Arizona's Liquor Problem

With more than 500 cases charging illegal sales of liquor on the Cochise county docket alone, it can be seen that "dry" Arizona is really far from dry; in spots, at least, it has been decidedly "wet."

The fact that the prosecutions have been vigorously undertaken in all part of the state, however, tend to show that the county attorneys have been very busy, and now the convictions are coming in rapidly, despite the handicap of the "personal use" provision.

Arizona is trying bravely to cope with a hard problem, rendered more difficult that it is surrounded on the east, west and north by "wet" states, a temptation toward bootlegging. Sonora, the Mexican state on the south, is as "dry" as Gen. Calles can make it, which is pretty dry, considering that a death sentence hangs over the head of any Mexican selling, buying or drinking liquor.

A new liquor proposition is to come before the people of Arizona at the election this fall. Voters will be obliged to vote on a measure dictated by the anti-prohibitionists, providing for the establishment of family liquor stores for the sale of liquor in bottles only and not by the drink. Only a certain amount would be allowed to each person daily.

Not only are the prohibitionists combatting this measure, but they have one of their own which will also be voted on. It would make the possession of any alcoholic or spirituous liquor a crime punishable by a jail sentence. This measure is aimed against the "personal use" provision at present recognized whereby it is impossible to convict a bootlegger if he swears the liquor found in his possession is for personal use only. He cannot now be reached unless caught in the act of disposing of liquor, which invalidates any personal use plea.

It is evident, from the way convictions have been secured in all superior courts of the state recently, that Arizona is determined to force the observance of the prohibition law as completely as possible, despite the very considerable sentiment against prohibition. And that, of course, is the only proper thing to do—to enforce the law as long it remains law and repeal it if the majority sentiment ever reacts in favor of the saloon. It probably never will, so far as Arizona is concerned. From all advices received from that state, Arizona has banished saloons forever.

Stop Traffic Ordinance Violations

It is evident that automobile traffic in El Paso is not being sufficiently or efficiently regulated. At the principal corners in the downtown district, the traffic policemen seem to handle the automobiles well, preventing congestions and collisions at the samt time and obliging motorists to proceed at a rate of speed slow enough not to endanger pedestrians.

Where there are no traffic policemen, however, automobiles frequently dash across street intersections in apparent disregard of life and speed regulations alike. Pedestrians at such times feel apprehension. They must exercise the utmost vigilance to cross the streets safely. Vigilance is proper, but the apprehensions of pedestrians arise from the belief that they may be struck and killed or injured, despite their alertness.

On Montana and Bliss streets, many automobilists seem to throw all caution to the winds and drive recklessly, each trying to pass the car ahead. As a result, cars are continually swinging around each other, which means that the center as well as the sides of the street is taken up by speeding cars. Then when a car comes swinging in around a corner from a cross street, the danger of collision, great enough before, becomes very much greater.

There are too many automobile accidents on Montana street and the number will not decrease unless existing regulations are rigidly enforced.

Speeding is not the only violation. A resident on Montana street says he counted in one evening 17 cars without either headlights or tail lights and many more carrying but one headlight. A resident on Bliss street on another occasion, trying to walk across the street with his family, found himself blinded by the glare of three cars in a row, none of which was equipped with any kind of headlight dimmers.

One or more motorcycle policemen, making 20 or 30 arrests a night for a few nights, would speedily curb the recklessness which is now endangering the lives of careful motorists, jitney passengers and pedestrians.

Unless something of the kind is done and done soon, there will occur one of these days a smash-up attended by casualties which will not only stir the community but also arouse some concern in the police department.

If the police department would devote more time to catching speeders and enforcing the headlight ordinance and the law, against failure to display numbers properly rather than putting into effect the complicated lot of signals just promulgated for downtown traffic, it would be conserving the interests of the public a great deal better. The list of signals provided for in the new downtown traffic regulations is so long and complicated that few automobilists are ever going to be able to get them down right.

So much signaling is useless. It is sufficient to have the driver attract the attention of the traffic officer and then signal the direction he wishes to go. Three blasts for this, two for that and one for something else, with each complicated with an arm movement, is confusing and calculated to puzzle a driver and blockade rather than aid traffic.

Los Angeles, one of the best regulated cities in the country in the matter of traffic, is getting away from complications in signaling as much as possible. An officer stands at a street intersection, a whistle in his mouth, and directs traffic simply by holding his arms extended. When he faces east or west and extends his arms north and south and blows his whistle twice, the traffic from north and south passes, while east and west bound traffic is held up. When he reverses his position and whistles twice again, the east and west traffic resumes and north and south traffic is stopped. The traffic squad found that so much signalling was not feasible.

