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MAJORITY RULE.

Great stress is laid by dry town advocates upon "majority rule," and they would ignore the rights conferred by the legislature upon the city council enabling it to regulate city affairs in order to put into effect their theories, upon the argument that a majority of the people of Jackson county know better how to govern Medford than a majority of her own citizens.

If the majority control, surely the majority of Medford citizens should have the right to control the city's destinies, and a majority of citizens voted against a dry town June 1. Why should Ashland, actuated by rivalry and a desire to put Medford in as bad a fix as she is herself, and people living in the country 40 miles away, be permitted to regulate city affairs here? There is no reason or justice in it.

Majority rule, under the Oregon local option law, is a farce. To secure a majority for prohibition, two or three precincts are combined, two dry and a wet, to make the wet one dry. When an overwhelming majority in the wet precinct vote the other way. Thus University Park, a church and school settlement, is tacked onto the city of St. Johns, and though St. Johns votes solidly wet, it is "painted white" by the votes of the residents of another city, who pay St. Johns no taxes and have nothing in common with her citizens.

The same sort of majority rule prevails in Jackson county. Medford is not segregated to vote separately upon prohibition, but a stretch of prohibition territory, including Griffin Creek, is included in the city precincts to vote the city dry. Yet in spite of the dry votes of farmers, a majority here voted wet.

Such is the "majority rule" of the prohibitionist—a majority heeded only when it is his own way of thinking.

REWARD OFFERED FOR BLIND PIG ARRESTS

There is much consternation among the ten saloon managers of Grants Pass, since Monday's election, when Josephine county went dry by a majority of 500 votes. At first a few of the saloon men were inclined to fight it out in the courts, declaring they could not be forced to close their places. They have since decided, however, to close their saloons. A few of them, it is said, will establish drug stores and clubs. Others will move their fixtures out of town. Some will board up their windows.

In order to prevent the running of "blind pigs," an organization of Grants Pass citizens has been formed to see that the law is enforced. This organization has raised a fund and will hang up a reward of several hundred dollars to be given anyone who will furnish testimony convicting the operator of a "blind pig." Sheriff Russell states that if he is backed by the citizens he will see that the local option law is strictly enforced.

Grants Pass, being a mining town, has always been considered a wet town, and most of the saloon owners are men who have been in business here for years. The several saloons occupy the best locations in the business part of town, and most of the liquor places are elegantly equipped. There is also a large brick brewery owned and managed by a woman. The brewery ships but little of its beer.

BENSON TO SUCCEED OUR GEORGE AS GOVERNOR

Frank S. Benson, governor of Oregon and secretary of state, that is the way it will read after the legislature of 1909 has elected George E. Chamberlain United States senator and he has resigned his office as governor to assume the duties of the senatorship next March.

According to the constitution of Oregon the office of governor falls to the lot of the secretary of state in case the regularly elected governor, for any reason other than the expiration of his term, should cease to exercise the functions of his office. Therefore when Governor Chamberlain steps out of the governor's office to assume the senatorial toga by virtue of the legislature's election in January, Frank S. Benson, secretary of state, will become by that fact the acting governor of Oregon.

MORE MONEY FOR SOLDIERS' WIDOWS

WASHINGTON, June 10.—According to a ruling made by Commissioner of Pensions Warner, it will not be necessary for soldiers' wives now on the pension rolls at a rate of less than \$12 per month to make any formal application to the department to obtain the increased rate provided for by the widows' pension bill signed by the president April 19 last. To all those now on the rolls the increase will take place automatically and the higher rate will be paid by the pension agent at the next quarterly payment upon receipt of the voucher properly executed. The rate of \$12 begins with the date of the act, April 19.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: The Medford Mail in Tuesday's issue comes out openly and defends the purchase by the city of Mr. Hanley's water rights in Wasson canyon. Whatever may be said of the judgment displayed, the Mail's bump of editorial courage has evidently expanded, which is certainly commendable.

