

TWO WAYS TO SKIN A CAT

Near Beer Ordinance May Be Initiated Soon

VOTERS MAY HAVE A VOICE

City Charter Provides That Special Election May Be Called In Response to Required Petitions.

Realizing the utter impossibility of passing an ordinance—unless favored by the members of the so-called "ring," the citizens of Roseburg are becoming disgusted, and from prevailing gossip, it is safe to predict that hereafter all important measures will be submitted to the voters through the initiative, and not presented to the council.

The masses, including those who favor law enforcement, believe that the time has come when drastic action is necessary. In the event the town desires to progress in unison with other cities of similar resources. The procedure of defeating every ordinance framed for the benefit of the people at large has brought forth much disapproval, and the citizens are fast becoming tired.

"We are at the mercy of this clique," said a well known Roseburg business man this morning, "and it is useless for us to expect a clean city under present conditions. Only one week ago nine of the twelve councilmen expressed themselves in favor of Councilman Houck's "near-beer ordinance, while on Monday night of this week, there were but four men who had the backbone to stand by their honest convictions. In one week came the change, and at least a number of those originally supporting the ordinance suffered a "change of heart," and voted against the measure. It is these things which disgust a self-respecting public, and drive men to employ various other means in order to obtain legislation."

While the question has not been definitely decided, it is probable that action will be taken relative to submitting Councilman Houck's "near-beer ordinance" to a vote of the people, at a special election which will necessarily have to be called by the council in the event the required number of signatures are affixed to the petition.

The section of the city charter under which this election may be called follows:

"Whenever there shall be presented to the council a petition signed by a number of the qualified voters of the city of Roseburg equal to 15 per cent of the votes cast for mayor at the last preceding election at which such officer was elected, asking that an ordinance, or a charter amendment, or that an enactment of a charter or amendments to the municipal charter, to be set forth in such petition, be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the city of Roseburg, the common council must submit such proposed ordinance or charter amendment thereto to a vote of the electors at the next regular city election; or if it be so specified in said petition, under the restrictions hereinafter set forth, at a special election called for that purpose."

Under the provisions of the foregoing clause it is said that the ordinance defeated at the last meeting of the council can be referred to a vote of the people, and thus assure fair play to all concerned.

VIEWED BY A SPECTATOR.

Action of the City Council "X-rayed" By An Interested Onlooker.

Editor News: To a spectator of the meeting of the city council last Monday evening, it appeared that men may be guided by most extraordinary methods of reasoning, or else they sometimes try to explain their reasons which are wholly flimsy. Perhaps the public has not been wholly taken into the confidence of those gentlemen who, as members of the council, rallied "round" those whom the court records show are violators of the law. It is true their reasons seemed to swell with the mention of emotions of patriotism and city pride, etc., as they marched boldly into the fray and filed Dr. Houck's "near-beer ordinance, how solicitous these brave and self-sacrificing soldiers of civic finance were lest the outside world should hear that Roseburg proposed to stand for law-enforcement and therefore refuse to buy her bonds which are a mortgage on her real estate! Bond buyers, of course, always prefer to invest their money in

lawless communities! Any pin-head ought to know that.

And then how these brave lads did tremble lest the acts of the council should be attacked on the ground that some of the council are not legally qualified! No one who heard their virtuous sighs and audible misgivings could fail to sympathize with the poor fellows. Strangely enough, though the only lawyer who is a member of the council did not advance this horrible threat as his reason for helping to kill the ordinance. Perhaps he knew it was all tommy-rot and that the council itself is the judge of the qualifications of its own members and its official acts cannot be questioned on the ground that any member is disqualified.

Truth compels one to say that all the argument HEARD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM against the ordinance were childish and hardly worthy of school boys.

Messrs. Houck, Strong, Mullen and Clark had the best of the argument, and stood like men for the right, but the other fellows had no votes. It's a long lane that has no turn, however.

SPECTATOR.

REGARDING WATER RIGHTS.

Government to Co-operate With Communities to Get Pure Water.

(Special to The Evening News.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Secretary Wilson has decided that the interests of cities and towns which obtain water from streams having their watersheds within national forests. One of the recognized uses of protection, and he has therefore developed a plan of co-operation for the department of agriculture, with those communities which are alive to the importance of keeping their water supply pure.

There are many Western towns and cities, some of them of large size, which derive their water from drainage basins lying inside the national forests. One of the recognized objects of forestry is to insure the performance and protect the purity of municipal water supplies. As the forests are maintained for the benefit of the public, Secretary Wilson considers it the duty of his department to do all that it can to prevent the pollution of such supplies and to create or maintain conditions more favorable to a constant flow of clear water.