The El Paso semaphores are much better than the Los Angeles system, but they should necessitate the least possible complication of signaling by drivers.

Britain Forbids Opium Use

The chickens have come home to roost, the United Kingdom of England, Scotland and Ireland has forbidden the importation of opium.

China, having long since realized the terrible effects of opium on its people forbade the importation or consumption of the drug under penalty of death. Then along came Great Britain with cargoes of opium from India and forced China to open her ports to it. British dividends had to be met.

But it has transpired, as one of the effects of suffering incident to the war, that the use of opium in the United Kingdom has enormously increased. It has increased almost to the point of being a national peril. And now Britain is doing precisely what China was forced not to do—to close the gates.

The Mexican Election

In all Mexican towns in the border district, proclamations have been posted, calling for municipal elections to be held September 3. Presumably the same proclamations have been posted in all parts of the republic. This means that Mexicans are to have the satisfaction, for the first time in several years, of voting for municipal officials and electing whom they please.

This will mark an important step toward the self government which Gen. Carranza has said he intends to restore to the people of Mexico, provided the elections are fairly conducted. They should not be dominated, however, by either the military or the civil authorities, though there is, perhaps, less danger of the former in a municipal than a national election where larger interests are at stake.

Sonora, which seems to be taking the lead among Mexican states in the matter of reforms of various kinds, has announced two election regulations which are well worthy of adoption by the other states.

The first, ordered by Gen. P. Elias Calles, is that the military forces of the state shall have no part whatever in the election, keeping clear of it absolutely.

The second, ordered by civil governor De la Huerta, is that the present officials shall have no personal interest in the election, and shall not be candidates. The latter clause fairly well insures their neutrality.

With her children increasing at the rate of 40,000 a year, Texas can keep right on supplying congressmen and ball players to the nation for some years to come.

The militiaman who boasts of what a fine job he left to come to the border probably has the best job of his life right here and now.

Berino's alfalfa hay is finding a ready market at $18 a ton. That price refutes the statement that raising alfalfa doesn't pay.

By way of answer to the American protest, Great Britain has placed 13 more American firms on the blacklist.

When Wilson shouts "I'm in a fighting mood," it doesn't necessarily follow that he thinks there is to be a war.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

At any rate, thinks Villa, I am more alive than Bryan.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The kaiser is reported badly sunburned. Oh, well, so's John D. Rockefeller and so's our office boy.—Knoxville Sentinel.

The national guard may not get into Mexico this time, but it will get into politics if it doesn't look out.—Oshkosh (Wis.) Northwestern.

An eminent bacteriologist denies that wall paper harbors germs. But some of the patterns are even more fearful.—Providence Journal.

How happy are the builders of railroads these days in Alaska! Have to wear furs while digging through the mountains.—Cincinnati Commercial.

Well, if the heat wave must wave here, let her wave. We'll roll up our sleeves and try to bear it grinning.—New Haven Journal-Courier.

When the hot blast of a "Bermuda High" meets the damp saltiness of a Boston east wind, then comes the New England dog-day.—Boston Advertiser.

Except for a shortage in cold weather this summer is living up to the predictions of the man who said it would be chilly straight through.—Chicago News.

An Illinois soldier in Texas has received information that he is the father of newly arrived twins. The rewards of patriotism are very pronounced at times.—Houston Post.

New Jersey has a story about a conductor who stopped his car to let a fat woman get off and recover her hat. And still people say the age of chivalry is past.—Boston Journal.

And now the humble bean gives promise of joining the high cost of living clique. The government is buying all the canned baked beans it can find.—Memphis News Scimitar.

The deep thinker who says that the human race is destined to become deaf, dumb and blind may not be so far wrong. A large proportion of it is already that—to reason.—Kansas City Journal.

We do not need to arm to the teeth but we must have efficiency on land and sea. Repelling invasion is like fighting a fire in a city. The great thing is to be quick on the job.—New York Commercial.

The ease with which the Mexicans seem to get ammunition is a suggestion that all those potatoes and pork being taken across the border should be more closely inspected.—Chippewa Falls Independent.

It is now disclosed that Brussels was fined $1,250,000 by its German rulers merely because its people testified their affection for a venerable religious leader, cardinal Mercier, by applauding his public appearance.—Chicago Herald.

Pinch Bug Is A Painful Little Epidemic Stays On Duty During the Hay Fever Season

By HOWARD L. RANN

THE pinch bug is a painful epidemic which makes its appearance with the first sweet days of early spring and vanishes about the time the hay fever releases its hold with one fervent, expiring sneeze.

