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For Mayor, W. H. CANON.
For Councilman—First Ward, E. A. WELCH.
For Councilman—Second Ward, V. L. EMERICK.
For Councilman—Third Ward, JOHN DEMER.

DON'T BE DECEIVED.

The saloon license is now \$800 in Medford. The \$800 license feature fixed in the proposed amendment to the charter is simply a bait to get votes. As the charter now stands, the council can fix the license at \$800 or \$1000 or any other sum. If the charter amendment passes, it will destroy home rule in Medford. Don't be fooled. The proposed amendment will put Medford where it was in 1904. The county voted wet, but half of Medford was voted dry by the country vote. Think of the absurdity of voting part of a town the size of Medford "dry," while across the street it would still be "wet." Do you want to return to that condition.

What is the use of all this agitation? Under the charter as it stands, Medford has home rule and the city council can pass a prohibition ordinance whenever they see fit. **LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE.**

DRIVING OUT SALOONS.

The situation of the city of Medford in reference to the question of prohibition is one that ought to be considered by every voter before casting his ballot. Connected with the moral side of the question is a business question, but waving that entirely, the morals of the city will not be improved by voting prohibition at this time or by amending the charter as is proposed.

The decision of the Supreme court, contrary to the predictions of the prohibitionists, affirmed the decision of the circuit court of this county. The people of Medford doubtless remember the attacks made upon the integrity of Judge Hanna, and the covert sneers with which his decision was received, at the hands of the prohibitionists, and threats to remove him from the bench, because he decided the local option case in accordance with the law.

The public was assured by the learned gentlemen who pose as the leaders of all moral reforms, that the supreme court would certainly reverse the decision. But, strange to say, the supreme court affirmed Judge Hanna without a dissenting voice.

The effect of that decision is to nullify the local option election held last June throughout the country. This leaves Jacksonville, Gold Hill and Woodville with licensed saloons, and every precinct in the county except those in which prohibition was declared in force in 1906, open to the liquor business. Any one can apply to the county court for a license to sell liquor, and if the proper petition is presented and a bond filed, the county court has no power to refuse to grant a license.

If the SALOONS ARE CUT OUT IN MEDFORD they will still run at Jacksonville and Gold Hill, and there would undoubtedly be several started outside the city limits under county license, and beyond the control of the city authorities.

To vote prohibition in Medford would be simply voting saloons out of the town and into those precincts surrounding the city. Will any man be able to find advantage in this? The experience of any one who has observed such conditions is that the roadhouse, the out-of-the-way saloon is by far the worst phase of the liquor question. These are the places that are sought out by the boys and young men, where there is little likelihood of parental or police discovery. These are the places where young men and boys will get bottles and jugs. It is true there are laws that provide punishment for selling to minors, but detection is difficult. Such places are generally run by men with little property, and when one is put out of business another soon takes his place.

TO FORCE MEDFORD BACKWARD.

Prohibitionists of Salem, who have suffered overwhelming defeat at home, are now trying to tell the people of Medford how to run this city. They are printing a paper in the capital city, misrepresenting Medford conditions and slurring her fame. This tissue of defamatory remarks is being distributed as a supplement to the local prohibition paper.

What do the prohibitionists of Salem know about Medford and what business of theirs is it how affairs here are conducted? Salem itself will have nothing to do with them, having settled the saloon problem by a plan of her own entailing high license and stringent regulations.

Do the prohibitionists of Salem pay taxes in Medford? No. Do they know anything about the city, except through hearsay? No. Yet they, in common with all prohibition-

ists in the state, are trying to manage Medford. The truth is that Medford's prosperity and advancement is a thorn in the flesh of prohibitionists. The contrast with prohibition cities is so much to the disadvantage of the latter that every possible effort is being put forth to force Medford into the class of these other towns.

MR. MILLS' ARGUMENT.

Walter Thomas Mills, the socialist preacher, who has been repudiated even by the Socialists, spoke to a crowded house, including several men, at the Medford theater Thursday evening. He followed the usual lines of argument by agitators, namely, abuse of the Tribune and advocacy of surrender of the city government to farmers.

There certainly never was a more absurd plea made to citizens of any community than the proposition to surrender home rule. What should those outside the city say what the city should do? Do farmers pay city taxes? Do the people of Ashland help pay interest on the water bonds? Do ranchers help pay for sewers and paved streets? Of course not, so why should they have a voice in Medford affairs?

Yet they will have unless the proposed charter amendment is defeated.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS IN ONE FAMILY 2162

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Jan. 8.—Fourteen children and 20 grandchildren were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dodd on Christmas day. No single family in New Jersey had such a Christmas dinner and such an exchange of gifts. More than 2000 packages were handed out in the efforts of each person to give a present to each of the other members of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Dodd were married 37 years ago. They celebrated their wedding anniversary last July, and all the members of the family attended it. Then it merely was a question of each child and each grandchild giving to the old couple. This time, however, it is entirely different, because under the liberal rules which prevail in the family each person must give a present to each other person at Christmas.

All except three of the Dodd children are married. There are therefore 14 sons or daughters, 11 daughters-in-law or sons-in-law, and 20 youngsters, or 47 in all, counting the old folks, and each person gave 46 presents; that is, there were given 2162 gifts in all.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The New York Tribune gives what it claims is Taft's final cabinet slate, excepting attorney general. R. A. Ballinger is listed as secretary of the interior, the only man, from Iowa, where Wilson, who remains secretary of agriculture, resides. Knox, secretary of state; John J. Mitchell of Illinois, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, Chicago, secretary of the treasury; Wright, secretary of war; Hitchcock, postmaster general; Van Meyer, secretary of the navy; Loeb, secretary of commerce and labor.

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