

after reading your article in "Liberty"

Forest Grove, Oregon

Dear Miss Tarkell July 2, 1929.

I have read your articles for many years and believe you intend to be fair. I wonder if you would read the article called, "On Our Street" by Earle R. Buell in the June 29 issue of the Saturday Evening Post. It describes the ordinary American town and its people's attitude. Ours is exactly such a place and I am sure you know the United States are made up of such towns and such people. Just common everyday folks who believe in obeying the laws, who have self respect

enough to be decent, and
most of which believe in
God and The Bible. We
smile at the idea of a "war"
with the lovers of strong
drink. Most of us women
folks have never tasted it
or seen it used. Miss Tarkett
I am sixty eight years old
and have never yet seen
a woman smoking a cigarette
or taking a drink. I've been
an ordinary American
farmer's wife a teacher when
young and old. Brought
up four sons and six
daughters to honorable
citizenship. - travelled some
to Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles

and have never been a
shut in until past year
with a broken leg. So I
believe these "nets" are mostly
in the big cities, and are
foreigners or children of
aliens, or members of
the fool intelligentsia
which make the rest of us
laugh a lot. I take Hayes
the Forum, and a friend
sends me the Atlantic. I have
a hatred of tobacco ads
showing our women and
girls smoking, and believe
there are enough of us to
stop it, may go farther
and stop all tobacco ads.

Why should habit forming
and narcotic drugs be ad-
vertised anywhere? Let those
who want them buy them
and use them, but no ads.
The "wet" propaganda is absurd.
Some people are killed enforcing
all laws. Many, many officials
have lost their lives enforcing
the law. I enclose a clipping
from this morning's Oregonian
These cases we knew ourselves.
The Oregonian said Editorially
a year or two ago when the
tobacco ads with girls first
came out, that the American
people would never approve
of it, and they ^{the companies} were making
a great mistake that
time would show.
Coming back to my

subject, the Volstead law
will never be repealed. There
are too many people in favor
of it. Our Oregon laws are
very severe on driving
an auto while drinking.
If the officer who stops a
speeding auto, or one in
an accident and smells
alcohol on the driver's
breath he is fined heavily and
his license revoked. Driving
while drunk means imprisonment
besides a fine.

New York is a great city
but it cannot rule our
nation; and I would wager
the country towns are
like ours.

I detest the extreme dries
and wets both. They blow
too much, and have too
much propaganda. Good
citizens saw what drink
did to otherwise good people.
A man drunk, killed his
wife in our county, years ago.
When he sobered up he would
not believe he had done it.
"Kill my wife whom I adore!
Never," he said. but they
hung him. And he was from
a good family. We remember
those things.

Yours most kindly and
sincerely,
Jennie A. Recker,