Investigators from the earliest dawn of civilization have endeavored to ascertain why the pinch bug is allowed to flourish upon this planet and fall upon the arched neck of the debutante at a lawn social. Darwin, in his celebrated lecture upon the intimate relationship of man to the ring tailed chimpanzee, declared that the pinch bug was a lineal descendant of the Egyptian locust, but no self respecting man will believe anything that Darwin says. Anyway, there is no popular demand for the pinch bug, and if congress were not so busy trying to get reelected he would be eradicated.

The pinch bug is near sighted in both eyes and also carries a rudder which refuses to work about half the time. When he starts in any given direction he is harder to head off than a motion to adjourn in a commercial club meeting called for the purpose of raising funds. It is a startling sensation to sit on the front porch of a warm evening, wrapped in contemplation, and have four or five armored pinch bugs sail in on high gear and bound off some innocent party's head. The pinch bug has broken up more love scenes by getting his feet tangled up in the back hair of a blushing fiancee than all the stern parents in Cristendom.

The pinch bug has broken up more love scenes than all the stern parents in Christendom.

The pinch bug is not by nature quarrelsome, and if not detained by falling down inside the neckband of its victim will leave the premises at once. However, when aroused to anger it is liable to lash out with its concave pincher and leave footprints which look like the tracks of a hot curling iron. In view of its poor eyesight, it is hard to understand why the pinch bug does all of its traveling at NIGHT, instead of staying at home with his family, but as this same question is asked about a good many men perhaps we should not complain.

The unrestrained pinch bug is a much greater menace to human happiness than the modest, unassuming housefly, yet the fly is hunted down with the utmost ferocity and chased from place to place without a chance to draw a full breath. This teaches us that a brave front and a loud buzzer are a better protection than sterling worth which is shy a megaphone.

(Protected by George Matthew Adams.)

Abe Martin

Who kin recall when it never even occurred t' a young medical student t' begin practice without a thick mossy beard? Some folks might as well be in th' soup as the way they eat it.

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Clinkers In Coal Due To Presence Of Ash Real Mexican Opals Are Often Very Valuable

"CLINKERS are much maligned objects," said Francis O'Neill. "It is commonly supposed that inferior coal and inferior furnaces are alone responsible for them. This is an error. Some coals contain so much ash or incombustible matter that a clinker is inevitable, but other coals which contain a reasonable amount of ash, when burned in a furnace or boiler of proper design will produce a clinker as a result of the higher temperature existing with good combustion. When you find a clinker in your furnace, you can usually depend on it that you have burned your coal completely and have not wasted any in the ash pit. If a fire is allowed to race or to run wild without any control, the amount of clinker resulting will prove anoying and considerable heat will be wasted up the chimney."

"Many people think that the best Mexican opals cost about a quarter," said David Lerner. "As a matter of fact, the price of some of the best varieties runs up to about $100. The other day a man came in and asked for the best opal on the market, and set his price limit at 50 cents. Before he left the store we had sold him an opal for $18."

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"If the concrete roads being constructed in the upper valley are as good as some of the concrete alleys in the business district of the city, they ought to make excellent traveling," said F. C. Searle. "Concrete alleys are becoming popular in the business district and there are now several of these already completed or under course of construction. They are much more firm than the bitulithic pavement and although a trifle slippery when wet will be more serviceable in the long run in my opinion."

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"The immediate completion of the addition of the Alta Vista school building should be urged by all means as the scholastic year will start before anyone can realize it," said Charles B. Stevens. "The school should have been finished some time ago but I understand that it was delayed by the non arrival of the necessary material or disagreement between contractors. Furniture must be placed in the building before the opening of the next term and as all of this takes time the completion of the new addition is much to be desired. The building will be one of the most handsome school buildings in the city when completed."

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"Hot Wells is squarely on the Texas-Mexican border, which causes some folks to consider other health resorts when they are seeking recuperation, said judge James J. Murphy. "Hot Wells is an excellent health resort, however. There is quite a large band of Carrancista soldiers directly opposite Hot Wells on the Mexicans side, which creates a little nervousness in the little town. There were two El Pasoans there when I left."

GOV. McDONALD IN AUTO ACCIDENT; WALKS 3 MILES

Santa Fe, N. M., August 7.—Governor W. C. McDonald upon his return from a visit to San Miguel and Mora counties, had an automobile accident near Onava, while returning from Watrous with attorney George Hunker. The rear axle of the Hunker car broke and the first the occupants knew of it was when they felt a bump and saw one of the rear wheels rolling down the road ahead of them. They walked three miles back to Onava and there were picked up by a car whose driver thought he was being held up by highwaymen.

