

TO TEST LOCAL OPTION

Constitutionality of the Local Option Law will be Tested in Multnomah Courts.

According to the Oregonian the constitutionality of the local option law will be tested in the courts and a bill of complaint will be filed soon by persons interested in defeating the law. It will take the form of a suit to enjoin county clerk Fields from submitting the question to the voters at the election in November whether liquors shall be sold in Multnomah county as petitioned for by I H Amos and 527 other principal members of the Prohibition party. The petition filed demands that the clerk shall place on the ballot the question of prohibition to be answered by the voters yes or no.

The attorneys who are preparing the injunction suit do not desire at this time to state what points they will make against the constitutionality of the law, any more than to say that it will be attacked from all sides. The matter of testing the law has been under consideration since the election in June.

Building Notes

The foundation for deputy sheriff Tom Johnson's new residence on O St is completed and waiting for lumber. Mrs T N Murphy's new house on Main street is about completed and will be ready for Mr and Mrs J C Henry, who will occupy it on the 1st. Trainmaster T W Walsh is making extensive improvements to his residence by the addition of a second story. Contractor Slater is pushing the work on the city hall with as large a force as can be worked to advantage on the structure.

Carpenter Clancy is building a new cottage on the property he recently purchased on First street.

Sheriff Pennington's new residence, from its stately location is quite noticeable and will be among the many modern residences that is now under construction in the various portions of the city.

C V Highlander has a cottage under construction on Cedar street.

County school superintendent F E Bragg's new residence on the corner of Adams Ave. and Cedar street will soon be ready for occupancy.

County recorder Proctor will have his house nearly ready to move into by the first of the month, which is situated within a few blocks of the High school.

Wm Erickson has completed a very neat cottage and is now constructing out buildings in keeping with the same.

Mr Connors residence is another addition to the many new improvements that have and are being constructed on the hill.

Mr and Mrs Fred Swaney have moved into their handsome new residence on M street.

J R Moore will soon have a comfortable home completed on his 7th street property.

The stone work was again resumed on the foundation for the addition to the Foley House.

Notwithstanding the great number of dealings that have been completed during the past year and the number now under construction it is an exception to the rule to secure a vacant house in the city.

Portland Markets

Portland Aug. 26.—The local wheat market is showing a considerable slump on account of the lower figures throughout the world. The prices as they existed yesterday were too high to admit of buying by either the local millers or the exporters. This inactive feeling is the direct cause of the slump.

Wheat—Export price—New and old—Club, 70c; bluestem, 83c; valley, 85c. Barley—feed, \$21; rolled \$22; brewing, \$23.50 at 24.00. Oats—Producers' price—No 1 white, \$25.00; gray \$24.00.

All misunderstandings have been satisfactorily settled and the construction work has been resumed on the Foley House foundation.

MUCH LARGER ARMY

General Kuropatkin's Army Now Thought to be Nearly Equal to that of the Japs.

St Petersburg Aug. 26.—General Kuropatkin under today's date, from Liaoyang, wires the war office that he will take the offensive at once. The dispatch carried also a long review of conditions but this portion was not given out to the public.

It is believed among the well informed here however that his army will be more nearly equal to that of the Japanese than at any previous time.

There are now under his command 185,000 men, a large portion of whom are now seasoned veterans. For the Cossack divisions a fresh supply of horses has been received and others are being hurried forward as rapidly as possible.

The batteries will be augmented by 120 cannon, which are now en route, are expected within a few days. These guns are of a much later model than most of those which Kuropatkin has heretofore had at his command.

Buying Cattle

Baker City, Aug. 26.—Carlston Brothers, of Seattle through their local representative, Mr. Phillips, of this city, have closed contracts for the purchase of about 20 car loads of two and three-year old steers and fat cows to be delivered in this city. The cattle are from the lower Burnt river and Rye valley ranges.

Japs Lose Heavily

Choo Fee, Aug. 26.—Russian advices

received today say the Japanese assaults on Port Arthur on August 21 and 22 were repulsed with tremendous losses.

It is said the attempt of the Japanese to capture Port Arthur Fort Etchuan resulted in a loss of 3,000 killed or wounded.

