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PROHIBITION CHRISTMAS DAY IS TO COME HIGH BE OBSERVED ALL OVER THE CIVILIZED WORLD

Ashland Tax Increases From Six to 14 Mills In One Year--\$5000 Deficiency One "Dry" Year

As the result of prohibition, the tax levy for the city of Ashland has been jumped for the coming year from 6 mills to 14 mills. There is at present a deficit of over \$5000 in the Ashland finances, due to the loss of revenue from high license during the past year, and both this deficiency and the current expenses must be met by increased taxation, so the Ashland council at its meeting Wednesday evening fixed the levy at 14 mills--only three and a half mills less than Medford's with its provisions for taking care of the new water system bond interest, street intersection pavements and its big program of municipal improvements.

Last Year's Tax Six Mills. When the Ashland council last year fixed the tax levy at 6 mills it was done in a spirit of bravado, to prove to the world that prohibition did not increase taxation, and the example of Ashland was freely quoted throughout the state in the local option election of last June. But whoever dares, even to prohibition music, must pay the piper and, in spite of the utmost economy, a deficiency of \$5000 rolled up during the year. This and current expenses must be met, and the only way to meet it was to raise the tax levy 134 per cent which has been done.

VERILY, IT IS BETTER TO BE BOEN LUCKY THAN RICH

The only reason that can be advanced to explain the reason that the new building on D street erected by Young & Hall is not a pile of ashes today is luck. On Wednesday evening a can of oil and shavings in the room in the rear of Lawyer Neff's new office caught on fire, the flames spreading about the room, burning through the double floor and beams, then going out. Why the building was not burned down is unexplainable. Verily, it is better to be born lucky than rich. The charred floor was all that was found on Thursday, the first that was known about the matter.

CLAUDIANES MUST SPEND LIFE IN JAIL

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 24.—Peter Claudianus must spend the remainder of his life in prison. He was convicted last night of dynamiting the home of James Gallagher, the chief witness in the graft prosecution. The jury was out six minutes. The prisoner wept when the verdict was read. He waived any postponement of the sentence, which was immediately pronounced by Judge Waste.

Cubic Feet in Ton. To the Editor: Will you kindly tell me how many cubic feet are occupied by a ton of hay? SUBSCRIBER.

Only three states define the number of cubic feet to the ton. In North Dakota and Oklahoma 345 cubic feet is a legal ton. In New Mexico the ton is defined as 350 422 or 512 cubic feet according to the time hay has been stacked. In Oregon 512 cubic feet are recognized as a ton.

AGED MAN TOOK OWN LIFE BY HANGING HIMSELF

Word has reached this city that J. R. Plummer committed suicide by hanging on last Tuesday at the home of A. Welles on Dry creek near this city. The man was 84 years of age and was evidently tired of life.

Manager Sampson of the Grants Pass cannery, maker of Sampson's spray left for Central Point today, having placed orders for another carload of his fruit peed extensometer. The Hillegret, Talent and Vilas orchards are among those purchasing.

W. H. Stone of Yonahis, formerly of Central Point, is visiting friends in the valley.

From All Parts of Globe Come Tidings of a General Good Time for Tomorrow--All the World Is Kin on Christmas Day--Kaiser and Other Rulers Liberal

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—After a day of strenuous shopping, which will leave many stores with their holiday stocks decreased to the vanishing point, New York will this evening begin its celebration of the gladdest holiday of the year. While Christmas eve in the metropolis lacks the boisterous features and mad revels of New Year's eve, it is yet a time of joy, when millionaire and day laborer alike throw aside the fretful cares of their workaday existence.

At all the theaters there will be special performances this evening, and at some of them there will be Christmas trees for members of the companies. For the people of the stage, Christmas will be a day of more than usual activity, but most of them will find time for the celebrations of their own.

The Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and the scores of other charitable organizations will see that all of the poor folk of the city are not without the material necessities incident to a proper observance of the holiday. The spiritual significance of the anniversary has not been lost sight of, and in many churches tomorrow services of an elaborate nature will be held.

Christmas in White House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Scores of big, fat turkeys were distributed to the White House servants, policemen, messengers, ushers, gardeners and stablemen today as Christmas gifts from President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Each big bird had on it a Christmas card signed by the president and these are highly treasured by the recipients. The White House steward was in charge of the distribution, which was among the largest in years.

The usual heavy snows were witnessed at the White House today, a constant stream of express wagons, mail carriers and special messengers bearing gifts to the president and members of his family. The collection of gifts is the queerest imaginable, ranging from a pair of carpet slippers sent by an old lady admirer of the president and a jug of corn whisky from a southern colonel, to presents of great beauty and intrinsic worth.