It will be noted that this editorial dodges two of the principal points at issue, namely, that the water is and always will be contaminated by stock running at large, the purchase including no land for fencing or otherwise protecting it, and the fact that the city is paying \$25,000 for about one-half of Mr. Hanley's water rights, when his entire farm of over 500 acres, including all water rights, was listed for sale for \$12,000. Besides, J. W. Slinger's ranch, with water rights probably superior to Mr. Hanley's was for sale and could have been secured for \$7,000, which fact was known to the water committee.

The Mail's Defense.

The Mail bases its defense on two assumptions: First, that there is adequate water in Wasson canyon to supply Medford, or Mr. Hanley's indemnity bond will reimburse the city; and second, if the supply proves insufficient after the pipeline is established and the money expended a sufficient supply can be obtained from Little Butte creek.

In February, when the Medford representatives visited Wasson canyon, there was without doubt plenty of water there, and it was probably pure enough for domestic purposes. At that time of the year the same was true of Dry creek, which in the dry season does not supply water enough to keep a load alive. Some of our best and most reliable citizens declare that in the driest seasons there is very little water in Wasson creek. One man states that he has seen this stream so nearly dry that there was not sufficient water to supply a drink for his saddle horse.

A Questionable Supply.

What right have the authorities to pay \$25,000 of the people's money for a questionable water supply, when this country is full of beautiful streams affording plenty of pure water? Probably not one city east of the Rocky mountains is supplied with water as good as Rogue river affords. A stand-pipe gravity system could be established for probably a smaller sum than \$200,000. Again, Fish lake and Big Butte are both available. Why did the city council not get estimates on a supply from one or more of these sources before purchasing Hanley's gold brick?

As to the legal effect of the contract and indemnity bond, I may not be as competent to judge as the editor of the Mail, but I will say this: I will wager \$100 that under the provisions of these documents the city cannot collect a cent of indemnity from Hanley even if there proves to be less than 1000 inches of water in Wasson canyon. There is at least one huge joker in the contract and bond. All riparian rights are exempted from Hanley's guarantee. The city would be compelled to condemn and pay for these riparian rights, in addition to the \$25,000 purchase price.

Butte Creek Water Taken.

But what authority has the Mail for saying that water can be secured from Little Butte if the Wasson supply is already owned? After the pipeline is laid and the city's funds exhausted, how could it get additional water from the owners of Little Butte? Is such a course a good business judgment? Does anybody believe for a moment that the city council would adopt and pursue such a business policy in a private venture? Does anybody believe that the water committee would have paid \$25,000 of their own money for such a water right as Mr. Hanley owned in Wasson canyon? The city council is morally if not legally bound to work for the best interest of the city and its people. The council is composed of men who do not bite at bunce deals in personal transactions. Why should they allow the city to be humbugged?

W. E. PHIPPS.

LINCOLN COUNTY WET BY ONLY THREE VOTES

NEWPORT, Or., June 10.—Lincoln county went wet Monday by the very narrow margin of three votes, the dry vote refusing to abide by the decision of the voters and propose to contest the result. They were confident that this county had gone prohibition to stay and the reversal of the decision of two years ago seems inexplicable to them. There is no accusation of crooked work on the part of the advocates of a wet county, but the local optionists hope that a recount may possibly result in some wet votes being thrown out. The contest will be more in the nature of a fishing expedition than anything else.

STANDARD OIL PAGES FINE OF \$68,000,000

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Penalties may be imposed upon the Standard Oil company that will make the \$29,000,000 fine of recent memory appear paltry when plans under way by the department of justice are carried out. Preparations are being made now in Chicago by District Attorney Sims, directed by Attorney General Bonaparte, for the returning of a new prosecution that may cost the big corporation \$68,000,000, if the maximum fine is imposed. It is understood that the preliminary work of arranging evidence is almost completed. The last fine was imposed for 1462 cases of rebating. The new case will involve over 3400 accounts.

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