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BUSINESS MEN AND TAXPAYERS' TICKET

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

WILL YOU VOTE AWAY YOUR RIGHTS?

To vote to amend Medford's charter means a vote to take away the control of municipal affairs from people of Medford and give it to the county.

It means a vote against home rule and a conferring upon those who pay no city taxes the right to manage local affairs.

The present charter gives Medford city council the right to regulate the liquor traffic. It does not give it the right to regulate criminal laws of the state, as has been alleged.

In its present charter, Medford has an advantage over nearly all cities in the state. It can be wet or dry, as the people want. If amended, it must be dry if the people of the county vote it dry, regardless of the wishes of the people of Medford.

We have self-government on the liquor question. If it is once given up it can never be regained.

Do the people of the town want other towns and outside precincts to determine the liquor question for them?

We pay the taxes; why should we not govern ourselves?

Under the present charter, no liquor can be sold except under an ordinance granting the licenses. The amount of these licenses is fixed by the council. The present license is \$800 a year. It can be increased at will.

These licenses can be refused at any time. Let Medford keep what charter power she has, especially since she could never get it back if she gives it up!

WHERE IS MR. PERRY "AT"?

The Tribune has confined itself to issues in this campaign and let personalities alone, yet here comes the Mail and says the Tribune has shamefully treated Mr. Perry because it asked him where he stands on the questions of the campaign.

If it is abuse to ask a candidate seeking office his opinions on public questions, then the Tribune has abused Mr. Perry, not otherwise. If a man hasn't back one enough to take a stand on an issue before taking office, what guarantee is there that he will have the sand to express himself after taking office?

The personality of a candidate is always an issue in a city campaign. The management of the city is in his hands, and every one must ask, "What manner of a man is this? And what can be expected of him? And what will he do in an emergency?" And if he is too insincere, too wobbly, too wishy-washy to dare to express his real sentiments before election, is he the caliber of a man to be given administration of city affairs?

STAND FOR A SQUARE DEAL.

The success of the business men's ticket at the polls means a business administration for Medford—rule by neither saloon nor preacher, but in the interest of the pocketbooks of the taxpayers.

The best qualified man that offers himself as a candidate for mayor of Medford is Judge W. H. Canon, who for a quarter of a century was prominent in public life in his former home. He is pledged to high license and economy in public affairs.

As councilmen, no fault can be found with Messrs. Welch, Emerick and Demer. They are well-known and successful business men. Moreover, all are willing to let the public know where they stand on public questions and are not straddling for votes, afraid to take a stand for fear of losing supporters.

Both saloons and preachers will receive fair treatment and a square deal at the hands of these men, but not be permitted to control affairs.

TRIBUNE IS NOT AN ISSUE.

The Tribune and its editor are not issues in this campaign, despite efforts of the prohibitionists to make them. Abuse and vituperation has been hurled daily at both the paper and its editor, columns of falsehood have been printed and the real issue lost sight of in the attack.

It has been a remarkably personal and vindictive fight on the part of those advocating charter revision, the libelous story circulated by Messrs. Shields and Dodge against Mr. Emerick being a fair sample of prohibition campaign methods.

But the real issue should not be lost sight of—the right of Medford to rule itself

AN OPEN LETTER.

An open letter appeared in Sunday's Mail written by a former advertiser of the Tribune's, of which the pertinent parts are as follows:
"As manager of the Baker-Hutchinson company, I wish to state that another lie has been printed in the Tribune's editorial columns. I am a prohibitionist to the core—but the fact of my having quit advertising in the Tribune because of that fact is a lie."
"This firm will have more advertising to do, but not with a paper that chooses to criticize the actions of its best advertisers. J. F. Hutchason."
The facts of the matter are as follows: Mr. Hutchason, who signed a contract, dated March 23, 1908, to advertise daily for one year in the Tribune, on January 6 notified the manager that he would do no more advertising in the Tribune, giving among other reasons, that he did not like the Tribune's attitude in the present city campaign, the way that it was handling the fight against prohibitionists, and the articles that appeared in it. When accused of boycotting the Tribune because it did not favor prohibition, Mr. Hutchason, in defense, said that his firm had been boycotted by the other side.

This occurred Wednesday. Nothing was said in the Tribune. Saturday the Mail contained a column letter written by Mr. Hutchason, signed "A Hustler," headed, "Does it stand to reason?" which attacked the Tribune, unprovoked, unnecessarily and unjustly, accusing it falsely of selling out to saloon men, slurring church people, the writer going out of his way to discredit the paper in sentences like the following: "Saloons don't advertise, yet the Tribune is their most ardent supporter. Does a newspaper work for nothing?" "The Tribune is continually throwing slurs, printing false and deceitful statements or twisting the truth about everybody connected with a church in Medford." "Did anybody ever hear of the Tribune backing the things which tend to make for the best interest of a town or community?" "The Tribune pretends to print articles written by men who engage in a business of sending men to hell by selling them liquor than have anything to do with men who want right and justice to prevail."

In reply the Tribune printed an editorial Saturday evening, in which no names were given, but the statement made that the Tribune's advertising space was for sale, but not its editorial policy.

In Mr. Hutchason's second letter he accuses the Tribune of lying in printing the truth about his boycott of this paper, and insinuates that the real reason is because the paper "criticized the actions of its best advertisers."

No criticism has been made in the Tribune of the actions of any advertiser, because he did or did not advertise, but when any one whether advertiser or not, wrongfully attacks a paper as Mr. Hutchason has done, he cannot escape it. And another thing—no one accuses anybody from criticism in the Tribune because he is an advertiser, if he is deserving of it.

GEORGE PUTNAM.

The ladies of the Greater Medford club are to give another of their social lunches on the evening of January 29, for the benefit of the library. The usual good time is promised and arrangements are under way.

LABOR LEADERS IN CONVENTION

Important Session in Washington to Discuss Recent Decision of Judge Wright

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—What is likely to be the most important session ever held by the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor was convened here today. With all sentences hanging over the three leaders of the federation, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, vital issues affecting the organized laborers of the country are up for discussion.

Resolutions sustaining the attitude of the leaders of the big organization with its 30,000 odd councils and 2,000,000 of members will be submitted, and the policy of the federation, in view of the court's action and waiting arraignment carried in the decision will be outlined.

Secretary Morrison, one of the convicted men, discussed the case in the following manner:

"We propose to exhaust every means to sustain our right to a free press and free speech. I am confident that the position taken by the federation is right, and that the people of this country will ratify our attitude. I believe they will give the trade unionist the same rights and privileges that are being accorded to the trade unionists in Great Britain—as provided for by the trade disputes act adopted there two years ago. Mr. Gompers referred to that act in his speech to the court. Under the act a union cannot be mulcted in damages on account of a strike."

"No Limit to Sentence." "It seems," said Mr. Morrison, "that in the District of Columbia there is really no limit to the sentence that can be imposed for contempt of court. In a great many states there is a limit. In New York, for instance, six months is the maximum."

"We propose," he added, "to exhaust every effort to sustain our right to a free press and free speech. I believe and I am confident that the position taken by the federation is right, and that the citizens of this country will ratify the attitude of the federation in this matter."

LONDON, Jan. 11.—London is to have a national theatre as a memorial to Shakespeare, in which will be enacted the poet's works as well as plays by other English dramatists, living and dead. A number of large private subscriptions have already been promised, and the Lord Mayor of London and the Mayors in the provinces will be asked to open public subscriptions. A site will be selected in the heart of London, and the theatre will be controlled by a board of trustees chosen from men prominent in the literature, drama, music and education of the day.

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1200 De Anjou.
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