The arrival of Christmas eve will find the president and Mrs. Roosevelt and the children fully prepared for the happy morning. There will be no Christmas trees unless one of the Roosevelt youngsters should succeed in smuggling one in, as Archie did two or three years ago.

Cheer in Wall Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—With the financiers of Wall street reassured by the many symptoms of returning prosperity, there is every indication that the Christmas fund which is annually distributed in "the street," will reach tremendous proportions. None of the vast army of workers in the banks, brokerage houses and the various exchanges will be forgotten in its distribution. While it is not expected that any of the large banking houses will give their clerks 100 per cent bonuses, as they did in 1907, it is reported that several of them, at least, will make their employees a present of a half a year's salary.

Many of the banks, however, make it a rule never to distribute more than 10 per cent bonuses. By far the largest part of Wall street Christmas fund is appropriated among the employees of the great banking houses and the more prominent stock brokerage concerns, but the messenger boys, elevator runners and the host of other employees of the different Wall street houses are never forgotten, and will not be this year, it is said by the well informed. The usual committees have been formed on the various exchanges to solicit funds for distribution to the employees on Christmas, and the brokers are said to be responding with their customary generosity in spite of the restriction in business.

Taft in Georgia.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—William H. Taft and family will spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays in this city. The president-elect is avoiding as far as possible all social engagements and will spend the holiday season quietly with his family. Many presents have arrived from admirers all over the country. Judge Taft will deliver addresses in several southern cities

before leaving for Panama next month, and after his return will speak in Cincinnati, Philadelphia and New York. He will then proceed to Washington to prepare for his inauguration.

Christmas in the South. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Although it lacks the rigorous climate usually associated with Christmas, the Southland is none the less enthusiastic in its observance of the day, and tomorrow's celebration promises to be fully up to the joyous standard set by past holidays in Dixie. The Christmas trade in this city has been very satisfactory and will far surpass in volume that of last year.

Greeks Celebrate.

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—Festivities on a large scale marked the celebration today of the 63d anniversary of the birth of King George I. The celebration will extend over Christmas day.

Dinner for 250,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—According to officials of the Salvation Army, no less than a quarter million people will partake of the bounty of the Salvation Army at Christmas dinners to be held tomorrow in every large city and town in the country.

In New York tomorrow's dinner will be more liberal than ever before, and no hungry man, woman or child will be refused a square meal. The collections this year have been very large and today the coins are rattling into the army street corner kettles in a merry shower of copper and silver and gold.

London Deserted.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Britain's metropolis presents the appearance usual on the eve of Christmas. King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the members of the court have gone to the country. Emulating the royal example, the aristocratic families, as well as the week-end "trippers" and all sorts and conditions of people, have gone to country homes, where Christmas will be celebrated in the old-fashioned English style.

In all great homes in England the yule log is burning. From Sandringham to the humbled residents, relatives who are scattered throughout the rest of the year, are gathering to spend the English Christmas. It is estimated that a million and a half persons poured out of London today. To those who witnessed the tremendous rushes at every station the wonder was that any persons could be left to people London.

That the roads leaves no appreciable mark in the streets, which are thronged with other millions of Christmas shoppers and sightseers. Most of the cabinet officers and diplomats have left London, King Edward and Queen Alexandra, with the immediate royal family, are gathered at Sandringham palace, where Christmas will be celebrated in the usual manner. Their majesties will slowly observe all of the Christmas customs.

There will be a Christmas tree for the royal children, around which three generations will meet, as privately as royalty ever meets, to enjoy a typical home Christmas. At the same time, the age of the dependants will be forgotten. The king and the queen will distribute their largess among the tenantry of Sandringham and throughout the United Kingdom where there are most deserving charities.

Good Times on Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—If any vestige of the financial stringency last Christmas is left over for this, it is not in evidence in this part of the country. A tremendous volume of Christmas business has been transacted in all the coast cities, and today finds San Francisco preparing for the most enthusiastic celebration of Christmas since the big fire.

Big Trade in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—St. Louis retail and wholesale merchants report that their Christmas trade has been exceptionally good and the total may break all previous records. Throughout the southwest, of which St. Louis is the jobbing center, prosperity is prevalent to an unprecedented degree.

