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Law Enforcement Outlook

We hear a good deal about the failure of prohibition to prohibit, but with the announcement of the passing of that famous resort of pleasure seekers in Milwaukee, the Schlitz Palm Garden, we realize that it does, at least in a considerable degree.

Friends of prohibition have never been discouraged by the tales of violation of the prohibition enforcement act. It is the exceptional law that has no violations, and it would be a most surprising thing were that which forbids the sale of alcoholic beverages to be operative one hundred per cent perfect. Much has been gained in the thirteen months since the eighteenth amendment went into effect. But more will be achieved by the plan that has been rumored as the policy of the new administration to put the duty of enforcement of this law upon the Department of Justice rather than upon the Department of the Treasury as has been the case since the enactment of the law.

Secretary Daugherty is a prohibition friend. He believes in the Eighteenth Amendment and he believes in the enforcement of a law which has been made by the recognized law-making body and in the recognized and proper way. He will have little patience with a disposition to take lightly the obligation to make the law operative and, it is expected, will establish precedent that will make the way of the violator far less attractive than it has been under the old regime.

Truthful Fiction

It is not likely that the next generation of men and women will have left many of the illusions which have been so cherished in the past. The present trend of thinking among the young people of today, backed by the present fashion in literature, is not conducive to the keeping of the bloom upon the youth subjected to such influence. It remains to be seen what kind of men and women we shall have, but it has never yet been demonstrated that knowing and recognizing the truth about things has hurt anybody.

When the author of one of the six best sellers in the fiction market scored the reading public for its preference for the saccharine and untrue story to that which depicts life as it is lived he touched a sensitive spot in the defense of the older members of the community. The advocate of the "clean" and pretty story who condemns the tale that portrays life without much effort to cover the ugly spots will deplore the preaching of such doctrine. The older portion of the younger group, those who are just beginning to sense the lack of truth in the romance which they have frankly enjoyed in the past, will turn with a new interest to the novels that are contributed to the literature of the nation by men and women who feel their chief duty to their readers to be to tell the truth.

"Main Street," the latest work of the lecturer last week, is, in the opinion of the writer, a contribution to the missionary literature of the age. It reveals the group cruelty, the community smugness, the littleness of the populace not only of Gopher Prairie,

but of the ten thousand other towns like it to which the author refers, and of the different portions of the towns which have, in population, but not in spirit, outgrown the condition which is so realistically depicted. But it exists wherever there are people of small interests, wherever there are men and women whose whole concern is for the preservation of the conditions which chance to be favorable to their own material well-being; there we have Gopher Prairies, whether the setting is the little town on the edge of the rural district, or the little group within the boundaries of the large city.

"Main Street" might well be read in every group body, with an introspective eye looking to the application of the truths that it tells to its organization life.

CREWS AT HARVARD HAVE MANY RECRUITS

Cambridge, Mass.—One hundred and seven candidates reported for freshman crew at Harvard. They were addressed by Captain McCagg of the varsity crew; Dr. R. Heber Howe, head coach of the freshmen, and Burt Haines, his assistant. Ice measurement made on the Charles River show only three inches of ice. It is hoped that the river will be cleared within a few weeks, and save the crews the trouble of visiting Lynn Harbor daily for practice.

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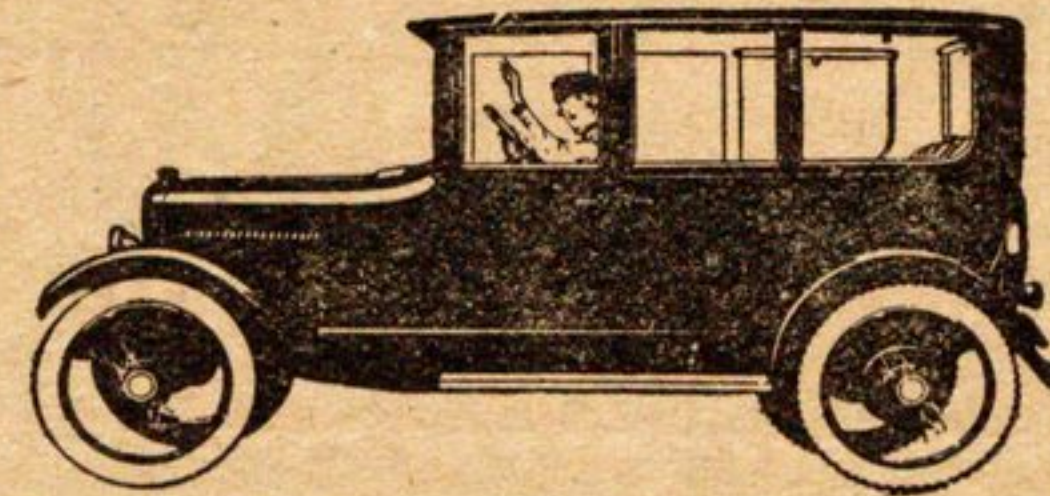
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