WANTS BAN ON 'BAD WHISKY'

Cleveland Wants Dry City During Convention; Federal Sleuths on the Job.

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CLEVELAND.—If States Prohibition Commissioner B. F. McDonald, when he promised to make Cleveland "dry" during the Republican convention which assembles here June 10, meant that liquor of pre-war quality either American or imported, would be scarce and perhaps unobtainable, he is promising nothing new to the thirsty denizens of the "Fifth City."

However, if he meant that homemade concoctions, "poison" and diluted stuff imported from Canada will likewise be taboo for delegates and visitors, then he has his hands full, in the opinion of those in the "know" on the liquor situation here.

Somewhat "Moist."

Law enforcement in Cleveland is probably better than that in the average large city, but Cleveland is decidedly "moist" in spots, according to those who claim to have the inside dope, and the spots are fairly large at that.

However, the quality, according to the same authorities, is steadily deteriorating.

"There is no pre-war liquor left in Cleveland," it was declared. "Even the jealously guarded supplies of those who wanted to keep a little in the house in 'case of sickness' has long since disappeared, but there is plenty of liquor masquerading under the name of 'Canadian Club,' and other imported brands, obtainable, the price ranging from 50 to 75 cents per shot, depending upon the conscience of the vendor and the rating of his clientele."

In addition, there is lots of synthetic gin, it is claimed, that is being dispensed and various concoctions made in cellar stills that, if they do not intoxicate, do stupefy.

Authorities also claim that a vast quantity of etherized beer is dispensed daily over Cleveland bars.

Little Good Stuff.

"There is mighty little good liquor coming to Cleveland from any source now," an ex-saloon keeper said. "The dangers of rum-running have been increasing every month, and the public demand is pretty well satisfied with the home-brew and synthetic concoctions. Real liquor commands a price only slightly higher than the home-made stuff, and the first cost and dangers of seizure have made it unprofitable to retail it on a large scale, whereas the other stuff finds a ready market, and the risk is less."

Federal agents, when apprised of McDonald's plan to make Cleveland thoroughly dry for the convention said, of course, they would co-operate.

"Liquor law violations are constantly decreasing," a Federal official asserted. "Bad booze is killing many of the old topers, and others are being frightened away from the purchase of the stuff that is being offered."

Reports are that a large number of State dry officers will make Cleveland their headquarters for a month or more before the convention meets and get all places under suspicion "spotted."

EARLY DAYS ARE RECALLED

Passing of Founder of Italian Colony Brings Back Memories.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., (AP)—The recent deaths of two Italian patriarchs on the Richmond river, which flows through the fertile north coast country of New South Wales, recalls the history of New Italy, as the Italian colony is termed.

In 1879 the Marquis de Ray had a scheme for the colonization of "New France, the free colony of Port Breton, in Oceania," situated on the island of New Ireland, 350 miles north of New Guinea. The climate and fertility of the soil were pictured in glowing colors. Italian emigrants were offered houses and land on favorable terms.

The Italians chartered the steamer India and in July 1880, 300 of them left for the supposed paradise. The severity of the voyage and the wretched condition of the route. Port Breton was reached in October, and there it was found that no preparations had been made to receive the colonists. Dwellings were lacking; the heat was frightful; food ran short.

For four months the Italians used the India as a boarding house. At length, disgusted, they prevailed on the captain to land them in New South Wales. In February, 1881, the India left Port Breton, but stress of weather and shortage of food forced her to put into Noumea, New Caledonia, where the French condemned her as unseaworthy and ordered her sold. The emigrants refused to stay in New Caledonia, and the French government provided them with passages to Sydney.

Eventually the travelers established themselves on the Richmond river, and by 1885 they had become an industrious and thriving communal colony.

For their skill in vine growing and in other forms of agriculture, as well as for their example of self helpful contentment, they have been quoted and admired far and wide.

The few survivors of the original party are revered as patriarchs, honored almost with the regard given elderly leaders of Old Testament times. Modendi, who died recently, was one of these. Another whose passing is mourned arrived soon after New Italy was established.

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Excise Tax Court Is Held to Be Illegal

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—In a ruling of nationwide importance, Federal Judges Wilbur F. Booth and John F. McGee Thursday restrained the internal revenue department's excise tax court from further operation in Minnesota, by issuance of a writ of temporary injunction, handed down in United States district court here.

The ruling, which affects the whole scheme of the internal revenue department to establish excise tax courts all over the country, holds that this method of levying taxes on illegal manufacture and sale of liquor is illegal and does not constitute "due process of law."

Opportunity knocks but once. It would make a poor showing as a Progressive candidate for the presidency.

Notice of Hearing on Proposed Street Improvement.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern that the Commission of the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, proposes and intends to improve Improvement District No. 186 in the City of La Grande, Oregon, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor heretofore adopted by the Commission, and that the report of the committee for said improvement is now on file in the office of the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon; that the said Commission has set Wednesday, the 9th day of January, 1924, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the Commission Rooms in the City Building in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place when and where said Commission will meet and hear and determine all objections, remonstrances and claims of grievance of any person against said proposed improvement and the proposed assessment therefor against the property to be benefitted thereby in said district.

