than if she had made known the poor boy's name.

And then they say that a woman can't keep a secret. But any woman could have kept that secret ever so much better than did the dispenser of that knowledge. It reminds me of the little boy who says, "Of course I wouldn't mention any names, but the initials spell—"

After this I think before we speak.  
MRS. N. C. ECK,  
418 E. Northlake Ave.

NO SYMPATHY FOR MRS. O'DELL  
Editor The Star: I wish to thank C. H. Biddle of 497 Maynard ave. for letter published in Thursday's Star with reference to the O'Dells, who are two of the most cold-blooded murderers we have in our penitentiary today. I have followed their case in your paper, and I think it disgraceful to ask a reprieve for Pearl O'Dell. It was thru her that her husband, James O'Dell, is awaiting the day of execution. And if he dies, she, too, ought to die, far less ask to commute her sentence. My heart goes out to her baby—think that the authorities would allow her to bring up that child in jail. To my idea, it should have been taken away immediately after it was born.

MRS. MAY COLE.

FONDLY DID HE HOPE, FERVENTLY DID HE PRAY  
(Lake County (Ind.) News)  
You may have heard it, but a Green Line passenger with a bulging hip pocket, lost his balance and sat down hard when the car hit one of the bumps on Hohman street last night. As he recovered himself a look of horror spread over his face. Something wet was trickling down his leg. As he feverishly started an examination he murmured prayerfully: "My God, I hope that's blood."

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### SETH TANNER

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### AS OTHERS SEE THE WORLD

Editorials and Comments Reprinted From Various Newspapers

THEATREGOING IN MOSCOW  
(From the Kansas City Star)

From time to time it has been urged by upholders of the bolshevist regime in Russia that the country might be short of food and clothing, but it was long on art. Particularly were the theatres supported in magnificence by the new regime, which represented the unrepressed striving of the human spirit after higher things, free from all money considerations.

That was all right until an American happened to go to a theatre in Moscow. The story is given by Mr. H. V. Fay, who recently came out on a review and an opera house. He went to the opera. It was "Rigoletto," with an orchestra of 10 pieces. The audience was not particularly appreciative, and he found the constant conversation in the next box disturbing. Other operas are put on better, he thinks, and the audiences are generally better behaved. But the reported splendor of the theatres escaped him. They run, he says, on pre-war momentum. Actors and musicians are not trained under the present regime. The creative work has been confined to "crude communistic couplets," some one-act farces, and socialist pamphlets.

It is feared there is no more art in bolshevist Russia than there is comfort of any sort. But as the commissar who was sent to the oil fields reported: "We have not been able to produce petroleum but we have established the communistic principle."

REMARKABLE REMARKS  
"Deaths from heart trouble at the present time are higher than those from tuberculosis. Heart troubles are increasing all the time."—Dr. Louis Faugeres Bishop, New York heart specialist.

"What was borrowed by England from the United States) was borrowed with the fullest intent to repay, just as in any business loan."—H. Gordon Selfridge, London department store head. (American born.)

"When anyone speaks ill of me, that is all right. It is only when one speaks good of me that I begin to worry."—Ex-Premier Clemenceau of France.

"Americans read fiction with complicated plots and call it good. They read simple, good books and reject them as 'high-brows'."—Sinclair Lewis, author of "Main Street."

"Women have made good as jurors."—Wilson Senseman, jury commissioner of Atlantic county, New Jersey.

"Socialism is fighting to destroy everything that the great prophets and leaders of both parties have labored for generations to uphold."—David Lloyd George.

"We do not need the revenue brought in by excess profits tax, if we reduce our appropriations."—Representative James W. Good, chairman appropriations committee.

"The 'frozen north' is largely a myth. The Arctic regions are a coming empire that within 50 years will be supplying most of the world's meat."—Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer.

"In America there can be no place for those who, enjoying equal privileges under our flag, continue their allegiance to a foreign country."—General Pershing.

"The railroads have touched bottom. We cannot expect a boom but we can expect a steadily increased traffic as the season opens up."—T. De Witt Cuyler, chairman, Association of Railway Executives.

"There is no such thing as surplus wealth as long as there is hunger or want in a country."—Frederick C. Howe, New York author and economist.

### Inquiring Reporter

TODAY'S QUESTION  
What do you think of the idea of re-establishing the whipping post as a method of punishment for criminals?

ANSWERS  
JOHN F. DORE, 1902 Smith Bldg.: "They ought to whip anybody who suggests it. The chances are his own past history wouldn't bear looking into."

FRANK ANDERSON, 8021 16th ave. N. E.: "It would be a good thing. It would save the county money on prisoners' keep."

BERT C. ROSS, Seahurst: "Don't do it. Some criminals would rather take that than pay their attorneys."

F. P. BREWER, 114 1/2 28th ave.: "While I think many criminals need it, yet the whipping post wouldn't be to the credit of society."

E. C. WILCOX, 4908 42nd ave. S.: "By Jove! For some criminals it's just about the right thing."

DAVIS IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE CABINET WHO WAS BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. WALES WAS HIS BIRTHPLACE. OCTOBER 27, 1872, WAS THE DATE.

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And the day is nice and warm,  
We get the old spring fever  
In an aggravated form.  
Daddy, bring home some of Bold's French pastry.—Advertisement.

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### In Harding Cabinet

Secretary Davis Is Used to Initiations. He's a Member of 18 Fraternal Lodges. Only Member Cabinet Born Outside U. S. Worked as a Puddler in Pittsburgh Mills.

PITTSBURGH, April 9.—When James John Davis, of Pittsburgh, joined the Harding cabinet fraternity as secretary of labor, it made his nineteenth.

Davis already had undergone the initiation ceremonies that made him a member of 18 fraternal lodges, and has taken an active part in many of them. He has been especially interested in the Loyal Order of Moose, having joined the order in 1906 as the 247th member.

During the world war Davis made two trips to France as chairman of the Moose war relief committee. At present he is director general of the order and president of Mooseheart, the wonder town and unique vocational school, 36 miles from Chicago, that is open only to children of dead members of the Moose. It was largely the work of Davis that made the town and institution possible.

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