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PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 24.—An amendment to the local option law, excluding incorporated cities from its operation, will be proposed at the meeting of the legislature this winter. It was practically impossible yesterday to learn the interests back of this movement. Officers of the anti-saloon league declared emphatically that such a bill was being drafted by the liquor people. At the same time the liquor interests insist that the Anti-Saloon league, recognizing the unfairness of the local option law in its present form, have agreed with the brewers to consent to an amendment that will exempt cities from the operation of this statute. One thing is certain--that an attempt will be made to modify the existing law in this important particular if not in others.

The liquor interests will not admit that they have prepared such a bill, and in charging that the prospective legislation has the indorsement of the anti-saloon forces, allege that this or similar is not agreed on the subject. Among the people fighting the saloon, say the liquor men, are not less than three classes--those who believe in absolute prohibition, those who would permit consumption of liquor at the home only, and those who advocate reformation in the conduct of the saloon. It is on this point the liquor men declare that at least some of the men affiliated with the Anti-Saloon league are behind the proposed amendment.

Knodell Denies It. At the same time J. R. Knodell, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, denies vigorously that his organization has made any compromise with the liquor men.

"Our people are entirely satisfied with the local option law as it is now framed," said Mr. Knodell yesterday. "However, anticipating that the saloon interests will seek to have the teeth extracted from the law, we are prepared earnestly to combat any such program. We have reliable information that it is the intention of the liquor men to ask that the law be amended to conform more nearly to that in the state of California, where cities are excluded from the operation of the law. Under such an arrangement endless confusion prevails in this state, a possible condition in this state we are satisfied would follow the adoption of the proposed amendment and against which we shall direct our most vigorous efforts."

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LOCAL OPTION LAW MAY BE CHANGED REMOVAL OF THE TARIFF FROM LUMBER WOULD SERIOUSLY HURT TRADE

Such Is the Opinion of W. B. Sherman a Well Known Timber Dealer of Grants Pass--Would Allow Canadian Government to Flood Country With Lumber

W. B. Sherman, the well known timber man of Grants Pass, Or., is much interested and is well informed in regard to the effect of the removal of the tariff from all foreign timber, this subject now being before congress. In speaking of the matter he said that in his opinion the only timber that would have any immediate effect on our interests would be that from the dominion of Canada.

"Were the tariff taken from the Canadian lumber," said Mr. Sherman, "no doubt the lumber yards of the coast and prairie states, where a large proportion of the output of the coast has heretofore been marketed, would be rapidly flooded with the Canadian product. If so, the Pacific coast would have the Pacific coast only for her market."

"This, no doubt, would close down many, not only small, but large mills, and would materially depreciate the value of our hundreds of billions feet of standing timber."

"The Canadian government has disposed of its timber in an entirely different manner from that adopted by our government. Instead of having sold her timber to her subjects in 150-acre tracts at \$2.50 per acre, as our government has done, the Canadian government has allowed the Weyerhaeuser and other large timber companies to go in and stave off, not only ten, but hundreds of thousands of acres of their primitive forests."

Get Them for Nothing. Instead of charging them so much per acre for the lands, they have let them have them for practically nothing, but charge a fixed amount per acre annually for allowing the timber to stand on the ground. This arrangement presumably was made to force the development of the country.

"Now, if the tariff were taken off, wouldn't it be decidedly to the advantage of our large operators to practically discontinue operating in the United States, where they have their lands and timber bought and paid for, and go just across the border lines to the locality where they are paying what appears to be a high annual rent for the use of the lands, operate the timber there, and slough it off on to the market?"

Jeffries Will Fight Johnson or Burns. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—James J. Jeffries, the heavyweight champion of the world, declared today that he would meet the winner of the Burns-Johnson fight, which comes off Saturday in Australia. He said that if Jack Johnson came here looking for trouble that he would get it, in spite of the fact that Johnson is a negro.

Uncle Joe Will Get Back at His Opponent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The handful of members elect of the next house of representatives who pledged themselves to vote against the re-election of Uncle Joe Cannon as speaker of the house are in a most unenviable position. There are not enough of them to prevent Cannon's re-election, and yet they have pledged themselves to vote against him. But that's not the worst of it. Having made these foolish pledges, these members now and old, have invited the enemy, or rather the contempt, of the speaker, and it is reasonable to suppose that he will adequately punish them when the time comes. That time will come when he organizes the committee of the next house.

Among the misguided men pledged to vote against Cannon is Representative Abel Polinder of Washington, who not only pledged himself in campaign to oppose Cannon, but went out of his way to write a letter to a prominent magazine further antagonizing the speaker. Cannon was asking a man from Washington what sort of a fellow Polinder might be, and added "I guess I'll have to appoint him a member of the committee on slaughter houses."

And that is about all any of these members need expect at the opening of the next congress.