That the boundaries of the district to be improved and benefitted by the said proposed improvement as finally adopted by the Commission are as follows:

Beginning at the center of the intersection of M avenue and Eighth Street in the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, thence north along the center line of Eighth Street a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet; thence east along a line one hundred sixty (160) feet from and parallel to the center line of M avenue a distance of one hundred thirty-five and one tenth (135.1) feet to the center of Block 17 Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande; thence north along a line one hundred thirty-five and one tenth (135.1) feet from and parallel to the center line of Ninth Street to the center of N avenue; thence east along the center line of N avenue a distance of three hundred seventeen and fifty-five hundredths (317.55) feet; thence south along a line one hundred eighty two and forty-five hundredths (182.45) feet from and parallel to the center line of Tenth Street a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet to the center of Block 15, Coggan's Addition to La Grande, Oregon; thence east along a line one hundred sixty (160) feet from and parallel to the center line of M Avenue to the center of Washington Avenue; thence southeasterly along the center line of Washington Avenue to a point seventeen and four tenths (17.4) feet southeasterly of the extension of the lot line between lots 3 and 4 in Block 13 Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande, thence in a southwesterly direction along a line seventeen and four tenths (17.4) feet from and parallel to the lot line and its extension between lots 3 and 4, Block 13, Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande, to the center of the alley in said Block 13, Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande; thence in a northwesterly direction along the center line and its extension of the alley in Block 13, Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande, to the intersection of the extension of the east and west center line of Block 14, Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande; thence west along a line one hundred sixty (160) feet from and parallel to the center line of M Avenue to the center of Eighth Street; thence north along the center of Eighth Street a distance of one hundred sixty (160) feet to point of beginning, all located in Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

That the said proposed improvement will consist of grading the following named streets to the proper sub-grade: M Avenue from the east line of Eighth Street to Washington Avenue; Ninth Street from the north line of M Avenue to the south line of N Avenue, and by constructing therein hard surface pavement thirty (30) feet in width between curb lines and including two full street intersections except 21.8 square yards at the intersection of M Avenue and Tenth Street, also by paving all of the intersection of M Avenue and Eleventh Street not now paved, also by paving the two alley intersections in Blocks 12 and 15 in said Coggan's Addition. Also by constructing combination curb and gutter where not in place; concrete sidewalks where not in place; catch basins and sewer pipe connections from same to the sanitary sewers, all on the above named streets located in Coggan's Addition to the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon. The above named improvements are to be made at the expense of the property in said Improvement District that will be especially benefited thereby, in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor adopted and now on file in the office of the City Recorder of said City.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1923.

(Signed) J. E. STEARNS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Dec. 15-22-29-Jan. 5

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that, by virtue of a Foreclosure Execution and Ordor of Sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, bearing date of the 19th day of December A. D., 1923, and to me directed and delivered, upon a Judgment and Decree and Order of Sale, duly entered in said Court, in the suit therein pending, wherein Lorenzo Stilwill and Hattie Stilwill were Plaintiffs and Winnie Elliott was Defendant, in which Judgment and Decree was entered in favor of Lorenzo Stilwill and Hattie Stilwill, Plaintiffs and against Winnie Elliott, Defendant, for the full sum of $3399.00, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum for a period of one year and continuing interest, together with $250.00 as a reasonable attorney's fee and for their costs and disbursements incurred herein and taxed at $22.75, and for accruing costs, and in which said execution I am commanded to make sale of the hereinafter described real property to satisfy said Judgment and Decree, interest, attorney's fee, costs and disbursements thereof including accruing costs.

Now therefore, by virtue of said writ and in obedience to its commands, I will on Wednesday, the 23rd day of January, 1924, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of La Grande, in Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand and subject to the statutory rights of redemption, all the right, title and interest of said above named defendant in and to the following described real property, to-wit: Commencing at a point 14 chains south of the center of Section Thirty-three (33) in Township two South Range 28 East of the Willamette Meridian; running thence south six (6) chains; thence west twenty (20) chains; thence north 1.5 chains; thence north 77 degrees 20 minutes east to the place of beginning, containing 7.5 acres more or less, except thirty feet off the west and 20 feet off the north side of said tract reserved for road purposes, together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, in Union County, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this the 22nd day of December, 1923.

LEE WARNICK,
Sheriff of Union County, Oregon
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Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that, by virtue of a Foreclosure Execution and Order of Sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Union, bearing date of the 18th day of December, A. D., 1923, and to me directed and delivered, upon a Judgment and Decree and Order of Sale, duly entered in said Court, in the suit therein pending, wherein Johanna Gangloff was Plaintiff and John T. Salisbury and Martha A. Salisbury, husband and wife; George H. Vane, a single man; and John Driscoll, were defendants, in which Judgment and Decree was entered in favor of Johanna Gangloff, Plaintiff and against John T. Salisbury and Martha A. Salisbury, husband and wife, Defendants, for the sum of $750.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum from and after the 3rd day of January, 1921, until paid; and for the further sum of $100.00 as a reasonable attorney's fee herein, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred in this suit and taxed at $62.20, and for accruing costs, and in which said execution I am commanded to make sale of the hereinafter described real property to satisfy said Judgment and Decree, interest, attorney's fee, costs and disbursements thereof, including accruing costs.

Now therefore, by virtue of said Writ and in obedience to its commands, I will on Tuesday the 22nd day of January, 1924, at the hour of two o'clock P. M. of said day, at the front door of the County Court House in the City of La Grande, in Union County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand subject to the statutory rights of redemption, all the right, title and interest of said defendants or either of them in and to The Southwest quarter of Section Four (4) in Township four (4) South of Range Thirty-eight (38) E. W. M., in Union County, Oregon.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this the 22nd day of December, 1923.

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