HERNANDES ARRIVES TO CAMPAIGN FOR CATRON

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 7.—Congressman Benigo C. Hernandez has arrived from Washington, D. C., to aid United States senator Thomas B. Catron in his campaign for reelection. He will not return to Washington until after the state convention and then not if congress agrees to adjourn at that time or soon thereafter.

GRANT REPUBLICANS TO MEET SATURDAY, ANG. 12

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 7.—The Republican convention for Grant county to select delegates to the state convention at Santa Fe, will meet at Silver City on next Saturday, August 12. Thus far no Republicans have announced their candidacy for county offices.

HOGWALLOW NEWS

Dunk Botts, Regular Correspondent.

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RAZ BARLOW mobilized at Tickville Saturday night.

Yam Sims has sent a dime to Chicago after a book of things to say while carrying on a conversation with a nice girl.

Jeff Potlocks says the eclipse of the moon is a mighty big thing and attracts a lot of attention not to make any more noise than it does.

Poke Eazley's eyes are getting so bad he is going to have to move his house nearer the road.

Fit Smith had the misfortune Tuesday night of catching his jug full of rain water.

Sim Flinders, who has not done anything lately to attract attention, was seen at church Sunday wearing a new shirt.

Health is very good in this vicinity, with the exception of the report that two of Tobe Moseley's hogs have been grunting around for the past several days.

Isaac Hellwanger, who is a staunch Democrat, has had his whiskers cut off until after the presidential election.

Wash Hocks caught a nice wooden leg in the drift that came down Ganoer creek during the rise last week. He is very proud of it and wears it during the rainy weather to keep one of his feet from getting muddy.

Yam Sims says one beauty about having only one shirt is that you don't have to be bothered with such a heavy laundry bill.

Fletcher Henstep has had the holes in his pockets sewed up, as he expects to make some money this fall.

Poke Eazley thinks nobody but a married man could keep out of a fight as gracefully as president Wilson has done.

A moonlight picnic was given at Hog Ford Saturday night. The moon, however, arrived too late to do any good.

The wife of the cashier of the bank of Tickville is the object of much envy in social circles since she has become able to buy a dollar's worth of sugar at one time.

The kin folks of Frisby Hancock's wife from Buzzard Knob spent Saturday night and Sunday with him. Frisby says nearly every person has kin folks he is ashamed of but can't help it.

Miss Hostetter Hocks has at last wrote to her unknown correspondent that she is willing, and the mail carrier is loping his horse in the direction of Tickville with a hope that he will get the letter to him before she changes her mind.

The Wild Onion school teacher has found several misspelled words in the big dictionary.

Miss Fruzie Allsop has a new hat. She thinks it right pretty but won't admit it unless pressed.

Atlas Peck has been attending the bedside of one of his well to do uncles at the upper end of Muskrat Ridge. He got tired and returned home, however, as it looks like the old man is going to pull through.

Isaac Hellwanger has improved the appearance of his premises by cutting down the sprouts and trimming his whiskers.

In life nearly all of the hardest storms always go around.

Filmore Hocks has moved to a house near Gander creek bridge. He is left handed, and will get around rather awkwardly for some time as his new home sets on the right hand side of the road.

ROSWELL TO HAVE GREAT FAIR EXHIBITS TO COME TO EL PASO

Roswell, N. M., Aug. 7.—Roswell will have the greatest livestock exposition and fair this fall in the history of the Plains.

Six counties have already agreed to have exhibits of livestock, farming and fruit growing at the exposition during the week of October 18 and the displays are all expected to be much larger than at any time in the history of the county.

An invitation has also been received from the Soil Products exposition at El Paso to have the exhibitors at Roswell move their exhibits to El Paso for this big show, which opens Oct. 14, with the dedication of the dam and continues through until Oct. 28.

The ordinary cost of a Want Ad in The El Paso Herald is 25 cents. It reaches an average of about 100,000 readers each issue.

LETTERS to THE HERALD

(All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.)

A MILITIAMAN'S VIEW.

Editor El Paso Herald:

I wish to take exception to the letter printed in your columns and signed "W. Smith," and characterize it as a bit of petty jealousy.

In the first place I consider that the outfit to which I belong (the 5th Mass. Inf.) is equal in every way to any regular outfit on the border, both in stamina and efficiency, and in event of any trouble the so called "regular" would be very much relieved to know that the "cake and candy" soldiers are on the job to help them out.