Stock raising and occupancy of the land for the various kinds of use which are ordinarily encouraged on the national forests may be highly undesirable if allowed on drainage basins which are the sources of drinking water. There is also to be considered the injury which may be done if the water is silt-laden. By protecting and improving the forest cover and by enforcing special regulations to minimize erosion and to provide for the maintenance of sanitary conditions, the government will try to safeguard the interests of the public.

A form of agreement has been drawn up, providing that, when co-operation is entered into between the secretary of agriculture and any city desiring conservation and protection of its water supply, the secretary will not permit the use of the land involved without approval by the town or city except for the protection and care of the forests, marking, cutting and disposing of timber which the forest officers find may be removed without injury to the water supply of the city, or for the building of roads, trails, telephone lines, etc., not inconsistent with the objects of the agreement, or for rights of way acquired under acts of congress. The secretary also agrees to require all persons employed on or occupying any of the land both to comply with the regulations governing national forests and to observe all sanitary regulations which the city may propose and the secretary approve.

The agreement provides for the extension and improvement of the forests on the part of the government by seeding and planting and the best methods of silviculture and forest management, so far as the funds available will permit. The city on its side is expected to assist in the work by paying the salaries of the additional guards necessary to carry out the agreement, and in case extensive forest areas are immediately desired by the city, it would bear the major part of the cost entailed by this work.

J. T. Bridges, who was recently elected mayor of Oakland, spent the day in Roseburg contesting the accusations of the defeated candidates to the effect that the election was illegal. The defeated candidates claim that one man voted who had not resided in Oakland the required length of time as required under the city charter, and consequently, the election was void. Mr. Bridges, the successful candidate for mayor, contends that the election was legal, and that the error was due to the negligence of the judges and clerks. Mr. Bridges will contest any effort to declare the election illegal, and to this end, has already consulted one of Roseburg's well known attorneys.

Holiday Suggestions.

Suits, Coats, Waists, Dresses, Rain Coats, all splendid new styles at special reduced Holiday prices.

Handsome Evening and Party Dresses, the very latest creations, very reasonably priced.

Millinery. We still have some beautiful dress hats, as well as tailored and street hats, at special prices.

Leather Goods in great variety. Pictures handsomely framed, in splendid assortment. Games, Puzzles, Books, Dolls, Christmas Boxes, Neckwear, Novelties, Handbags. Let us show you.

THE LEADER

READY TO START PROBE

Federal Grand Jury After The "Higher Ups"

WOULD PROSECUTE M'ANIGAL

Voters at Olympia Vote On Commission Form of Government—Investigate Murder Case.

(Special to The Evening News.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—With Judge Bordwell denying that the confessions of the McNamara brothers were due to the bribery developments, and with District Attorney Fredericks' statement to the effect that he is determined to push the charges against Franklin, interest today switched from the dynamiting cases promised to overshadow the original McNamara case. The grand jury meets tomorrow. Orville McAnigal, who originally confessed to dynamiting the Times building, will be one of the first witnesses called. Agents say his story, when published, will electrify the entire country.

Meanwhile 500 secret service men have been placed at the disposal of Attorney Lawler who has charge of the probe. It is unlikely that further criminal actions in connection with the dynamiting cases will be instituted in Los Angeles.

HALL OF RECORDS, Dec. 6.—Within a few days a federal probe into the McNamara case as far as it concerns California will be started. The federal grand jury which is in session here has been instructed by the department of justice at Washington to take up the entire case and District Attorney Fredericks has admitted that he will turn over such evidence as he possesses to the federal authorities to pursue their inquiries.

In addition to probing the charges that the interstate commerce act was violated by the unauthorized transportation of dynamite from state to state by the McNamaras and their henchmen there will also be an investigation of alleged misuse of mails by the McNamara defense. It is hard to say just what form this investigation will take and the officials declare they do not know where the trail will lead or who it will involve.

Will Prosecute McAnigal.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 6.—If Orville McAnigal is released from California for his part in the McNamara dynamiting plots, he will be brought and tried immediately on the charge of dynamiting the hoistingerrick of the Milwaukee Western Fuel Company, according to District Attorney Seabell. The wreck was "blown up" on the night of March 16, 1910, causing a loss of \$100,000 and the injury of five persons.

The socialists who have been bitter in denouncing McAnigal as an informer are determined that he shall not escape punishment for his crimes.