Digs Up Old Papers.

San Francisco, Aug. 26.—James Gardner returned last week from Australia and recovered from their hiding place in his old room in the Harker House in Montgomery street, documents which he buried there forty-one years ago, and which connected him with piratical attempts of Ashbury Harpending to loot the Pacific Mail treasure ships between here and Panama.

DIGS UP PAPERS

Gardner dug up the flagstone in the old fireplace and found letters, a revolver and a bowie knife which he buried there just before he fled to Australia.

Harpending, Rubery and Ridgely Greathouse were the leaders in a plot to hold up the treasure ships to Panama.

Harpending bought the ship J. H. Chapman and outfitted her as a privateer. Guns and ammunition were secured by Greathouse. He pretended that he was the agent of the Mexican revolutionists. A crew of desperadoes was hired.

CONSPIRATORS SURPRISED

The scheme was to rendezvous at Guadalupe Island off the Mexican coast and then intercept the steamers. The scheme might have been successful had not a revenue officer spied on the conspirators and given Governor Stanford the tip.

Marines from the ship Cyane surprised the conspirators as they were hoisting sail and captured the entire party except Gardner and Captain Law, who were late in getting aboard.

The leaders were sentenced to ten years in prison, but President Lincoln pardoned them. Gardner fled to Australia, and this is his first visit here since.

RAILROAD TALK

Electric Line May Run from La Grande to Baker City.

The eastern Oregon electric line scheme of Dr. J. M. Boyd, father of Mayor L. Frank Boyd, contemplates a road from Baker City to La Grande 45 miles, which will take in the towns of Haines, Union and Hot Lake. A branch line to swing around the Grande Ronde valley is also talked of.

Mr. Boyd said: "The plans are only begun for the project. An expert street car man and a corps of engineers will leave for the ground tomorrow and when they report we will know what we have. We have the promise of eastern money to back the proposed road when we have made the survey, secured the power and have title right of way. I own considerable property in Baker City, some of which will be used for terminal grounds."—Spokesman Review.

Suspected Robbers

Paterson, N. J., August 26.—Four Italians suspected of being the highwaymen who held up and robbed Paymaster White of \$5000 yesterday, were arrested today near Little Falls by a posse. They desperately resisted arrest, and when taken to Little Falls they were nearly mobbed by the townspeople.

It is understood that the men arrested are the suspects that the police began looking for immediately after the robbery yesterday.

Dr. Gibson, the oculist of Minneapolis, Minn., will be here a few days fitting glasses. He has an extra fine stock of up-to-date styles. Examinations free at your homes. Don't neglect your eyes.

TO SETTLE MEAT CUTTER'S STRIKE

Chicago, August 26.—The city authorities are to make a second effort to settle the stockyards strike. At a meeting of the city council tonight, a resolution was passed empowering the mayor to appoint a committee of 11 aldermen to make it their business to bring about a settlement.

There was some opposition to the resolution, some of the aldermen declaring that the result would be nothing. The resolution, however, passed and a committee appointed by the mayor. Invitations were at once sent to the strikers and employers inviting them to meet the members of the committee tomorrow.

GUDGER SAILS FOR NEW YORK

Panama, Aug. 26.—United States Consul-General Hezekiah Gudger, Chief Sanitary Officer Gorgas and Admiral Kenny have sailed for New York. It is said that Gudger goes to stump in Indiana for President Roosevelt. Gorgas is seeking material to make the isthmus more healthy.

It is thought that the death rate will be reduced to a minimum when the plan now outlined has been perfected and is in operation, and that the building of the canal will be attended with much less mortality among the laborers than was at first expected.

Boy Is Impaled

Chillicothe, O., Aug. 26.—Harry Smith, the fourteen-year-old son of David Smith, of Kingston, ten miles north of here, was probably fatally injured yesterday by having a large mow fork fall from a height of thirty feet and run completely through his body.

Young Smith was on the ground floor of the barn when the fork, with prongs an inch and a quarter square, fell and striking him in the right side passed through the body and emerged from his back. The boy may live.

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