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SHOULD A CITY EVER GIVE UP ANY OF ITS POWERS?

Is there any reason why a city should not want, at all times, complete control over its affairs? Is there any possible excuse for the city of Medford giving up at this time any charter power which it possesses? Yet, this is exactly what is being proposed by those behind the movement to amend Medford's charter, so as to conform it to the local option law.

At the present time Medford has absolute self-government upon the liquor question. Under its charter it can have the city either wet or dry, according to its vote. If it were under local option and subject to the state law, then the outside precincts might close it up, though every voter in Medford wanted it wet. Should the proposed amendment to the charter pass at the coming election, then there is no power within the people to ever again amend the charter to become independent of the state law. This may sound strong, but if the reader will carefully consider what follows, he will agree that this conclusion is absolutely correct.

The local option law was passed while the legislature had the power to amend city charters. After the passage of the local option law, Medford's city charter was amended by the state legislature, so as to make Medford independent of the state law, and leave the question entirely to Medford voters. In the recent Hall case in our supreme court this provision was upheld, and the court declared Medford independent of the rest of the county.

After Medford's charter had been so amended by the legislature, the people of Oregon amended the constitution, so as to provide that no city charter could ever again be amended by the legislature; that such amendments could only be made by the people of the city; that the people in their amendments could not make their charters in any conflict with the state law.

After that constitutional amendment went into effect a case went to the supreme court from Coos county, where a town charter was amended after the constitutional amendment, so as to make that town independent of the local option law. The supreme court held this could not be done, because the constitution as amended required city charters to conform to the state laws. It held that the Coos county town was closed up by the local option vote in the county, although the town itself voted wet by 151 in its precinct election. Hence, anyone can understand the present situation here.

Our charter was amended between the time that the local option law was passed and the time that the constitution was amended. If our charter should be amended now so as to conform to the local option law, then the people could never again put the town where it is at present, because the constitutional amendment would prevent any charter amendment inconsistent with the state law.

It ought, therefore, to be clear that Medford occupies a unique position with its present charter, but if that charter is ever amended, as is now proposed, then the rest of the county can close up Medford, although every citizen in it might vote wet.

The issue on the charter is, therefore, not one of wet or dry. Under the present charter no liquor can be sold except upon a license issued by the council. The city can elect a council that will not issue licenses, hence the people can at any time shut out the sale of liquor. The people ought, however, to have the power to do as they please in this regard. Could even the rankest prohibitionist offer any reason why the city give up any power which it has? And how much more forcible is this when we consider that when the power is once given up, the constitutional amendment will prevent the people from ever again taking the power to themselves.

Local self-government is the foundation of municipal good government. There is no reason why people outside of town, and who pay no taxes here, should by a county vote, close up the town, if the people as a whole wanted it open. Since we now have the power to put the town wet or dry, as the people demand, can any reasonable excuse be given for surrendering this power? If the power should be given up, then, no matter how the people of Medford should vote in the future, the power could never be regained.

Let us keep what we have, and certainly keep all of the municipal powers which we can get. We are able to take care of ourselves, without being outvoted by people not interested in our affairs.

to territory east of the Missouri river. An effort was made two years ago looking to this end, but the old ranchmen on the reservation who have held sway for 30 years or more were able to overcome the opposition and defeated all attempts to pass a herd law. In the last two years, however, hundreds of farmers have moved into the range country, and two great railroad systems have built their lines to the Black Hills country, and the people living there are determined to have their farms free from the attack of roving cattle and horses, since they are raising crops.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Be it resolved, by the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, the mayor approving, that there be and is hereby ordered a general election in said city to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1909, for the election of:
A mayor for the term of two years.
A councilman from the First ward for the term of two years.
A councilman from the Second ward for the term of two years.
A councilman from the Third ward for the term of two years.
And such other measures as shall be lawfully submitted at said election.
The following polling places, judges and clerks are hereby designated for the several respective wards:
First ward—Polling place, Commercial club, room 3; judge, W. H. French; judge and clerk, Chas. W. Davis; judge and clerk, A. C. Hubbard.
Second ward—Polling place, Hotel Nash sample room; judge, John S. Orth; judge and clerk, John Summerville; judge and clerk, Wm. Ulrich.
Third ward—Polling place, City Hall;

Judge, G. L. Schermerhorn; judge and clerk, Scott Davis; judge and clerk, H. A. Thieroff.
The foregoing resolution was passed by the city council December 29th, 1908, by the following vote, to-wit: Wortman aye, Merrick aye, Kifer aye, Trowbridge aye, Olwell absent, Hater absent.
Approved: J. P. REDDY, Mayor.
Attest: BENI M. COLLINS, Recorder.

NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS.

In the district court of the United States for the District of Oregon.
In the matter of J. A. Stevens, A. A. Stevens and D. A. Bonar, as the Jackson County Lumber Company, bankrupt.
In bankruptcy.
To the creditors of:
J. A. Stevens, A. A. Stevens and D. A. Bonar, as the Jackson County Lumber Company, of Oregon, in the county of Jackson, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt.
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1908, the said J. A. Stevens, A. A. Stevens and D. A. Bonar, as the Jackson County Lumber Company, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of its creditors will be held at Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
JOHN S. ORTH,
257 Referee in Bankruptcy.

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