Vote On Commission.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 6.—When the voters of Olympia went to the polls today they faced one of the most peculiar situations in the history of the state. They are voting to elect a mayor and council under the councilmanic form of municipal government, and at the same time they are balloting upon the commission form of government and an entirely different set of candidates.

To Investigate Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The coroner's investigation of the death of Benjamin Goodman, the brilliant lawyer, was resumed today, who was found murdered in the streets here two weeks ago was called for today. John Rogers, the murder suspect will be one of the most important witnesses. He has baffled all efforts of the police to secure a confession, despite the fact that a woman with whom he consorted led the police to a strong box in which she said Rogers had deposited half the jewels taken from Goodman.

LOCAL NEWS.

L. S. Cook, of Dillard, spent the day in Roseburg attending to various business interests.

E. B. Barber, of Myrtle Creek spent the day in Roseburg looking after business interests.

Mrs. J. W. Short, of Wilbur, spent the day in Roseburg attending to business interests.

Harvey Brown, of Riddle, spent the day in Roseburg attending to various business interests.

T. J. Butcher, of Canyonville spent the day in Roseburg looking after various business matters.

Ethel Parrott returned here this afternoon after a couple of days spent at Riddle visiting with friends.

Mrs. M. Pearson returned to her home at Cottage Grove this afternoon.

GOMPERS IS ANGRY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today challenged the world to show that organized labor had any connection with the dynamiting plots, and declared that the enemies of unionism cannot permanently injure the labor cause.

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J. T. Bridges and James H. Dearling, both residents of Oakland, are spending the day in Roseburg looking after business matters.

Mrs. J. B. Doss and baby, and Miss Ada Burgo went to Oakland this afternoon where they will spend a few days visiting with friends.

Jessie Anlauf was today appointed administratrix of the estate of Mrs. D. E. Strong, deceased. Her bond was fixed in the sum of \$1,000.

James Moon, local agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, returned here last evening after a few days spent in Eugene and other northern cities.

County Commissioner Jefferson Wiley arrived here last evening from Myrtle Creek to attend the regular term of the county court which convened this morning.

A transient, who refused to divulge his name was arrested last evening and upon being arraigned before City Recorder Wimberly this morning entered a plea of guilty. He was fined in the sum of \$5, and paid the sum without a murmur.

The county court met in an adjourned session at 10 o'clock this morning. Today has been spent almost entirely in auditing bills and considering road matters. No orders were entered in the journal up to a late hour this afternoon.

C. I. Bazire and family, who have recently arrived here from New Jersey, are negotiating for the purchase of a tract of land south of town. In the event they are successful in closing the deal they will make Roseburg their permanent home.

The Rose building, on Cass street, has been leased by a recent arrival in Roseburg, who will engage in the jewelry business. The interior of the store is being remodelled, and when completed will be one of the finest in the city.

J. Malony, an Irishman, was arrested by Night Officer Chamberlain, last evening on a charge of vagrancy. When arraigned in the police court this morning he entered a plea of guilty and was fined in the sum of \$5. Without funds he accepted the alternative of 2 1/2 days in the city jail.

Mrs. A. L. Coffin and Miss Alice Wilson have leased a portion of the Wright building formerly occupied by A. Peterson, and located on Cass street, and will open therein an up-to-date restaurant. They expect to be in readiness to serve the public in about a week.

J. Q. Barlow, assistant chief engineer of the Southern Pacific lines with headquarters in San Francisco, together with a party of railroad men, passed through Roseburg this afternoon on their annual tour of inspection. They are travelling by special train and hope to reach Portland early this evening.

The new generator, recently purchased by Kendall Brothers has been shipped from Portland and will probably arrive at Winchester in a few days. Immediately upon its arrival, the huge machine will be placed in position. The generator has a capacity about double that of the present one, and will answer its purpose for years to come.

In a cablegram received this afternoon the well known Roseburg grocerman, Richard Stubbs, is informed of the sudden death of his uncle, S. W. Stubbs, for many years a resident of Australia. The Australian uncle was wealthy, and his fortune, estimated in the brief information at hand, at from \$50,000 to \$60,000, will be divided among four heirs, whom the Cass street grocer is one.

A marriage in which two of Douglas county's most esteemed young people were the principals, occurred at the parsonage of the Christian church at 10 o'clock this morning, when Caryer Hamilton and Miss May Whitney were united as man and wife. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. J. N. McConnell, pastor of the Roseburg Christian church. The happy couple will reside on a ranch about five miles east of Oakland. The groom formerly worked in Clark Brothers' studio in this city and is quite well known in this vicinity. His estimable wife is one of Douglas county's fairest daughters.