Many Protest Against Sentence of Gompers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who was yesterday sentenced to a year in jail for violating an injunction, did not appear in his office this morning.

A flood of telegrams from all over the country poured in to him overnight expressing sympathy and denouncing the decision of Justice Wright and also offering support.

The White House was also flooded with messages of protest.

Late Local News. Miss E. Murphy of The Dalles, daughter of J. C. Murphy, returned Thursday to spend the Christmas season visiting relatives in Medford.

Byron H. Battersfield of Evans Creek spent Thursday in Medford.

E. T. Staples of Ashland was in Medford yesterday.

G. H. McWhorter of Phoenix and I. McCord spent Wednesday in Medford.

Frank Amie of Central Point and Elmer S. A. Pattison of the Central Point Herald spent Thursday in Medford.

Charles Champlin came in Wednesday from Falls Creek to meet his brother, Fred Champlin, and his mother, Mrs. C. Champlin, who arrived Thursday from the east to spend Christmas in Oregon.

O. T. Richards of Ashland, N.H.; Mrs. M. Vickers and Miss Addie Vickers, relatives of J. H. Wortman, who purchased the Sun Van Dyke place, are visiting him and may locate in the valley.

W. H. CANON NAMED FOR MAYOR

Case of Office Seeking the Man--Many Signing Petition Placing Him in Nomination

Judge W. H. Canon was chosen unanimously as the choice for mayor of a number of taxpayers and business men who met at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday evening to aid in the selection of a business men's ticket, and petitions are being circulated and generally signed for his nomination. It is a case of firsts, first seeking the man, Judge Canon does not care for the office and made a speech declining the proffered honor, but those present decided that the city needed such a man for its chief executive and that good citizenship demanded that the prospective candidate sacrifice his personal wishes for the good of the community.

Judge Colvig presided as chairman of the meeting. When his name was suggested as the logical candidate for mayor, he declined the proffered honor, stating that his practice would not permit of his accepting the place, in addition to which his law partner and his family strenuously objected to his becoming a candidate. He spoke in support of Judge Canon and promised his hearty support.

Present high taxes and the critical situation in which the city finds itself with its large expenditure for a new water system, were dwelt upon by other speakers, and the necessity of having a man of experience and proven ability dwelt upon. Of all those suggested, no one met with the cordial reception that Judge Canon received, and it was unanimously voted to thrust the honor upon him, whether he would or no.

Judge Canon is a lawyer by profession, though not at present practicing, and his legal knowledge will prove of great benefit to the city in making contracts, etc. He has been more or less in public life for 20 years and has filled many high stations with honor.

The meeting endorsed E. A. Welsh for councilman in the First ward; V. E. Emerek for councilman in the Second ward and John Demmer for the same position in the Third ward. All of their petitions have been circulated or are being circulated.

Asked what his policy would be if elected, Judge Canon stated: "I am in favor of high license and strict regulation of the liquor traffic, stricter than at present exists. I think the wet and dry fight should end and both factions pull together for the good of the city--a greater Medford. If I am elected--and I will make no effort to be--I am pledged and will give the office the attention it merits, a businesslike administration. The laws will be enforced impartially."

J. C. Beckman of Portland, son of banker C. C. Beckman of Jacksonville, is spending the holidays with his parents.

Joe Estep, son of William G. Estep, who has been attending the Washington agricultural college at Pullman, is spending Christmas with his parents.

Doc Helms, A. W. Walker, J. A. Elmhurst, Louis Warner, Mrs. Ralph Woodford are among those who will leave Saturday for San Francisco.

Dr. Gale of North Bend is visiting Judge and Mrs. Colvig.

Calvin R. C. Washburn left Wednesday to visit Mrs. Washburn in Portland and spend the holidays.

H. T. Findley left Wednesday evening for Portland to spend the holidays.

William Wright, bookkeeper at the Barrett orchard, left Wednesday for Pullman, being called there by his mother's illness.

D. W. Thomas, special sales manager for the Elfers Piano House, left Wednesday to pass Xmas at his home in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Thomas is highly pleased with results in Medford, having already placed a number of fine pianos in some of the best homes in Medford. Mr. Thomas will return to Medford Monday, December 28, when he will continue the special sale here.

John Davies returned from Corvallis, where he has been attending the state agricultural college, Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents.

W. E. Higgins has gone to Ashland for treatment in the Southern Oregon hospital.

E. W. Andrews has returned from Ashland.

George Glyves of Eagle Point returned Wednesday from Portland.

J. T. Miller is a recent arrival from Westboro, Wash. We may hear from him.