I have a great deal of respect for the real regular outfits, but W. Smith shows very poor taste in complaining about the publicity he receives. A soldier who soldiers for the good it may do or for the love of country does not desire a newspaper notice every time he moves, and I am sure that a great many national guardsmen dislike the petty news items that appear in some of the papers regarding them.

Our regiment is commanded by a colonel whose ability is recognized and commended by several regular army officers, and the personnel of the officers and enlisted men can not be beaten by any regiment in the field. When there is work to be done, we can do it, and we do not need ice cream to do it on either.

I can understand W. Smith's feelings and think that the editor would be very glad to "First Page" any news that may be sent to him from the "regular" at any time—thereby letting up on the guard for awhile, and giving W. Smith all the publicity that he desires.

In closing, let me add that there are as many real men in the national guard as there are in the regular army, and in any emergency we will be on the job 24 hours a day. Cooperation often accomplishes more than criticism, and possibly my regular comrade in arms could learn a great deal about some things from the "militia boys" he so thoughtlessly criticised.

W. G. H.

The Bucolic Press

It is with sorrow that we announce an accident to Mrs. John Whitman, wife of the well known grocer who sells three pounds and a half of sugar for a quarter. While he was chasing her around the yard for fun the other evening, she stepped on an old tomato can and severely lacerated her foot. Should blood poisoning set in and she be removed from our midst, the Banner will turn its column rules as a tribute to her.—Hometown (Pa.) Banner.

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S. J. McCracken, who has the reputation of raising the finest of Angoras, was in town with Mrs. McCracken Friday and Saturday. While here he had us push his subscription account up to 1917.—Magdalena News.

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There is a reported scarcity of poultry of the frying size for several miles along the classic Noisy river, due to preparations to properly entertain the sky pilots attending the summer Bible assembly and Buidoso chautauqua. If the demand increases, the lusty crow from one husky fryable rooster will bring a shining two-bit piece before the 1st of September.—Ruidoso correspondence Roswell Tribune.

PHOENIX WOMAN MAKES AUTO TRIP TO COAST IN 35 HOURS

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 7.—Mrs. A. G. Dulmage, wife of the business manager of the Phoenix Gazette, accompanied by a phoenix woman friend, has taken the nonprofessional auto record to the coast in a Ford, in less than 35 hours, about three and a half hours more than the time made by Fenner, winner of the first Los Angeles-Phoenix race. Mrs. Dulmage chose the Parker route. Though the roads were rough and the heat was reported "terrible," there was not even a puncture. A "helper" party that started at the same time was left far behind.

OIL COMPANY TO HAVE HEADQUARTERS IN EL PASO

Austin, Texas, Aug. 7.—Permit to do business in Texas was today granted by the secretary of state's department to the Great Western Oil company of Cleveland, Ohio. The capital stock is $25,000. Texas headquarters will be at El Paso.

NEW YORK SUN'S PRESSES ARE DAMAGED BY FLAMES

New York, Aug. 7.—A fire starting in the subcellar of the New York Sun building Sunday night so badly damaged the five large presses on which the Sun is printed that today's edition was run off on the presses of the Evening Mail.

There were no employes in the press room when the blaze started. The editorial and art staffs of the newspaper made their way to the street through smoke which quickly filled the lower floors of the building.

RAVENHILL HOME IS ROBBED.

Two pistols were taken from the home of W. T. Ravenhill, 1220 Prospect avenue, Sunday afternoon while the family was absent from home. Mr. Ravenhill, who is in the accounting department of the El Paso & Southwestern railway, discovered the robbery on returning from the Southwestern building. Entrance was gained through a rear door with a pass key.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT - BY BRIGGS

OPHELIA

The Danger Car

THE auto, as a grim destroyer, is difficult to beat. Just yesterday I killed a lawyer, while scorching up the street. When first I got my car I uttered a vow that I'd go slow. "This speeding mania," I "muttered, "is what brings death and woe." But I got going fast and faster, like many another scout; and now there's always a disaster, whenever I go out. When home I come from some brief journey, my wife asks, "Who was slain?" I say, "Three clerks and an attorney lie dead upon the plain." I go kerwhooping every morning, o'er valley, weald and wold, all rules and regulations scorning, I knock the records cold. A cloud of dust, a roar and rattle, and I'm beyond your ken, as deadly as a modern battle, a menace to all men. The rural cops would like to pinch me, but can't get close enough; some day a bunch of men will lynch me, and that will be the stuff. And while for such a stunt they hanker, I'm scorching far and near, today I crumpled up a banker, and maimed an auctioneer.

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