In one of the warmest city elections ever held in Grants Pass, Attorney Robert Smith was yesterday elected mayor over Dr. Smith by a plurality of three votes. The fight or mayor was a three-cornered affair, and not until the last vote was counted was anyone able to predict the outcome. Attorney Smith, the successful candidate, is well known in Roseburg where he has visited frequently during the past few years. Dr. Smith was elected upon the promise that he would eliminate and drive from the city of Grants Pass all persons engaged in violating the local option laws. Mr. Smith is not a prohibitionist, but he nevertheless believes in law and order, and is perfectly capable of making good his promise.

UNION MAN IS BEATEN

Mayor Alexander Wins By 35,000 Votes

WOMEN OPPOSE THE SOCIAISTS

Harriman Attributes His Defeat to Confessions of the McNamara Brothers—No Disorder Is Reported.

(Special to The Evening News.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—As the ballot count proceeds Mayor Alexander's lead increases. At 11 o'clock complete returns from 270 precincts gave Alexander 66,755 and Harriman 37,066.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—Completely overwhelming Job Harriman, the socialist-union candidate, Mayor Alexander was yesterday re-elected mayor of the city of Los Angeles by a plurality exceeding 35,000 votes. All other candidates on the good government ticket were elected.

Admitting his defeat, Job Harriman this morning issued a statement in which he said the confession of the McNamara brothers was responsible for the "interests" landslide. The women voted almost unanimously against Harriman, as did many of the union men following the termination of the McNamara trial.

Women Outvote Men.

Ninety per cent of the registration on the West Side, where the vote was light in the primary, was voted today, while on the East Side, Harriman's conceded stronghold, the balloting was light in comparison. The women of the West Side outvoted the men.

The reverse was the case seemingly in the precincts where Harriman would be stronger in the primary. But the balance of power, which the women were credited with having prior to the astonishing finale of the McNamara case last Friday, did not figure in the result.

"Persons who would not vote for Alexander simply stayed away from the polls," Chairman S. C. Graham, of the good government organization, declared today, in predicting a majority of at least 30,000 for Alexander.

McNamaras Had Effect.

Other leaders of the good government campaign asserted that the pleas of guilty entered by the McNamaras had had their effect and caused voters who had supported Harriman, one of the attorneys for the McNamaras, in the primary, to remain away from the polls.

How much the astonishing end of the dynamite trial affected the result, however, cannot be estimated because of the tremendous increase, not only in the registration since the primary but in the record vote cast today. Some estimates were that nearly half the city's population or more than 320,000 had voted in the election.

Harriman was in conference with his campaign manager, Alexander Irvine, of New York, early in the evening. He declared that gross frauds had been perpetrated by the opposition, but refused to concede his defeat.

Harriman Is Silent.

"I will not make a statement yet," he said.

The victorious ticket consists of Mayor Alexander, who has held office for many years, and nine councilmen, made up of bankers, lawyers, storekeepers and realty brokers.

On the defeated socialist ticket beside Harriman, the lawyer, there were one negro junk dealer, a former editor of one of the local morning papers, two iron molders and several labor leaders.

One feature of the balloting was the scratching which was early apparent of Joseph Scott, candidate for re-election to the school board, who was one of the attorneys for the McNamaras.

No Rioting Occurs.

Early in the day, "good government" confidence already heightened.

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PACKERSON TRIAL TODAY

Charged With Conspiracy In Law Violation

WILL ABROGATE THE TREATY

Plan To Reduce Price of Certain Commodities Is Considered By Congress—Six Persons Are Killed.

(Special to The Evening News.) CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—Brought to task after a search of more than seven years, J. Ogden Armour, and nine other Chicago packers were placed on trial today before United States Judge Carpenter. The men are charged with criminal conspiracy in connection with violating the Sherman anti-trust law. The court was fairly crowded when the packers appeared this morning, and entered pleas of not guilty. The work of examining the venturers began immediately following the presence of the packers in court.

To Force Treaty.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—"Congress will force abrogation of the treaty entered into by the United States and Russia in the year 1832," declared Congressman Sulzer, of New York, at the white house today. He claims that a strong sentiment is manifest against Russia because she refused passports to American Jews who wished to enter Russia. Sulzer says he has proof that the treaty was violated.

Reach An Agreement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Reductions in the wool, iron, cotton, steel, sugar, agricultural implements and food schedules was practically decided on at a meeting of the dem-

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